



Blue Wave Living Games 2022



Union seeks inquiry into bank branch closures

The Peninsula is not the only community suffering with the closure of bank branches, according to the Financial Services Union.

Three banks are moving to shut down another 37 branches across the nation over the next few months, and the union is seeking an inquiry into bank branch closures.

The union said it had campaigned against branch closures for many years but is now seeking government intervention to protect local economies and save what's left of Australia's bank branch network.

"This latest list of closures means the Big Four have closed more than 550 bank branches

across Australia since January 2020," said national secretary Ms Julia Angrisano.

"We must act to stop the banks walking away from communities in our suburbs and towns.

"It's time to examine the impact of these closures which have hit hundreds of communities across the country."

Ms Angrisano said for decades the major banks had been supported by Government as part of the "four pillars policy" but had failed to support local communities in return.

"Instead the banks continue to shut down branches, sack workers and turn their backs on customers and businesses.

"Cost savings from branch closures are designed to increase

the banks' already huge profits," Ms Angrisano said.

"Communities depend on the banks to deliver financial services but if we don't stop the current trend, there will be no branches left."

Ms Angrisano said self-regulation had not worked.

She said the Australian Banking Association's commitment to consulting the community about proposed branch closures was being ignored.

"We need an inquiry into bank branch closures to assess the impact on local communities when the banks pull out of suburbs and towns."

SOURCE:
Media release, 4 Aug 2022
Phil Davey, Mountain Media

Collection for homeless

Non-perishable food items and toiletries are being collected in a Woy Woy shopping centre in support of National Homelessness Week

Items can be donated in the collection box outside Coles at Deepwater Plaza, Woy Woy, until August 14.

Donations will go to the Woy Woy Community Food Pantry and Mary Mac's Place.

Suggested donations include tinned foods, like tuna, baked beans and soups; muesli bars, chips, biscuits and two-minute noodles; rice, pasta, pasta sauce and tinned tomatoes; coffee, tea, sugar and long-life milk; lollies and sweets; soaps, body wash, deodorant and women's sanitary items; and nappies and baby wipes.

The collection box is located in

between Nev and Jim's Butchery and Coles.

SOURCE:
Media release, 5 Aug 2022
Deepwater Plaza

Association raises \$2500

Umina Beach Public School P and C Association has raised \$2500 through the school athletics carnival

Association volunteers hosted the Athletics Carnival Canteen last Friday, selling cakes donated by parents for the cake stall on the day.

SOURCE:
Social media, 1 Aug 2022
Umina Beach Public School
P and C Association.

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For each issue of Peninsula News, we have more news items about the Peninsula than we have space to print.

Peninsula News EXTRA is an electronic supplement to printed edition, which contains these extra items.

This is produced with the same layout as the print edition, but is in PDF form only, published on the Thursday following the print edition.

As advertising support allows, these pages will be included in the print edition.

Volunteer opportunities are available in all aspects of the newspaper's production, from news gathering and photography, through to seeking advertising and administration.

Offers of assistance are always welcome:.

SOURCE:
Mark Snell, 1 Nov 2021



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Editorial policy and guidelines

At its heart, Peninsula News is a community effort.

It welcomes and relies on the contributions provided voluntarily and at no cost by local organisations, groups and residents.

The newspaper aims to be accessible to the community - both through making its columns accessible to community groups and by having copies available in accessible locations, including through its website.

The following policies and guidelines are designed to support the aims and standards of the newspaper.

Locality

The newspaper's editorial policy reflects a desire to reinforce the Peninsula's sense of community.

To qualify for publication, articles must have specific relevance to the Peninsula. For example, they must be about activities or events happening on the Peninsula or be organised by or involving Peninsula people.

The newspaper is not regional or national in nature, so regional or national issues will not be canvassed except as they affect the Peninsula.

Regional sports will only be covered from the perspective of Peninsula clubs. Regional plans will only be aired in the context of their ramifications for the Peninsula.

Peninsula News aims to be inclusive of as much of the Peninsula community as possible.

Readability

To ensure that the newspaper serves its purpose, it must be readable and represent the interests and activities of the community in its content.

Contributions to the paper are edited to consistent standards of readability. Guidelines are available for intending contributors.

All items will be dated. They must contain the name of the author to whom the contribution may be attributed, with their first name spelt out, along with their suburb or organisation. Anonymous contributions will not be accepted.

Forum letters

The Forum section provides the opportunity for readers to express their views on any aspect of Peninsula community life, with the aim of reflecting the community's diversity of opinion.

Nevertheless, letters may be edited for readability, including for length, spelling and grammar, and to avoid legal liability on the part of the newspaper, or they may be declined altogether.

Contributors are asked to keep their

contributions to the matter at hand, and to focus on the issues and not abuse or insult others.

Other than in the case of holding public figures to account, criticism of others (as opposed to criticism of particular opinions) is unlikely to be published in the interests of facilitating the expression of a diversity of views.

All letter writers need to supply name, address and contact details. Only name and suburb will be published.

Contributors who do not wish the wording of their letter to be changed at all should make a note to this effect when submitting their letter. In some cases, this may result in the letter not being published.

Corrections

We try to be as accurate as possible. However, mistakes can still slip through.

If you believe we have got something wrong, whether an error of fact or interpretation, we ask that you write to us by email with details for publication. These corrections may appear as Forum letters or as news items and should conform to our requirements for news and Forum contributions.

Source lines

Peninsula News includes "source lines" at the end of each article which aim to provide readers with information about where and how we came across the information, so that they might judge for themselves the veracity of what they are reading.

It should not be assumed that the article is a verbatim reproduction of the source. Similarly, it should not be assumed that any reporter listed is necessarily responsible for writing the whole news item. Source lines are not by-lines.

Often articles come from a number of sources. They are edited for readability and reader interest and given different headings, and consequently can be expressed quite differently from the source material.

Peninsula News usually receives its information in three ways: It is sent to us by someone wanting to promote their activities; it is sent to us in response to our inquiries; or it comes from a newsletter or other document to which we have access.

Sometimes we may interview a person or report what they said at a meeting.

The following descriptions are used:

Media Release - unsolicited contributions.

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Forum contributions may be: **Email** if sent electronically and **Letter** if written on paper.

Mangrove Creek holding tank loses water

A Mangrove Creek holding tank at Pembertons Hill Rd burst on August 2 and lost water.

Some properties were reportedly in the path of potential water flow.

Local resident Ms Trelise McBain said she had previously been told by council that the dam would not overflow.

"When I contacted the council about the strong possibility of the dam overflowing with the recent east coast low, I was told emphatically that it wouldn't - in

writing, by the council, three days prior to it overflowing.

"I was also told there was a warning disaster plan to advise residents downstream if it did and there wasn't.

"The overflow which has never happened before caused major excess flooding and velocity downstream."

Ms McBain said the council had not consulted residents and the dam that had no ability to reduce capacity safely.

SOURCE:
Social media, 2 Aug 2022
NSW Central Coast Incident Alerts

Charity golf day

The Rotary Club of Brisbane Water is holding its Charity Golf Day on August 22.

"We have around 60 registered golfers," said past president Mr Peter Mote.

"There is plenty of room for more players.

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch is expected to attend to greet participants and give them floral lei in keeping with the Hawaiian theme for the day.

For more information, phone 0412 927 879.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 4 Aug 2022
Peter Mote, Rotary Brisbane Water

Cricket club to hold sportsman's lunch

Southern Spirit Cricket Club is planning a Sportsman's Lunch to be held at Ettalong Diggers on Friday, September 16, at 12pm.

Master of Ceremonies will be Phil "Bing" Crosby, with guest speakers wheelchair tennis player David Hall, jockey Malcolm Johnston and former Rugby League player Paul Sironen.

David Hall was Australia's

first Paralympic men's singles gold medallist and holds multiple international tournament titles, including 17 grand slams.

Malcolm Johnston is known as jockey of Kingston Town, winner of three Cox Plates 1980-1982 and 11 other group one races.

"Siro" Sironen was a second-row forward for the Balmain Tigers during the late 1980s and early 1990s, playing in grand finals in

1988 and 1989. He also played for both the NSW Blues and Australia.

The lunch will include auctions of sports memorabilia, raffles and lucky door prizes.

Tickets costing \$150 include a two-course lunch and drinks.

Email- southern.spirit@yahoo.com.au for further information.

SOURCE:
Social media, 25 Jul 2022
Southern Spirit Cricket Club

July ends with month and annual records

The month of July finished with a rainfall total of 390.3mm for the month, and a cumulative total for the year of 1731.1mm, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

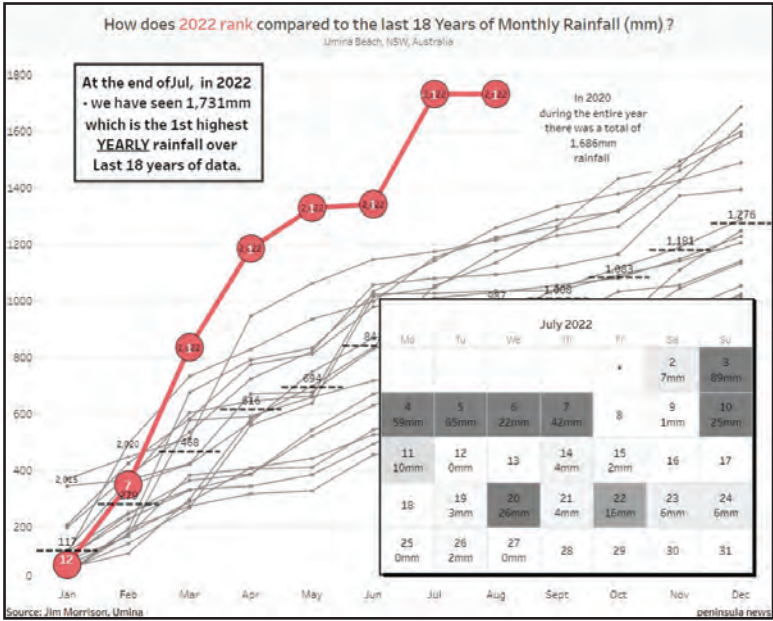
The month's total was the highest July total in 18 years, only exceeded by four other months: March in 2017, last year and this year and by April 2015, all of which were above 400mm.

The cumulative total not only exceeds the previous highest July cumulative total of 1173mm in 2015, but is the highest annual total in 18 years.

The next highest annual total was 1686mm recorded in 2020.

The graphical data visualisation accompanying this report was prepared by Peninsula News' volunteer Mr Craig Dewar.

He has made Mr Morrison's



entire 18-year rainfall history available online for interrogation in graphical format.

It is accessible at <http://bit.ly/>

PNWeather.

SOURCE:
Spreadsheet, 5 Aug 2022
Jim Morrison, Umina
Data visualisation: Craig Dewar

TIDE TIMES and Heights

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Uniting minister to leave parish

The Peninsula's Uniting Church minister, the Reverend Patty Lawrence, has announced that she will leave the parish at the end of October.

"The Service of Closure will be at 2pm on Saturday, October 22," she said.

"The Church Council leaders and myself have begun working on arrangements for when I leave at

the end of October.

"The Church Council leaders have a list of ministers who may be available for supply."

Ms Lawrence will also be taking some annual leave from August 29 to September 20.

"I will arrange for people to lead worship and be available for emergencies while I'm on leave."

SOURCE:

Newsletter, 24 Jul 2022
Patty Lawrence, Uniting Church Broken Bay



Parents to meet at Umina campus

The Parents and Citizens Association of Brisbane Water Secondary College will meet at 6:45pm at Umina campus on August 17.

Those attending will be able to meet the new committee and connect with senior staff from both colleges.

It will give them the opportunity to find out more about what is happening at the college, to get

involved with the school community and meet like-minded people.

The association, which covers both campuses, is looking for new people to invigorate, make a difference and work in partnership with the school.

For further information, email bwscpandc@gmail.com.

SOURCE:

Social media, 29 Jul 2022
Kerrie O'Heir, BWSC Umina

Learn to teach Learn-to-Swim

Free training is being offered for Learn-to-Swim instructors leading to possible local employment.

Central Coast Council is advertising "limited spots" in a "free funded" training course.

The free training will be held from 8.30am to 3.30pm at Gosford Olympic Pool on Saturday, August 20 and will include CPR.

"There is an employment opportunity with Central Coast Council on completion.

"There is a need for instructors within the industry and we need you."

For further information, email swim.programs@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au or phone 4304 7250.

SOURCE:

Social media, 29 Jul 2022
Peninsula Leisure Centre

Clean4Shore completes Patonga clean-up plan

The Clean4shore team was back at Patonga, tackling the pergola and plastic road barriers at Dark Corner beach on July 27.

The pergola was dismantled and the red plastic road barriers freed from the sand.

The barge was used to tow the barriers out to sea and back around to the boat ramp.

All material from this site was then loaded into the skip bins.

Juno Point to Spring Beach was then explored with larger items including pallets, cladding, plastic removed.

A full bag of small litter including small polystyrene pieces was

loaded on board.

Croppy Beach also had small and larger items collected.

On a quick stopover at Little Wobby, the team met local residents who had more items to be loaded on board.

"Across the river and finally into sunshine on this spectacular foreshore which had plenty of small litter present within the timber flood debris," said coordinator Mr Graham Johnston.

"Larger items were collected including plastic, nylon ski tubes, aluminium cladding, treated pine, tyres plastic drums and buckets.

"The creek on Gunyah Point had a large mattress requiring a

big team effort to lift and load onto the barge."

An air conditioner unit, an old lounge and a large piece of aluminium cladding were also collected.

"A second full load of debris returned to Patonga and was loaded into the skip bins.

"This clean up completes the Patonga section of our clean up plan.

"Much lower swells are required to venture out to Lion Island and Flathead beach at the Patonga headland," Mr Johnston said.

SOURCE:

Social media, 27 Jul 2022
Graham Johnston, Clean4shore

Bushfire fund to support local innovators

Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast Mr Adam Crouch said a government Bushfire Commercialisation Fund will support local innovators translate their cutting-edge research into practical solutions.

"The devastating Black Summer

of 2019-20 had a lasting impact on communities right across our State," said Mr Crouch.

"This funding will ensure our emergency services have the best technology that will improve bushfire detection, preparation and response and help keep our State safe.

"A total of \$16 million over three

years has been allocated, with the first round of funding offering grants of between \$200,000 and \$8 million to individuals, companies, research institutions and universities, to help them commercialise their research," Mr Crouch said.

SOURCE:

Media release, 27 Jul 2022
Adam Crouch, Member for Terrigal

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Education



Students and parents explore curriculum options

Brisbane Water Secondary College hosted more than 200 students and parents at its open night at the Woy Woy campus on Tuesday, August 2.

“As a senior college, we have over 70 courses to offer in 2023 with opportunities to study multiple pathways, such as VET and SBATs as well as the traditional ATAR pattern,” said campus principal Ms

Rebecca Cooper.

“We had over 200 students and parents travelling around the campus to research and discuss different curriculum options and pathways for 2023.

“I am so proud of the staff who worked incredibly hard to showcase what we do every day: Public education at its best.”

SOURCE:
Social media, 2 Aug 2022
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy



Hospital system ‘failing the community’, says Tesch

Gosford Hospital has long wait times in the emergency department and bed shortages across wards, according to Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

Ms Tesch said the local hospital system was under crippling pressure and, as a result, failing the community.

“This morning I read a pensioner had been waiting over nine hours for care he desperately

needed because the emergency department had over 100 people waiting.”

“He ended up having to wait in the ambulance bay until 3am the next day.

“He was admitted for five days. It is clear he needed to be seen sooner.”

“Another report I received where an elderly individual was turned away because there were not enough beds available.”

The person since died.

“This is an absolutely heart wrenching story and a disgusting reality our hospitals are facing today.”

Ms Tesch said there had also been praise for the staff at Gosford Hospital.

“I know the nurses and doctors are going to great lengths to assure their patients and look after them.”

SOURCE:
Media release, 25 Jul 2022
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford



Building works continue despite rain

Building works at a Woy Woy aged care home have continued to progress, despite some rain delays.

“We now have the bulk of the frame structure completed on the eastern end of The Shores building,” said BlueWave Living chief executive Mr Matt Downie.

“Roof sheets are currently going on that end as well.

“The western end slab has been established and framing will commence in the coming weeks.

“The slab for the main kitchen

extension will also be established over the coming weeks with all in-ground services now complete.

“Looking ahead, we expect some landscaping in the two internal courtyards to commence shortly.

“These works will be largely completed before being totally closed out by the new building works.

“While the main kitchen is having a re-build, we will be using the existing kitchen space at The Shores to undertake the bulk of our

cooking.

“This change will occur sometime around early October and, we believe, will continue for approximately two months.

“We will also be utilising The Palm Sails kitchen as part of our meal preparations during this time.

“There may need to be some temporary changes to the menu from time to time.”

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 1 Aug 2022
Matt Downie, BlueWave Living

New aged care wellbeing manager appointed

A Umina aged care facility has appointed a new wellbeing manager, Ms Linda Segrott.

“Linda joins us with over seven years experience working in wellness teams within the aged care sector,” said Peninsula Villages chief executive Mr Colin Osborne.

“She has a particular passion for working with residents living with dementia by fulfilling, enriching and supporting their everyday

wellbeing.

“Linda’s achievements during her career are many and include liaising with suppliers and implementing memory support programs.

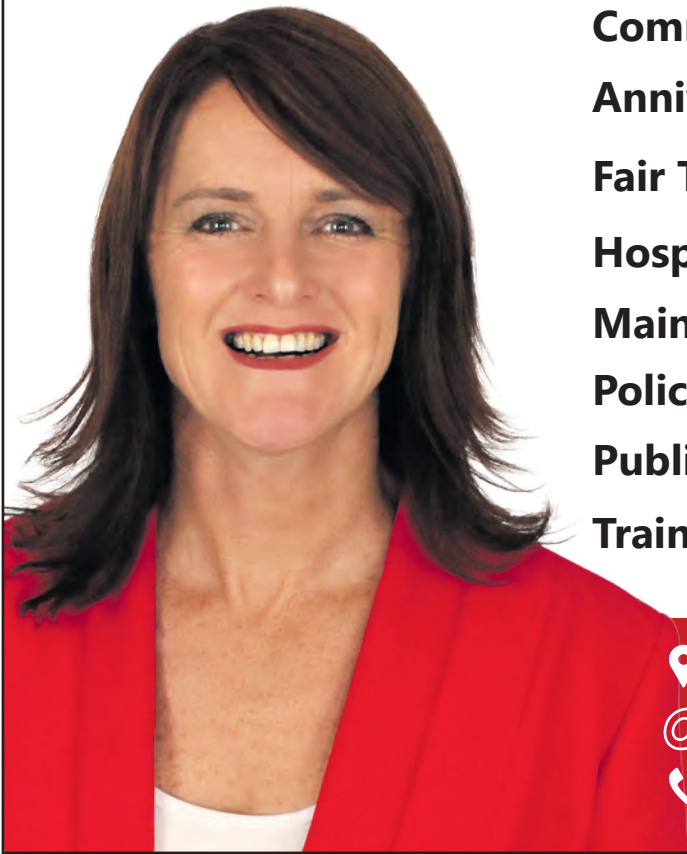
“Linda joined the team late last month and we are excited to see what exciting activities and initiatives she brings to our Village family.”

SOURCE:
Social media, 3 Aug 2022
Colin Osborne, Peninsula Villages



Liesl Tesch MP
Member for Gosford

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Arts



Patchwork group is ‘powering along’

The Monday patchwork group at the Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre is “powering along with some amazing projects”, according to centre president Mr Peter Mulholland.

Sarah Vaughn has finished her beautiful “rainforest” inspired quilt.

Dianne Merryfull brought in a little dress she made from donated fabric for Global Kids Clothes.

Wendy Wade put the finishing touches to her roomy and bright bag, designed to carry her art supplies.

SOURCE:
Social media, 1 Aug 2022
Peter Mulholland, EBACC

Forum

Are any council staff acting on its climate change policy?

Are there any staff working and acting on this council’s vital climate change policy?

I sent a letter to the council enquiring about this policy, and received a six-line acknowledgement.

Totally opposed to this treatment and seeking more information, I attempted to phone an officer named in the reply.

This proved to be the first dead-end.

Undaunted, I phoned the general number to be entertained with a repetitious melody devoid of any human voice to advise me if I would be served within the next hour.

To receive attention, it seemed I would need to attend council’s Wyong office, travelling by rail.

Upon arrival, I explained all the background to an officer, who then attempted to contact the officer named in my reply without success.

Having failed with the first enquiry, the officer then attempted to contact other officers again without success.

The attempts to contact any council officer to answer my questions were futile.

As time passed and the council officer needed to present a competent administration, an alternative was identified in the position of urban design.

I assured the officer an urban designer was not qualified to answer questions on the many facets of climate action.

This episode is a lesson for all residents who believe Administrator Hart’s constant verbiage that the council is in sustainable administration.

While I was at Wyong, I asked an officer to provide me with the increased cost to maintain roads in the LGA.

This information was not available but should be public knowledge, especially for the Peninsula.

The council’s administration needs an external audit sooner rather than later.

Does the Administrator expect Peninsula residents to attend another community meeting about the policy to repeat the same comments they made in February 2019?

It is ludicrous for the council to have inquiry officers when there is a serious deficiency of staff behind the front desk.

Take the train to Wyong to experience the amalgamation first hand.

It’s no surprise rates have increased.

All methods of communication failed.

SOURCE:
Letter, 2 Aug 2022
Norm Harris, Umina

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Peninsula News is owned and run as a community service by a voluntary non-profit community group, The Peninsula’s Own News Service Inc.

The challenges of running a local newspaper have increased as regionalism and digitalisation increase and as involvement in the local community through voluntary activity declines.

A recent Federal Parliamentary committee inquiry into the future of regional newspapers has recognised their social importance, and the need for them to show “resilience and innovation” and to “identify and implement alternative, sustainable business models”.

From the start, Peninsula News has taken this approach and now seeks to build on its strengths and achievements for its second 25 years of operation.

We are seeking expressions of interest from people of any age to help provide the strategic direction which will enable the newspaper fulfill its aims:

- to provide a comprehensive news coverage of community life and forum for Peninsula residents
- to support and encourage active interest and participation in the community, including in the production of Peninsula News, and
- to strengthen the social fabric, the sense of belonging and health of the community

We know there are many talented people in our community, some of whom have retired to the Peninsula, and we ask you to consider contributing to the future of Peninsula News as a member of the association committee.

Please email editor@peninsula.news by August 17

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Book parade held to celebrate Book Week

Ettalong Public School will hold a book parade to celebrate Book Week at 9am on Friday, August 26.

It will be held in the Years 3-6 playground for all students from Years K to 6.

Students will parade dressed as a book character of their choice.

"Students should bring their chosen book with them on the day," said relieving principal Ms Jodie Campbell.

"The official theme across Australia is Dreaming with Open Eyes.

"Parents are welcome to stay and watch the parade, subject to Covid restrictions at the time, but there will be no access to classrooms.

"Students may choose to dress

as any appropriate book character.

"Characters from movies are not permitted unless it was a novel first eg Harry Potter or Bad Guys.

"It is not a competition, have a look around the house and get creative with what you already have.

"Students must have enclosed footwear and a hat for recess and lunch.

"Students are allowed to wear their costume all day.

"However, they can also wear their school uniform underneath and change after the parade.

"Some students have sport on Fridays so school uniform may be easier after the parade."

SOURCE:

**Social media, 2 Aug 2022
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong Public School**



Pyjama day raises \$400

Students at Ettalong Public School have raised \$400, wearing their "bright, warm, comfortable and modest"

pyjamas to school for a gold coin donation.

Students had to wear a hat and enclosed shoes, and not ugg boots

or slippers.

SOURCE:

**Social media, 28 Jul 2022
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong Public School**

School defers Education Week celebration

Woy Woy South Public School will celebrate Education Week from Monday, August 29, to Friday, September 2, to coincide with Book Week.

"The week recognises the annual achievements of students and community contributions in NSW Public schools," said school principal Mr Matt Barr.

"It is our hope that combining the events will support the work commitments of our families and increase their chances of being available to attend the planned events," he said.

SOURCE:

**Social media, 3 Aug 2022
Matt Barr, Woy Woy South Public School**



Dressed as their possible future selves

As part of Education Week, Umina Beach Public School invited students to come to school on Wednesday, August 3, dressed as their possible "future self".

"We strive to equip our students with lifelong learning attributes and future-focused skills," said principal Ms Karen Wardlaw.

"This is at the heart of school goals.

"We trust that our families enjoy talking together about what future occupations, experiences and accomplishments await our students."

SOURCE:

**Social media, 1 Aug 2022
Karen Wardlaw, Umina Beach Public School**

Students engage in 'quality learning experiences', says principal

Students at Umina Beach Public School are "engaging in a wide range of quality teaching and learning experiences across all classrooms", according to principal Ms Karen Wardlaw.

Having returned from holidays, "our teachers have already engaged in shared and team-based professional learning", she said.

"This will continue across the term as we focus on building collective efficacy through collaborative learning experiences focusing on explicit teaching, differentiation and effective

feedback.

"Our teachers continue to learn and strengthen their knowledge of effective, evidence-based strategies to improve our teaching to improve the learning of all our students.

"I'm so excited to be a part of this learning community, learning with and alongside my colleagues, as we strive every day to provide rich, quality learning experiences for our students and support all our students to grow, succeed and thrive in their learning."

SOURCE:

**Newsletter, 26 Jul 2022
Karen Wardlaw, Umina Beach Public School**

Bookings open for Kindergarten interviews

Bookings are now open for family interviews for next year's Kindergarten classes at Umina Beach Public School.

They are 10-minute informal meetings.

The school uses the interviews to learn more about how to support children to transition smoothly into the school setting.

"We look forward to meeting each family and student over the coming weeks," said school principal Ms Karen Wardlaw.

SOURCE:

**Social media, 1 Aug 2022
Karen Wardlaw, Umina Beach Public School**

Sport

Umina comes fourth in pool rescue open event

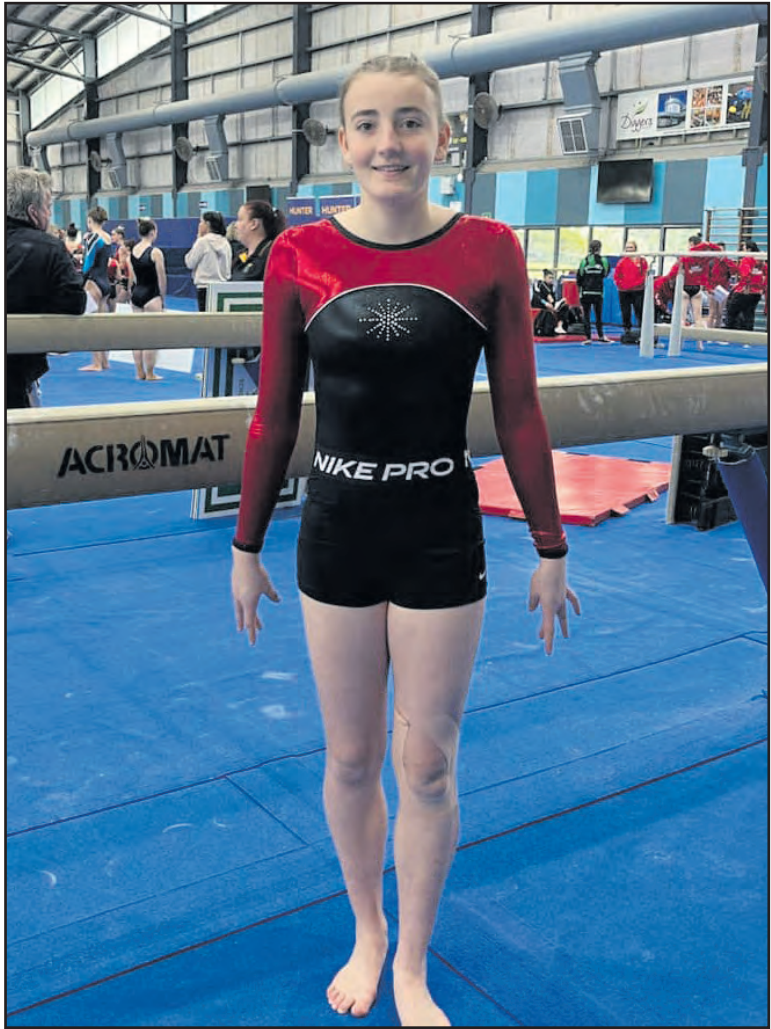
Umina Surf Life Saving Club youth team was placed fourth in the Under-17s, Open and Masters competition at the NSW State Pool Rescue Championships held at the Peninsula Leisure Centre between July 22 and 24.

The final day of competition was predicted to take nine hours, but the club's team of officials, pool setters and timekeepers contributed to the day being completed in a record time of six hours.

Gold medals were won by:
U17 F Line Throw – Davara Marshall and Ebony Rayner.
30-39 F Line Throw – Shelley Smith and Skye Marshall.
40-49 F Line Throw – Christine Bishop and Kerry Armstrong-Smith.
30-39 F Obstacle Race – Shelley Smith.
30-39 F Manikin Carry – Shelley Smith.
30-39 F 100m Manikin Tow with fins – Shelley Smith.
30-39 F 100m Manikin Carry with fins – Shelley Smith.
Silver medals went to:

Open F Obstacle Relay – Davara Marshall, Ebony Rayner, Kerry Armstrong-Smith and Bronte Smith.
Open F 4x25m Manikin Relay – Christine Bishop, Shelley Smith, Bronte Smith and Davara Marshall.
U17 F 50m Freestyle with fins – Davara Marshall.
U17 F 100m Rescue Medley – Davara Marshall.
Open F 4x50m Medley Relay – Davara Marshall, Christine Bishop, Bronte Smith, Shelley Smith.
U17 F 50m Freestyle with fins – Davara Marshall.
Bronze medals were won by:
50m Manikin Carry F – Davara Marshall.
U17 F 100m Manikin Tow with Fins – Davara Marshall.
U17 F 200m Super Lifesaver – Davara Marshall.
Special mention was made of:
Open M Line Throw – Brad Dawson and Archie Rayner (10th)
U17 M 50m Freestyle with fins – Archie Rayner (4th)
Christine Bishop who won lots of club points.

SOURCE:
Social media, 24 Jul 2022
Umina Surf Life Saving Club



Personal best in gymnastics

Brisbane Water Secondary College Year 9 gymnast Jessica Gordon achieved her personal best in the team competing at Sydney North.

“She had a terrific day, and achieved a personal best on the beam,” said Umina campus principal Ms Kerrie O’Heir.

SOURCE:
Social media, 4 Aug-2022
Kerrie O’Heir, BWSC Umina



Touch team comes fifth in the State

A team of Year 9 and 10 boys from Brisbane Water Secondary College has come fifth in the NSW Year 9/10 State Touch Finals held at Tuggerah on Tuesday, August 2.

After winning the regional finals last term, the team played its first game against Hunter Sports and, despite putting up a fight, lost 4-0. The team won games against Mackillop, Port Macquarie (6-5) and Kingscliff High (4-0).
Playing Narrabeen Sports

and needing a draw to make the semi-finals, the team lost a close encounter 4-3. The college missed the semi-finals by one try and placed fifth overall in the state.
SOURCE:
Social media, 3 Aug-2022
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy

Open pairs bridge championship

The Brisbane Water Bridge Club championship for open pairs was contested by 12 pairs on Saturday, August 6. The event doubled as a qualifier for the State Pairs Championship to be held later this year at the home of NSW Bridge in Sydney. This year the club championship consisted of two sessions; the first a Mitchell and then an Interwoven Howell. By the end of the tournament, all pairs had played each other.

Newly-formed duo Karen Ody and Jim Routledge were club champions this year. Competition regulars Sylvia Foster and Jaan Oitmaa filled the second spot on the podium missing the major prize by two per cent. George Boettiger and Deborah Guthrie secured third place. Twelve pairs contested the championship. Results were:
1 Karen Ody, Jim Routledge 315.0 points (57.27 per cent).
2 Jaan Oitmaa, Sylvia Foster 306.0 (55.64).
3 Jorgen Boettiger, Deborah Guthrie 287.0 (52.18).
4 Pauline Caust, Alan Bustany 284.0 (51.64).
5 Lorraine Lindsay, Richard Carter 283.0 (51.45).
6 Barry Foster, Hope Tomlinson 277.0 (50.36).
7 David Snow, Jenny Buckley 274.0 (49.82).
8 Susan McCall, Judy Wulff 273.0 (49.64).
9 Dasha Brandt, David Bowerman 263.0 (47.82).
9 Sue Eastman, Roy Cotton 263.0 (47.82).
11 Christine Hadaway, Martin Johnson 252.0 (45.82).
12 Peter Hume, Elaine Hume 223.0 (40.55).

SOURCE:
Website, 7 Aug 2022
Brisbane Water Bridge Club

Bridge club holds super congress online

Brisbane Water Bridge Club has held its Super Congress online for the first time. Entries were received from far and wide with “a sprinkling” of local entrants. The Swiss Pairs event filled 22 tables, “packed full of big name players”. Winners were Michael Courtney and Chris Depasquale. Club members Barbara Grant and Louis Koolen, a former Brisbane Water Bridge Club president, secured eighth spot in the congress pairs. Club novices Linda Cunningham and Jo Ampherlaw won the Under300 Masterpoint (Restricted) division with an overall placing of

11th, beating many open players in the process. Beryl Lowry and John Aldersley won the Novice division, also beating a number of open players. The Sunday Swiss Teams event attracted 26 teams. Team Beeby, comprising Nick Jacob, Tom Jacob, Stephanie Jacob and Jane Beeby, won the day with five wins and a loss. A local team finished eighth. That was Team Clarke, comprising Di Coats, Jan Clarke, Sally Clark and Garry Clarke. The Crocketts playing in a hybrid team finished 5th.
SOURCE:
Website, 1 Aug 2022
Brisbane Water Bridge Club

Bridge promotions

Four members of the Brisbane Water Bridge Club have achieved promotions in their Masterpoint ranking. They are Graham Woof – Bronze Local, Kai Kaasik – Bronze Local, Dieter Mucharsky – Local and Allan Adams – Local.
SOURCE:
Website, 4 Aug 2022
Brisbane Water Bridge Club