



Festival Fair

The week-long Coastal Twist Festival culminated yesterday with its festival fair at the Peninsula Recreation Precinct.

Three council reserves still on the market, CEN claims

Sections of three council reserves and “pocket parks” on the Peninsula are still on the market after asset sales triggered by Central Coast Council’s financial crisis, according to the Community Environment Network.

These include land at 23 Memorial Ave, Blackwall; 7-9 Angler St, Woy Woy; part of the Austin Butler Reserve, as well as the manufactured home park land at 1-3 Fassifern St, Ettalong.

A table presented at the August Council meeting revealed that Council had not finalised the sale for over 60 lots that it had proposed to sell, according to Network chairman Mr Gary Chestnut.

He has called on Administrator Mr Rik Hart to take them off the market now that the council has reached its sale target of \$60 million.

“Mr Hart has stated that \$62 million worth of property has been sold by Council since it commenced its asset selloff in November 2020, which means its \$60 million target has been reached,” said Mr Chestnut.

“The Administrator has publicly declared that the 2020-21 financial crisis is officially over, and that Central Coast Council is on its way to achieving a healthy surplus for the 2022-23 financial year,” he

said.

“Council doesn’t need to sell any more land and we would like Mr Hart to declare a moratorium on land sales immediately,” he said.

“The community has heard many mixed messages about the need to sell Council’s assets including that it was a requirement for securing \$100 million in loans from a commercial lender.

“Promises have been broken.

“Environmental land has been sold and community land placed on the chopping block.

“Fire sale prices have been accepted when the community was told that wouldn’t happen.

“We are now asking Mr Hart to have a conscience and withdraw any remaining assets from the market.”

Mr Chestnut said the Council’s Land Transactions Policy required it to prepare a business case, land transaction plan and financial impact analysis assessing the strategic value of the land.

“While the financial urgency of late 2020 may have given Council an excuse not to comply with this, there is no longer any financial need to rush through further asset sales.

“All remaining assets listed as part of Tranche 1, 2 and 3 of the asset sales program must be withdrawn from sale as an act of good faith to the community which

continues to bear the brunt of higher water and land rates along with cuts to infrastructure and services.

“If Council wishes to go forward with the sale of any remaining assets, it should do so in full accordance with its own Land Transactions Policy.

Now the financial emergency is over any failures to adhere to its own LTP should be treated as breaches of the Council’s Code of Conduct.

“The time for the urgent sale of assets has passed.

“Mr Hart should tell the public when a full business case report on any further assets will be presented to Council.”

Mr Chestnut said: “The fact that over 60 assets remain for sale raises many questions.

“Why was so much property listed for sale in the first place?

“If the sale of around 37 lots reaped over \$60 million, what were staff and the executive leadership team thinking when they endorsed the sale of so much more land than was required?

“If Council intends to push through any more sales, it must bring proposals back to public meetings and prove it is adhering to its own Land Transactions Policy.”

SOURCE:
Media release, 19 Sep 2022
Gary Chestnut, CEN

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Mark Snell, 3 Oct 2022



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Volunteers wanted for Woytopia Festival

Organisers of the Woytopia sustainable living festival are seeking to help on the day of the festival.

"Volunteers play a valuable role at festivals and Woytopia is currently looking for volunteers to join the Festival Volunteers Crew," said Mr Mark Mann.
The festival will be held at

Woy Woy South Public School on October 30.

Help is wanted on the info desk, with waste and recycling, on the gate, with the bump in or out team, as a general tool handy person and with photography.

Contribution of two to four hours will help run what is billed as "the largest sustainable living festival

on the Central Coast".

Volunteer registrations are taken on online at <https://woytopia.org/volunteer/>

Once the application is received, further information will be supplied by email.

SOURCE:
Social media, 29 Sep 2022
Mark Mann, Woytopia

Firefighters called to Umina house fire

Firefighters were called to a house fire at Sylvania Rd, Umina, on Tuesday, September 27.

The Umina Fire and Rescue NSW crew arrived to find a cabin well alight, threatening the house in front.

They were joined by firefighters from Kincumber, Kariang and Berkeley Vale fire stations.

They managed to contain the fire to the cabin with minor damage to the house.

There were no injuries to the residents who had evacuated.



Pictured are firefighters from Fire and Rescue Berkeley Vale sealing the fire damaged wall sheeting.

SOURCE:
Social media, 27 Sep 2022
Station 340 Umina, Fire and Rescue NSW

Naidoc event at Mingaletta

Aboriginal group Mingaletta will be holding a Naidoc event between 10am and 4pm on Friday, October 7.

It will be held at the group's hall at 6 Sydney Ave, Umina Beach.

The day will include a free sausage sizzle, games, face

painting and jumping castles.

It will be a drug, alcohol and smoke-free event.

For further information, phone 4342 7515 or email admin@mingaletta.org.au.

SOURCE:
Media release, 19 Sep 2022
Dianne O'Brien, Mingaletta ATSI

Ferries diverted

Ferry services from Palm Beach to Ettalong were diverted to Patonga between Thursday and Saturday last week.

Adverse weather caused the service to operate to a diversion timetable.

SOURCE:
Social media, 27 Sep 2022
Fantasea Palm Beach Ferries

'Slime lab' held

A "slime lab" will be held at a Woy Woy shopping centre this week, as a school holiday activity.

Participants will be able to make their own slime blob.

The activity will run daily from 10am to 2pm from today (Tuesday) until Friday, October 7, outside the Commonwealth Bank at Deepwater Shopping Centre.

The activity will be available "while stocks last".

SOURCE:
Media release, 24 Sep 2022
Deepwater Plaza

Tender sought for landfill cell design at Woy Woy tip

Central Coast Council has issued a request for tender for the detailed design and documentation for a landfill cell at Woy Woy tip.

It seeks to appoint a "professional services consultant" to design and document landfill cell construction.

The design is expected to integrate with existing cells "in accordance with the existing Woy

Woy Waste Management Facility Development Strategy, dated January 2021".

It would include preparation of a development application and associated documentation, studies, EPA approvals and licence variations.

The documents must be completed in six months.

SOURCE:
Tenders, 21 Sep 2022
Peter Ness, Central Coast Council

September rainfall was well above average

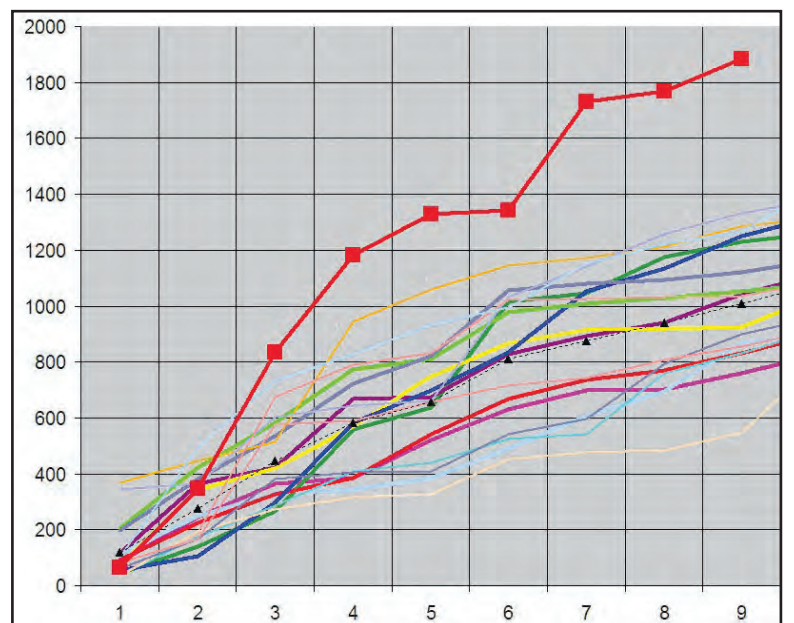
The Peninsula finished September with rainfall of 114.5mm, well above the monthly average of 65mm, according to Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

Significant falls in the last two weeks included 19.1mm recorded on September 30, 14.9 on September 22 and 16.5mm on September 16.

The monthly total was 76.2 per cent above average and bringing rainfall this year to 1883.4mm.

This is 87 per cent above the average figure at the end of September of 1007mm and 47.7 per cent above the annual average of 1275mm.

SOURCE:
Spreadsheet, 30 Sep 2022
Jim Morrison, Umina



One per cent of council grants for Peninsula community

Less than one per cent of almost \$600,000 in community grants awarded by Central Coast Council last week will go to activities run by and for the Peninsula community.

The Peninsula represents more than 10 per cent of the region's population.

A grant of \$3250, or 0.6 per cent of the \$580,660 grants total, was awarded to The Bays Community Group to "part fund" its annual art show and exhibition at The Bays Hall.

The council staff recommendation for the grant stated: "Central Coast artists are invited to exhibit their works and residents have the chance to meet the exhibitor and purchase the works."

It stated the show had a "strong project concept with demonstrated community benefit".

Another four grants involve activities that are expected to be available on the Peninsula, but are not primarily run for the Peninsula community.

These include the Words on the Waves writers' festival, the Coastal Twist festival, Permaculture Central Coast's Edible Garden Trail and the Coastal Ultra 50 running event staged by Single Track Events Pty Ltd.

All appear to be primarily paid ticketed activities supporting sectional interests, with the exception of the Coastal Twist festival which has a large proportion of free activities.

The Words on the Waves festival is described as offering "offers author panels, literacy conversations, book signings and writer's workshops" and was awarded \$19,970.

Naughty Noodle Fun Haus was awarded \$20,000 for its Coastal Twist LGBTQIA Arts and Culture Festival, which "brings 12 events across seven days for all ages sharing the vision for a more visibly inclusive, social and equitable Central Coast".

Permaculture Central Coast was awarded \$14,325 for its Central Coast Edible Garden Trail described as "an annual self-guided event across the Central Coast, showcasing productive, diverse edible gardens".

Woy Woy Community Garden is understood to be included in the Trail.

"Trail visitors will be educated on how to grow food at home, learning about natural growing systems that create abundance and biodiversity while contributing to the responsible stewardship of the land."

SingleTrack Events Pty Ltd was awarded \$10,000 for its Coastal Ultra 50, "a 50km trail run that navigates the trails, beaches and National Park, starting in Terrigal and finishing in Patonga".

"The running event is inclusive for runners of all ages."

Further details of the activities were not given in the Council agenda.

SOURCE:
Central Coast Council agenda
14-15-16, 27 Sep 2022

'Roaring 20s' to be re-lived

The Rotary Club of Brisbane Water is having a "Roaring 20s Shindig" fundraising dinner, 100 years on, on Saturday, October 29.

"This will feature the glamour and the seedy side of Sydney at that time," said organising club member Ms Jayne Mote.

A three-course dinner will be served together with entertainment. Prizes will be awarded for best

dressed in three categories.

Tickets are on sale now through Eventbrite or the club's Facebook page.

"All money raised on the night will support youth and community projects on the Central Coast and other Rotary charities," said Ms Mote.

SOURCE:
Media release, 23 Sep 2022
Jayne Mote, Rotary Brisbane Water



Orange cake winners Ms Margaret Key, Ms Kay Kennaugh and Ms Lin Griffiths

Umina CWA holds cooking competition

The Umina Beach branch of the Country Women's Association has had its Cooking Competition Day judged by Ms Amy Scott.

Award winners were:

Date and Walnut Roll: 1st Mr Tony Griffiths, 2nd Ms Laura Maher.

Gluten Free Whole Orange Cake: 1st Ms Margaret Key, 2nd Ms Kay Kennaugh, 3rd Ms Lin

Griffiths.

Seeded Biscuits: 1st Ms Lin Griffiths, 2nd Mr Tony Griffiths, 3rd Ms Lou Johnson.

Ginger Fluff Sponge: 1st Ms Brooke Law, 2nd Ms Lin Griffiths, 3rd Ms Margaret Key.

Highly Commended was Ms Tracy Wilson.

SOURCE:
Social media, 24 Sep 2022
Rikki McIntosh, CWA Umina Beach

Men's Shed receives further \$20,000

Umina Beach Men's Shed has received a further grant of \$20,000 to help it complete its new shed in Osborne Ave.

"The board of directors of Bendigo Bank Ettalong Beach met and agreed to offer more support to us to complete our new shed with a further grant of \$20,000," said Shed president Mr Darrell Pannowitz.

"This is in addition to the \$70,000 they provided to kick start the project."

He said local residents should consider supporting the local bank.

"The Bendigo Bank at Ettalong is our community bank."

"Unlike the big five, it was established by local people and is managed by local people with the intention of supporting our local community."

"Our Bendigo Community Bank at Ettalong gives up to 80 per cent of profits back to our community to help organisations like ours."

"Our local Bendigo Bank has the same deposit holder protection under the Australian Government Scheme as the bigger banks," he said.

SOURCE:
Media release, 1 Oct 2022
Kerry Watkins, Community Bank Ettalong Beach



Mr Darrell Pannowitz in front of the new shed

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Planning

Four-unit development planned adjacent to bowls club

Central Coast Council has received an application for a four-unit multi-dwelling development at 113-115 Springwood St and 1A Britannia St, Ettalong, at an estimated cost of \$1,82 million.

The application was prepared by WPP Planning and Property for the landowners, Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club.

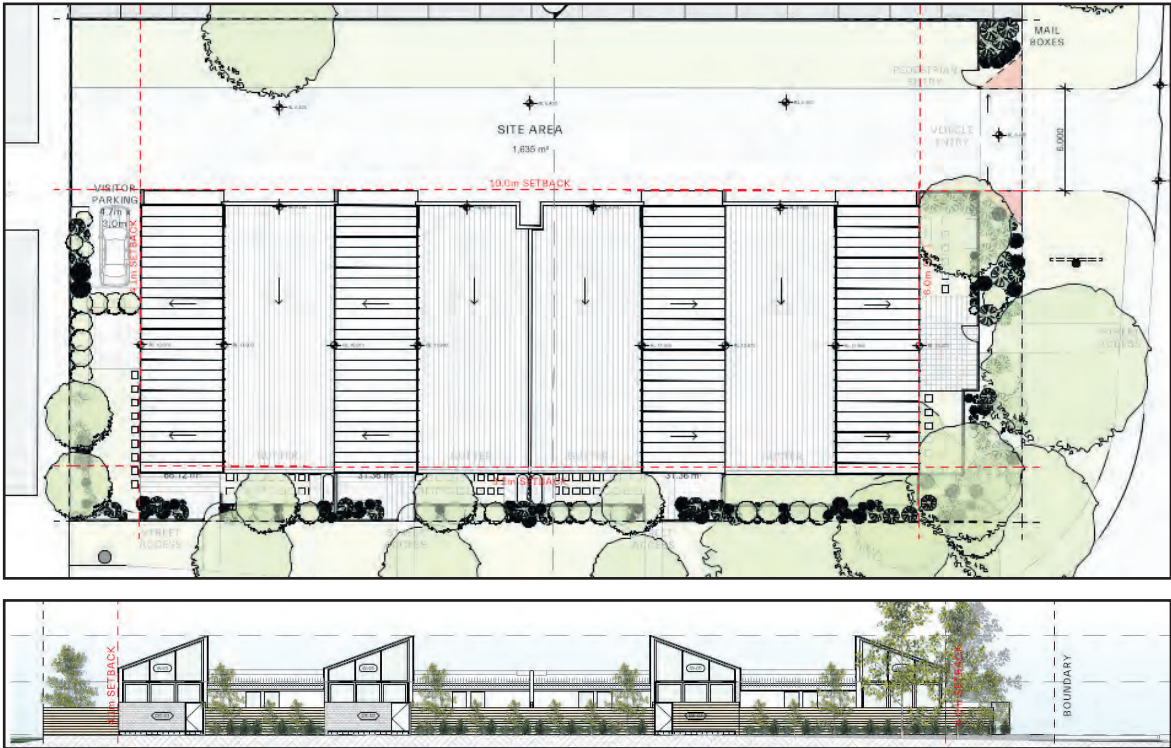
It states: "It is proposed to construct four new single-storey units fronting Britannia St.

"Each unit will have an area of 111.6 square metres and will include in individual pedestrian access from Britannia St or Springwood St, a separate rear entrance from the driveway and a double garage."

They would have "open plan living, dining and kitchen; three bedrooms with built-in robes, including a master suite with ensuite bathroom; and a bathroom and laundry cupboard".

They would also have a courtyard, with units one and four having an additional terrace, and an outdoor utility area with a clothesline, bin storage area and rainwater tank.

"The units will be setback by a minimum of 10 metres from the



northern property boundary, six metres from the eastern boundary (Springwood St), 2.8 metres from the southern boundary (Britannia St) and 4.1 metres from the western boundary."

From these figures, it would appear that the "front" of the development is regarded as Springwood St, where the vehicle and main pedestrian entrance is

located, and the "rear" would be the western boundary.

The courtyards on two sides fronting local roads would appear to be contrary to planning provisions which state: "Ground level courtyards are not permitted within the front building setback area fronting local roads."

The application states: "The proposal relies on a combination

of 1.8 metre walls and screening plantings between and around private open space areas and along the street frontages to provide privacy for residents within the site.

"Given the orientation of the proposed units away from the internal driveway, no adverse privacy impacts are anticipated to arise from any potential future

residential development of the Club site to the north."

The application states: "There are four trees located within the site and an additional eight trees located within the road reserve (predominately angophora floribunda)".

The proposal includes the "removal of three trees within the site and retention and protection of eight remaining trees within the road reserve"

The north side of the building is predominantly taken up with garage doors.

The development provides full length clerestory windows to all units to bring sunlight into interior spaces.

However, the private open spaces for units two and three are located on the southern side of the building, and appear to receive little or no sunshine during the winter months.

The application states: "There are no unreasonable impacts that will result from the proposed development and it will respect the character of the local area in terms of scale, materiality and built form."

This proposal is currently on public exhibition, with submissions closing on October 24.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 30 Sep 2022
DA2686/2022, Central Coast Council

Let's talk about Coastal Erosion & Urban Planning

You are invited to a focus group on coastal erosion, urban planning and your beach?

If you would like to take part in this research and want further information, please contact the lead researcher by phone on 0451249817

This research has ethics approval from Bond University Human Research Ethics Committee.

Dual occupancy application requests street tree removal

Central Coast Council has received an application for the construction of a two-storey dual occupancy development at 83 Booker Bay Rd, Booker Bay.

It includes the removal of a large healthy street tree.

The application, prepared by Clark Dowdle Associates, states that for each unit the ground floor consists of "a single garage, bedroom, bathrooms, lounge room with an adjoining outdoor dining area and a laundry".

The first floor for each unit consists of "two bedrooms, bathrooms, open dining, kitchen lounge room with adjoining deck".

"The proposal includes a small in-ground pool in the rear yard for each dwelling, combined driveway, stormwater systems and

landscaping."

The application states: "The proposed development includes a suitable area to incorporate landscaping round the periphery of the site and within the front setback to soften the built form when presented to street, including two medium-sized street trees to establish tree canopy and encouraged by (planning provisions).

The application claims the proposal complies with all controls in the Local Environmental Plan and Development Control Plan.

It is also claimed that "the building would be modulated in a manner to alleviate monotonous design".

This is hard to confirm as the front and rear elevations are missing from the documents on public display.

The application includes the removal of a street tree in front of the property.

"The proposal requires the removal of one tree from the nature strip to allow the construction of a new driveway for lot one," it states.

"Notwithstanding the removal of the tree, the character of the leafy area would be retained."

The tree is a large brush box, with the nearest street trees three doors away on each side.

The monetary value of the tree using Melbourne City Council's "Urban Forest" method is estimated by the local Grow Urban Shade Trees group to be at least \$20,000.

This application is open for public submissions until October 17.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 29 Sep 2022
DA2115/2022, Central Coast Council

Residents call for open access to planning documents

The Peninsula Residents' Association has called on Central Coast Council to provide open access to development applications and related planning documents after they have been on public exhibition.

Association secretary Mr Julian Bowker said that the Council's policy seemed inconsistent, with

the "already-public documents" sometimes being hidden and sometimes not.

"DA documents such as plans, traffic reports and arborists reports are invaluable and we feel should remain in the public domain," he said.

"We would hope a consistent open policy could be applied across the board.

"This seems to be in line with

other councils we have checked with as well as in the public interest.

"This will also save council effort in hiding any documents."

In a letter to the council, the association wrote: "We encourage you to endorse and ensure uniform adoption of this policy as soon as possible."

SOURCE:
Media release, 2 Oct 2022
Julian Bowker, PRA

Three groups benefit from Club Grants

Three local groups have benefited from a total of \$18,500 in Club Grants awarded recently.

Ettalong Diggers Club awarded grants to Southern Spirit Cricket Club, Volunteer Marine Rescue Central Coast and Girls Just Wanna Have Fun.

Southern Spirit Cricket Club received a cheque for \$5000 as part of the Ettalong Diggers' funding program.

Volunteer Marine Rescue Central Coast was awarded \$1500, which will go towards improving the surrounds of the Marine Rescue Base building at Point Clare.

Girls Just Wanna Have Fun received \$12,000 for its "pink fundraiser" to raise money to fight all women's cancers.

The group will hold a "Girls

Night In" at Ettalong Diggers on October 15 to raise money for the Cancer Council.

Ettalong Diggers' community and tourism manager Ms Kim Cole said: "ClubGrants is one of Australia's largest grant programs, providing more than \$100 million in cash each year to a variety of worthy causes across NSW.

"Charities, sporting organisations and not-for-profit community groups are among 10s of thousands of worthy causes funded through the program each year."

Anyone interested in applying for a ClubGrant through Ettalong Diggers should contact Ms Cole by phone on 4343 0140 or by email at kim.cole@ettalongdiggers.com.

SOURCE:
Social media, 22 Sep 2022
Kim Cole, Ettalong Diggers

Independent candidate for the upcoming state election, Ms Gab McIntosh of Woy Woy, has called on Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch to publicly support the establishment of six small alternative schools on the Central Coast.

Members of the Indigenous Party of Australia (pictured right) rallied outside Ms Tesch's office last Monday to denounce the closure of Eagle Arts and Vocational College an alternative school for teenagers on the Central Coast.

"It was doing great work with school refusers," said Ms McIntosh.

"We need small schools that do education differently and we need parents, kids and teachers to be in charge of these schools, not the NSW Education Standards Authority."

She said they could shape them "in a way that works for our kids who might be outside the box".

Ms McIntosh said: "This is not yet another job to be handed over to our weary teaching staff at local schools.

"Rather it can be an opportunity to start small alternative schools with a fresh approach to education, to give desperate parents and caregivers some hope for their kids.

"Politicians of all colours very much underrate this need in the community.

"They do not see it as a vote-catcher but it certainly is," she said.

The previous week, the police were called when the women held a similar rally in front of the office

Call to support establishment of alternative schools



of Member for Terrigal Mr Adam Crouch at Fountain Plaza, Erina (pictured below).

"Security had asked us to leave but we explained that it was our democratic right to hold a peaceful protest," said Ms McIntosh.

She said Mr Crouch's office staff

had previously said they would call security

"The police were polite and chatted to us for about an hour.

"We agreed to leave after that."

SOURCE:
Media release, 21 Sep 2022
Gab McIntosh, Indigenous
Party of Australia



Night road work on Empire Bay Dr

Night road work will take place in Empire Bay Dr at Daleys Point, between Peridon Ave and Helmsman Boulevard from today until mid-November.

The work will take place between 7pm to 5am from Sunday to Thursday until the work is completed.

"Central Coast Council will carry out the work on behalf of Transport for NSW, which includes drainage improvements," a statement from

the Department said.

"Single lane closures, stop slow traffic control and a 40km/h speed limit will be in place during work hours and may affect travel times.

"Motorists should allow up to 10 minutes additional travel time during this night work.

"Motorists are advised to drive to the conditions and follow the directions of signs and traffic control."

SOURCE:
Media release, 29 Sep 2022
Meg Francis, Transport for NSW

WHAT'S ON at ETTALONG BOWLING CLUB

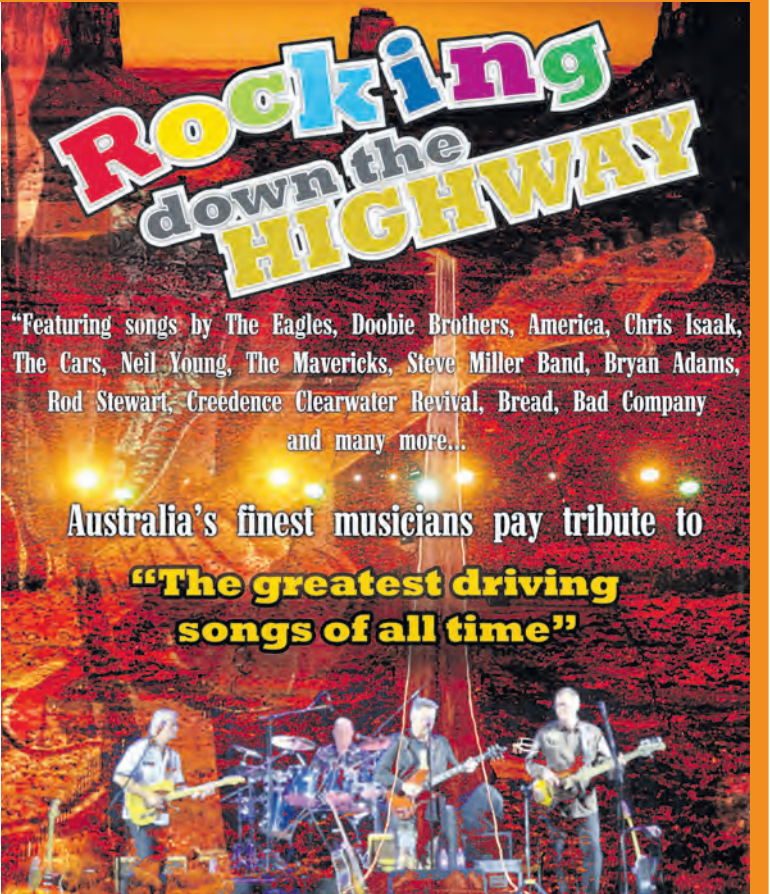
We are so pleased to announce that "Rocking Down the Highway" will be coming to Ettalong Bowlo on Saturday 29th October 2022 for a free event. This show pays tribute to legends such as Neil Young, Steve Miller, Chris Isaak to name a few. This incredible show will bring back memories of your younger years and will have you bopping the night away ... Doors open at 7pm for 8pm show. No reserved seating 18+ event. Grab a bite to eat before the show at either our locals favourite Harrys Chinese Restaurant or Alfresco Brasserie, both offering some delicious meals at reasonable prices. Bookings recommended.

Now that the entertainment industry is starting to get back on track, we are lucky enough to book amazing gigs here at the club. We have weekly entertainment - Friday & Saturday nights from 7.30pm and every Sunday from 2pm. Some of our upcoming gigs include our very funny artist "They Call Me Bruce" who is a little bit bold but always a class act - Sat 22nd Oct. Back by popular demand our very own local band Adrenaline Crush will be performing in the Auditorium on Saturday 15th October from 8pm. For all those baby boomers every second Friday of the month DJ's 70's disco is in the main lounge area from 7.30pm, we do encourage dressing up for the occasion.

Why not download our app or check us out of facebook/website for all entertainment info? We look forward seeing you at Ettalong Bowling Club.

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THE BEST-KEPT SECRET ON THE CENTRAL COAST

Health

New restrictions

A local hospital has changed its visiting restrictions with the easing of Covid-19 restrictions from Wednesday, September 28.

Visiting hours at Brisbane Waters Private Hospital are now 11am to 7pm.

Visitors are asked to check in using the QR code and to sanitise their hands on entry and to wear a mask at all times.

Anyone who has had Covid in the past 10 days is asked not to visit.

For further information, refer to the hospital's website.

SOURCE:

Social media, 28 Sep 2022
Brisbane Waters Private Hospital

New Telehealth system for aged care home

A local aged care home has received a new Telehealth system.

The system was supplied to BlueWave Living in Woy Woy through a State Government grant in conjunction with the Primary Health Network.

"It offers our residents an improved way to consult with specialists and their GPs," said chief executive Mr Matt Downie.

SOURCE:

Social media, 23 Sep 2022
Matt Downie, BlueWave Living



'Girls' Night In' to fight cancer

A "Girls' Night In" to raise funds for the Cancer Council will be held at Ettalong Diggers Club with a "Wild Wild West" theme on Saturday, October 15.

The "pink fundraiser" is being organised by Girls Just Wanna Have Fun, a group of local women, dedicated to raising funds to fight all women's cancers.

The money raised stays within the Central Coast region aiding treatment, research, education, and support to patients.

SOURCE:

Social media, 20 Sep 2022
Kim Cole, Ettalong Diggers

Sit Saturday Sunrise meditations start

A series of regular Sit Saturday Sunrise meditations started last Saturday at Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club.

The month of meditation for Mental Health Awareness Month will culminate in The BIG Sit at the surf club on October 29.

The meditations are open to anyone, will start at 6:30am each Saturday and aim to improve mental fitness.

Between these meditations, people are encouraged to meditate for 10 to 20 minutes daily until The Big Sit on Saturday 29 October.

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch said: "Taking time out of our busy lives is crucial for our health and wellbeing.

"Often, we find our day is taken up with getting through our to do list and focussing on the needs of others, and we don't leave time to nurture ourselves.

"I understand the demands and pressure of a busy lifestyle.

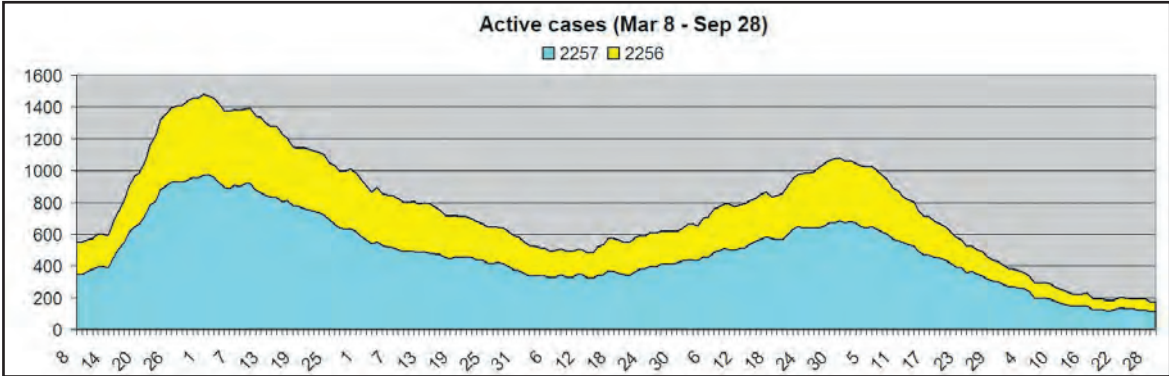
"I've found that by doing a daily meditation practice, even if it is for 10 minutes, I feel more energised and my mind is more focussed for the day ahead.

"I encourage everyone of all ages to take time out for themselves this October.

"I look forward to seeing our community get together and raise awareness for mental health," she said.

SOURCE:

Media release, 30 Sep 2022
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford



Case numbers level off at 190

The numbers of active coronavirus cases on the Peninsula has levelled off to around 190 over the past two weeks.

Figures released at the end of last week show active cases for the 2256 and 2257 postcode areas totalled 191 on Monday,

September 19, and were mostly around that figure until last Tuesday, September 27, when the number was 192.

The numbers the numbers dropped to 174 and 173 on the following two days, September 28 and 29.

The 2256 postcode area had 68 cases on both September 19 and

27, and dropped to 60 cases on Thursday, September 29.

The numbers for the 2257 postcode were 123 on September 19, dropping to 113 on September 29.

SOURCE:

Dataset, 2 Oct 2022
Covid-19 cases by location, Data.NSW

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Flash Festival awards

Woy Woy Little Theatre has announced the award winners for its Flash Festival held on the weekend of September 24 and 25.

The play *Bloated Ducks* took out the three top awards for best production, best unpublished script and best production - people's pick, as well as the best actor award.

Other awards were best unpublished script - *Terms of Engagement*; best use of theme - *Bloated Ducks*, second best production - *The Man in the Back Room*, best leading actor - Gerard Minogue (*Bloated Ducks*), best leading actress - Penny Dilworth (*The Man in the Back Room*), best actor runner-up - Jake Cain-Roser (*Terms of Engagement* and *The Man in the Back Room*), best actress runner-up - Yvonne Berry Porter Larimore (*The Man in the Back Room*) and the special judges award - Oliver Shepherd (*Keeping Us Safe*).

The festival comprised six plays.

Keeping Us Safe was written by Jenna Arnold, directed by Terry

Matthews, with a cast of Samara Dawson, Kira Stallard and Oliver Shepherd.

Terms of Engagement was written by Danielle Brame Whiting, directed by Yuley Buist, with a cast of Trudi Slavin, Jake Cain-Roser, Jenna Arnold and Gerard Minogue.

Zoom Out was written by Sally Davies, directed by Gordon Crawford, with a cast of Vicki Sidoti, Judi Jones, Michael Hynes and Michael Sheather.

The King is Dead was written by Ethan Dale, directed by: Sarah Lovesy, with a cast of Katrina Cook, Troy Hester, Oliver Shepherd and Frank Wiffen.

Bloated Ducks was written by Sally Bartley, directed by Clay Williamson, with a cast of Rebecca Bright, Gerard Minogue and Scott Larimore.

The Man in the Back Bedroom was written by Trudi Slavin, directed by Karen Rowe, with a cast of Penny Dilworth, Yvonne Berry Porter Larimore, Samara Dawson and Jake Cain-Roser.

SOURCE:
Social media, 26 Sep 2022
Woy Woy Little Theatre Inc.

CWA branch members make teddy bear tribute to a late husband

Three members from the Umina Beach branch of the Country Women's Association have made teddy bears as a tribute to the late husband of one of their friends.

They made eight bears using material from the late husband's shirts.

The bears have come together at craft sessions over a series of Tuesdays.

The bears will find their new homes with eight grandchildren.

"To celebrate the departure of these comfort bears, we held a Teddy Bears Picnic," said branch president Ms Rikki McIntosh.

"Goodbye little bears, we all know you will receive lots of cuddles and be part of sharing the fond memories of John."

SOURCE:
Social media, 28 Sep 2022
Rikki McIntosh, CWA Umina Beach



Folk club to hold performers' night

The Peninsula's Troubadour Folk Club will hold its next performers' night at 7pm on Saturday, October 8, at the Empire Bay Progress Hall.

The performers' night is "another opportunity for Troubadour members and local people to perform at a regular club night in cafe style setting", said organiser Mr Hugh Worrall.

"There are 15-minute slots available to perform.

"We're keen to see new people have a go, so come and perform a

song or two on the blackboard part of the program.

"Let us know when you arrive on Saturday night."

Tea, coffee and biscuits are available for a gold coin donation but those attending may bring their own snacks and drinks.

Cost is \$10.

Call MaryAnne on 0407 917 117 to book a spot or Hugh on 0402 529 474 for further information.

SOURCE:
Media release, 30 Sep 2022
Hugh Worrall, Troubadour Folk Club

Patchwork achievements

The patchwork group at the Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre has shared its achievements at its recent meeting.

"We had plenty of wonderful show and tell of finished projects to share in our patchwork group," said tutor Ms Penny Howard.

"Di Andrews brought in her finished bright and beautiful 'wonky-pieced' placemats started in the previous week's workshop.

"Marlene Mead brought in her wonderful, large, pieced denim bag.

"Sarah Vaughan showed us her gorgeous finished scrappy quilt, and Denise McKnight shared her beautiful baby quilt."



SOURCE:
Social media, 20 Sep 2022
Penny Howard, EBACC

Theatre group holds auditions

Woy Woy Little Theatre is holding auditions for its first play for 2023, Party Piece by Richard Harris.

Auditions will be held tomorrow, Wednesday, October 5 at 7pm.

An audition pack with further information can be found on the theatre group's website at <https://www.woywoylt.com/party-piece-auditions/>

The play will open the 2023 season at the Peninsula Theatre in Woy Woy.

SOURCE:
Social media, 28 Sep 2022
Woy Woy Little Theatre



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Gosford Waterfront decision raises concerns about transparency, accountability and integrity

On 27 September 2022, the Council Administrator appointed by the NSW government adopted a preferred concept plan for the development of Gosford Waterfront and Stadium. The lack of transparency in this process has been staggering.

Although there will be a range of views about the future of the Gosford waterfront, we should all be concerned about the lack of information and the haste to change planning rules before a State election and without local elected representatives in place to represent the interests of residents, ratepayers and the community.

The report to Council refers to "three distinct concept options", "extensive analysis" and "stakeholder consultation" - however, none of this information was included in the Council report for public information or scrutiny.

It is also worth noting that there was previously a Gosford CBD and Waterfront Advisory Committee, established to provide advice to Council. The committee

played an important role in two-way communication on relevant matters and ensuring transparency. The committee was effectively disbanded with their last meeting held in March 2021.

It was then in April 2021 that the Administrator (Persson) decided to proceed with investigations for development of the waterfront.

One of the matters that the Gosford CBD and Waterfront Advisory Committee considered at its meeting on 21 November 2019 was a study from Cardno that modelled traffic movement in Gosford CBD. It showed that there were a number of pinch points that were already at capacity. It was clear that this would be a useful tool for future planning in the Gosford CBD.

The same meeting also referenced the Gosford City Centre Transport Plan that the State government was preparing. Both these documents should be made publicly available.

The Administrator (Hart) is now talking about a community consultation process on his preferred option—however, there are serious concerns that this will be a sham process. The community should have a say on all three concept options.

To have any faith in this process, all information must be released to the public. This includes concept options, analysis, traffic modelling and details of stakeholder consultation, including with developers. There can be no reason for this information to be confidential and hidden from the public.

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Dementia sufferers often feel isolated

Dementia Action Week was September 19 to 25 and, as it theme says, “a little support can make a big difference”.

Although we do not have an exact figure for the Central Coast, we do know that one third of the National count live in NSW – close to 162,000 – a number that is set to double in the next 25 years.

With the latest Census statistics showing that the Peninsula population median age is 47 compared to the national average of 37, we are likely to have higher rates of dementia than in many other parts of Australia.

We are extremely fortunate to have three aged care homes on the Peninsula, which accommodate people living with dementia, but we also know that around 65 per cent of those with dementia continue to live in the community, and often feel isolated because of the stigma and discrimination associated with the condition.

In 2018, the Central Coast Dementia Alliance was formed with the aim “to work together to increase understanding of dementia and to improve the wellbeing of people living with dementia, their carers and families”.

This dedicated group of people continue working towards their goal, and this year have completed an education day for health professionals, the development of a toolkit for clinicians, information and awareness sessions with community groups, and a mail out to all primary schools on the Coast of two books written specifically for younger children.

The Alliance is also about to launch a free guide to dementia services and support on the Central Coast for people living with dementia and their carers.

Doctors will be able to obtain copies of this guide through the Alliance.

Amongst the information in this guide are details of the Rotary Dementia Cafes, where people living in the community with their carers can come along and participate in dementia friendly social activities.

The flagship cafe at the CWA hall in Umina is shortly to be joined by a second Rotary DCaf at the Kincumber Neighbourhood Centre.

How can the community help people living with dementia to remain active in the community?

As the theme for Dementia Awareness Week tells us: “A little support makes a big difference”.

By everyone having a better understanding of dementia and seeing that a purposeful life can continue after diagnosis, discrimination and its impacts can be eliminated.

To learn more about dementia and how you can help to make the Central Coast a more dementia friendly-community, and to organise a presentation to your Community Groups, email Central-Coast-Dementia-Alliance@hneccphn.com.au.

For more information about the Rotary Dementia Cafe in Umina, contact Di on 0404 147 743.

SOURCE:
Email, 15 Sep 2022
Bobby Redman, Daleys Point

Simple solution is to install roundabout

The intersection of Pearl Beach Dr and Patonga Dr is dangerous, with reckless drivers regularly doing wheelies and skids at the intersection.

Woy Woy police are well aware of the constant illegal road activity but find it difficult to catch the culprits in the late evening or early morning and are short staffed to address such matters.

Do we have to wait until a driver is seriously injured at this intersection?

The activity of these drivers has now removed the three bollards , renewed by Central Coast Council

to assist drivers leaving Pearl Beach Dr to see oncoming traffic from Patonga.

Such traffic frequently ignores the slow speed to 60 just before the intersection and passes pearl Beach Dr at 80km/h.

Council had repeatedly refused to put in a roundabout at this point, and twice at least replaced the bollards.

I have had no reply from Council on this and the traffic implications expansion of tourist access to Mt Ettalong lookout

If Council proceeds to enhance tourist traffic in and out of the water tower and lookout road as

planned, exiting traffic cannot they cross the double line to return to Umina directly.

The only safe turn is to drive into the villages of either Pearl Beach or Patonga in order to make a U-turn around a block to travel back to Umina Beach!

It seems that the simplest and safest solution - and a deterrent to drivers endangering lives by doing wheelies at this intersection - is to review the Traffic Committee's determination not to put in a roundabout at this intersection.

SOURCE:
Email, 20 Sep 2022
Kay Williams, Pearl Beach

Ratepayers’ objections overridden at ratepayers’ cost

Council once again seems to be complying with their legal obligations concerning 60 odd submissions from neighbouring objectors on another non-compliant development in Ettalong village.

In reality, all Council have done is tick the boxes and then go about what they (and other parties such as the Chamber of Commerce) originally wanted by pushing through the developer's application.

They treat the community's genuine concerns as just a bit of a nuisance and then proceed to inform the public (after so-called consultation) that it has all been resolved and this is what the community needs.

The process of development applications is necessary with rules and regulations that should apply to every applicant, no matter how big or small the development.

Rejected plans by the Local Planning Panel is not a problem for the rich and powerful - just a delay.

The arsenal of tactics employed by the big players is virtually endless.

If you have money, power and influence, you just keep resubmitting the development application, maybe with slight adjustments.

Who would want to be one of the four Local Planning Panel members with all that pressure put on them?

In the rare case that the applicant is rejected, there is always the Land and Environment Court.

There have been some interesting decisions of late using imaginative language and weasel words in downplaying the protests as insignificant issues and turning a blind eye to breaches (their words) of unacceptable adverse amenity impacts to neighbouring sites.

I would not have thought you make a judgement on a previous build nearby which also exceeds height restrictions as being legally comparable.

Other Council tactics like rezoning and reclassification of areas and boundaries (sometimes environmentally sensitive) are common place.

Let's not forget Council trotted out a consultant expert planner whose assessment was accepted by Court.

If you look hard enough you will always find an “expert” for your cause.

So who pays for that? Ratepayers again just like the consultant's fee for the submission to IPART for extra rates.

How ironic it is that we (the ratepayers) have financed indirectly and unknowingly the Council's expenses to roll the community's objections.

So best of luck to the good people who protested and to all of our community.

This is what we are up against. Starting to feel a bit like Darryl Kerrigan out of the classic film “The Castle.”

SOURCE:
Email, 1 Oct 2022
Barry MacDonald, Umina Beach

Proposal passed by one person: administrator or dictator?

I see a few articles talking about how “the Central Coast Council agreed...”.

I hope people realise that “the Central Coast Council” currently consists of one person - the administrator.

There are no councillors.

This means that the administrator is putting forward motions and passing them with zero council discussion and zero accountability.

Council elections have been postponed until 2024 (who put forward and passed that one?), meaning there is one person controlling what happens on the Central Coast.

Is this a problem?

Well, that would depend on whether you want Gosford to be the hub of a “smart city” where everything is electronic and controlled by some government official far away, much like in China.

This is where the Central Coast is headed, and this proposal is being passed by one person with zero discussion on it.

Does that make him an “administrator” or a “dictator”?

At the very least, there should be a referendum on it, so that the people can have their voice, as this will change their future.

SOURCE:
Email, 30 Sep 2022
Mike Gallagher, Ettalong Beach.

I am offended by the disregard and disrespect in responses from the office of the Minister for Local Government Ms Wendy Tuckerman.

I am also appalled at disingenuity and apparent dysfunction in her office – but not surprised.

Her letter to me of July 15 claims that she can neither intervene in nor review council matters.

Yet she intervened by suspending (elected) councillors, sending the Central Coast Council into administration and appointing her own (unelected) Administrator.

More recently she or others of the NSW Government have allowed her Administrator to both raise local rates and charges within

this Local Government Area – as well as continue to expend NSW Government taxpayer money.

The additional reply from her office of September 16 still did not answer three direct questions I asked of her regarding the accountability of her appointed administrator.

It is signed by the “Director, Sector Performance and Intervention” – yes, her director responsible for intervention.

How is it that placing the Council under administration and appointing an administrator is not “intervention”?

How is it that approving/endorsing/allowing her appointed Administrator to both raise local rates and charges as well as

expend NSW Government grant monies is not a form of action in “review” of Council planning, processes or determinations?

What does the Director, Sector Performance and Intervention, intervene in if not operation and processes of the local government sector?

Does the Office of Local Government only take action after councils fail rather than take action - or intervene - to ensure that they succeed?

I remain determined in anticipation of direct, open, transparent and honest answers to my questions by the Minister.

SOURCE:
Email, 24 Sep 2022
Ian Weekley, Umina



Three students share \$100 prize pool for reading

Three Stage 2 students at Woy Woy South Public School have shared a prize pool of \$100 after recording 50 nights of reading during Term 3.

The names of the three students were drawn from a hat containing the names of all students who had completed 50 nights' reading. First prize was \$50, second was \$30 and third prize was \$20.

"These students have grown a love for reading and all received their Home Reading Hero term." certificate today," said principal Mr Matt Barr.

"We can't wait to see this group of readers grow even bigger next term."

SOURCE: Social media, 23 Sep 2022
Matt Barr, Woy Woy South Public School

Ettalong has Head Start

Ettalong Public School's Kindergarten 2023 Orientation to School Program, HeadStart, is about to commence.

Parents are invited to attend an information session while their child attends their HeadStart session.

The program will be run in two groups.

Both will run from 9:15am to 10:45am on Thursdays but on different dates.

Group 1 will run on October 13, 27, November 10 and 24.

Group 2 will run on October 20, November 3, 17 and 24.

Call the school on 4341 3655 on Monday, October 10 for more information.

SOURCE: Social media, 28 Sep 2022
Ettalong Public School



Preschool to set up 'loose parts' play yard

Booker Bay Preschool is wanting help to set up a "loose parts play yard".

"It's a fantastic open ended form of learning that allows children to explore all aspects of creativity and more," said preschool director Ms Cassie Hart.

"Some loose parts include crates, old tyres, tubes, wheels, logs, pipes, gutters and metal pots.

"Children can use a range of objects to construct and use their imagination.

"If you have anything at home that you no longer have use for, we would love to have it."

SOURCE: Social media, 21 Sep 2022
Cassie Hart, Booker Bay Preschool

Twilight Spring Fair

Woy Woy South Public School will hold its Twilight Spring Fair from 3pm on Saturday, October 15.

Attractions will include food trucks, market stalls, and a free Mini Kindi Farm.

Games and entertainment will include a mechanical bull ride and a jumping castle.

There will be dancing showcases, face painting and a free outdoor cinema from 7:30pm.

SOURCE: Social media, 20 Sep 2022
P and C, Woy Woy South Public School

Students present projects at 'sustainability convention'

Year 6 students at Umina Beach Public School presented their team STEM projects at a Sustainability Convention for their teachers, peers and guests from the University of Technology, Sydney.

"Their creativity, design skills, level of focus, learning persistence and research skills have been outstanding," said principal Ms Karen Wardlaw.

"They have all developed a wide range of skills in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

"We were particularly delighted to have as special guest Brisbane Water Secondary College student Ethan Hill join us and share his own STEM journey with our students.

"Ethan was so impressed with our students and their wonderful projects.

"There is great learning happening at our school."

SOURCE: Social media, 21 Sep 2022
Karen Wardlaw, Umina Beach Public School



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An Open letter to Adam Crouch, Liesl Tesch and David Harris

By allowing the closure of the alternative school, Eagle Arts and Vocational College in Kincumber, and remaining silent while the Anti Discrimination board advised it should remain open, all three of you have have wrongly and shamefully let down struggling Coastie kids and their families.

With 30 teenagers, school refusers, tipped onto the streets, robbed of a future, no where to go, Coastie parents were beside themselves with grief.

But here is the good news.

You can right this wrong, today, election looming.

Go to your respective leaders and demand six new alternative schools, each fun and unique on its own, for our kids.

We need to start doing education, differently: Too late for those parents who believed you might help, but others would benefit.

Gab McIntosh OAM (retired principal)

Authorised by Gab McIntosh, Woy Woy Rd, Woy Woy



Vietnam Vets receive support service grant

Ettalong's Vietnam Veterans sub-branch has received a Federal Government \$38,400 grant to help with its support service.

The Vietnam Veterans' Peacekeepers' and Peacemakers' Association of Australia Central Coast Sub-Branch was awarded the grant under the Building Excellence in Support and Training program for ex-service organisations.

Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid announced the funding when he visited the Ettalong centre and met with volunteers of the organisation.

"It is an honour to be able to provide this funding to the sub-branch, which does exceptional work assisting veterans with social services and a range of other assistance". Dr Reid said.

"It was an insightful meeting with several volunteers at the centre who spoke with me about the challenges they face daily helping veterans access pensions and entitlements.

"They also provide referral services to other key government agencies and departments, as well as performing social and mental health support," he said.

Sub-branch treasurer Mr Wayne Jennings said the funding would go towards supporting the centre's volunteers undertake their services.

"There are 240 veterans on the Central Coast who benefit from the centre's services as well as their partners and families," he said.

"This funding will be used to help support our volunteers providing crucial support to those veterans, partners, and families moving into the future.

"The centre also provides education to local schools, including through our Nam Bus that is driven to schools where students get to learn more about the Vietnam War and see some of the artefacts that are kept in the bus". Mr Jennings said.

SOURCE:
Media release, 27 Sep 2022
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson

Bridget wins silver medal with North Sydney team

Umina campus student Bridget Broome has represented Brisbane Water Secondary College at the Combined High Schools State tennis championships in Stanhope Gardens.

She played for Sydney North Girls tennis team winning a silver medal at the championships, said campus principal Ms Kerrie O'Heir.

"Her Sydney North team competed in singles and doubles matches throughout the week - winning all seven matches without loss.

"Unfortunately rain halted the last match against South Coast, who also were undefeated."

South Coast was awarded the gold on a count back by three games conceded after the sets and games won were both equal.

SOURCE:
Social media, 22 Sep 2022
Kerrie O'Heir, BWSC Umina



Great North Walk to receive upgrade

The NSW Government will spend \$1.12 million to upgrade the Great North Walk from Sydney to Newcastle, Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast Mr Adam Crouch has announced.

Track surfaces on the Great North Walk will be upgraded in key sections by laying gravel and repairing steps and stairs to reduce slipperiness and improve drainage, he said.

"This investment will make it easier for bushwalkers to get out and enjoy the incredible natural beauty that makes living here so special," Mr Crouch said.

"The fantastic scenery and bushland of the Central Coast also draws in visitors who spend money in our area, so this investment is good news for the many businesses and jobs that are boosted by the tourism industry."

The National Parks and Wildlife Service has announced closures and works on the Great North Walk in Brisbane Water National Park.

The Warrah Trig track from Patonga Drive will remain closed to vehicles until at least Sunday, October 23, after having been closed for several months.

"Warrah Trig Rd is closed to vehicles until further notice due to damage from recent rainfall events," the National Parks



website states.

"The road has deep ruts and boggy sections, making it unsafe and impassable for vehicles.

"The road is open to pedestrians and cyclists.

"However, wet sections may be slippery.

"Alternate pedestrian access to Warrah lookout is available via Pearl Beach to Patonga fire trail.

"Penalties apply for non-compliance."

The service has also announced it is currently undertaking fire trail maintenance works in Brisbane Water National Park for a period of up to six months to March next year.

"The maintenance work will

repair damaged drainage assets and infrastructure that supports and is essential to the ongoing operation of the trails.

"Trails will remain open for the duration of the construction works, with adequate signage and diversions (if required) in place."

The Great North Walk comprises 300 kilometres of connecting tracks that bring bushwalkers through pristine and scenic parts of Lane Cove National Park, Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park, Brisbane Water National Park and Watagan State Forest.

SOURCE:
Media release, 21 Sep 2022
Adam Crouch, Central Coast Secretary

Part-time fire fighters wanted

Fire and Rescue Umina are currently seeking to recruit four on-call fire-fighting positions.

The job includes fighting fires, community education and assisting the elderly in fire preparedness.

"It's a great part-time role that you can manage with your other work responsibilities," said Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

More details are available on the Fire and Rescue website at <https://www.fire.nsw.gov.au/page.php?id=10>

SOURCE:
Social media, 24 Sep 2022
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

Re-fencing

Pearl Beach Tennis Club has been awarded a grant of \$12,837 in Round 3 of the NSW ATP Cup Tennis Legacy Fund.

Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast Mr Adam Crouch said the grant would go towards a re-fencing project at the Club.

"The two-court club will benefit greatly from the support, providing a top-notch facility for all to enjoy," Mr Crouch said.

SOURCE:
Media release, 29 Sep 2022
Adam Crouch, Central Coast Secretary

Woy Woy Roosters hold award presentation

Woy Woy Roosters Rugby League Football Club has held its 2022 Awards Presentation.

1st Grade Best and Fairest winner was Justin McDermott.

Runner-up was Joe Williams.

Reserve Grade Best and Fairest was Darby Williams, with runner-up Jack Campbell.

In the 19s, Best and Fairest was Ashton Carroll, with runner-up Zac Heagney.

Ladies League Tag Best and Fairest winner was Emily Trengrove.

Runner-up and coach's award was won by Ashlee Pauletto.

Players' player award was won by Sophie Trengrove.

Ladies League Tag most improved award went to Mel LeStrange.

SOURCE:
Social media,
Woy Woy Roosters Rugby League Football Club

Juniors seek coaching interest

Final teams entered will be dependent of players registered in relevant age groups at the time of final team nominations.

Anyone interested is invited, in the first instance, to send an email "EOI cover letter" with full contact details and positions interested in coaching to Mr Tim McParlane at tjmcp@bigpond.com.

An application form will be emailed to the contact email address.

It should be completed and returned to formally start the application process.

The closing date for expressions of interest is October 31.

SOURCE:
Social media, 22 Sep 2022
Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Football Club



Women’s charity day raises \$2000

Umina Beach Women’s Bowling Club had its Charity Day on Tuesday, September 20.

Teams from Everglades, Davistown joined the Umina bowlers.

The day raised \$2000 for Central Coast Kids in Need who were represented by treasurer Rhonda Doyle and secretary Lorraine Churchill, pictured receiving a cheque from club president Gale .

Winners were Meena Kelso, Denise Arnold, Jean Harrison and Cheryl Catchpoo (pictured above). Second were Aileen Robertson, Gay Foulkes, Cheryl Ryan and Leila Gilmour.

Third were Jan Howe, Debra Moore, Joan Murphy and Gwen Jarratt.

SOURCE:
Website, 22 Sep 2022
Umina Beach Women’s Bowling Club

Bridge club plays Spring Pairs

Brisbane Water Bridge Club played its Spring Pairs event on Wednesday, September 21.

Twenty duos signed up for the red point event allowing Open and Novice divisions to be run, on the pleasant Wednesday afternoon.

The event attracted some higher-ranked players leading to a session of higher standard than normal.

Open winners were Marilyn Jarrett and Jenny Buckley taking first spot with a percentage of 62.50 from consistent pair Marcelle Goslin and Jim Routledge with 58.93.

Third were Dasha Brandt and David Bowerman with 55.36.

The Novice section attracted 12 pairs.

John Aldersley and Beryl Lowry managed a one per cent win from Bob Lowry and Dieter Mucharsky.

Third went to club stalwarts Helve Beale and Roz Harvey.

The podium percentages were so close that there was probably only a winning trick or two making the difference.

Results of Spring Pairs played on Wednesday, September 21, were:

1 Marilyn Jarrett, Jenny Buckley 105.0 (62.50 per cent), 0.40 red points.

2 Marcelle Goslin, Jim Routledge 99.0 (58.93), 0.28.

3 David Bowerman, Dasha



Brandt 93.0 (55.36), 0.20.

4 Lorraine Lindsay, Chris Hannan 84.0 (50.00), 0.13.

5 Elaine Hume, Peter Hume 80.0 (47.62).

5 Chris Hasemore, Sylvia Foster 80.0 (47.62).

7 Carol Anderson, Edith Marshall 66.0 (39.29).

8 Bobbie Lyons, Julie Teague 65.0 (38.69).

Results of Novice Spring Pairs were:

1 John Aldersley, Beryl Lowry 156.0 (57.78 per cent), 0.39 red points.

2 Bob Lowry, Dieter Mucharsky 152.0 (56.30), 0.27.

3 Helve Beale, Roz Harvey 150.0 (55.56), 0.20.

4 Suzanne Harrison, Jann Small 144.0 (53.33), 0.13.

5 Linda Cunningham, Jo Ampherlaw 140.0 (51.85), 0.10.

6 Carolynne Mucharsky, Graham Woof 136.0 (50.37), 0.08.

7 Denyse Stephens, Allan C Adams 135.0 (50.00).

8 Caroline Nichols, Wendy Byrne 125.0 (46.30).

9 Anne Birt, Marilyn Reid 124.0 (45.93).

10 Susan Ashley, Kerry Robertson 123.0 (45.56).

11 Blair Glass, Ian Newton 121.0 (44.81).

12 John Sandra, Bernadette Sandra (114.0 (42.22).

SOURCE:
Social media, 22 Sep 2022
Brisbane Water Bridge Club

Spectacular

The Woy Woy Rec Club “Spectacular Twenty Twenty Two” will be held at the Laycock St Theatre from 2pm on Saturday, October 8.

Tickets are currently on sale from the Woy Woy Recreational Physical Culture Club.

SOURCE:
Social media, 29 Sep 2022
Woy Woy Rec Club



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Sport

Rugby club to have 'most important meeting since 1975'

Woy Woy Rugby Club will have its most important meeting since 1975 when it meets in November, according to club president Mr Stuart McGoldrick.

In June, the club decided to compete only in the Third Grade Presidents Cup for the remainder of the season, due to the availability of players.

Mr McGoldrick said he hoped the meeting at 3pm on Saturday, November 5, would generate enough interest to save the club.

"Over the last few seasons, we have seen a steady decline in player and volunteer numbers due many factors - social and economic, time poor people with family commitments.

"The biggest impact has been Covid.

"During this period, our senior teams have struggled to stay afloat to the point that this season we started with three teams and

finished with 13 players playing in President's Cup.

Mr McGoldrick said the focus of the November meeting would be deciding how to move forward in senior competition next season.

"The discussion points will be recruitment and retention of players, filling committee roles and club volunteers to help out with the seniors and juniors.

"This meeting will be the most important we have had since the club's inception in 1975 and is a chance to help shape the future of Woy Woy Rugby Club."

Mr McGoldrick said he had written to members to ask for their "help in rebuilding our fantastic club in the senior grades".

He said the outcome of the meeting would determine whether there was enough interest to save the senior grades or whether the club would have to fold.

SOURCE: Social media, 19 Sep 2022 Stuart McGoldrick, WWRC



Vicky Redrup, Geraldine Baxter and Cath Watkins

Charity bowls raises \$1320 at Ettalong

Around 60 bowlers have raised \$1320 at Ettalong Bowling Club's September charity bowls event on Sunday, September 18.

It brings the total raised this year to \$9500.

"The Wednesday Ettalong Bowlers again chipped in \$100 for the food while John Orme's auction raised another \$50," said organiser Mr Ken Dixon.

"We had heaps of prizes and many prolific winners.

"The Rebels were there in support as usual as were our Social Club supporters who have been attending for many years.

"The Who Are We bowlers also played bowls with us.

"The winning rink draw was won by Vicky Redrup, Fred Kelly and Mick Redrup, over Cath and Kerry Watkins and Col Nichols."

Proceeds of the charity days go to Central Coast Kids in Need, which raises money to assist families who have seriously ill children with prolonged illness.

"Most of these children are cancer patients, others with organ transplants and premature babies with life threatening illnesses.

"The money is used to defray the costs of accommodation at Ronald McDonald House and Parent Hostel Rooms while the kids are receiving their treatment.

"The funds are also used to cover travel costs, equipment requirements and pharmacy accounts."

The charity day is held on the third Sunday of the month, with the next day being Sunday, October 16.

SOURCE: Media release, 23 Sep 2022 Ken Dixon, Ettalong Charity Bowls



Umina United beats SEU 6-0 in women's grand final

Umina United has defeated Southern and Ettalong United 6-0 in Central Coast's Women's Premier League soccer grand final.

The game started evenly in the opening 15 minutes as both teams looked to gain the advantage.

At around the 20-minute mark, Umina started gaining good territory in the opposition's half as the E-Gals placed a lot of pressure on the Southern backline.

Kate Styles found Gemma Crowson who, with a killer ball, finished with ease for the opening goal.

Chelsea Campbell, 10 minutes later, found herself on the edge of the box, beating the first player, and then another three on her way to the goal.

She placed the ball towards the bottom left corner as a Southern

defender tried to clear it off the line and accidentally turned the ball into her own goal to take Umina to 2-0.

She then converted the third goal in injury time off a Gemma Crowson pass.

Looking to get themselves back in the game, Southern came out in the second half and threw everything at the opposition.

Sam Fulwood made two huge saves to keep the sheet clean as her teammates at the other end made the most of their opportunities.

Gemma Crowson got her second when Kirby Squires played a solid ball to her on the edge of the box to take the game to 4-0.

The fifth goal came when Gemma played the ball through to Hannah Batten who neatly finished it in the bottom right corner.

The sixth and final goal was put

in by Gemma after receiving a neat ball by Kate Styles.

Umina United coach Steve Donaldson said the team was at the top of its game: "I don't think any other WPL team on their best day was going to get close to us on Sunday.

"We held strong and won every trophy on offer: Association Cup, League Champions, back-to-back grand final premiers, Club Championship, 11 in a row to finish the season, and scoring 50 and conceding only two goals from our last nine games.

"What a finish to the season.

"It's been an absolute dream coaching them - one of the best decisions I've made in my life taking on the head coach role four years ago."

SOURCE: Website, 26 Sep 2022 Central Coast Football

SEU win in WPL Reserves

Southern and Ettalong United Football Club has won the Reserve grade of the Central Coast Women's Premier League soccer competition.

The team were League

Champions and Grand Final winners with a tough 1-0 win against Kanwal.

SOURCE: Social media, 25 Sep 2022 Glen Balneaves, SEUFC

Junior touch rep trials

Peninsula Junior Touch is taking expressions of interest in trialling for its 2022-23 representative teams.

Expression of interest forms must be completed by 5pm on Friday, October 21.

Under-10 boys (born in 2013 and 2014), coached by Adam Wright, will trial at 7pm on Thursday, October 27, and at 3pm on Sunday, October 30.

All other trials will be held on Sundays, October 23 and 30.

Under-12 boys (2012 and 2011), coached by Paul Cusack with assistant coach Gemma Cusack, will trial at 8am.

Under-14 (2010 and 2009) will trial at a time yet to be announced.

Under-16 boys (2008 and 2007), coached by Mitchell Wilson with assistant coach Zac Ison, will trial at 4:30pm.

Under-18 boys (2006 and

2005), coached by Michael Duff with assistant coach Dylan Pardey, will trial at 3pm.

Under-10 girls (2013 and 2014), coached by Darren Phillips, will trial at 8am.

Under-12 girls (2012 and 2011), coached by Alison Pardey with assistant coach Brianna Irvine, will trial at 3:30 pm.

Under-14 girls (2010 and 2009) will trial at a time yet to be announced.

Under-16 girls (2008 and 2007), coached by Mark Wilson, will trial at 4pm.

Players who cannot attend a trial must complete an inability to trial form by 5pm on Friday, October 21.

For further information and with questions, email admin@peninsulajuniortouch.com.au.

SOURCE: Social media, 27 Sep 2022 Peninsula Junior Touch



Access restricted

Work on the \$4.29 million upgrade to the heating and ventilation systems at the Peninsula Leisure Centre continues.

Access to and parking at the centre was restricted last week.

The side access road was closed and the rear carpark was partially closed.

Patrons were redirected to parking and access to the centre via James Browne Oval.

SOURCE: Social media, 27 Sep 2022 Peninsula Leisure Centre