



Help wanted for planting day at Paul St

The Grow Urban Shade Trees group is wanting helpers for a community planting day at Paul St Reserve in Umina on Sunday, October 23.

"This project is approved by Central Coast Council as a volunteer site," said organiser Ms

Deb Sunartha.

"Our aim is to increase native habitat and focus on local Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland species which are in decline here on the Peninsula due to habitat loss."

The planting will occur between

9am and 11am at the Paul St reserve.

"Please bring gloves, hat, water, and a spade or garden fork."

Anyone wanting to help should email gust@peg.org.au.

SOURCE:
Social media, 6 Oct 2022
Deb Sunartha, GUST

Flagpoles to be installed at Umina oval

The playground area at Umina oval will have flag poles installed following Central Coast Council's adoption last week of its Street Banner Policy and Flying of Flags Policy.

The resolution of Council administrator Mr Rik Hart added a provision that "the Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags to be displayed in equal proportions on existing banner infrastructure to acknowledge Australia Day".

In his report to council, unit manager Mr Glenn Cannard said: "The Street Banner Policy, Flying of Flags Policy and Street Banner Guidelines are designed to provide clarity to local community organisations, residents, and businesses regarding Council's approach to the management of these important and visible assets." Mr Cannard said that Council officers had investigated installing flag poles in the Umina town centre to allow national flags to be flown.

He said the corner of West St and Oscar St was a possible location.

"However significant

underground services render that location problematic," he said.

"Further investigations have identified multiple flagpoles and a dedicated space suitable for ceremonies and small events which could be included within the redevelopment of the Umina Recreation Precinct.

"Initial consultation undertaken with the Central Coast District Council of RSL Sub Branches indicates this option would be widely supported, providing an opportunity for residents to be included in ceremonies held by Ettalong, Woy Woy and Hardy's Bay RSL Sub Branches, as well as be of great value for other local organisations on the Peninsula to utilise throughout the year."

Mr Cannard said that 21 submissions had been received, which were summarised into 12 "themes".

Only two of the 12 led to amendments to the policies.

One was to list Australia Day as a significant event and the other was to use official campaign designs in street banners "where possible".

The report rejected a submission that national flags be permitted on

"banner infrastructure".

"Council's policy is aligned to the policy position of Ausgrid, asset owner of the street lighting that support the banner hanging infrastructure in eight locations.

"The remaining locations do not meet the illumination requirements to meet Federal protocols."

The report also rejected a suggestion that banner use be restricted to "peak business organisations".

"Council should retain the wording of 'external organisations' within the policy as this service (flags and banners) is accessible to multiple organisations such as not for profit groups and community organisations and not limited to 'peak business organisations'."

The report also rejected submissions suggesting the council should not use the banners for its own purposes including "civic and community programs", "fostering inclusivity and community connection" and "create a sense of place for visitors".

It also rejected nine submissions that the Council refuse to fly the Australian flag.

SOURCE:
Central Coast Council agenda 2.1, 11 Oct 2022

Heritage boat challenge goes ahead without the festival

This year's Putt Putt Regatta and Wooden Boat Festival has been postponed until next year.

However, the Heritage Challenge and Putt About will still go ahead on Saturday, October 29, as will the Putt Putt Charity Dinner on Friday, October 28.

The Heritage Challenge will see heritage ferries, "putt putts" and other heritage workboats navigate the Woy Woy channel at around 12:30pm on the Saturday.

The challenge starts and finishes at the Gosford Sailing Club.

It runs down past Koolewong, along the Woy Woy Channel and returns via Paddy's Channel, starting at 12 noon and returning about an hour later.

Once complete the boats will be on display at the Gosford Sailing Club.

The Davistown organising committee made the decision to postpone the main festival due to "the state of the Illoura Reserve and the probability of further rain makes the area unusable"

"Regrettably the Regatta Organising Committee has been left with no choice but to postpone this year's event.

"Subject to council approval, we are planning to run the event on Sunday, March 26, next year.

Anyone wishing to join the Heritage Challenge should contact puttputt.regatta@gmail.com for details.

SOURCE:
Social media, 10 Oct 2022
Davistown Putt Putt Regatta

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CWA branch elects new committee

Umina Beach branch of the Country Women's Association has elected a new committee at its annual general meeting on Saturday, October 15.

New position holders include president Ms Lin Griffiths, correspondence secretary Ms Brooke Law, minutes secretary Ms Lyn la Greca and treasurer Ms Jenny dos Santos.

The outgoing officer holders were presented with flowers and a bottle of wine for their contributions to the branch.

SOURCE:
 Social media, 15 Oct 2022
 Margy Logan, CWA Umina Beach

Rainfall tops 2000mm in wet month

The Peninsula has already received 50 per cent more than its October average rainfall.

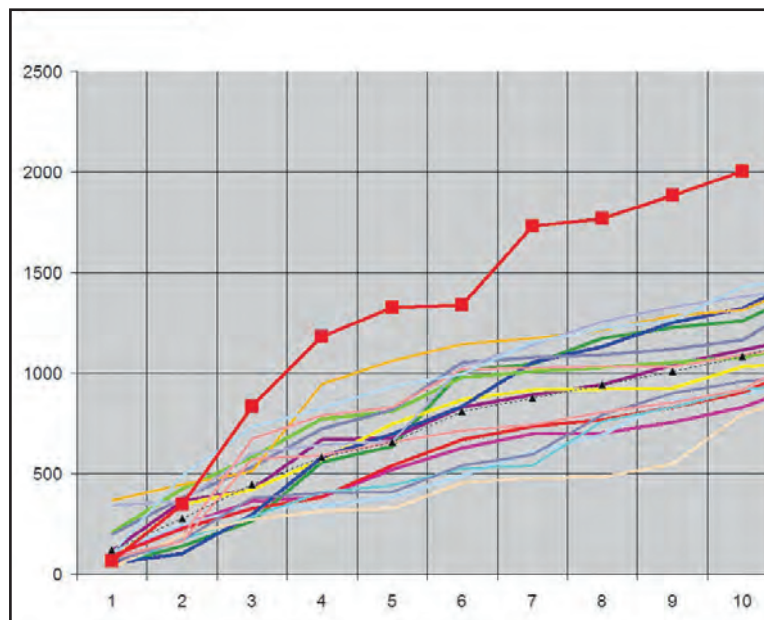
A total of 119.1mm of rain had fallen by Friday, October 14, compared to the average of 75mm for the month, according to figures provided by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

Total rainfall for the year has now topped 2000mm, with the latest rainfall bringing the total to 2002.5mm.

This is the second highest total recorded since 1964.

The highest total was recorded in 1990 when the annual rainfall was 2119.5mm.

SOURCE:
 Spreadsheet, 14 Oct 2022
 Jim Morrison, Umina



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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

Macleay Ave rezoning given approval

The rezoning of recreation land in Macleay Ave, Woy Woy, to residential land will proceed, following a resolution at last week's Central Coast Council meeting.

The decision means the land at 18 Macleay Ave will be rezoned from "RE1 Public Recreation to R1 General Residential for the purpose of development for affordable housing", according to a report presented at the council meeting.

"The proposed Planning Agreement sets out that the owner (Pacific Link Housing Ltd) agrees to dedicate the eastern part of the site (remaining zoned RE1) to Council for drainage purposes and to close two adjoining unused pathways and incorporate them into the developable land."

"The land was zoned RE1 Public Recreation under Gosford Local Environmental Plan, even though the land is in private ownership."

The report does not explain how and why the land was originally zoned for recreation, nor the process by which it came into private ownership, with council staff claiming they could not determine "why this privately-owned land was zoned RE1 Public Recreation".

In rejecting objections to the rezoning, council staff stated: "The subject site is privately owned so the RE1 Public Recreation zone is unsuitable."

"It is reasonable for a private landowner to be able to develop their land."

The report stated the rezoning had "strategic merit".

It was within an established residential area with the same zoning.

It would enable the "potential provision of affordable rental housing".

The eastern part of the site was vegetated and had a watercourse which would come into public ownership

Submissions were received from 11 people, including two supporting the rezoning,

The report identified issues being the retention of land zoned for recreation, the scarcity of open space, the removal of vegetation and habitat, the reduction in the area of endangered Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland; and the site

being too far from the services and the station in Woy Woy. The report claimed significant impacts on Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland would be avoided by dedicating the vegetated eastern part of the lot to Council, with a vegetation management plan.

"The proposal is unlikely to have any significant impacts on the local occurrence of the EEC given that the area (0.19Ha) proposed for removal/modification is located on the outer edge of the patch and is currently substantially modified."

In response to submissions, council staff stated: "The Ecological Report (Conacher Consulting February 2021) has identified that there is unlikely to be a significant impact on UCSW. Council (staff) agrees."

Council staff also claimed the proposal was consistent with the Council's Greener Places Strategy.

The staff discounted NSW Biodiversity Conservation Division concerns to protect the Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland.

Among its comments, the Division stated: "USCW has limited geographic distribution. BCD recommends that Council includes the cumulative impacts on Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland in its consideration of this planning proposal."

Council staff responded: "An investigation of Council's records found four other Development Applications that have non-significant impacts on UCSW."

"None of these occur in the locality of the current proposal and all were assessed under the previous legislation."

"Under the current biodiversity legislation it appears that the majority of the remaining UCSW is covered by the biodiversity values map."

"Therefore, any future impacts on these areas would trigger the biodiversity offset scheme."

The staff response also dismissed resident concern about open space: "There is sufficient open space within a 400m to accommodate the proposed theoretical reduction in RE1 land to meet future population needs."

"There are district and regional RE1 zoned parcels on the Woy Woy Peninsula within a five-minute drive by car."

SOURCE:
Central Coast Council
agenda 2.5, 11 Oct 2022



Peninsula children selected in photography competition

Three Peninsula children were among 20 finalists selected from 356 entries in the Little Sydney Lives 2022 photography competition for 3-12 year olds, run by the City of Sydney recently.

Their photographs were displayed in Sandringham Gardens in Hyde Park between September 15 and October 9.

Lacey Griffiths, from Umina, won the 3-7 years section with her picture of "Sparkly Spikes".

She was presented with a \$500

photography pack by Sydney Lord Mayor Cr Clover Moore.

Lacey said about her photo: "It was a rainy afternoon and my mum took us for a bushwalk to explore."

"My brother was feeling the bark on the trees and I noticed the drops of water on the tips of the spikes on this tree."

"They were sparkling in the sunlight."

Lyra Vega Casey Fernandez, from Blackwall, was a finalist in the 3-7 years category with her photo (above) of "Mr Crab" which she took off Woy Woy Wharf.

"I love animals and sea creatures. They are so cute," she said.

"I love this crab on the window that looks like floating in the sky."

Dalton Lucca, from Woy Woy, was also a finalist with a picture of "Daddy and Darcie".

"It was Easter long weekend, our family were in Covid iso and we were enjoying some lazy outdoor family time," Dalton said.

SOURCE:
Media release, 14 Oct 2022
Lorena Fernandez
Collazo, Blackwall

Hospital art program receives \$4000

A program to provide canvases to be painted at a local aged care home has received a \$4000 donation.

Ettalong Diggers has donated \$4000 to support the Hospital Art Program, said Diggers community manager Ms Kim Cole, pictured.

Through the program, "local artists volunteer to produce works of art for display in hospitals and aged care facilities", she said.

"The program provides canvases and paints which are pre-drawn and colour coded."

Residents of Peninsula Village in Umina would receive canvases at no cost under the program, she said.

"The paintings are designed to stimulate memories and discussions using subjects everyone can relate to with happy feelings such as birds, fish and



boats.

"Art therapy has proven to have many benefits especially for the elderly, even as much as taking away aches and pains while concentrating when painting."

"The painting is often undertaken with the assistance of a volunteer, diversional therapist or other people from the local community who wish to be involved."

"Volunteers are always welcome," she said.

"Completed pieces of art are not only displayed at the villages but throughout other villages and medical facilities throughout Australia."

Ms Cole said volunteers from Hospital Art did "tremendous work for senior members of our local community."

She said the Club was pleased to help continuing to grow the Hospital Art Program at the Peninsula Village and beyond.

SOURCE:
Social media, 10 Oct 2022
Kim Cole, Ettalong Diggers

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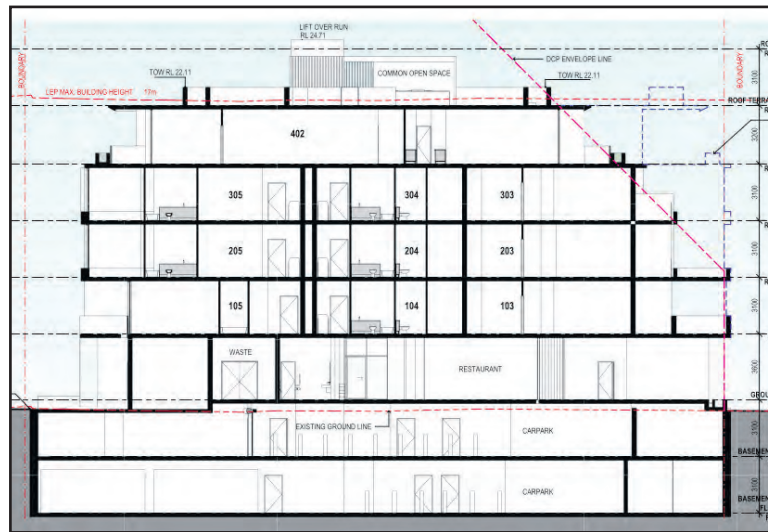
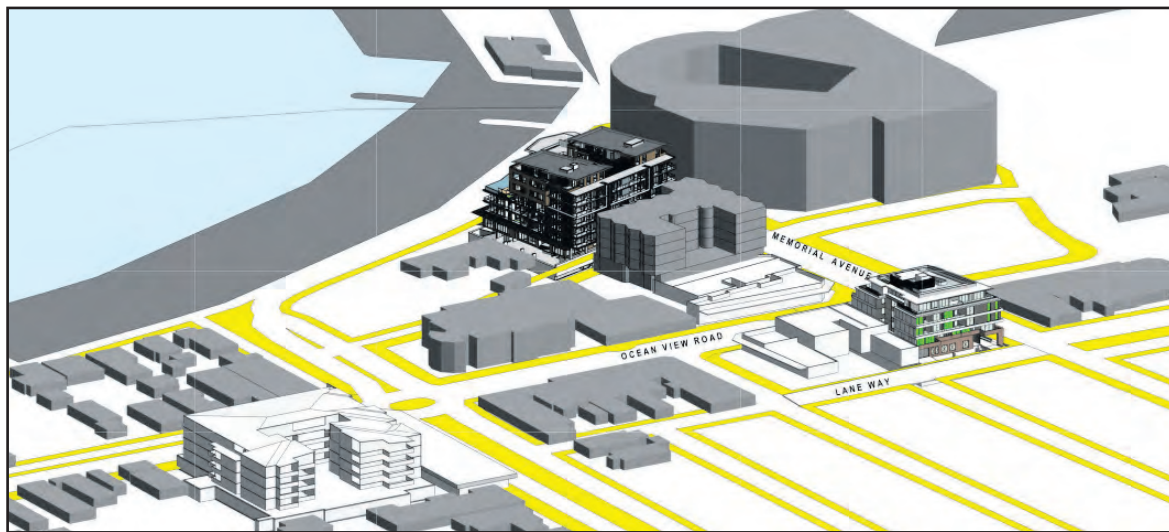
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Amended plans show stepping back and shadowing

Central Coast Council has announced a “renotification period” for a proposal for a five-storey mixed-use building at 275 Ocean View Rd, on the corner of Memorial Ave, Ettalong.

New material currently on exhibition consists of amended plans and compliance data, 30 sheets in all.

The comment period will end on November 4.

According to the Council website, the application was initially lodged on February 8. However many of the design documents were registered prior to that date.

When the DA was first put on public exhibition, it attracted more than the 10 submissions required to refer it to the Local Planning Panel.

Most of the submissions said the building was an over-development which would help to destroy the “village” character of Ettalong Beach, cause problems with parking and traffic congestion and be of little or no benefit to the community.

As the application was originally lodged before “new” planning provisions came into effect on August 1, it will be assessed under the previous “Gosford” planning standards.

In the original applications, which has not been amended or reissued, it was noted that, at a pre-lodgement meeting with council

staff held on September 21 last year, the applicant was informed that “a Clause 4.6 exception to development standards will be required for the height and floor space ratio exceedances”.

“It is unlikely that Council officers or the Local Planning Panel as the determining authority will support the significant exceedance of the floor space ratio standard.”

At the meeting, council staff also expressed concern at the likelihood of flooding and “careful consideration of changing levels between the forecourt and the ground floor tenancies to address flooding will be required; and proposed ground floor use should be business or retail (which includes food and drink) to ensure active frontages”.

The main and only significant change from the original drawings appear to be stepping back the upper floors on the Ocean View Rd elevation.

This seems to have mainly been done to alleviate council concerns at non compliance with the “envelope” requirements.

The published drawings document this change in some detail.

Despite of this “stepping back”, the documents show the gross floor area as having reduced by only 4.2 square metres from 2246 to 2241.8.

This means that the floor space ratio remains unchanged, and non-compliant, at 2.2:1, where the requirement is a maximum of 2:1.

The number of apartments has also remained the same at 23, made up of four three-bedroom units, 13 two-bedroom units and six one-bedroom units.

The height of the building is unchanged with a number of roof components exceeding the 17 metre height limit.

The lift overrun is 3.245 metres over.

Of the 30 sheets of “amended drawings”, 13 are concerned with shadowing and solar access.

Included amongst these are a large number of panoramic “solar studies” encompassing most of Ettalong Beach.

It is unclear why this has occurred, given a recent council assessment backed by a Local Planning Panel decision in the

case of 42 South St, Umina, was made on the basis that the absence of direct sunlight to neighbouring properties for two months a year did not contravene “amenity” requirements of the planning provisions.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 14 Oct 2022
DA146/2022, Central Coast Council

Panel approves Paton St plan

The Local Planning Panel has approved a three-unit development at 95 Paton St, Woy Woy, including the retention of an existing dwelling.

A report by Council staff noted: “The matter was previously considered by the Panel at its meeting of April 21, where the application was determined by refusal.

“The applicant has amended the plans for the proposed development and has provided updated additional information” and sought a review of the determination.

The Council report recommended approval of the development.

The Panel unanimously approved the application on the conditions recommended by council staff, and added two of its own.

One was that “the proposed grassed paved driveway be amended to be concrete or other suitable hard surface”.

The Panel said it was “concerned that the proposed paving system would be adequately maintained or suitable for the intended purpose”.

It also required: “The landscaping and landscaped areas on site shall be maintained in good health, consistent with the intent and scope of the approved landscape plan, for the life of the development.”

The Panel stated that it agreed with the overall environmental assessment and conclusions within the Council staff assessment report.

It agreed that compliance with the minimum lot size was not required, and that the proposed development was consistent with the objectives of the development

standard and the zone.

“The Panel noted a number of changes had been made to the proposal since the previous refusal, and since that date Central Coast LEP 2022 has come into effect and no longer includes a minimum lot size development standard for the this type of development in this zone.

“The Panel noted the proposal is well within the applicable floor space ratio and height development standards.

“The proposal is not inconsistent with the existing and changing character of the area, including in terms of the site area for such development, site planning, setbacks and form.

“The Panel was not of the view issues and concerns raised (in submissions) warranted refusal of the application.”

A total of 14 submissions were received, and three people spoke against the proposal at the Panel meeting.

The proposal included alterations and additions to the existing dwelling house (Unit 1), construction of two three-bedroom townhouses with garages (Units 2 and 3).

The council staff report listed how the proposal met planning objectives.

These included that the floor space ratio of 0.4:1 was well below the allowable ratio of 0.6:1 for the site.

“While the development proposes variation to building setbacks, the proposal provides a compliant street setback, provides adequate internal amenity for occupants and sufficient deep soil zones to accommodate substantial new landscaping.

“The proposal will provide reasonable building separation

for a two-storey development to adjoining residential development.

“The design of the building is well articulated and adequate private open space and landscaped areas are provided.

“The proposed development is not considered to result in adverse privacy and amenity impacts (acoustic, visual, shadowing or views) for surrounding properties.

“The proposal is a reasonable design solution for the size of the site in a medium density area to achieve orderly and economic use of the land.”

The report said the development was consistent with the objectives for the zone.

“The proposal provides additional housing for the local community and will increase housing choice in the area.

“The development is consistent with the future character of the area.

“The density and siting of the building together with the surrounding garden areas are consistent with the predominant pattern of multi-dwelling housing in the neighbourhood.

“The design provides a quality residential development, is a contemporary design, with architectural merit, which employs different building elements and materials to reduce bulk and scale and will be compatible with recent development in the surrounding area.

“The proposal does not impact on the amenity of adjoining residences and proposes a satisfactory level of landscaping and screening to achieve desired future character of the zone.”

SOURCE:
Local Planning Panel
3.1, 13 Oct 2022
DA/61493/2021, Central Coast Council

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Council waterfront failures continue

The Forum section of Peninsula News (October 4) contains three emails commenting on the council’s disastrous administration.

Central Coast Friends of Democracy added to this, reporting on Gosford’s waterfront development, quoting a report to council stating that there had been “extensive analysis” of the proposal.

In 1988, there was a proposal to develop the same waterfront, followed by the Supershuttle proposal 1999, and the temporary dining precinct in July 2014, to name three of many failed proposals.

Does the same fate await the Woy Woy Waterfront Masterplan?

“Extensive analysis” would require lengthy research of all proposed developments as many environmental problems, including water quality, are yet to find a long-term resolution. It is in the interest of the public to be advised that there has only been “alleged extensive analysis”, until the council produces the evidence.

I believe it will not for fear of ridicule and admission of breach of trust.

The Regional Development organisation strongly supported the failed dining precinct proposal, with a glowing report in the local media in July 2014. What does this imply about the input from key stakeholders?

The organisation said the development would immediately create “over 100 jobs” when none were created.

In 2014, Gosford waterfront was declared a State Significant Site. If so, why is the council involved?

Council’s perfect record of 100 per cent failure would not seem to be at risk.

Authorised by Norman Harris, Lovell Rd, Umina 2257

Little Theatre to stage Australian comedy

Woy Woy Little Theatre will stage The Appleton Ladies' Potato Race by Melanie Tait, directed by Jan Grounds, from Friday, October 28, with 10 performances over three weekends.

Inspired by true events, Melanie Tait's Australian comedy is "an effervescent, hilarious and big-hearted tale about women taking action and showing the world there's more than one way to win a race," according to Little Theatre publicity officer Mr Graham Vale.

"Appleton is the quintessential small Australian country town.

"There are those in the town who embrace change, like long-time resident Barb, and there are those, like Barb's friend Bev, who aren't fans of the tree-changers and their city ways.

"Penny returns to her childhood home just in time for the Appleton Show and its famous potato race, where the winning man's prize is \$1000 and the winning woman's prize is... \$200? Not if Penny has anything to do with it.

"The determined doctor swings into action to right this wrong.

"She's going to smash through the glass ceiling, one potato sack at a time."

The cast is Teanau Murphy,



Kathryn Peterson, Liane Porter, Christine Cherry and Darienne Knight.

Set designer Mr Stephen Pembroke was pictured, supported by stage manager Ms Fran Armstrong, creating "something different" to reflect the small Southern Highlands town of Appleton, the location for the play.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 12 Oct 2022
Graham Vale, Woy Woy Little Theatre

Annual exhibition and sale resumes

Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre will resume its annual exhibition and sale of work on the weekend of October 29 and 30.

This Exhibition and Sale was cancelled due to the pandemic in 2020 and 2021 but is back this year, according to organiser Mr Keith Weir.

The event will be held at the Peninsula Community Centre on the corner of Ocean Beach and McMasters Rds from 10am to 4pm on Saturday, October 29, and from 10am to 3pm on Sunday, October 30.

Members of the centre will be displaying and selling a wide selection of unique, handmade items including paintings, pottery, jewellery, silvercraft items, quilts and textile items, said Mr Weir.

"It will be a great opportunity to



start buying Christmas gifts that you won't find anywhere else, or simply to enjoy appreciating the talents of others."

A cafe selling homemade treats will also be available, including

produce suitable for those who are gluten intolerant and/or vegetarian, he said.

SOURCE:
Media release, 6 Oct 2022
Keith Weir, EBACC

'Hope and Inspiration' at folk club

The Troubadour Folk Club will hold a concert at 7pm on Saturday, October 29 at the Everglades Country Club: "Hope and Inspiration - the political protest songs of George Mann and the Solidarity Choir."

Club president Mr Michael Fine said: "George Mann, currently touring NSW and Victoria, is a former labour activist and organiser.

"Based in New York, he is making a long awaited return to the Central Coast."

Mr Fine said George Mann had produced albums featuring folk music "legends" including Pete Seeger, Utah Phillips, and Tom Paxton, and tours of the US and Australia to honor The Almanac Singers (2013) and Joe Hill (2015).

"He's also a walking jukebox of popular folk songs and classics from the past 60 years, and he sings for dozens of nursing and



veterans' homes on both coasts of the USA.

"George brings his experience as a union organizer and educator to his concerts-- stories and songs about historic events and the struggle for a better life.

"This is his first tour of Australia since 2019, and is a must see for those who feel the power of a good protest song."

Mr Fine said he would be supported by the Solidarity Choir.

"Solidarity was founded in Sydney in 1987 to sing at a civic reception for Oliver Tambo, then president-in-exile of the banned African National Congress.

"Since then they have continued singing, performing for Nelson Mandela after the ending of apartheid and for many others, inspiring hundreds of thousands in Sydney and across Australia and touring the UK.

"With their extraordinary choral repertoire, they have a proud history of performing wherever people are interested in social justice, liberation, democratic and human rights, peace and the environment."

Bookings are essential at <https://www.trybooking.com/CCYNY> or follow the links at www.troubadour.org.au.

With inquiries, phone 4342 6716.

SOURCE:
Media release, 13 Oct 2022
Michael Fine, Troubadour Folk Club

Cafe applies to serve liquor

A Woy Woy cafe has applied to serve liquor two nights and one afternoon a week.

The Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority NSW has received an application from the Link and Pin Cafe at 18a Railway St to serve liquor on Friday and Saturday nights from 8pm to 10 pm and on Sunday afternoons from 3pm to 5 pm.

This application appears to be well received with 33 supporting comments received within four

days of the application appearing on the ILGA NSW website.

The consensus appeared to be that the Link and Pin Cafe provided a much-needed showcase for local musical talent and was a well-run establishment.

Public submissions close on November 10 and may be made via the ILGA Noticeboard at <https://lnnoticeboard.onegov.nsw.gov.au/>.

SOURCE:
Website, 16 Oct 2022
ILGA NSW



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When will our politicians fight for residents to have a voice and to restore local democracy?

The NSW State elections are now only six months away. Although many of us don't want to spend too much time thinking about politics—our vote is one of the most important tools that we have to make a difference.

One of the issues that continues to be front of mind for many is the loss of local democracy.

There has been growing anger at Council meetings from local residents. As the Administrator pushes through decisions on massive development proposals, a seawall for residents at Wamberal Beach, a masterplan for Gosford waterfront that is a developer's dream and the sale of public assets with no accountability - residents are raising their voices.

The Administrators (Persson and Hart) have been appointed by the NSW Liberal government. The State government could have assisted Council by providing an Advisor and allowing the temporary use of funds held by Council in the bank. They chose not to.

Instead, they took the opportunity to remove elected representatives and have continued a false narrative that has damaged the Central Coast as a region.

So, what about the opposition?... Will they fight for local residents to have a say about the future of the Council? If elected, will they commit to holding a local Council election as soon as possible? It appears not.

Under the Local Government Act, it appears that the Minister for Local Government can call a Council election for the Central Coast on any Saturday (because the previous Council was dismissed).

In terms of giving the community a voice about the future of the Council - the Minister for Local Government can initiate a proposal to change Council boundaries. This would then trigger a process for the Boundaries Commission to consider a range of matters, including conducting a survey or poll, analysis of all options and

possibly a public inquiry – before a recommendation and final decision was made.

In a recent Facebook post, Labor MP for Wyong, David Harris, has indicated that Labor would keep to the Liberal government's scheme to keep an Administrator in place for another two years.

CCFoD is calling on both major parties to reconsider their positions. Our community needs politicians that will fight to protect local democracy.

What do you think about the future of our council ?



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Forum

Beware of misconstrued Court planning judgements

I see that the Local Planning Panel has approved DA/61493/2021 for a three-unit multi dwelling, including retention of existing dwelling, at 95 Paton St, Woy Woy.

The applicant has made numerous changes to try and accommodate objections by the community and I am in full agreement with his contention that it is a criminal waste to demolish a perfectly good existing house in order to align exactly with the expectations of whoever wrote "Residential Planning 101".

However, the attitude of virtual desperation for development approval at any cost that seems to be pervading the planning process these days is getting embarrassing.

Increasingly developers and their consultants are resorting to obscure references to Land and Environment Court cases to try to baffle and befuddle the community. In almost all cases, these references are taken completely out of context.

In the case of 95 Paton St,

an excerpt from the applicant's "summarized" statement reads: "It has been well established by the Land and Environment Court in case law that the extent of the numerical variation does not form part of the test required to be exercised under clause 4.6.

"Recent decisions of the Court to approve developments subject to clause 4.6 variations reinforce this position.

"For example, in Micaul Holdings P/L v Randwick City Council (2015), the proposal sought to vary the relevant height and FSR controls to allow a 55 per cent exceedance of height and 20 per cent exceedance of FSR.

"In Moskovich v Waverley Council (2016), the proposal sought to vary the FSR control to allow a 65 per cent exceedance of FSR.

"In each of those cases, the Court reached the required level of satisfaction pursuant to clause 4.6(4) of the relevant LEPs and approved the developments with the variations proposed."

The intended impression is

that these two cases are taken at random from a plethora of cases that prove the writer's point.

If the cases chosen are the best examples the writer could find in his attempt to convince us that the Land and Environment Court routinely allows large "exceedances" of height and FSR then surely any reasonable person would conclude that he is actually proving the opposite.

In the first case, Micaul Holdings P/L v Randwick City Council (2015) involves three adjoining sites and, to quote the court judgement: "The site topography varies appreciably", complicating height calculations.

There is "an access handle" that is also a disputed right of way, complicating FSR calculations.

The word "contextual" is used seven times in the judgement, attesting to this case's unique nature.

The second case, Moskovich v Waverley Council (2016), is much the same.

To quote from the judgement: "The steep drop in topography

ensures that only the front, southern portion of the built form will be readily visible."

If a building is on such a steeply sloping site that the FSR and height "exceedances" are not noticeable then of course that makes a huge difference.

If the writer could point to the same calibre of "exceedances" being allowed on level sites with no "contextual" complications then I'm sure he would have.

The fact that he obviously can't is significant.

I'm sure the council and the Local Planning Panel are not really taken in by this kind of flummery.

They just don't actually say so.

The community can't afford to be taken in by it either.

Question everything.

SOURCE:
Email, 16 Oct 2022
Francis Wiffen, Woy Woy

Flag negotiations still needed

At the October 11 council meeting, Administrator Hart referred to the Torres Strait Islands when explaining his decision to support Peninsula flag and banner approval.

His comment creates confusion and highlights local differences around protocol.

The problem now is: Will the Torres Strait Islands flag be flown, and have equal status with the aboriginal flag?

The Torres Strait flag was recognised by the Australian Parliament in 1995.

Flag flying is under the authority of the Prime Minister and Cabinet guided by the Flags Act 1953.

Woy Woy Primary School, the

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and Central Coast Council do not seem to have consistent standards.

No doubt the Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch and the Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid also have opinions.

How will it be decided which flags are flown when the structures are inadequate to fly all three flags?

Neither the aboriginal nor Torres Strait flag have the same status as the Australian flag.

There already was confusion prior to Mr Hart's comments which will now suggest delicate negotiations are needed between the stakeholders.

SOURCE:
Letter, 13 Oct 2022
Norm Harris, Umina

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Woytopia to be at Woy Woy South school

The Woytopia sustainable living festival will be held from 9am to 4pm on Sunday, October 30, at Woy Woy South Public School.

"Woytopia aims to bring together local people, organisations and businesses with an eco-focus," said organiser Mr Mark Mann.

The program includes a solar-powered music stage, green talks, gardening talks, indigenous talks and wildlife shows.

There will be drumming, as a "chill space", a wellness space and a kids' story space.

Children's activities will include circus play, art, old-fashioned

games, a jumping castle, a fire engine, face-painting and soccer.

The music stage will feature Kirsty Bolton, GI Jane, Rosie and The Quest, Jet City Sports Club and an Organarchy DJ set.

Green talks will include how to cut energy bills with heat pumps and energy efficiency by Mr Ian Garradd, and a solar buying guide by Mr Joachim Muller.

Gardening talks will include Keeping backyard chickens, Introduction to Permaculture, Garden tool maintenance, Keeping native bees and Keeping honey bees.

Ms Tania Haydn from Woy Woy's Community Garden will

talk about better composting and worm farms.

The Wellness Space will host meditation, Qi Gong, Kids Yoga, yoga for all, Tai Chi, Maya Healing and yoga relaxation.

A variety of food stalls will have Vietnamese and Jamaican cuisine, as well as paella, gelato, nachos, gozleme, doughnuts, smoothies, sausages and coffee.

An "eco-market" with 50 stalls will include bodycare, organic produce, jewellery, clothing, hemp, sourdough, furniture, solar, energy-saving, and local eco-groups.

SOURCE:
Website, 14 Oct 2022
Woytopia



College captains for 2023

Brisbane Water Secondary College has announced its Woy Woy campus school captains for next year.

They are vice-captain Neave

Yonge, captain Charli Grant, captain John Lennard and vice-captain Ava Lynn.

SOURCE:
Social media, 12 Oct 2022
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy

Classes spend time in quiet reflection

Classes at St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School spent a time of quiet reflection in the last week of school term before the holidays.

"Our classes gathered one at a time in our peaceful Mary Mackillop Chapel onsite at school to meditate and reflect for the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament," said school principal Ms Nicole Davies.

"The children's reverence in this sacred place is heart-warming to witness.

"Year 3 Gold enjoyed the music, singing along to the last song of



the ceremony "Adoration" by Matt Maher.

"After all song is prayer," she said.

SOURCE:
Social media, 6 Oct 2022
Nicole Davies, SJB Catholic Primary School

Awards for The Borrowers

Awards have been given for the class and the student who borrowed the most books from the Ettalong Public School library in term three.

Class 3/4B borrowed the most books as a class, and Isla Tutt from 2S was the most frequent

individual borrower.

They will be given an ice block during their library lesson next week.

The borrowing competition will be run again this term.

SOURCE:
Social media, 13 Oct 2022
Jodie Campell, Ettalong Public School



Liesl Tesch MP
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Sport

Women's triples team wins district championship

The Ettalong Eagles bowling club's open women's triples team of Robyn Holden, Karen Croker and Margaret Smith has won the Central Coast district championship at Ourimbah.

The game was played on

Wednesday with the win making it three years in a row.

The women's senior side of Marie Woodbine, Rose Ednie and Carol Edwards lost by just two in their final.

SOURCE:
Social media, 12 Oct 2022
Ettalong Eagles bowling club



Oktoberfest Pairs attracts 46 bridge players

The Oktoberfest Pairs red point event at Brisbane Water Bridge Club attracted 23 pairs.

The Novice Howell event was won by Linda Cunningham and Ian Newton.

Their score was 11 per cent above the pack.

The open section was much closer with the leading players from both north-south and east-west swapping positions throughout the afternoon.

In the end Christine Hadaway and Chris Hannan won the north-south honours and Dasha Brandt and David Bowerman east-west, both by small percentages.

Players reported a great session of bridge with some challenging boards.

A number of technical game contracts were on offer.

North-south results of the Oktoberfest Pairs open event played on Monday, October 10, were:

1 Christine Hadaway, Chris Hannan 216.2 (64.34 per cent), 0.35 red points.

2 Jorgen Boettiger, Julie Teague 208.8 (62.15), 0.25.

3 Sally Clarke, Janet Clarke 180.2 (53.62), 0.18.

4 Pamela Lumby, Carol Long 164.8 (49.06).

5 Karen Ody, Laurie Powell 161.5 (48.07).

6 Jacqueline Wilson, Jenny

Buckley 129.7 (38.59).

7 Peter Hume, Elaine Hume 114.8 (34.18).

East-West results were:

1 Dasha Brandt, David Bowerman 204.3 (60.81), 0.35.

2 Chris Hasemore, Martin Johnson 204.2 (60.76), 0.25.

3 Hope Tomlinson, Barry Foster 194.5 (57.89), 0.18.

4 Felicity Fane, Helen Cashman 165.5 (49.26).

5 Marcelle Goslin, Jim Routledge 149.8 (44.59).

6 Susan McCall, Pamela Joseph 142.5 (42.41).

7 Meg McGregor, Hilary Owen 115.2 (34.28).

Novice Oktoberfest Pairs results were:

1 Linda Cunningham, Ian Newton 102.5 (71.16), 0.20.

2 Kerry Anderson, Steve Anderson 86.1 (59.79), 0.14.

3 Kerry-Anne Durrant, Kerry Robertson 81.9 (56.88), 0.10.

4 Coral Erikson, John Erikson 76.3 (53.01), 0.07.

5 Rohan Creasey, Maria Rose 67.8 (47.09).

6 Caroline Nichols, Wendy Byrne 65.5 (45.50).

7 Larry Amos, Annette Clarke 61.7 (42.86).

8 Annie Creasey, Julie Barker 61.0 (42.33).

9 Cheryl Pearse, Jenni Murray 44.6 (30.95).

SOURCE:
Website, 11 Oct 2022
Brisbane Water Bridge Club

New head coach

Umina United Soccer Club has appointed Cameron Stone as its new head coach of First Grade and Men's Division One squad for next season.

Cameron joined the club's coaching staff in 2018 as a First

Grade assistant coach before taking up the role of Under-21s Coach in 2020 and then Reserve Grade Coach for the past two seasons.

SOURCE:
Social media, 10 Oct 2022
Umina United Soccer Club



Surf club runs Duke of Edinburgh award

Umina Surf Life Saving Club is promoting its support of the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

The club "provides countless opportunities" for its youth members to complete each award level, it said in a recent social media post.

"Our Umina youth members

were recently supported on their two night and three day 55km trek for their adventurous journey.

"It's always a highlight to spend a few days accomplishing a challenging trek with your surf club mates.

"The Duke of Edinburgh Award is a leadership and youth development program, empowering young Australians

aged 14-24 to explore their full potential and find their purpose, passion and place in the world.

"As an internationally recognised award, it looks great for employers and can even give you bonus ATAR points with some universities."

SOURCE:
Social media, 6 Oct 2022
Umina Surf Life Saving Club



Major pairs winners

Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club finally completed its 2022-23 Major Pairs championship on October 4.

The event had been delayed due to inclement weather.

Throughout the event, great bowls were witnessed and the final

was no exception.

Winners were Judy Brown and Yvonne Austin.

Runners-up were Gale Hill and Judith Moroney.

SOURCE:
Website, 4 Oct 2022
Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club

Championship pairs bowls

Two Championship games were played at the Umina Beach Bowling Club "in glorious sunshine" on Saturday, October 15.

The 2022 Handicap Pairs Championship was won by Geoff Godwin and Jazza Bates 23 who defeated Arthur Glynn and Tony Potter 9.

The 2022 Mixed Pairs Championship was won by Cheryl Ryan and Geoff Collins 23 who defeated Debbie Moore and Glenn Simington 19.

According to Chairman of Match Lee Cribbs, these were two high quality games..

SOURCE:
Social media, 15 Oct 2022
Peter Springett, UBMBC

Netball teams

Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association has announced players "who after final selection will join the 2023 Under-12s representative team".

They are Grace Blacker, Edie Bonnor, Aaliyah Farmer Dally, Matilda Kennaway, Aimee Lockie, Harper Madden, Chloe Mills, Phoebe Pardey, Lara Skehan and Ella Smith.

Training Partners are Alyssa Holden and Isla Smith. Coach is Kylie Rayner.

Players who were successful in making the 13s representative team were Lucy Burgin, Elisha Feld, Sophie Gordon, Annabel Griffith, Tilly Henry, Erin Kearns, Lily Lopez, Danika Szostak, Tyjah Tabuanivalu and Coco Wainiqolo.

Coach is Narelle Wilson.

SOURCE:
Social media, 14 Oct 2022
Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association

Roosters juniors to hold annual meeting

Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Football Club will hold its annual general meeting on Monday, November 7.

It will be held in the bistro area of The Old Pub at Woy Woy at 7pm

Nominations for 2023 committee positions and motions need to be received by the secretary by Monday, October 24.

A minimum of one representative from each team is required to attend.

Apologies should also be emailed to secretary. woywoyroosters@gmail.com.

SOURCE:
Social media, 15 Oct 2022
Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Football Club