



The Remembrance Day service at Ettalong on Friday, November 11, was organised by the Vietnam Veterans, Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association of Australia branch.

It was supported by the National Service Re-enactment Unit.

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Groups resist plans to pave dune area

Council plans to remove a three-metre wide strip of dune vegetation to pave a car park as part of the \$8.9 million Federally-funded Umina recreation area upgrade have met with resident resistance.

Five local residents' groups have called for the plans to be revised to be more "family-friendly and comfortable".

They are asking that the "upgrade", which provides no extra parking, be designed in consultation with the community and "incorporate improved environmental outcomes".

Representatives of the Peninsula Residents Association, Ettymalong Creek Landcare, Australian Conservation Foundation Central Coast, Umina Dunecare and Grow Urban Shade Trees met with Central Coast Council staff last Wednesday, November 9, to express their concerns.

The groups said that "the proposed upgrade involves the removal of significant established native dune vegetation, yet provides no additional parking spaces".

Peninsula Residents Association secretary Ms Lynne Robertson said: "The car park resurfacing is needed, but removal of vegetation and three metres of the hind dune, especially in such a sensitive location, is entirely unnecessary.

"This area will cater largely for growing children and teens whose passion for skating and the need for improved facilities was identified during the public consultation phase of the skatepark, when over 2500 signatures supported this

initiative. "Shade trees were highlighted as significant components of the upgrade to make it family-friendly and comfortable.

"Yet, when asked about the provision of shade trees in the proposed car park upgrade, a Council staff member stated that 'the engineering to incorporate trees is very hard'."

She said the staff said the council was still conducting the environmental assessment of the plans, however at the same time, gave all indication that no changes would be made to them.

ACF Central Coast branch convenor Mr Mark Ellis said that the \$8.25 million dollars of federal funding for the project should be sufficient for Council to take coastal protection and climate change into account.

"With the Peninsula recognised as a climate hotspot with temperatures above the average, more trees can only enhance an impervious layer of tarmac.

"There is nothing safe or family friendly about baking carparks, footpaths and concrete in the summer heat.

"These Federal funds provide an excellent opportunity to create enhanced walkability to the recreation precinct with a direct tree-lined shared pathway that doesn't impact dunes vegetation, together with an upgrade to the existing gravel car park.

"With increasing climate risk from storm surges eroding the edge of the dune system, the car park edge of the dune doesn't need to be cleared for a concrete pathway.

"Council engineers cannot

continue to act in an unchanging 'business as usual' manner, and must take into account the impacts of a changing climate."

Grow Urban Shade Trees group representative Ms Debbie Sunartha said: "Removal of valuable dune vegetation would surely contradict policy on climate change adaptation, dune protection and heat mitigation.

"To make matters worse, no trees are being included in what will be an extremely hot shared pathway and car park." said Ms Sunartha.

Mr Ellis said "We urge Council to comply with the nine management objectives for coastal vulnerability areas in the Coastal Protection Act", including the objective of "the presence of beaches, dunes and the natural features of foreshores, taking into account the beach system operating at the relevant place".

Ms Robertson said: "As ratepayers, we should have been invited to review and provide input to draft plans prior to their finalisation and approval."

She said concerned members of the public were encouraged to contact the administrator Mr Rik Hart "as the people's representative at council".

The council director for Environment and Planning was Dr Alice Howe.

She said it was also important to let local Federal Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid know of concerns about the way the Federal money was being spent.

SOURCE: Media release, 11 Nov 2022 Jennifer Wilder, PRA Media release, 11 Nov 2022 Mark Ellis, ACF Central Coast

Residents talk about improving their neighbourhoods

The Peninsula Residents Association will hold a public meeting in Woy Woy tomorrow night, Tuesday, November 15.

It will discuss what residents can do to enhance and protect the liveability of their own neighbourhoods.

"The association believes current planning regulations are not adequate to protect the Peninsula's local neighbourhoods, but that there are a number of things residents can do," said association vice-president Ms Jen Wilder.

She said the meeting would be given of examples from around the world of how residents have got together in their own streets to make their neighbourhoods better places to live.

Guest speaker for the night will be Ms Lyndall Parris, founder

of Narara Eco-village, who will talk about the ways the eco-village protects liveability within its neighbourhood.

As with previous public meetings organised by the association, residents will have the opportunity to record their views about what makes a liveable neighbourhood and to make suggestions about the ways that Peninsula residents might improve their own neighbourhoods.

Members and non members are welcome to attend this free public meeting which will commence at 7pm on Tuesday, November 15, in the Show Room at Everglades Country Club Woy Woy.

Food and drinks can be purchased at the club.

SOURCE: Media release, 9 Nov 2022 Jen Wilder, Peninsula Residents Association

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At its heart, Peninsula News is a community effort.
It welcomes and relies on the contributions provided voluntarily and at no cost by local organisations, groups and residents.
The newspaper aims to be accessible to the community - both through making its columns accessible to community groups and by having copies available in accessible locations, including through its website.
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The newspaper's editorial policy reflects a desire to reinforce the Peninsula's sense of community.
To qualify for publication, articles must have specific relevance to the Peninsula. For example, they must be about activities or events happening on the Peninsula or be organised by or involving Peninsula people.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Last car boot sale for the year

Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club will hold its last car boot sale for the year, with a barbecue, at Rogers Park on Sunday, November 27.

The monthly event will not be held in December.
The following car boot sale will

be held on Sunday, January 29.
"We are not allowed to set up earlier than 6:30am and we ask all stallholders to very mindful of the neighbours nearby," said club president Mr Greg Head.
"There is no booking: Just arrive and you will be directed where to park."

The cost has been increased to \$25 per car space due to increased charges by Central Coast Council.
"This amount will be collected by a member of the club during the day."

SOURCE:
Website, 10 Nov 2022
Greg Head, Woy Woy Lions

Community breakfasts started at Pearl Beach

Pearl Beach Progress Association held a free community barbecue last Sunday morning, November 13, on the back deck Pearl Beach Memorial Hall to launch what the association hopes will become a regular.

The barbecue would hopefully be the first of many community breakfast barbecues, said

association president Ms Karina Stafford.
She said the breakfast barbecues would be an opportunity to "mingle with others in this fantastic Pearl Beach community".
Tea, coffee, bacon and egg rolls were served.

SOURCE:
Website, 11 Nov 2022
Karina Stafford, Pearl Beach Progress Association.

Christmas trees

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy is planning to sell Christmas trees again in December this year.

The club will sell trees on the weekends of December 3 and 4 and December 10 and 11 in the railway commuter carpark at Woy Woy.

All proceeds of the annual sale will go to charity.

SOURCE:
Social media, 11 Nov 2022
Julie Jones, Rotary Woy Woy

Ferry delayed

The last two ferry services from Palm Beach to Ettalong were delayed by about half an hour last Wednesday, November 9.

"Due to mechanical issues the 1700 Ettalong-Wagstaffe service from Palm beach will be delayed by 30 minutes," the ferry company announced.

SOURCE:
Social media, 9 Nov 2022
Fantasea Palm Beach Ferries

Weather monitors wanted

Peninsula News is seeking people willing to be weather monitors over summer.

Volunteers are wanted to record daily minimum and maximum temperatures, with an aim of identifying differences across the Peninsula.

They will be asked to send in

the figures every fortnight.
Peninsula News will supply electronic thermometers that display daily maximum and minimum temperatures.
The results will be published in Peninsula News.
Anyone willing to help should email editor@peninsula.news.
Mark Snell, 13 Nov 2022

Dry fortnight as weather warms

Only 3.4mm of rain fell on the Peninsula in the 14 days to Friday, November 11, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

The November average rainfall is 98mm.

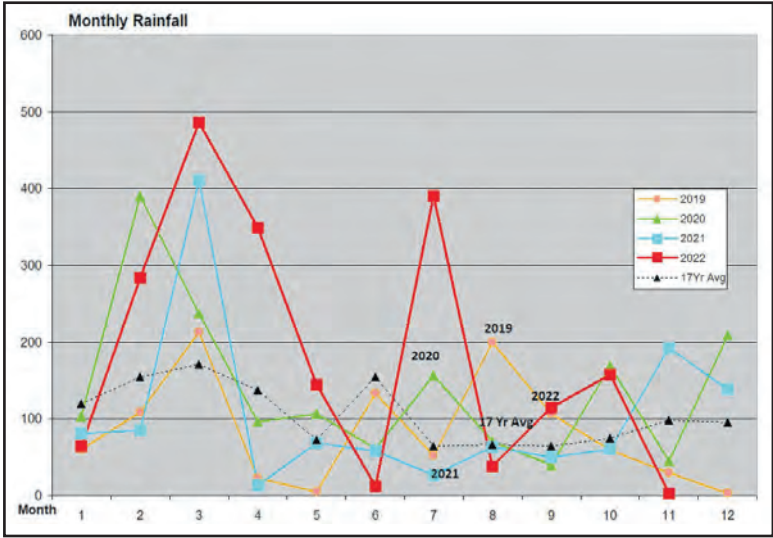
The year's total of 2044.4mm remains well above the annual average of 1275mm.

The lack of rain combined with warmer temperatures has led to the Grow Urban Shade Trees group urging residents to water their new street trees.

"Our trees are not used to all this sun," said group member Ms Deb Sunartha.

"Many are struggling: Onslow Ave and Dunban Rd for instance.

"If anyone is passing a tree that



looks wilted and dry, please go ahead and throw on a bucket of water."

SOURCE:
Spreadsheet, 11 Nov 2022
Jim Morrison, Umina

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Varroa mite eradication almost done, says DPI

Eradication of the varroa mite which attacks honey bees is close to complete, according to the NSW Department of Primary Industries.

Deputy chief plant protection officer Mr Chris Anderson said the department had completed euthanasia on more than 95 per cent of the managed hives within the eradication zone.

"However, there are some reports of managed hives within the zone still coming through," he said.

The department was "narrowing in on the completion of euthanasia for managed hives across the varroa mite eradication zone".

He urged any beekeepers who had not yet notified the department of their hives to do so urgently.

"To be this close to the completion of the euthanasia phase of the response is a significant achievement that's required an enormous effort, cooperation and collaboration between the response teams and the beekeepers in these areas.

"It has been a complex and difficult task for all involved and we appreciate the patience and understanding of beekeepers as we've worked through this difficult task", he said.

"To ensure we can ultimately achieve the goal to fully eradicate the mite, it is critical we have certainty that we have eradicated all hives within the red zone.

"To achieve this, we need to know the hives exist and where they are."

The varroa mite eradication zone covers a 10km radius area around infected premises.

It extends as far as Koolewong, but the Peninsula falls outside the zone.

Beekeepers with hives within the zone must notify the department of their location, regardless of registration status.

"Given the population density of some areas of the zone on the Central Coast, the risk of the infestation spreading is higher than in less populated locations.

"What we know about the how the varroa mite can spread is that the risk cannot be underestimated", Mr Anderson said.

"This is why we have asked all beekeepers, both registered and unregistered in the eradication and surveillance zones, to notify us of

current hives and locations via the notification form so that we can be acting on the most up-to-date data as possible.

"This is also the only way we can be aware of any unregistered hives."

The entire Peninsula falls within the "surveillance" zone.

People with bee hives located within the eradication or surveillance emergency zones can notify the department by calling 1800 084 881 or completing the form on this website: <https://forms.bfs.dpi.nsw.gov.au/forms/9247>.

The Australian Native Bee Association has launched a "rescue effort" as the department enters its final eradication phase.

"The department has advised hive owners to move their stingless bees out of the red zone eradication areas," said Dr Anne Dollin of the Australian Native Bee Research Centre last week.

"They are using Fipronil, a highly toxic pesticide, to destroy nests of feral European honeybees in varroa-infested areas.

"Unfortunately, our native bees, especially stingless bees, could be poisoned by this work.

"Native bee owners need to consider moving their hives now because Fipronil baiting is either already underway or about to begin in the red zone areas."

The association's rescue effort aims to assist hive owners who do not have a safe place to take their hives.

Further information is available on the association's website at <https://www.anba.org.au/varroa-response> and requests for assistance may be sent to varroa@anba.org.au.

SOURCE:
Media release, 4 Nov 2022
Chris Anderson, NSW DPI
Newsletter, 10 Nov 2022
Anne Dollin, ANBRC

Airlifted

A child struck by a car was airlifted to hospital last Wednesday, November 9.

The patient was loaded onto a Careflight helicopter at James Brown Oval, Woy Woy.

He was flown to Westmead Children's Hospital at the request of NSW Ambulance.

SOURCE:
Social media, 9 Nov 2022
NSW Central Coast Incident Alerts



Sydney red gum planted for Queen's platinum jubilee

Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid joined community members and Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch at Woy Woy waterfront to unveil a plaque to celebrate the planting of a Sydney red gum recognising Queen Elizabeth II's platinum jubilee.

Members from the Peninsula Environment Group and Grow Urban Shade Trees secured \$8380 through a Federal Government program for the commemoration.

Dr Reid said it was a privilege

to be able to unveil the plaque and congratulate members of the two groups for undertaking the project.

"This was my first plaque unveiling since I was elected Member for Robertson and it was a privilege to do so in the year that Queen Elizabeth passed," he said.

"The tree and plaque look excellent gracing the foreshore of Woy Woy waterfront and will bring much benefit to the community, who come to play, exercise, or simply enjoy a walk along the foreshore."

Grow Urban Shade Tree project co-ordinator Ms Lesley Harvey said: "This new angophora costata

or Sydney red gum is a long-lived tree to add shade and amenity for the residents of the Peninsula for many years to come.

"Peninsula residents would be familiar with GUST's verge trees planted in boxes.

"Now on the beautiful Woy Woy foreshore, here is the Queen's tree in a sandstone box."

Ms Harvey said residents should come by and enjoy the tree adjacent to the Woy Woy war memorial on Brick Wharf Rd."

SOURCE:
Media release, 7 Nov 2022
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson

Celebrating 60 years of marriage

Fay and Warren Boyd have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in their home in Umina.

The couple married at St John the Baptist Church in Woy Woy on November 3, 1962, and took a honeymoon on Lord Howe Island.

They had three sons Darrell, Gregory (dec) and Rodney. Rodney and his wife Samantha have three children, Shantelle, Tahlia and Zali.

Fay lived in Sydney before their marriage and was schooled there while Warren was schooled locally.

Warren played soccer and squash in his younger days and joined Ocean Beach Surf Club in 1955. He is still a member 67 years later. He has served on numerous executive committees during that time and was made a life member in 1972.

Fay was also a member of the surf club, where she met Warren. Her sporting interests were tennis, and now bowls, also serving on several executive committees.

Fay saw many changes to Woy Woy Hospital during the 38 years she worked in the office there.

They both enjoy travelling and have had numerous overseas holidays.

SOURCE:
Media release, 13 Nov 2022
Fay Boyd, Umina



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Foreshore proposal to increase building height

A planning proposal to increase the height and floor space ratio of buildings on the Ettalong foreshore is currently open for public comment.

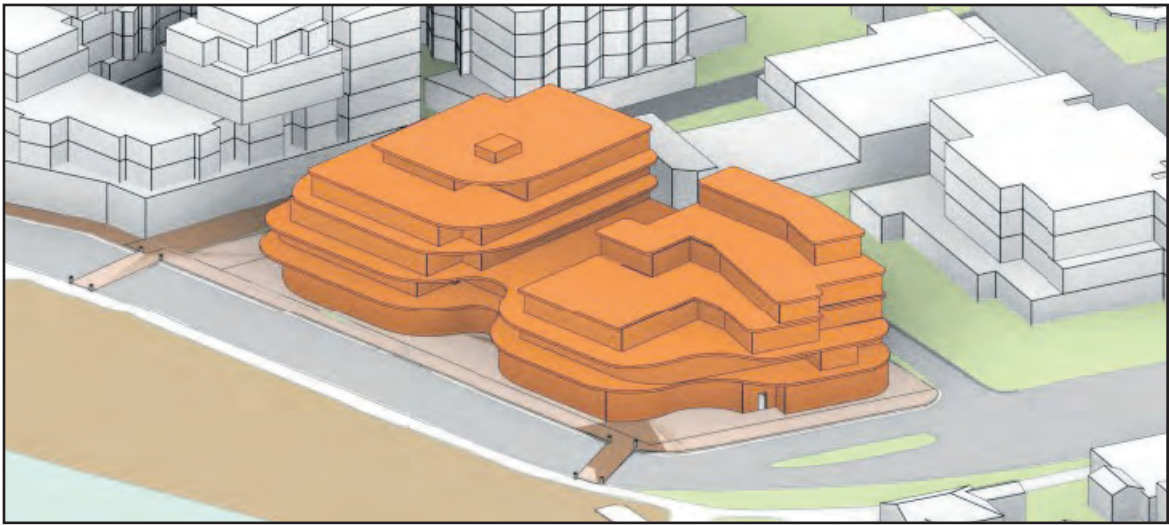
If approved, the height of buildings permitted at 43-46 The Esplanade, Ettalong, will be increased by almost 50 per cent from 11.5 metres to 17 metres.

The floor space ratio would be increased by 75 per cent from 1:1 to 1.75: 1.

The proposal also includes changes to the council's Development Control Plan "to limit overshadowing of the beach and public open space, allow for view sharing, and provide a transition to lower density residential development".

A draft "voluntary planning agreement", which would provide "funding of public domain infrastructure works as a public benefit", which would be "additional to any applicable development contributions".

Central Coast Council will receive submissions about the



proposal until November 21.

Local community groups, including the Peninsula Residents' Association and Residents for Responsible Ettalong Development (RRED), are encouraging residents to make submissions.

"The proposal is to increase the height limit to 17 metres to allow a five-storey building on this site," said RRED spokesperson Mr Peter Gillis.

"Some concept proposals have been developed, and the council is now accepting feedback from the public on this change.

"Many local groups oppose this change for a variety of reasons.

"With the recent flurry of large development approvals, Ettalong does not have the infrastructure to cope with the increased demand.

"The foreshore is environmentally delicate and constantly eroding very close to

this site.

"There is no public appetite for council to take on a Wamberal situation, where council becomes liable for approved development requiring foreshore remediation."

Mr Gillis said a petition of 1937 signatories opposing this proposal was presented by Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast, Mr Adam Crouch, to the Minister for Planning at the time Mr Rob Stokes.

"The Gateway process was still approved.

"Now, almost a year later the public will have a chance to have their say," said Mr Gillis.

"It is disappointing that council are only allowing feedback for 28 days on such a large change to the Ettalong foreshore.

"Changes of this magnitude should be open for a longer period such as 90 days."

Mr Gillis said his group had prepared information for residents on how to submit their comments and what to include.

The document could be found at <http://bit.do/ettalongbeach>.

Submissions should be made to the council's general manager Mr David Farmer by 5pm on November 21.

They may be made by online submission, by email to ask@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au or by post to PO Box 20, Wyong NSW 2259.

SOURCE:
Website, 24 Oct 2022
YourVoiceOurCoast,
Central Coast Council
Media release, 11 Nov 2022
Peter Gillis, RRED



Council prevents online comments on townhouse proposal

Central Coast Council is preventing online submissions being made about a proposal to build three townhouses at 41 Bogan Rd, Booker Bay.

The council's website states that the proposal is a "current development application" open for public comment for 21 days, closing on December 2.

However, the council's planning portal shows the application (DA3381/2022) as "under assessment", which prevents online submissions being made.

The proposal would see the

demolition of a dual occupancy, to be replaced with the two-storey townhouses.

The townhouses would have ground level decks and courtyards.

There would be a 10,000-litre concrete in-ground pool.

The two rear townhouses would have four bedrooms, with the front dwelling having three.

The building is to be constructed in a combination of rendered and painted brick external walls on the lower floor and painted fibro sheeting on the upper floor walls.

It would have aluminium-framed windows and doors, steel garage doors, a pitched steel roof, timber decking and metal balustrades on upper floor balconies.

The proposal exceeds the permitted floor space ratio of 0.5:1, by 31.2 square metres for a ratio of 0.54:1.

The application claims: "The proposed development complies with all relevant chapters and requirements of Central Coast Development Control Plan 2022, particularly the requirements pertaining to multi-dwelling housing, and townhouses specifically."

It states: "Overshadowing of the property to the immediate south at 43 Bogan Rd will be satisfactory or

not unreasonable.

"This property has large areas of private open space in a large backyard.

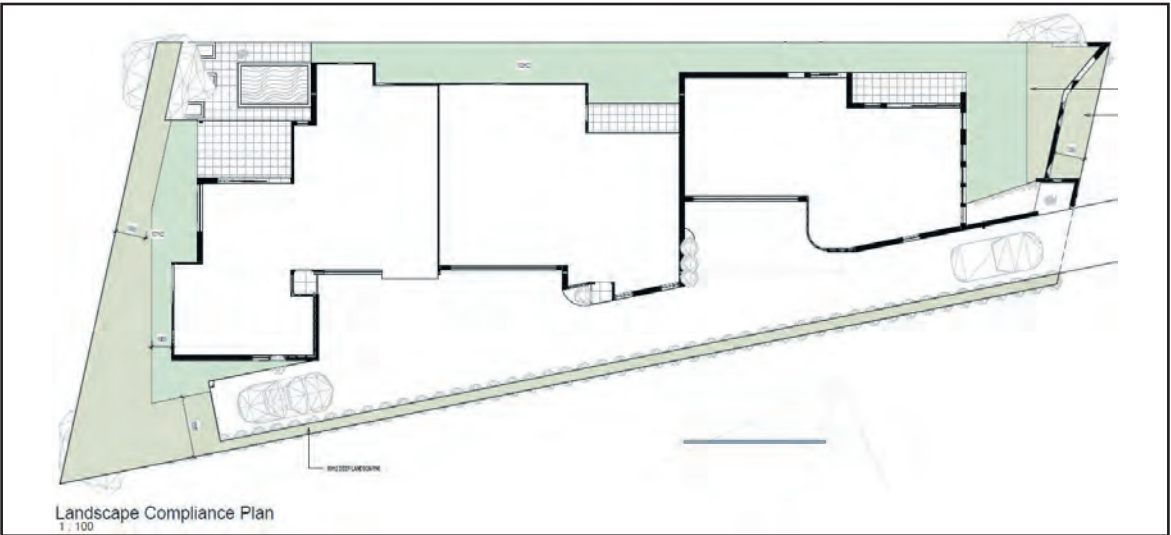
"As shown on the shadow diagrams, this yard is likely to be overshadowed to a minor degree mainly between 9am and 12pm along the northern side of the

yard."

It would "continue to obtain in excess of three hours of unobstructed sunlight between 9am and 3pm on June 21", meeting solar access requirements.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 13 Nov 2022
DA3381/2022, Central Coast Council

Six Cities would 'increase costs and lessen local control'



The NSW Government's proposed Six Cities Region strategy will shift costs to council's and ratepayers, while taking decision-making away, according to a submission to a discussion paper by the Community Environment Network.

"The strategy to house an additional two million people between the Illawarra and the Hunter appears to have involved the NSW Government sidelining its own core environmental planning and assessment law to centralise control over planning

decisions including land use and development," said Network chair Mr Gary Chestnut.

He said the power given to the Greater Cities Commission would be too broad.

"There is no check or balance that any report prepared by the Commission has been subject to any public consultation.

"All planning decisions need community input," he said.

"Without community input, planning decisions could be hijacked by vested interests."

SOURCE:
Media release, 2 Nov 2022
Gary Chestnut, CEN



Marquee taken from foreshore below lookout

Most of a large blue marquee has been removed from the rocky foreshore below the Warrah Trig lookout, on the Hawkesbury River, according to Clean4Shore co-ordinator Mr Graham Johnston.

The team set out from Patonga in blustery condition to inspect and remove the marquee.

"The marquee resembled an inflatable jumping castle, with thick plastic walls lined with a dacron webbing," he said.

"It was badly tangled being wedged under the rocks.

"Five larger pieces were cut

free, dragged over the rocks and lifted into the barge.

"Each section was a massive task, with sand lining the inside of the plastic and the dacron difficult to cut.

"One section still remains, needing larger tools to free the plastic from under the rocks.

"Although heavy to move through the water the collected pieces off loaded easily, and weighed 200 kilos when off-loaded at Woy Woy Tip."

SOURCE:
Social media, 01 Nov 2022
Graham Johnston, Clean4shore

Ferry company supports moves to restore heritage boat shed

The ferry company which runs the Woy Woy to Davistown service is backing moves to restore the Empire Bay heritage boat shed and marina.

An Empire Bay Heritage Boat Shed Association has been formed with 200 financial members, and has gained statements of support from Member for Terrigal Mr Adam Crouch and Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

The association is investigating options for financial viability which may see the majority of wharf

berths set aside at preferential rates for heritage and smaller wooden vessels to create an Empire Bay "Heritage Fleet" to complement the Boat Shed, with berths set aside for Central Coast Ferries and a few "full paying" berths.

It is not intended to run the boat shed commercially or to allow it to return to its current dilapidated condition "but it is necessary for the wharf to generate income to be self sustaining".

SOURCE:
Social media, 8 Nov 2022
Empire Bay Heritage Boat Shed Association

Mingaletta director awarded Churchill Fellowship

Mingaletta board member Mr Mark Champley has been awarded a Churchill Fellowship

He plans to travel to Canada, the UK and Holland next year as a Churchill Fellow to learn best practices and conduct research into reverse mentoring.

Mr Champley said he saw reverse mentoring as a unique way of bringing aboriginal and non-aboriginal people together "to celebrate cultural diversity in a safe environment".

"The two-way mentoring process presents opportunities for our First Nations peoples to develop and progress careers and non-aboriginal leaders to gain a better understanding of aboriginal history, culture and issues."

He said he gained satisfaction from "providing a platform where people come together, build connections and share knowledge, creating meaningful relationships".

"The Churchill Fellowship will allow me to conduct research and share knowledge with overseas partners delivering similar programs.

"This will help me to develop and expand the reverse mentoring program and help unite Australians and remove discrimination as we walk in each other's shoes."

Mr Champley was formally presented with the Churchill Fellowship at Government House by NSW Governor Margaret Beazley on October 21.

"It was especially memorable as two of my nine children were present."



He said he applied for a Churchill Fellowship earlier this year.

"The application process was extensive with the final interview being held at the Sydney Hilton Hotel and comprised of a presentation and questions from all nine judges.

He was later contacted by the Churchill Trust and informed that he was the only aboriginal man successful in NSW.

Mr Champley said: "Mingaletta is our local aboriginal community hub and open Monday to Friday

and all are warmly welcomed."

He was congratulated by Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid, who addressed a meeting of Mingaletta recently.

Mr Champley was pictured at Government House with a painting of former NSW Governor Sir Roden Cutler, who he had met on his only previous visit to Government House as school captain of Balmain High as a teenager.

SOURCE:
Media statement, 11 Nov 2022
Mark Champley, Mingaletta

Men's Shed recruits volunteers to finish new Shed

The Umina Beach Men's Shed is recruiting volunteers to undertake projects at its new Shed in Osborne Ave, Umina.

"Now that the technical construction items are nearing completion, we need volunteers for a broad variety of jobs, like low

level painting (no ladders or steps), garden preparation, and mowing and cutting the grass," said Shed secretary Mr Vic Brown.

He said help was needed "building access ramps along with hand rails, and mopping and etching the Sheds' floor areas in preparation for painting".

"There is work underway across

the week."

Mr Brown said an internet connection had been organised for the Osborne site, and had been successfully extended from the street to the reception office.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 2 Nov 2022
Vic Brown, Umina Beach Men's Shed

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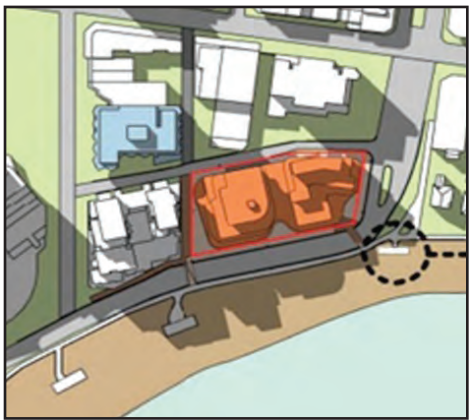


Council has proactively proposed a change to the LEP to INCREASE the building height from 3 to 5 storeys along the Ettalong Foreshore. The proposed development is same height as DA49986 in the photo.

If you think Ettalong does not need any more over-height buildings, please let the Council know your thoughts.

More details at <https://www.yourvoiceourcoast.com/ettalong-beachpp> - on exhibition from Oct 24 to 5PM Nov 21.

Follow this link <http://bit.do/ettalongbeach> or QR Code for an easy-to-read summary and information you can include in your comment and how/where to send your comment. Or you can simply email your comments to ask@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au.



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Arts

An evening of Australian bluegrass and folk music

The Troubadour Folk Club will host an evening of “great Australian bluegrass and folk” at the Everglades Country Club at 7pm on Saturday, November 26.

It feature bands The Water Runners and The Doctor’s Wife.

“In recent years, Australian bluegrass has emerged as one of the most popular, enjoyable and creative styles of live music,” said folk club president Mr Michael Fine.

“This is a concert that presents Australia’s best performers at their most original and best.

“The Water Runners play a powerful but sensitive blend of bluegrass and folk, performing self-penned songs with influences from bluegrass, country and rockabilly as well as the work of contemporary folk artists like Paul Kelly.



“They include songs of bushrangers and settlers, aboriginal warriors, grisly murders and ghostly tales, as well as the songs about love and work and of course, love gone wrong.”

Mr Fine said: “They are supported by The Doctor’s Wife, the Newcastle duo Peter Allsop and Nicky Ross, who play their original songs along with some that they covet and wished they

had written.

“With well-developed harmonies and Peter’s unique guitar style, this is their Central Coast CD Launch.”

Bookings are essential with links available on the Troubadour’s website at www.troubadour.org.au.

With inquiries, phone 4342 6716.

SOURCE:

Media release, 9 Nov 2022
Michael Fine, Troubadour Folk Club

Forum

Is it digital for your safety?

With the rise in digital things (currency, identity, etc.), there will come a social credit score. When everything is connected (dubbed “internet of things”), such as “smart homes” and vehicles which can talk to your phone, does anyone wonder who is in control?

Outsourcing your personal security and finances is a dangerous game.

It is bad enough that we leave our money in banks, which then use our money to make profit for themselves.

But with a “smart home”, maybe it’s not so smart?

We have seen how a government has tried to “lock people out” of society unless they bend the knee to their agenda.

Who is really in control of these “digital” things that connects aspects of our lives?

What if we “do the wrong thing” in the eyes of corrupt politicians?

I do not believe I am alone in sensing tremendous danger with a digital identity, which will bring with it a system such as the social credit score.

People are already being trained to normalise facial recognition technology, by using it to access bank cards on their phones.

It’s all well and good to believe it’s “for your safety” until that moment when you realise your freedom is gone.

I urge people to use a real bank card rather than a digital one. Better still, use cash.

I also urge all people to attend the next council meeting.

If you can’t book a ticket, turn up anyway as there’s a large foyer.

We need to make the council (which consists of one person: state-appointed “administrator” Mr Rik Hart, who just does the government’s bidding, regardless of the will of the people) aware that we see their plan to push ahead with “smart cities” and “digital identity” which will result in the loss of true freedom for all.

Be there at the Wyong council chambers on Tuesday, November 22.

SOURCE:

Email, 11 Nov 2022
Mike Gallagher, Ettalong

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Do plan questions not get answered?

I have been advised the
Central Coast Regional Plan
2016-2036 has been updated.

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related to this plan, concluding
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unanswered.

This lets all council and state
government staff off the hook to
follow on the same process until
the next Regional Plan update,

I am so impressed with public
consultation I don't know what
would happen without this valuable
council-public partnership.

I do recommend a very small
improvement in the process,
ie to allow residents to present
their opinion without answering
council's prepared questions.

It could assist the council's
public consultation prestige.

It's difficult to improve an almost
faultless process, relying only on
staff input, when there is untapped
expertise in the wings.

I expect Administrator Hart to
make a public announcement in
the very near future to action this
recommendation,

He may go beyond this action to
reject the new Regional Plan.

Have we seen the best Mr Hart
has to offer?

Can you imagine editions of the
Peninsula News without adverse
comments against the council?

SOURCE:

Letter, 5 Nov 2022
Norm Harris, Umina

Woy Woy CWA hosts party for Gail

When Ms Gail Treweek joined the Woy Woy branch of the Country Women's Association in 2019, it was something of an experiment for both Gail and the branch.

Gail joined after her group home in Woy Woy applied for National Disability Insurance Scheme funding for her to attend with her nurse, Ms Marina Clewett.

Now as a "valued, loved and respected member of our branch", the branch organised a party for her 70th birthday.

"It was with so much pleasure that around 20 members and husbands attended Gail's 70th birthday party on Saturday, October 15," said branch president Ms Jane Bowtell.

"Gail's brother Leon, sister-in-law Jan, and 60 family members were with her to celebrate.

"Her friends and fellow residents of her share home also attended."

Ms Bowtell said: "Gail's story is one of survival, love, family and new friendships.

"It started when the facility where she now lives rang our branch four years ago and asked if it was possible for Gail to join and attend with her nurse, Marina.

"Gail had spent many years in institutions before moving to a purpose built home with other women.

"Her entire life she has been supported and loved by her siblings and extended family.

"This was so evident at her birthday party."

Ms Bowtell said: "When Gail first came to the CWA, she was shy and overwhelmed by the noise and constant chatter that circulated the hall.

"She was welcomed with open arms, fussed over and made tea.

"After about four months, Gail blossomed into a smiling, vibrant member that enthusiastically



participated in pickle-making as well as choosing baby wool for beanies that she helps Marina make on the loom," said Ms Bowtell.

"These go to the NSW Ambulance service for the birthing kits they carry on board.

"She has a great sense of humour and is not afraid to tell members to be quiet if they are making too much noise.

"This is especially helpful during our monthly business meeting when a glance and a nod from our president has Gail calling them to order.

"She will often participate in discussions and listens intently.

"She has formed such beautiful friendships with us and beams as soon as she enters the hall.

"Everyone says hello.

"The joy on her face is clear and she loves to chat with everyone.

"She talks about her brother, her nieces and nephews and loves seeing any grandchildren of members who visit us.

"She contributes to her community and we are proud to call her our CWA sister."

SOURCE:

Media release, 4 Nov 2022
Jane Bowtell, CWA Woy Woy

Pearl Beach resident raises \$4500 at 80th birthday party

A Pearl Beach resident has used her 80th birthday to hold a fund-raising party for Guide Dogs NSW-ACT.

Ms Beverley Lapacek raised \$4500 for the organisation at "Bev's Big Birthday Bash" held at the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall on Saturday, October 29.

"A large crowd of over 100 filled the hall joining Bev for a fabulous afternoon celebration, enjoying a massive afternoon tea prepared and hosted by her many friends," said Pearl Beach Progress Association publicity officer Ms Lynne Lillico.

A film was shown telling of her life in song and family memories of her community services and fundraising activities.

"Bev has been involved in a number of Pearl Beach community groups including many years managing the Pearl Beach walking group, The Plodders.

"She has been a keen member of the craft group and the mahjong group.

"She has walked dogs walking for locals who are on holidays and importantly has had a life singing and enjoying being a member of the Pearl Beach Singers."

Ms Lillico said her philosophy was to help others and to raise money for charity.



"Her Birthday Bash was a fundraising party for the Guide Dogs NSW-ACT Central Coast community group.

The group participated holding a 'Merchandise' table managed by the Central Coast Support Group.

President Ms Merran Rudder held a table selling items for the group, helped by Ms Angela Allen with her dog Piper.

The afternoon was introduced by Guide Dogs chief executive Mr

Dale Cleaver.

He showed a short video of the work undertaken to breed, train and eventually graduate the working dogs.

Ms Lapacek said: "I marvel at our community, and don't think any village does it as well as we do."

Ms Lapacek is pictured with Ms Allen.

SOURCE:

Media release, 8 Nov 2022
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association

Footage sought

Police are investigating a fire in a block of units in Railway St, Woy Woy, on Friday, November 4.

Police are seeking dashcam footage of Railway St, Hillview St, Dunbar Rd, Pratley St or Macarthur Pde on the day, taken between 5pm and 6pm.

To help, phone Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

SOURCE:

Social media, 8 Nov 2022
Brisbane Water Police

Wednesday bingo cancelled

Woy Woy Bingo's Wednesday night at Ettalong Diggers has been cancelled for the time being.

"This is due to the high volume of function bookings, which meant we were unable to use the main ballroom," said organiser Mr Rob Graham.

"We were operating out of the front Chicas bar area on the nights when a function was booked.

"However the noise from other club patrons was too high."

Mr Graham said the club staff and management "did their best to assist us with the work around".

He said all proceeds from the bingo went to the Woy Woy Catholic Parish to fund Mary Mac's Place.

SOURCE:

Social media, 1 Nov 2022
Rob Graham, Woy Woy Bingo



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Planning

Dual occupancy is bounded by roads on three sides

An application has been received for a dual occupancy at 57 Berith St, Umina.

The site is unusual in that it is bounded by roads on three sides: Berith St to the west, The Esplanade to the south and a lane to the east.

The attached dual occupancy will be arranged east-west with two double garages at the centre with access from The Esplanade.

The application claims compliance with all aspects of the Central Coast Local Environment Plan and Development Control Plan.

It states that the design consists



of four bedrooms per unit at ground level, a first floor living and dining area including outdoor living area, first floor private open spaces and

roof-top terraces.

There are 16 trees on the site with two being retained and another two that “may be retained

if managed sensitively”, according to the arborist’s report.

Although the application mentions that shadow diagrams

have been provided to the council, none are included in the exhibition documents.

The only drawings included in the public exhibition are the Public Survey Plan as a separate document and one sheet containing a perspective, basic plan and Southern Elevation in the public notification plans.

DA/2392/2022 is currently being exhibited on the Central Coast Council planning portal and is open for written submissions until November 25.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 12 Nov 2022
DA2392/2022, Central Coast Council

First renovated facilities expected at aged care home

Renovated facilities at a Woy Woy aged care home could soon be in use, despite a building program falling behind schedule.

A new commercial kitchen at Blue Wave Living is expected to be available before the end of the month, bringing to an end temporary interim arrangements, according to chief executive Mr Matt Downie.

“This will see kitchen operations move out of The Shores building,” he said.

Internal courtyards were also expected to be completed over the coming month, including the courtyard space between Palm Sails and the new extension.

“While we still have some

distance to go with our works, residents will be able to begin using some of the new spaces early in the New Year.

“Other new spaces will progressively open up through next year.”

Mr Downie said: “We expect to have some access to the eastern extension from January sometime.

“The western extension will likely not become operational until a few months later.”

Mr Downie said the first stage of internal refurbishment works was about the start, focusing on the north-west existing Shores wing.

“This wing will be vacated, and then re-built over the coming months to the standard of the new extension.

“Once completed, we will then

look to open up the western side, which would see us then relocate residents from our two southern wings in the existing Shores building.

“We will then undertake refurbishment of those two southern wings.

“When we undertake the southern wing refurbishment, we

will also be building the main link between the two buildings.

“This will necessitate a change to our temporary link between the two buildings.”

Mr Downie said the building work had taken “longer than we would have liked”, with many jobs being delayed by a knock-on effect of initial delays caused by “the

extensive rain we have had this year”.

“I would like to thank all again for their patience during this first stage of our building program.”

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 1 Nov 2022
Matt Downie, Blue Wave Living

Childcare centre offered 10-year lease

Central Coast Council is intending to offer a lease of community land to Woy Woy Childcare at 93 McMasters Rd, Woy Woy, for a period of 10 years.

The lease would permit it to

operate a child care centre for preschool-age children

The lease is among 11 being offered across the region.

Others include leases for “tiny homes” for short-term rental accommodation at Racecourse Rd in Gosford, and for the tennis club

in Empire Bay.

Public comment is being received by the council until 5pm on November 24.

SOURCE:
Website, 27 Oct 2022
Your Voice Our Coast, Central Coast Council

Forum

Planning practices ignore council strategies and plans

Do Council planning staff ever read their own documents?

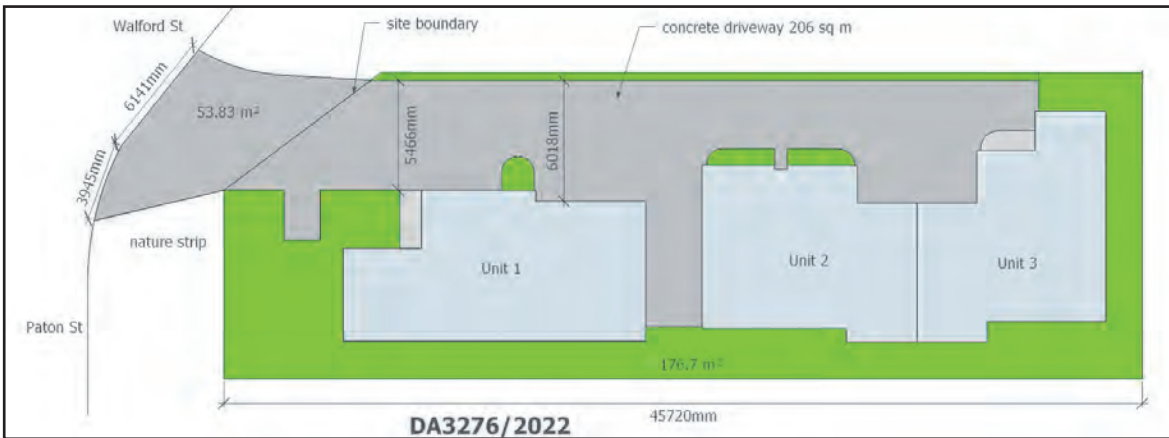
For instance, the much-trumpeted Greener Places Strategy contains the following statement on page 20: “An investigation occurred as to changes in tree canopy cover and number of impervious surfaces at Woy Woy between 2005 and 2014.

“Over this time, canopy cover declined by 173 hectares, while the area of impervious surface increased by 84 hectares and unplanted space increased by 113 hectares.

“This effect may be difficult to counteract as the area of plantable space only increased by 24 hectares.”

For some time now it’s been recognised that the Peninsula is suffering from higher-than-average temperatures due to the “heat island” effect caused by loss of tree cover and growth in the area of impervious surfaces such as concrete and tarmac.

The quote above bemoans the fact that the area of impervious and unplanted surfaces is increasing



at an alarming rate.

A rational person looking at this situation would have thought that council planners would have taken urgent and drastic action to reduce the growth in impervious surfaces and increase the areas of deep soil and landscaping required for new developments via planning instruments such as the Development Control Plan.

However they seem to have done the exact opposite.

The Plan has been “watered down” to such an extent that it is now acceptable for developers to build ever larger areas of concrete

slab to “reduce maintenance” and increase “lock and leave” potential.

In any case, they say the Plan is “only a guide”, so can be overruled if the planner considers that an undefined “better planning outcome” will be achieved by doing so.

A case in point is DA3276/2022, a proposed three-unit development at 135 Paton St.

The proposed concrete driveway at one point reaches six metres in width.

Including one open parking bay and bicycle parking, it totals 207 square metres of unshaded,

impervious surface.

The developer also wants to build an access ramp on the nature strip that will add another 53 square metres of concrete and measure 11 metres in width at the roadway.

Is it really necessary for access to a private driveway to be 11 metres wide?

It’s very hard to escape the conclusion that this is actually a bid to obtain semi-legal parking on the nature strip.

When it comes to private open space, this development does not comply.

This would seem ironic, given the huge area given over to cars.

The developer wants to locate Unit 1’s open space on the front setback, a solution specifically prohibited in the Development Control Plan and Unit 2’s open space would be undersized by 10.9 square metres.

The application contains a list of “opportunities” in the site analysis section.

At the top of that list is the entry: to “take advantage of the site’s lack of environmental constraints (including significant trees)”.

Environmental groups must despair when they see development applications like this.

It also makes a mockery of council efforts, like the “Greener Places Strategy”, to educate the public to do their bit to improve the “heat island” situation.

The application is currently on public exhibition on the Central Coast Council website.

The date written submissions close is not supplied.

SOURCE:
Email, 12 Nov 2022
Frank Wiffen, Woy Woy

Active case numbers double in a week

Active cases of the coronavirus on the Peninsula have almost doubled in a week.

Latest figures released on Friday show a total of 154 cases in the 2256 and 2257 postcode areas on Thursday, November 10.

This is up from 81 cases, just seven days earlier on Thursday, November 3.

Cases in the 2256 postcode area increased from 30 to 49, while numbers in the 2257 postcode area increased from 51 to 105.

One local community group has already urged its members to be conscious of protective measures.

"The medics are talking about a new Covid variant which apparently is highly infectious and looks at this stage to climb over the existing shots and boosters," Umina Beach Men's Shed secretary Mr Vic Brown told his members.

"Let's be very conscious, careful and active in regard to our safety.

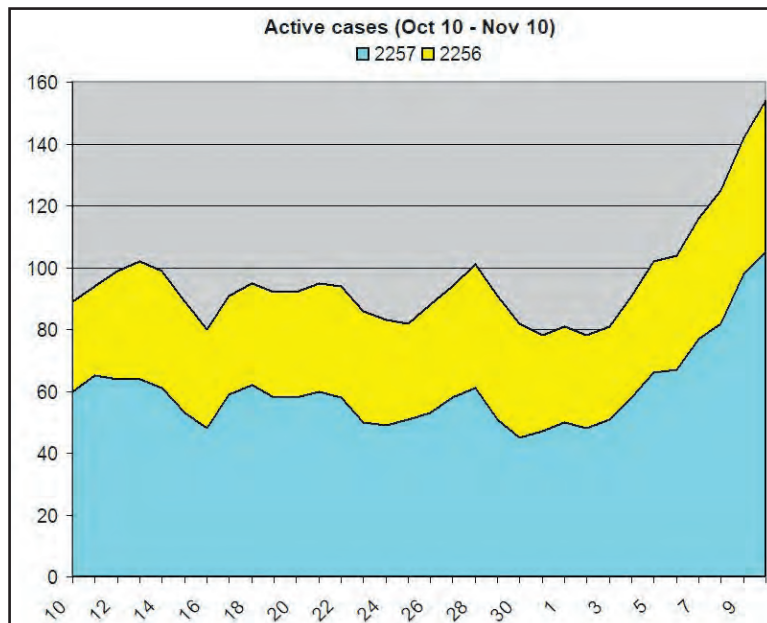
"It's easy to think: 'Been there done that before, and I'm still here'," Mr Brown said.

"Bringing your own mug to the Shed, sanitising, keeping sensible distances and having a mask handy need to be very much back on every body's agenda until an all-clear is sounded by the top medics."

SOURCE:

Website, 11 Nov 2022

Covid Cases by Location, Data NSW



Immunisation clinic moved to Gosford

A childhood immunisation clinic scheduled for Woy Woy earlier this month was moved to Gosford.

The move was "due to building work at Woy Woy Community Health Centre".

The clinic scheduled for

Tuesday, November 8, was relocated to Gateway Child Health Centre in Gosford.

Central Coast Health issued an apology for any inconvenience caused.

SOURCE:

Social media, 2 Nov 2022
Central Coast Health

Aged care provider says shortfalls will continue

Shortfalls in aged care funding and in workforce numbers will remain, despite a Federal Budget which commits to implement Royal Commission reforms, according to a local aged care provider.

"The real issue here is the huge droves of skilled staff who are leaving the industry for good," Peninsula Village chief executive Mr Colin Osborne said last week.

"The reality is these people are feeling fed up and are leaving the sector due to the pay, conditions and quite frankly, brighter prospects in other fields.

"The voices left out of this important conversation are the voices of the workers themselves.

"It was just last week that someone mentioned to me, you could be paid more in a retail or cleaning job than that of a caring and passionate aged care worker who is required to have an advanced set of skills.

"Quite simply, the existing award rates do not reflect the value and skills of the sector," he said.

"With most residential aged care

providers running at substantial losses, the government needs to step up and bridge the pay gap.

"A pay increase for aged care staff may assist in promoting the attractiveness of employment in the sector."

But he said: "It will not accelerate the availability of more people with the skills and qualifications required in aged care.

"The skills shortage in aged care can only be addressed in the short term by attracting skilled staff back to the industry and potentially augmenting this with opportunities for skilled migration overseas.

"The longer-term solution must be the development of more aged care specific training and qualification opportunities for registered nurses and care workers.

"It is only with the availability of these additional people with appropriate skills that many of the recommendations from the royal commission into aged care can be genuinely and effectively implemented."

SOURCE:

Media release, 7 Nov 2022
Colin Osborne, Peninsula Village



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Education



Schools raise \$17,600 for Mary Mac's

The principal and school captains of St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School have presented a \$17,609.89 cheque to Mary Mac's Place in Woy Woy.

The money was raised by the

Catholic primary and high schools of the Broken Bay diocese. "Mary Mac's Place is dependent on donations and grants, and the generosity of volunteers," said St John's principal Ms Nicole Davies. "This money will contribute directly towards; free meals,

health services, program support, showers, and essential facilities for those who need it most. "Everyone is welcome at Mary Mac's Place."

SOURCE:
Social media, 10 Nov 2022
Nicole Davies, SJ B Catholic Primary School

Lynn Balfour retires as Ettalong principal

Ettalong Public School principal Ms Lynn Balfour has decided to retire.

The position will be filled through "merit selection", with the Education Department's relieving educational leadership director Ms Kylee Owen convening the panel.

Relieving principal Ms Jodie Campbell said: "Lynn has been a member of our school community since 2007, arriving here as an assistant principal.

"Through merit selection, Lynn gained the deputy principal role in 2012 and then went on to secure the principalship in 2018.

"She is our school's first female principal.

"She has taught thousands of students and shared her knowledge with hundreds of staff throughout her 27 years in public education.

"We wish Lynn every happiness in her retirement and look forward to seeing her in our community and



in our school as a Breakfast Club volunteer.

"She has already popped her name down to do this.

"We will certainly miss Lynn's sense of humour and her support of our school."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 8 Nov 2022
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong Public School

Nicho Hynes visits his old primary school

Cronulla Sharks player Nicho Hynes has visited his old primary school at Umina.

The former student was Rugby League's 2022 Dally M Winner.

Nicho spoke to spoke to students about his football career and his days spent as a student at Umina Beach.

He visited his past teachers and classrooms and spent time playing games of touch football with the school's rugby league and touch football teams.

SOURCE:
Social media, 10 Nov 2022
Karen Wardlaw, Umina Beach Public School



Two-day excursion to Port Stephens

Umina campus students from Brisbane Water Secondary College have undertaken a two-day excursion to Port Stephens.

The first day of the excursion saw them they embark upon the Moonshadow at Nelson's Bay for dolphin watching.

Afterwards they ate at the pier and then visited the lighthouse.

The afternoon was spent at Irukandji aquarium at Anna Bay, learning about ocean conservation

and gaining insight into the world of sharks and stingrays.

On the second day, they took a bumpy ride along the massive sand dunes of Stockton Beach where they alighted to sandboard the dunes.

Their next stop was Jetfighter World where they were through the aviation display, and we were able to watch some F35 jets take off and land.

SOURCE:
Social media, 04 Nov 2022
Kerrie O'Heir, BWSC Umina

Collections for displaced Ukrainians

Ettalong Public School is collecting items for the Blue and Yellow Hearts charity to help Ukrainian displaced people arriving in Sydney.

It is coordinated by the Association of Ukrainian Communities of New South Wales.

The school is collecting treats

for children including skipping ropes, balls, beach toys, Frisbees, small dolls, small cars, small Lego boxes, decks of cards, new toys and games.

It is also collecting toiletries including sunscreen, liquid soap, shower gel, dental floss, hair spray, deodorant, moisturisers, hand

creams, manicure sets, make-up, cleansing wipes and women's sanitary items.

It is not collecting toothbrushes or books.

SOURCE:
Social media, 5 Nov 2022
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong Public School

Ettalong kindergarten students to visit Umina campus farm

Ettalong Public School's kindergarten classes will visit the Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina campus farm on Friday, November 18.

"Students will be leaving school at 9am and returning by 1pm, travelling to the farm by bus," said

Ettalong relieving principal Ms Jodie Campbell.

"It is necessary for all children to bring their school bag with morning tea, as we will be eating at the farm.

"We will return to school in time for lunch.

"The students may wear jeans, checked shirt or a shirt with a collar

to represent farmers.

"Their school hat is required.

"They must wear closed in shoes, as they will be walking through pig pens, in chicken yards and looking at cows.

SOURCE:
Social media, 03 Nov 2022
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong Public School

Students have Woy Woy waterfront excursion

Stage Two students at Woy Woy South Public School had an excursion to Woy Woy waterfront on Thursday, November 3.

They walked to the Woy Woy foreshore to explore the natural and man-made features of the environment.

In all, they walked almost 12 kilometres.

While there, they met Clean4shore co-ordinator Mr Graham "Jono" Johnston and his crew.

SOURCE:
Social media, 03 Nov 2022
Matt Barr, Woy Woy South Public School





Roosters' first Open Women's tackle team

Woy Woy Roosters has announced its inaugural Open Women's tackle team.

A special night was held to welcome the team on Friday evening.

The signings for the team include representative experience from the Central Coast league and union sides.

SOURCE:
Social media, 13 Nov 2022
Woy Woy Roosters RLFC

Representative netball opportunities

Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association has invited interested remaining places in its representative 14s and 15s teams.

Seeking Midcourt players and shooters are wanted for the 14s team.

Any eligible players (turning 14 in 2023) are invited to complete an expression-of-interest form.

The association also has an open invitation for the 15s team.

Any eligible players (turning 15 in 2023) are invited to attend Representative Training after submitting an expression of interest.

SOURCE:
Social media, 11 Nov 2022
Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association



New fencing at tennis club

Woy Woy Tennis Club is having its fences replaced.

For the information of members and guests, please be aware that

Fencing contractors started on Monday, November 7, to remove

and replace the fencing throughout the club.

Casual hire was not be available while the work was proceeding.

SOURCE:
Social media, 7 Nov 2022
Woy Woy Tennis Club

Juniors coaches announced

Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Football Club has announced its coaching appointments for 2023.

They are: Under-6A Tom Reid, Under-7A Lachlan Parsons, Under-7B Jimmy Fawcett, Under-8A Mick Markham, Under-9A Billy James, Under-10A Dale Bolton, Under-11B Max Coulson, Under-11A Mack Fawcett, Under-12B Billy Foley and Wayne Baker, Under-12A Ian Willis and Scott Markham, Under-13A Daniel Markham, Under-14B Scott Gillan, Under-14A Justin McDermott and Toby Marks, Under-15 Wayne Callingham, Under-14GLTA Matt Fowler, and Under-16GLTA Wayne Drewe.

The club expects to need a number of extra coaches in specific age groups.

Anyone interested should contact president Mr Tim McParlane on 0423 079 100 for more information.

SOURCE:
Social media, 8 Nov 2022
Tim McParlane, Woy Woy Junior RLFC

Disabled surfing event

Central Coast Disabled Surfers Association will hold a Smiles on Dials event at Umina Beach from 9am to 1pm on Saturday, December 3, "to celebrate International Day of People with Disabilities".

"We have waited patiently for two years," said association president Ms Rae Fletcher.

"We want the event to return as normal as possible.

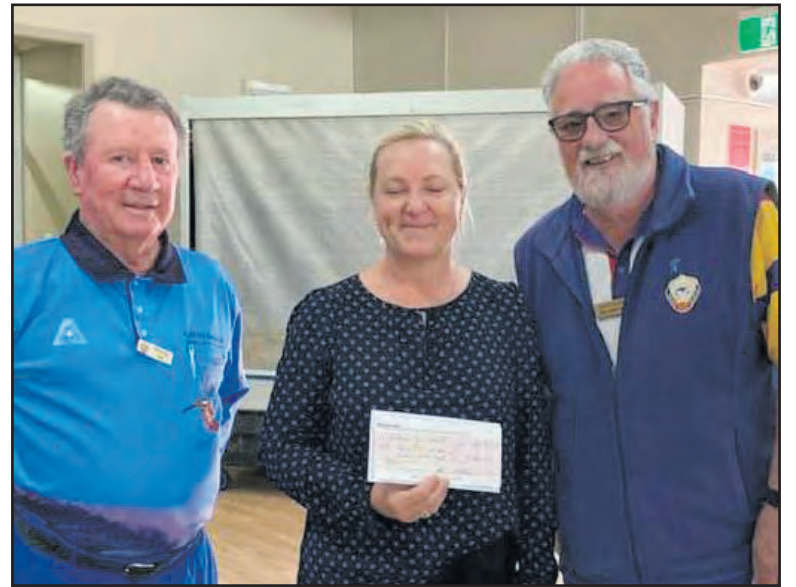
"The only difference is online registration," she said.

"All surfers, carers and volunteers must pre-register.

"There will be no walk-ups on the day."

Registrations will be taken at <https://bit.ly/Umina3Dec>

SOURCE:
Social media, 5 Nov 2022
Central Coast Disabled Surfers Association



Bowlers present cheque to Gosford Hospital

The Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club has presented a cheque for \$5700 to Gosford Hospital, proceeds of a prostate cancer charity day held in June.

The club's charity and sponsorship officer Mr Ian Jarratt and its welfare officer Mr Rex Hunt are pictured presenting the cheque last week to nursing manager of logistics Ms Toni Head.

Club secretary Mr Peter Springgett said that a tray of instruments cost \$5000 and Ms

Head was grateful for the club's donation.

He said the cheque was as a result of the funds raised at the club's annual Ron Pursehouse Prostate Charity Day, which included raffles, a charity auction and donations, held on June 23.

He said Mr Jarratt and Mr Hunt had "managed the successful event, which was well supported by our members".

SOURCE:
Social media, 6 Nov 2022
Peter Springgett, UBMBC
Photo: Victor Gauci

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A water polo team from Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College has finished third in the Wombats Cup Open Water Polo Competition.

The College team competed against Year 7-12 students from other public, independent and catholic schools.

The team was the highest scoring girls team all day, with 29 goals and many more attempts.

Players were Shae Ferguson, Phoebe Graf, Ruby Graf, Catherine Kearney, Lucy Marshall, Milla Pryde, Sienna Sinclair, Amber-Skye Stevenson, Hannah Stevenson, Danika Szostak, Breanna Veitch and Hannah Yates

The college was the winner of Pool A.

It lost to Tuggerah Lakes 4-2 in the semi-final, and defeated Narara Valley 5-1 in the play-off for third.

The event was offered by the

Woy Woy Wombats Polo Club.

Some of the Brisbane Water students, who also play for Wombats, volunteered to score and to referee games when they weren't in the pool playing.

Year 8 students Phoebe and Ruby Graf recently made it into the NSW Blues "Born in 08" Water Polo team which won against the top team in Victoria.

SOURCE:
Social media, 10 Nov 2022
Kerrie O'Heir, BWSC Umina

Bridge event for Remembrance Day

The Brisbane Water Bridge Club played Remembrance Day Pairs events in both open and restricted competition on Wednesday, November 9.

Results of the open competition were:

1 Jaan Oitmaa, Sylvia Foster 70.0 (58.33 per cent), 0.30 red points.

2 Elaine Hume, Peter Hume 64.5 (53.75), 0.21.

3 Bobbie Lyons, Julie Teague 63.0 (52.50), 0.15.

4 Karen Ody, Cathy Russell 56.5 (47.08).

4 Christine Hadaway, Chris Hannan 56.5 (47.08).

6 Ron Meaney, Jenny Buckley 49.5 (41.25).

Results of the restricted competition were:

1 John Aldersley, Beryl Lowry 217.1 (67.01), 0.40.

2 Linda Cunningham, Michael Cunningham 195.0 (60.19), 0.28.

3 Jennifer Anderson, Blair Glass 186.0 (57.41), 0.20.

4 Graham Woof, Carolynne Mucharsky 182.0 (56.17), 0.13.

5 Warren Nicol, Edith Marshall 177.8 (54.86), 0.10.

6 Suzanne Harrison, Marilyn Reid 174.4 (53.82), 0.08.

7 Denyse Stephens, Allan C Adams 173.3 (53.47), 0.07.

8 Cheryl Pearse, Jenni Murray 168.8 (52.08).

9 Caroline Nichols, Wendy Byrne 165.0 (50.93).

10 Bob Lowry, Dieter Mucharsky 155.3 (47.92).

11 Kerry Robertson, Susan Ashley 155.0 (47.84).

12 Kerry-Anne Durrant, Maria Rose 129.4 (39.93).

13 Steve Anderson, Kerry Anderson 126.0 (38.89).

14 Roz Harvey, Vickie Betts 123.8 (38.19).

15 Colin Lawther, Carolyn Harper 100.0 30.86).

SOURCE:
Website, 11 Nov 2022
Brisbane Water Bridge Club



Sandra and Meena win Minor Pairs

Sandra O'Malley and Meena Kelso have won the Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club Minor Pairs on Saturday, November 12.

In the semi-finals held on November 6, Sandra O'Malley and Meena Kelso defeated Katie Brown and Natasha McDowall.

In the other semi-final, Barbara Schultz and Tanya Valli defeated Denise Arnold and Renette Burgess.

The final was played in ideal conditions.

Sandra and Meena played well and were the winners over Barbara and Tanya.

Meena has won both the Minor Singles and Minor Pairs.

Sandra was runner-up in the Minor Singles and then paired with Meena for the Minor Pairs.

SOURCE:
Website, 13 Nov 2022
Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club

Roosters appoint high performance coach

Woy Woy Roosters RLFC has appointed a high performance coach and pathways advisor.

Mr Mal Fitzgerald help assist grade coaches and staff on what is required to take us to that next level on and off the field.

He has had multiple playing, coaching and pathways and mentoring roles in various teams and competitions.

The club is expecting his professionalism and wealth of knowledge and experience to be a real asset to the club.

He will also help create the pathway from juniors to seniors which is regarded as important to Rugby League on the Peninsula.



SOURCE:
Social media, 13 Nov 2022
Woy Woy Roosters RLFC

Pairs games on Melbourne Cup Day

Melbourne Cup Day Pairs event attracted 17 pairs to the Brisbane Water Bridge Club on Tuesday, November 1.

The day was enhanced with prizes, sweeps and hats and "a great lunch for hungry players" supplied by the members themselves.

North-South winners were Peter and Elaine Hume, while East-West winners were Jorgen Boettiger and Julie Teague.

North-South results were:

1 Peter Hume, Elaine Hume 219.3 (65.27 per cent), 0.27 green points.

2 Lynne Rainford, Hilary Owen 195.3 (58.12), 0.19.

3 Kerrel Walker, Jenny Buckley 192.0 (57.14), 0.14.

4 Barry Foster, Cathy Russell 187.1 (55.70), 0.09.

5 Jan Davis, Lorraine Lindsay 182.7 (54.38).

6 Graham Woof, Kathleen Bromley 130.4 (38.82).

7 Gai Mylne, Helen White 119.9



(35.67).

8 Robyn Serra, Meg McGregor 117.3 (34.91).

East-West results were:

1 Jorgen Boettiger, Julie Teague 204.7 (60.93), 0.27.

2 Hope Tomlinson, Martin Johnson 195.4 (58.16), 0.19.

3 Jaan Oitmaa, Sylvia Foster 193.0 (57.43), 0.14.

4 Janet Clarke, Sally Clarke 182.9 (54.42) 0.09.

5 Geoffrey Maltby, Edith

Marshall 177.1 (52.72).

6 Dasha Brandt, David Bowerman 172.2 (51.26).

7 Deborah Guthrie, Frankie Craven 132.6 (39.45).

8 Walt Alma Van Der, Kathryn Ivits 129.0 (38.38).

9 Kerry Robertson, Susan Ashley 121.1 (36.05).

SOURCE:
Social media, 1 Nov 2022
Brisbane Water Bridge Club



Surf club names boat Bill Jackson

Umina Surf Life Saving Club has named its new surf boat "Bill Jackson".

The boat is sponsored by Ettalong Diggers and the club decided to name the boat in honour of the former, now retired, chief executive of Ettalong Diggers, Mr Bill Jackson.

"What a complete surprise for him to attend the official blessing, and not have any idea he was

being recognised," said marketing manager Ms Kim Cole.

Ms Cole said he was recognised for "his unwavering commitment to our local community", and his support of many organisations over the years.

"Ettalong Diggers is a proud major sponsor of Umina Surf Life Saving Club, donating \$35,000 through the ClubGrants program 2021-22," she said.

"Established in 1959, they were named Central Coast Surf Lifesaving Club of the Year, and currently have 1000 members, which is growing rapidly every year.

"They have provided voluntary surf lifesaving services to our local community for 60 years."

SOURCE:
Social media, 06 Nov 2022
Kim Cole, Ettalong Diggers

Honour for Glen

Southern and Ettalong United Football Club's president Mr Glen Balneaves has been inducted into the 2022 Wall of Fame.

He was inducted for "48 years of service as a player, coach, committee member and mentor".

SOURCE:
Social media, 6 Nov 2022
Southern and Ettalong United Football Club

