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The craft market on the Woy Woy waterfront resumed for 2023 in Brickwharf Rd, adjacent to Memorial Park yesterday.

The market is run for "small businesses with a creative touch" from 9am on the second Sunday of the month.

Council to classify 357 blocks as 'community land'

Central Coast Council plans to classify 357 council-owned blocks of land on the Peninsula as "community land" under its proposed regional plan of management.

Of these, 115 blocks are not currently classified as community land.

The new classifications include pocket parks previously listed as potential council "asset sales" and provide some protection against future sale.

Pocket parks listed include those at 83-85 Brisbane Ave and at 8-10 Sydney Ave, Umina, at 9-11 McKenzie Ave and at 7-9 Angler St, Woy Woy, and 19B Memorial Ave, Blackwall.

Newly-classified parcels also include land accommodating the Peninsula Leisure Centre, the Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club, Woy Woy Community Garden and bushland around McEvoy Oval.

A staff report recommending adoption of the draft plan stated: "It is proposed that a listing of named multi-lot reserves will be published for information purposes during the public exhibition period."

However, this does not appear to have been published.

The report stated: "Community land is generally acquired and managed on the expectation that Council is the long-term owner of the land (that is, the land will not

be sold)."

However, council staff have previously suggested that community land can be reclassified as operational, which would enable its sale.

The report said that community land must be categorised as natural area, sportsground, park, area of cultural significance and general community use as the basis for the management of the land in the future.

It stated that the plan of management must set out the objectives, performance targets and the means of achieving them for the community land.

The draft plan lists the categories of each land parcels, and the provisions for each category,

It also appears to serve as the council's open space policy.

For example, the draft plan states: "Most of the non-regional recreational open space within the Central Coast is concentrated in fringe areas around water bodies rather than in centres, and on higher sloping sites that are managed for biodiversity value and less suitable for recreational use."

"Rapid urbanisation of the region has placed pressures on the central Coast's existing recreational open space network, and these pressures are likely to increase over time," it states.

"As private open space

becomes increasingly smaller, to accommodate more diverse housing types, more expectation is being placed on local governments to provide land for useable open space.

"The Central Coast's open space planning will need to adapt to this change by considering the strategic distribution and use of open space to 2036.

"The use of remnant land for a combination of infrastructure and open space purposes in the past has resulted in a lack of useable parks and spaces."

Council director Dr Alice Howe said: "There will be a consistent approach to community land included in the new plan once community feedback has been reviewed and the new plan has been adopted."

However, site-specific plans of management will still be prepared for "land that comprises critical habitat and directly affected by a (threatened species) recovery plan or threat abatement plan", according to the staff report.

The plan of management does not cover Crown Land public reserves or facilities that are managed by Council.

The draft plan publicly exhibited until Friday, February 17, with submissions accepted until Tuesday, February 21.

SOURCE:

Central Coast Council agenda 2.1, 13 Dec 2022

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Ready for our 24th year

This is our first issue for 2023.

We are back refreshed from our Christmas break, and are ready for our 24th year.

The last 12 months has seen us grow from eight pages to our current size of 12 printed pages.

Our growth is entirely due to the support of the community, of our many volunteers, and of our sponsors and advertisers.

We continue to be encouraged by the numbers of people who tell us they value our community service.

As we prepare for a new year, we are committed to staying true to our aims.

Peninsula News will provide comprehensive news coverage of community life.

It will encourage active interest and participation in the community.

It will provide information that

enables residents to be part of a democratic process where they can determine the quality of their lives on the Peninsula.

It will work to strengthen the social fabric, the sense of belonging and health of the community.

We believe these aims are more important than ever.

Mark Snell, 8 Jan 2023



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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.

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

Locality

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

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

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

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

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

Readability

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

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

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

Forum letters

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

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

Contributors are asked to keep their

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

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

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

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

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

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

Source lines

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

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

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

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

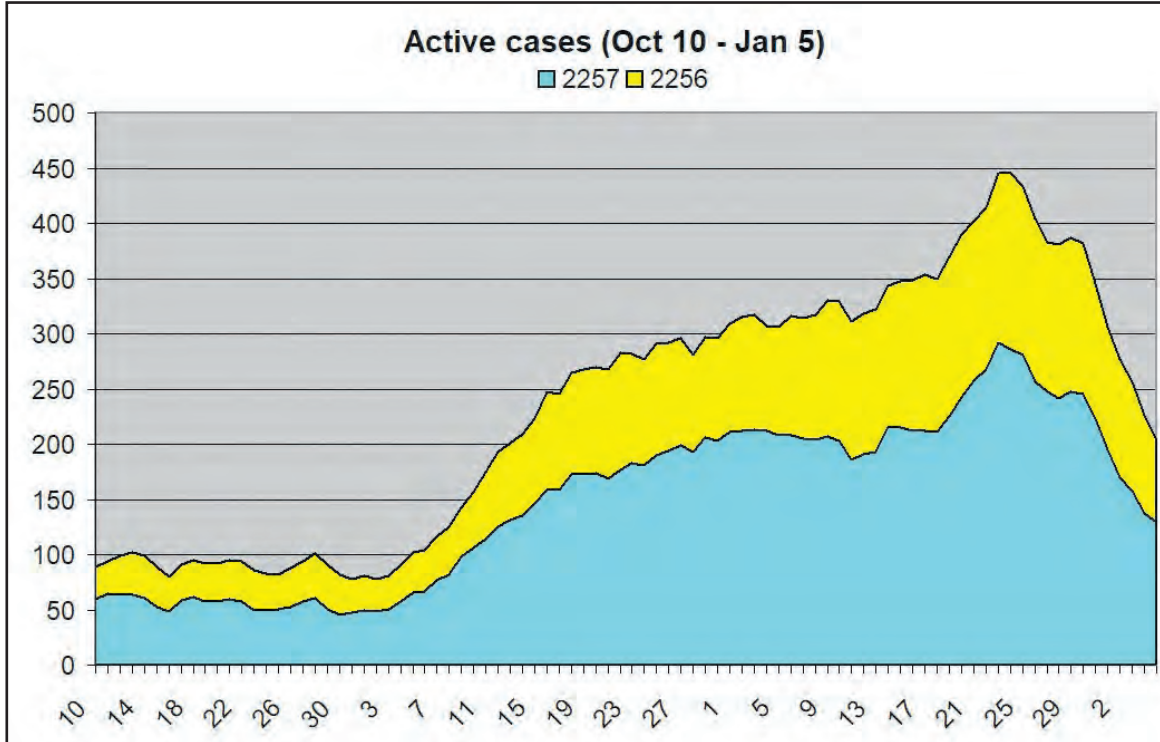
Sometimes we may interview a person or report what they said at a meeting.

The following descriptions are used:

Media Release - unsolicited contributions.

Media Statement - sent in response to our questions. **Website** or **Social Media** - information published online. **Newsletter** or **Report** - published in print or online. **Interview** or **Meeting** - statements recorded by a reporter.

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



Virus numbers rise before falling

The number of active coronavirus cases on the Peninsula over the past month jumped by 50 per cent in the days before Christmas.

However, they have now halved, returning to the level of two months ago.

The total number of cases in

the 2256 and 2257 postcode areas was 306 on Thursday, December 5.

This total increased to 445 on December 23 and 24.

The numbers of 2256 cases jumped from 98 to 159, while the number of 2257 cases jumped from 208 to 286.

The most recent total for active

cases on the Peninsula, recorded on Thursday, January 5, was 203, a number last recorded on November 13.

Of these, 74 were in the 2256 postcode area and 129 were in the 2257 postcode area.

SOURCE:
Website, 5 Jan 2023
NSW Covid-19 cases, Data NSW

Learn about creatures that live in rock pools

Children aged five to 12 years will have the opportunity to learn about "the awesome creatures that live in the rock pools by the seashore" as part of a school holiday program run at Umina Library.

A free session will be run at Umina Library from 10:30am to

11:30am on Tuesday, January 24, by Ocean and Coastal Care Initiative staff.

They will talk about beautiful anemones found there and little creatures living in shells.

There will be some hands-on activities as well as the talk.

Bookings essential and may be made at the library branch or by phoning 4304 7555 or 4350 1578.

Children under the age of 12 years must be supervised by a responsible adult throughout the duration of the program.

Alternative care arrangements must be made for siblings and other children who are not participating in the program.

SOURCE:
Website, 5 Jan 2023
Umina Beach Library,
Central Coast Council

Equal wettest year in 58 years

The Peninsula has come within one millimetre of having its wettest year since 1964.

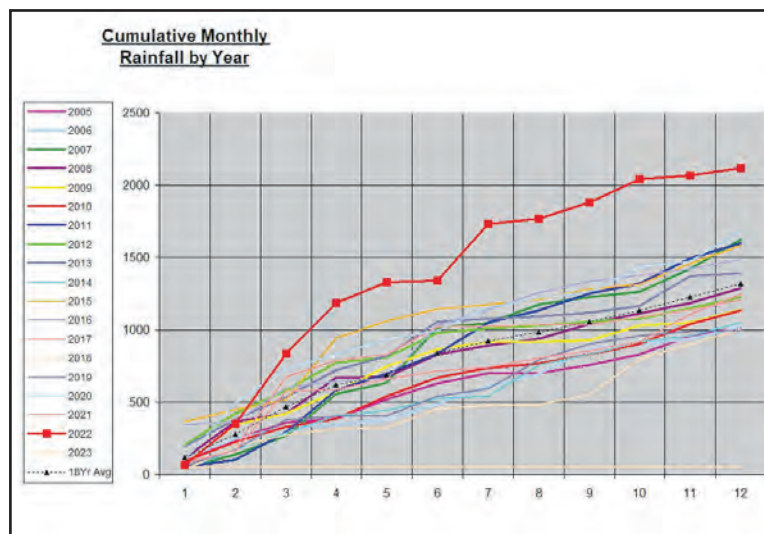
A total of 2118.7mm of rain fell on the Peninsula last year, according to Mr Jim Morrison of Umina, the highest annual total since he started recording rainfall in 2005.

The total falls short by 0.8mm of the highest figure recorded at the Everglades Country Club for the Bureau of Meteorology between 1965 and 1998.

An annual rainfall total of 2119.5mm was recorded at the Everglades in 1990.

However, due to the accuracy of the recordings and variance across the Peninsula, Mr Morrison said the totals should be regarded as equal.

The Bureau's figures are incomplete since 1998, but do not suggest a wetter year was recorded between 1998 and 2005.



Last year's total would have been greater had average rain fallen in the last two months of the year.

November's total was only a quarter of the November average of 98mm and the December total of 53.9mm was 43 per cent down on

the December average of 95mm.

Heavy rain on Friday, January 6, with 43mm in 24 hours, brought the total so far this month to 54.1mm, almost half the January average of 117mm.

SOURCE:
Spreadsheet, 7 Jan 2023
Jim Morrison, Umina

Peninsula groups benefit from electorate grants

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has announced \$400,000 in community grants for the Gosford electorate.

Seven Peninsula groups were among the grant recipients.

Central Coast Outrigger Canoe Club received a grant for a new ultra-light OC6 canoe.

Southern and Ettalong United Football Club received a grant for the installation of a disabled toilet.

Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club for the replacement of roller doors.

Grants went to parents' groups

at Woy Woy South Public School for an outdoor area revamp and at Umina Beach Public School for outdoor lighting.

Naughty Noodle Fun Hous received a grant for community infrastructure repair.

A grant was awarded to Everglades Country Club for an alfresco weatherproof shade sail installation.

Ms Tesch said: "Community grants are open every year."

Under the Community Building Partnership program, State Members of Parliament make funding recommendations to their Premier for projects within their electorate.

The Local Member assesses eligible applications against four equally-weighted assessment criteria: Enhancing facilities, meeting community needs, increasing community participation and the organisation's capacity.

"If your organisation has a suggestion, please stay tuned for more details from my office," Ms Tesch said.

She said details about the 2023 application process would be available in April and May.

SOURCE:
Social media, 12 Dec 2023
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford



Banner celebrates last Nambus visit

Nambus crew members, driver Mr Gordon Lawson, Mr Leo Lees, Mr Rob Lowry and Mr John Pollitt, have been presented with a banner by Year 10 Modern History students at St Brigid's Catholic College at Lake Munmorah.

The banner celebrates the last school visit of the mobile Vietnam War museum on Tuesday,

December 6.

The banner was conceived and designed by the students and consisted of a hand-painted image of the Nambus and messages from the students.

The banner will be displayed at the Ettalong at the Central Coast branch office of the Vietnam Veterans, Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association of Australia.

The bus will be on display

for the last time in NSW on Saturday morning, January 14, at the Ettalong waterfront, before it travels to Victoria to take a permanent place at the National Vietnam Veterans' Museum at Phillip Island.

Pictured are Mr Lees and Mr Lawson with the banner presented to them.

SOURCE:
Media release, 29 Dec 2022
Lorraine Scott, VVPPAAC

Lions Club raises \$12,000

The Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club has reported more than \$12,000 in its Christmas Cake and Pudding Sales over the months of November and December.

"We sold over \$12000.00 of stock with the profits being disbursed over the next months to various local community organisations," said club president Mr Greg Head.

"We also donated some \$850 worth of cakes and puddings to various charities and community support groups."

Mr Head said the success was the result of "some very hard work" of club members.

He said the club received support from local banks, chemists and other businesses which sold cakes and puddings for the club.

"We also had three great sale days at Deepwater Plaza which continues to support our club."

He that, as a result of articles in Peninsula Newspapers, the club "received many valuable enquiries from the public".

Mr Head said there were still some cakes and puddings available for sale.

Purchase can be arranged by phone on 0478 959 895.

SOURCE:
Media release, 5 Jan 2023
Greg Head, Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club

Pearl Beach establishes neighbour messaging network

A network of Pearl Beach residents has been established by the Pearl Beach Progress Association to provide "Neighbour Alert Messaging" in case of fire.

The network is based on local resident volunteers, known as Street Contacts, who are supported by the Pearl Beach Safety Advisory Group sub-committee of the Association.

The communication network will provide information on Bush Fire Alerts and bush fire emergencies.

"The role of the street contact is to connect with their neighbours and provide them with information about the Neighbour Alert program," said safety group

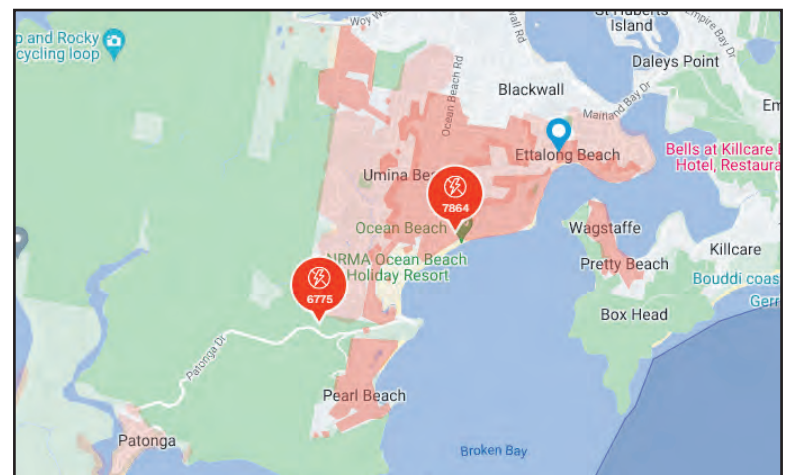
convenor Mr Paul Toohey.

He said street contacts would gather household information for the Neighbour Alert messaging system, to provide Rural Fire Service material including its Bush Fire Survival Plan brochure, and to be a point of contact for their street residents and owners.

"Street contacts are in no way expected to save their neighbours and are not responsible for anyone else's wellbeing other than their own," he said.

A list of the street contacts is provided on the Pearl Beach Progress Association website.

SOURCE:
Website, 4 Jan 2023
Pearl Beach Progress Association



Blackout across the Peninsula

A power blackout across the Peninsula affected around 14,000 homes in the early hours of Friday, December 30.

The blackout occurred at about 1am, with power restored by 3am. Areas affected included Woy

Woy, Umina, Ettalong, Booker Bay, Pearl Beach and Patonga, as well as Wagstaffe and Pretty Beach.

Ausgrid stated that 14,639 "locations" were affected.

SOURCE:
Social media, 30 Dec 2023
NSW Central Coast Incident Alerts

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Three-storey block of flats proposed for Broken Bay Rd

A three-storey block of nine flats with basement parking has been proposed in a development application for 124-126 Broken Bay Rd, Ettalong.

The development would have four two-bedroom apartments and five three-bedroom apartments "including three adaptable apartments".

Despite having three floors, "the building comfortably complies with the building height" limit of 8.5 metres, apart from the lift overrun, which exceeds the height by 400mm, and the upper portion of the roof above one apartment.

"Off-street car parking is proposed for 15 vehicles, including three adaptable spaces, within a basement, accessed via a combined entry-exit driveway located on Broken Bay Rd."

The application from James Lovell Architects states: "The development includes the retention of three existing trees on the site, and the introduction of 37 new trees with mature heights of three to 10 metres, supplemented by a hierarchy of 258 shrubs, and 545



groundcovers and grasses.

However, the largest existing tree, an eight-metre grey gum will be removed.

The arborist report stated it had extensive crown dieback, "more than 50 per cent of foliage area dead at time of inspection".

The site consists of two

adjoining lots with a total area of 1719.8 square metres and a street frontage to Broken Bay Rd of 28.02 metres.

The application claims compliance with planning controls, including SEPP No. 65 – Design Quality of Residential Apartment Development and the Apartment

Design Guide.

A geotechnical report prepared by Sanko stated that groundwater levels are approximately 300mm higher than the proposed level of excavation.

Therefore "waterproofing and tanking of the basement will likely be required."

"The groundwater encountered comprises an unconfined coastal bed aquifer."

Being close to the surface, these aquifers are "very vulnerable to contamination especially in urban environments.

"They also have a substantial ecosystem support function for groundwater-dependent ecosystems, such as wetlands, swamps, estuarine habitats and coastal terrestrial vegetation."

Unusually, the application contains a record of the "pre-DA meeting" of the applicants with council staff, minutes of which are not released by council.

In a tabular summary, it lists the comments made by planning staff in the meeting held on December 9, 2021, and the response of the applicants.

Surprisingly, shadow diagrams mentioned in the application are not included for public viewing on the Central Coast Council website.

Written submissions close on Monday, February 6.

SOURCE:

DA Tracker, 8 Jan 2023

DA3931/2022, Central Coast Council

'Pre-DA' comments reveal planning staff thinking

Comments made by planning staff at the "pre-DA" meeting in December 2021 for the proposed three-storey block of flats at 124 Broken Bay Rd have been revealed in the application.

The details of the meeting, which are not normally release by council, give some insight into the initial thinking of council planning staff.

The comments and responses are summarised in a table in the application prepared by James Lovell and Associates.

Staff comment: Building height has an eight per cent non-compliance.

Applicant's response: The application is accompanied by a written request for an exemption under clause 4.6 of the Central Coast Local Environment Plan 2022.

Comment: The gross floor area will need to include excess car spaces.

Response: The basement level has been amended to limit the number of car spaces to 15.

Comment: Concern about lack of deep soil areas.

Response: The application is accompanied by a landscape plan which provides for extensive deep soil landscaping within the setback to the front boundary.

"The proposed landscaping includes a continuous row of slim bottlebrush, with a mature height of height of metres, between the access driveway and north-eastern side boundary.

"The remainder of the setback to the north-eastern boundary includes an extended deep soil planting zone, with the proposed landscaping including a hierarchy



of trees with a mature height of three to eight metres, shrubs, groundcovers and grasses."

Comment: View sharing principles are required to be addressed, with a view analysis submitted with the application.

Response: The topographical conditions of the site, and the configuration and orientation of surrounding properties are such that the proposed development will have no significant or unreasonable impact on any existing views.

Comment: Demonstrate solar access is achieved to proposed dwellings and adjoining dwellings to side and rear boundaries. Shadow diagrams need to be provided with the DA.

Response: The application is accompanied by shadow diagrams which demonstrate that the surrounding properties will be individually impacted for a period of less than three hours between 9am and 3pm in mid-winter.

Comment: Rear setback is encroached by balconies that may impact to the amenity of the adjoining properties.

Response: The proposed development has been amended to increase the setback to the rear boundary, and exclude any balconies from the rear setback area.

Comment: Locating common access ways directly adjoining bedrooms results in visual and acoustic conflicts and is not supported.

Highlight windows may provide visual privacy but results in poor outlook and does not provide acoustic privacy.

Response: The common access ways have been designed to provide convenient access to the individual apartments, with the lift core and access pathways designed with a maximum of four apartments accessed at each level.

Comment: There should be a minimum of a one metre separation with screen planting between units and adjoining public paths and access ways.

Response: The proposed development provides minimum

setbacks of at least one metre between the units and the internal pedestrian access way.

Comment: The centre courtyard is located above the carpark and will require planters with adequate soil volume and depth to support significant landscaping.

Response: The application is accompanied by a landscape plan which provides planter beds within the central courtyard of sufficient depth to support the proposed landscaping."

Comment: Level 1 planter boxes between common walkways and bedrooms are supported in principle but are located beneath the upper level and are unlikely to receive adequate light and rainfall.

Response: The central walkway and surrounding open space are generally orientated towards the north-east, circumstances in which adequate light will be available.

"A landscape maintenance schedule will be implemented to ensure the landscaped areas receive adequate water."

SOURCE:

DA Tracker, 8 Jan 2023

DA3931/2022, Central Coast Council

Exhibited without application details

Central Coast Council currently has a development application on exhibition for a dual occupancy and subdivision at 139 Broken Bay Rd.

The council's planning portal includes plans, a water cycle management plan, a waste management plan, an arborist's

report and an aboriginal cultural heritage report.

However, it does not contain a "statement of environmental effects", from applicant BuildCert Planning Pty Ltd, required to describe the proposal and its compliance with the planning provisions.

The plans show dual double

garages dominating the street frontage.

The arborist's report, prepared by Accurate Tree Assessment, recommends the removal of all seven existing trees from the site.

Submissions close on Monday, January 30.

SOURCE:

DA Tracker, 21 Dec 2022

DA3296/2022, Central Coast Council

New kitchen and gaming area plans for hotel renovation

An application has been lodged with Central Coast Council for renovations at the Old Woy Woy Hotel.

The proposal would see a “new internal fit-out” including relocation of the kitchen and the gaming area.

The application has been submitted on behalf of owners Harvest Hotels by PM Consulting Pty Ltd, the business of the former Gosford Council general manager Mr Paul Anderson.

The renovations would include a new bar area and new bathrooms, and new walls and flooring for the beer garden and sports bar.

A new gaming area would be built in the southern portion of the existing hotel.

Aluminium louvers would be replaced with timber windows and wall to match the existing facade on The Boulevard.

There would also be a new entrance off the carpark, a new children’s playground, and new signage.

The external surfaces of the hotel would be “repainted and freshened up”.

“The proposed changes are designed to increase the family friendly culture of the hotel and add to the tourism offerings in Woy Woy.

“There is some minor demolition required as part of the overall development, but these works has been carefully selected so as to

not have an adverse impact to the heritage listed building.”

The application states that the proposed internal alterations of the hotel do not increase the gross floor area, but the proposal does reduce the available carparking on site by 12 vehicles.

“This reduction in carparking is considered to be minimal to the overall carparking provided and available within the Woy Woy CBD area and the multi-use of the premises by customers arriving by a range of public transport options including train, ferry, bus, taxi and ride share options.”

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 30 Nov 2022
DA3716/2022, Central Coast Council



Trees group highlights ‘good’ developments

The Grow Urban Shade Trees group is highlighting local examples of developers retaining trees and the consequential beneficial effects.

Posting a photo on social media, group member Ms Jen Wilder said: “Here’s an example, in Ettalong, of the impact on roads and footpaths when boundary trees are retained.

“When trees are retained, especially on a boundary, it’s a giant win for walkability, biodiversity, beauty, climate change resilience, urban heat reduction, energy

efficiency, property values, business, tourism, mental health, physical health and the all-round habitability and functionality of our urban space.

“Retaining trees is a deliberate and conscious choice by the developer and we need to see much more of it,” she said.

“No wonder Australia’s more progressive councils now place a huge monetary value on keeping and maintaining large trees.”

SOURCE:
Social media, 3 Jan 2023
Jen Wilder, GUST

Volunteer wins Paul Harris Award

The Ettalong-based Rotary Club of Brisbane Water recently presented a Paul Harris Award to a volunteer at a Gosford antiques shop.

The presentation to Ms Heather McKenzie was made at the club’s December 15 Christmas Party by club vice-president Ms Jayne Mote (pictured).

“Ms McKenzie was honoured for her work at Central Coast Antiques and Collectables and support of Rotary Brisbane Water,” said Mr Mitchell Gordon, club member and manager of the antiques business.

“The Paul Harris Award is Rotary’s highest honour and is named for Paul Percy Harris, who founded Rotary International in 1905.

“Rotary Brisbane Water periodically bestows the award on club and community members who make an outstanding contribution to the community,” he said.

“The club makes a \$1000 contribution from its own funds to the International Rotary organisation’s charitable foundation on behalf of each award recipient.”

SOURCE:
Media release, 21 Dec 2022
Mitchell Gordon, Rotary Brisbane Water



Marine flare collection

Transport for NSW will hold an expired marine flare collection in Woy Woy on Friday, January 13.

Expired flares may be dropped

off at the Lions Park Boat Ramp, in North Burge Rd, between 3:30pm and 5pm.

SOURCE:
Social media, 30 Dec 2023
Marine Rescue Central Coast

WHAT’S ON at ETTALONG BOWLING CLUB

Let’s celebrate the new year by introducing a fantastic giveaway to our members ... Shhhh ... coming to the foyer soon.

Celebrate Australia Day with us! Enjoy a friendly game of barefoot bowls (contact bowls office to book, spots are limited). Bring the kids along for free face painting from 11am. Free sausage sizzle, live entertainment and seafood raffles commencing at 6.15pm.

Check out our blackboard specials from the Alfresco Brasserie or tuck into some sizzling dishes from Harrys Chinese Restaurant.

Join now for only \$7.50 per year.

Download our club app and scan the QR code in venue for your chance to win a 65” smart TV. Members Scan To Win Promotion prize drawn at 7pm, January 26th.

Don’t miss the opportunity to purchase tickets to the one and only KENNY & DOLLY Tribute show on tour all the way from the US. Friday 17th February. Tickets \$45 now on sale from reception or through Try Booking, <https://www.trybooking.com/CDLIE>

Check out our website, app or Facebook page for more details or to purchase tickets online. Get along to Ettalong for a fun-filled day with the family.



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HAPPY AUSTRALIA DAY

SCAN TO WIN PROMO - DRAWN 7PM

11am: Face Painting
11am – 12.30pm: Barefoot Bowls
 (bookings required through bowls office)
12pm – 2pm: Free Sausage Sizzle
2pm: Live Entertainment
6.15pm: Fisho's Raffles

AUSTRALIA DAY January 26

Forum

Value your local newspaper - support Peninsula News

Hands up those readers who remember issue 506 of the Peninsula News!

The publication date was November 2, 2020, and the headline was "Council is suspended for three months" with a picture of interim administrator Mr Dick Persson.

The heading of the "Blue Panel" on the front page read "Peninsula News goes it alone" with a sub heading "Help and support needed for our own local newspaper".

The previous issue of the Peninsula News, issue 505, had been 32 pages. Issue 506 was just eight pages.

So what had happened between issues 505 and 506 to bring things to such a sorry state?

As explained in the Blue Panel at the time, Central Coast Newspapers, which had been responsible for advertising, printing and distribution, had advised that they would no longer produce the paper on behalf of Peninsula News.

Overnight most of the advertising revenue vanished as advertisers were steered to "The Pelican Post", which was misleadingly paraded as the "new" Peninsula News.

Remember the Pelican Post? It produced 52 issues in the 17 months before it closed in March last year.

The main difference between Peninsula News and Pelican Post was the commitment of Peninsula News to comprehensive local news coverage of the Peninsula - without puff and padding, or extraneous regional coverage.

Despite the difference in the number of pages, Peninsula News provided a greater number of local news items. It has always prided itself on providing more local news than all the other media combined.

The other major difference was of course the fact that Peninsula News was, and is, a non-profit incorporated association run by the community for the community and Pelican Post was a private enterprise.

This is not to say that there is anything intrinsically wrong with running a newspaper for profit. The profit motive goes hand in hand with efficiency in business.

However the profit motive cannot motivate every single facet of our lives or satisfy everyone's needs.

One of those needs is to feel connected to the local community especially as one gets a bit older.

What better way to do this than a local community newspaper run by the community?

The editor of Peninsula News at the time of the "split" was, and still is, Mark Snell. He has been the editor since issue number one all those years ago, back in March 1999.

In all that time Mark has never asked for, or been paid, a cent for his unceasing work and dedication to ensure the high standards of the paper.

He had a vision which was to provide residents of the Peninsula with free, truly independent and unbiased local news coverage

and through this to support and improve the community.

In those difficult months after the parting of the ways with Central Coast Newspapers, many people thought that Peninsula News' demise was a foregone conclusion.

Mark's determination never wavered however.

With the help of a few loyal advertisers, volunteers and the community including generous support from Lions and Rotary, Peninsula News somehow managed to scrape through, only slightly delaying a single issue.

Issue number 529 was delayed for a week, being published on October 11, 2021, instead of October 5, the Blue Panel at the time read "Time off for running repairs" and was required because Mark had to go to hospital for an operation. But he came back and is still going strong.

A lot of communities in Australia have lost their local newspaper altogether.

As the song goes: "You don't know what you've got till it's gone".

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Peninsula News also accepts donations towards the printing costs of the paper, which can be deposited at the Ettalong Community Bendigo Bank branch.

Here's to a great year for Peninsula News and its readers in 2023.

SOURCE:
Email, 4 Jan 2023
Frank Wiffen, Woy Woy

Auditions held for Agatha Christie play

Woy Woy Little Theatre will hold auditions on Wednesday for an Agatha Christie play it plans to stage in late May.

The play, The Hollow, will be the Little Theatre's second play for the year.

Auditions will be held at 7:30pm on Wednesday, January 11, with registration from 7pm.

They will be held at The Peninsula Theatre, home of Woy Woy Little Theatre, in John Hoare Close, Woy Woy.

Rehearsals will also be held at the Theatre, with performances scheduled between Friday, May 19, and Sunday, June 4.

The play features 12 characters: Henrietta Angatell in her 30s, the elderly Sir Henry Angatell,

Lady Angatell in her 60s, Midge Harvey who is a little younger than Henrietta, the perfect butler Gudgeon, Edward Angatell aged between 35 and 45, the half-witted-looking maid Doris, Gerda Cristow and John Cristow MD in

their 40s, the beautiful neighbour Veronica Craye, and policemen CID Inspector Colquhoun and Detective Sergeant Penny.

The Little Theatre website has 13 audition pieces available for download on its website.

For further information, contact director Mr Andrew Thomson on 0405 103 077.

SOURCE:
Social media, 3 Jan 2023
Andrew Thomson, Woy Woy Little Theatre

Bush dance to be held at Pearl Beach

A Family Bush Dance will be held on January 21 at the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall.

It will be run by the Pearl Beach Progress Association from 6pm at 8:30pm in the hall at 9 Diamond Rd.

It is billed as "a fun night of bush dances suitable for the whole family" with all ages welcome and no previous experience necessary. Live music will be provided by

local musicians Phil and Lyn Rich and friends.

Dances are explained and called by expert dance instructors.

A sausage sizzle will be available from 5:30pm.

The event is alcohol-free.

Patrons have been asked to wear "comfortable clothing and sensible footwear".

SOURCE:
Website, 5 Jan 2023
Pearl Beach Progress Association

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Dual occupancy subdivision gives 310 square metre lot

A development application for a two-storey dual occupancy and subdivision has been lodged for 57 Breeze St, on the corner of Veron Rd, Woy Woy.

The 641.3 square metre site exceeds the minimum requirement of 550 square metres for an attached dual occupancy in a low density residential area.

The subdivision will result in lots of 310.04 square metres and 331.31 square metres.

Each unit will have a floor area of 194.14 square metres with three bedrooms, home office and bathroom upstairs, and downstairs an open plan kitchen, dining area, laundry and a living area that allows for access to private open space.

They will be constructed with a combination of materials, including brick, rendered facade, weatherboard and steel hip roofing.

The height of the development is 8.5 metres, the maximum allowed under the planning provisions.

FSR for the site is 0.5:1, the development will result in an

The floor space ratio of 0.45:1 falls within the maximum permitted of 0.5:1 for the site.

The development seeks approval for the removal of four medium-size trees.

The development proposes the following setbacks:

Unit 1 has a front setback of 6.3 metres, a side setback of 1.38 metres and a rear setback of 16.03 metres.

Unit 2 has a front setback of 7.3 metres, a setback from Veron Rd of two metres and a rear setback of 16.03 metres.

The application notes that planning provisions require the front setback to be the average of the nearest two dwelling houses

It says the average is about 6.5

metres, which is 200mm greater than the 6.3 metres proposed.

The application states that the proposal will overshadow the property to the south.

It claims that living areas and private open space will "retain no less than three hours of uninterrupted solar access" a day.

The application acknowledges that the proposal has been revised "to result in

a more functional and site-responsive outcome with respect to streetscape, context, services and vehicle access".

It states: "Although the garage doors align with the front building line, the prominence of garage openings is lessened by the overarching facade, window and roof presentation."

The two double garage doors amount to 8.6 metres in width.

Submissions will be accepted until January 30.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 17 Dec 2022
DA3322/2022, Central Coast Council

Two-storey child care centre proposed for quiet area

A two-storey child care centre accommodating 81 children and 13 staff will be built over two blocks in a quiet residential area of Springwood St, Blackwall, if an application before Central Coast Council is approved.

The centre at 3-5 Springwood St, zoned R2 Low Density Residential, would operate from 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday and is expected to generate 65 car trips during peak hour, according to a traffic report submitted with the application.

The proposal provides 22 car parking spaces, a shortfall of five compared to planning provision requirements.

"The Development Control Plan requires the provision of 27 car parking spaces - with 14 for parent use and 13 for staff use," according to the report.

The staff parking will include "tandem" spaces.

The report gave figures which showed that if the peak hour demand was evenly spaced, each

parking space would be available for 7.8 minutes at a time, which it claimed would "meet the peak demand for the site".

The application otherwise claims compliance with planning provisions.

It states the ground floor of the centre would include an office, meeting room, staff room, kitchen, laundry, three indoor play areas, shared children's toilet with nappy change station and outdoor play area via covered transition area.

The first floor would include two play areas with access to a craft station, store room, a children's toilet and a total of 285 square metres of unencumbered outdoor play area.

"The proposed built form will be compatible within the existing low density context of the immediate locality, compliant with prescribed maximum height and floor space ratio controls.

"The design scheme has undertaken a conscious effort to minimise adverse amenity impacts on neighbouring properties in terms of privacy, acoustic and

overshadowing.

"This includes the siting and orientation of the building combined with compliance with setback provisions.

"Adjoining properties will continue to receive a minimum of three hours of interrupted solar access at mid-winter.

"Landscaping combined with fencing will screen and minimise the visual impacts associated with the at-grade car parking to neighbouring properties and to the streetscape.

"All trees within the site perimeter are recommended for removal owing to their location."

These include a Sydney blue gum with "scoring a high landscape significance".

"The existing street tree is to be retained."

However, the council's planning portal does not show a landscape plan for the proposal, nor are shadow diagrams provided.

Submissions close on January 20.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 30 Nov 2022
DA3572/2022, Central Coast Council

Proposal for four townhouses in Allfield Rd

Central Coast Council has received an application for a four-unit multi-dwelling development at 15 Allfield Rd, Woy Woy.

The development comprises four two-storey dwellings, with garages at ground floor, with parking for one car for townhouses 2 and 3 and for two cars for townhouses 1 and 4.

Each has open-plan kitchen, dining and living connecting to private open space.

"At the first floor, each dwelling is provided with three bedrooms and master bedroom," the application

states.

"Each bedroom has either built-in or walk-in wardrobes and at least two bedrooms in each dwelling have access to an ensuite bathroom."

The proposal removes "some" existing trees and vegetation on the site.

However, the plan does not show the retention of any trees, apart from the street tree, suggesting that all trees on the site will be removed.

"Removal of the on-site trees would be required under any reasonable development of the

site consistent with the zoning of the land, and the proposal includes landscaping, including replacement tree planting which will maintain a landscaped setting for the proposed development."

There is no arborist report or landscape plan provided in the public exhibition of the proposal.

The proposal is not compliant with planning provisions in a number of respects.

The rear setback should be 4.5 metres, but the proposal states that "the proposal has rear setback of between 2.13 metres and 4.3 metres."

The side setback envelope requirements are breached by about 300mm, according to the application.

The minimum dimension of the Private Open Space areas are significantly less than the 4.5 metres required in the planning provisions.

The application is open for written submissions but the council website does say when the exhibition period will end.

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SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 8 Jan 2023
DA4112/2022, Central Coast Council



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Our community needs to be asked about the future of Council

VOCC has been taking the pulse of our community to find out what is important to them and their views about some controversial issues.

Feedback so far suggests that there is still a lot of anger about the current state of our Council. There are a range of views about what has happened with Central Coast Council and who is to blame - but what has been made clear is that our community feels that they have lost their local representation. There is also anger about local government elections being delayed until 2024 whilst a State government appointed Administrator makes decisions - including continuing to sell off public assets.

So what are the major political parties doing about this?
Nothing. The NSW Liberal Government drove the merger of Gosford and Wyong Councils and has been in power since, so clearly bears significant responsibility for the decisions made by the NSW government to lead us to this point. Meanwhile Labor Members of Parliament and candidates are indicating that they

will do nothing differently.

Although one of the recommendations from the Public Inquiry into Central Coast Council was for elections to be held in 2022, this was not done. The government in power could call a Council election for the Central Coast at any time - however, Labor has indicated that they will not do that.

VOCC believes that our community deserves to be heard.

VOCC is planning to conduct a community poll on the future of Central Coast Council - and when to have a Council election - outside polling booths as part of the NSW State election. We need volunteers to help!

The NSW election will be held on Saturday, 25 March - with pre-poll opening a week before.
If you are willing to volunteer - then register here:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/Poll_volunteer



Development control needs root and branch rethink

The ink is barely dry on the Minister's approval of the Development Control Plan (DCP), and the Local Planning Panel is already calling for a review of its provisions ("Panel recommends strategic planning review", PN559).

For those of us who have been saying from the start that the DCP is arbitrary, inconsistent and inappropriate, it is gratifying to have an official body agreeing in that judgement.

But it is depressing that years have been spent on this futile exercise, and we have nothing more fit for purpose than this hodgepodge of ill-informed prejudice and ineffective restrictions.

There was never any attempt to make a proper review of the old DCP: the new one was just cobbled up out of the bits and pieces of the old Gosford and Wyong documents which were acknowledged by everybody to be useless and which were consistently breached by the Council itself in approving non-conforming developments.

It is not surprising that the brand-new DCP has made absolutely no difference to the number of applications for non-conforming developments.

This is because there is no logical basis for any of the DCP standards, so any developer is entitled to put forward his own suggestions as to what is appropriate.

It is also not surprising that

many ratepayers are unhappy with developments that do meet the DCP standards.

This is because the DCP standards have no relationship to reality and do not contribute to producing the end-product that ratepayers want to see.

The window-dressing of "community consultation" was never more than a smokescreen to conceal the fact that the Administrator never intended to take notice of any opinion but his own in approving the DCP, so it could only be expected that most people are going to be dissatisfied with the results.

It is easy to predict that there will be some grudging response to the Panel's recommendation, mainly focussed on demonstrating that all the provisions were right to start with and that only a disgruntled minority could possibly find fault with them.

Then, as a gesture, some small adjustments will be made to a few trivial measures (probably, to make things a bit easier for developers), and the whole rigmarole of Ministerial approval will be repeated.

This, of course, will achieve nothing, because only a root and branch rethinking of the whole DCP mess can serve the purpose.

Land-use zoning is a blunt instrument at the best of times but, when it is as badly conceived as the present DCP is, we can expect nothing good from it - and we shall not be disappointed.

SOURCE:
Email, 24 Dec 2022
Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy

Not community consultation, not sustainable

Regarding "Council to replace removed dune trees" (PN 559 12 Dec 2022), as a founding member of a community Landcare group that your article says was supposedly subject to "extensive community consultation" by Central Coast Council, your readers should know this:

Local residents groups, with one exception, only found out about this "proposal" two weeks before we met with Council's engineer when he invited us to be involved in replanting/repairing the "altered dune".

This is the only remnant dune remaining on Umina Beach.

In most coastal communities, the dunes that remain are granted certain protections.

Council's actions on restoring dunes at Wamberal from "attack" by Mother Nature are well known.

Here we have the Council itself attacking the dune from behind,

while simultaneously spending our money trying to restore the other side of the dune further north on Ocean Beach.

Does Central Coast Council, recently back in the black after years of financial turmoil, now think they can spend our money on continually removing trees (and/or facilitating others to remove them) to replace them with concrete and bitumen?

This is part of the reason the Peninsula, despite being surrounded by water and criss-crossed by creeks and lagoons, is six degrees warmer than other parts of the City.

With less money spent, we could have permeable surfaces instead of concrete paths, guttering and bitumen carparks.

Several Australian companies make or supply surfaces that are as solid as concrete and permeable (one is based in Toronto to our near north).

Instead, we are going to get water channelled from council's

hard works to an adjoining block near the caravan park entrance which will become an absorption pit with concrete pipelines.

All of this will achieve basically what we have now, with a big puddle and less vegetation and no trees.

Council's review reportedly "... identified that it was not possible to meet both the competing objectives of providing improved parking and safe accessibility while not impacting the rear portion of the dune."

This is a farce.

This is not how you do community consultation.

This is not environmentally sustainable.

This is a Council totally disconnected from residents and ratepayers.

I would be interested in knowing how much money this portion of the project is costing?

SOURCE:
Email, 5 Jan 2023
Bryan Ellis, Umina

Jet skis – we need to do something

I'm a resident of Ettalong Beach and there is a huge issue here with jet skis.

It's like we've been invaded.

We have areas in Ettalong Beach completely taken over by 30-40 people who set up adjoining marquees and settle in for the day with their jet skis.

The worst thing is they ride close to where families are swimming and don't seem to obey any speed

signs.

They have blatant disregard for others.

Even though maritime police were out, it made absolutely zero difference.

It seems that these people come from areas where they can't use their jet skis and take over the beach here.

With that many jet skis, the pollution going into the water would

have to be significant.

They make it really unpleasant for other people who live here or who have spent a lot of money to bring their families for a beach holiday.

Other locals have been complaining for years and nothing is being done.

We need to do something.

SOURCE:
Email, 29 Dec 2022
Betty Lovell, Ettalong

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An open letter to Ms Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

Guringai are an Aboriginal tribe of the Central Coast and recognised as such by senior academics at Sydney University, Christ Church, Gosford, and other Central Coast organisations.

Guringai are registered Native Title claimants, thwarted in the last sign off by bureaucratic hurdles. Guringai wish to protect our land for all.

Your refusal to acknowledge their concern that approx 15 hectares of culturally, and environmentally significant bushland in Kariiong will be trashed for new housing suggests you are pro-development to the exclusion of anything else.

You are the current Member for Gosford so it is your job to protect the natural heritage of the Central Coast, not to stand idly by while it is trashed.

The Guringai/Darkinoong elders are strongly opposed to this development. New housing can be put somewhere else that will not profane the sacred.

Is a vote for Liesl a vote for environmental destruction?

Our natural heritage is vital to our wellbeing and voters want to keep it.

Authorised by Aunty Colleen Fuller & Gab McIntosh,
2 Dandaloo St, Kariiong, 2250

Heat island effect will be out of control in five years

Local resident Mr Frank Wiffen reported in a recent Peninsula News edition how the heat island effect increases with new development approvals.

The December 12 edition reported that council director Dr Alice Howe has advised a review of the heat island effect would take place within the next five years.

This is not acceptable.

The new shopping complex on the corner of Ocean Beach Rd and Lone Pine Ave is an example of what development will be approved in the meantime.

Before this development, the area, now occupied, included large trees and open space, with a small centre and car park.

The entire site is now a heat generating island without any signs of heat reduction design.

If this is allowed to continue for another five years and more, the heat island effect will be out of control on the Peninsula, with dire consequences for residents,

infrastructure and lifestyles.

The absurdity of the director's advice is that the phenomenon has been accepted by the council, but it has resolved to defer a review until the matter is beyond adaptation.

What adaptation actions has Dr Howe recommended to alleviate the heat island effect?

Residents passing the new plaza will compare the new development to the total development of the site and ask whether the heat island effect was an issue for the council and the proponent.

From my observation, it was not and it indicates a business-as-usual mentality.

A comparison between both the before and after designs would be an interesting assignment.

Publication of an aerial view of the former development/site is an option for those unfamiliar with the character change.

SOURCE:
Letter, 5 Jan 2023
Norm Harris, Umina

Woy Woy law firm recognised in leading legal directory

Woy Woy law firm, and one of its partners, have been recognised in the 2023 edition of a leading legal directory.

Tonkin Drysdale Partners was included in the Doyle's Guide for 2023 in the Leading Family and Divorce Law Firms – Newcastle, Hunter Valley and Central Coast Guide category, while partner Mr Lee Pawlak featured in the family and divorce lawyer category.

Tonkin Drysdale Partners' managing partner Mr Paul Tonkin said recommendations like this could be helpful for consumers looking to find a lawyer to represent them.

"Choosing a lawyer can be a difficult decision, and when it's a family law matter, it's usually a highly sensitive situation with a lot at stake, which makes the decision even more important," he said.

"I'm thrilled Tonkin Drysdale Partners and Lee have been recognised in the Guide as it's an endorsement of the high level of expertise and commitment Lee and his team consistently deliver to all of our family law clients."

Mr Pawlak was also an accredited specialist in family law, and one of just 14 accredited specialists across the state to sit on the NSW Law Society's Family Law Advisory Committee.



Mr Lee Pawlak

Mr Tonkin said that, under Mr Pawlak's lead, the firm's family law practice had grown significantly in recent years.

"The team now consists of five family lawyers, making it the largest family law team on the Central Coast."

Mr Pawlak said that his and Tonkin Drysdale Partner's inclusion in the Doyle's Guide was an acknowledgement of the firm's wider family law team.

"I'm really proud of the family law offering we've developed," he said.

"Being named in the Doyle's Guide list is recognition of the high standards and incredible dedication of the entire family law team.

"With five lawyers who each

bring a unique perspective and more than 50 years of combined experience, our team is well placed to provide expert advice in all areas of family law," he concluded.

Fellow partner Mr Paul Quinn is also a family lawyer, a nationally-accredited mediator and accredited family dispute resolution practitioner.

"One of just 10 lawyers to be included in the Guide, this recognition endorses Lee as an authority in his practice area, demonstrating the expertise, knowledge and reputation he has earned in his 15 years as a family lawyer," said Mr Tonkin.

"Considered to be the most reliable assessment of law firms and lawyers in Australia, the Doyle's Guide is a comprehensive directory showcasing Australia's best lawyers across a range of different legal categories and geographical areas.

"It is designed to help individuals make more informed decisions when choosing a lawyer and is compiled through a completely independent, objective peer review process, which includes in-depth surveys and interviews with clients, peers and industry bodies," he said.

SOURCE:
Media release, 9 Dec 2022
Alison Steele, Brilliant Logic



Older women raise \$3500

The Deepwater Older Women's Network at Woy Woy has raised more than \$3500 to buy "food for hampers for the homeless and desperate families" through its Christmas raffle.

Monster Christmas Raffle "Deepwater Plaza allowed our members to sell raffle tickets on Wednesday and Thursday, December 14 and 15 at no cost," said network secretary Ms Jennifer Brown.

"Stephenson's Real Estate offered a space outside their business at no cost so we could sell tickets during the Umina Beach Christmas Parade.

"The first prize in the raffle was a collection of superb sea pearl jewellery and a luxurious jewellery box.

"Second prize was a hamper of Christmas goodies, wine, champagne and many vouchers donated by local businesses."

"Third prize was a beautiful homewares box, a haircare pack and voucher, with a total value of \$310."

The raffle was drawn by Member for Gosford Ms. Liesl Tesch at her office at 10am on Wednesday, December 21.

"This was a massive effort by the executive committee members co-ordinator Ms Genelle Solomon, secretary Ms Jennifer Brown, welfare officer Ms Diana Downie, Ms Sybil Ker, Ms Irene Dunn and new member Ms Caroline Medley."

Ms Brown said Deepwater Older Women's Network, Woy Woy was the largest branch on the Peninsula.

"We advocate for the rights, dignity and wellbeing of older women in the community."

Pictured at the raffle draw were Ms Sybil Ker, Ms Jennifer Brown, Ms Liesl Tesch and Ms Genelle Solomon.

SOURCE:
Media release, 22 Dec 22
Jennifer Brown, Deepwater OWN



Liesl Tesch MP
Member for Gosford

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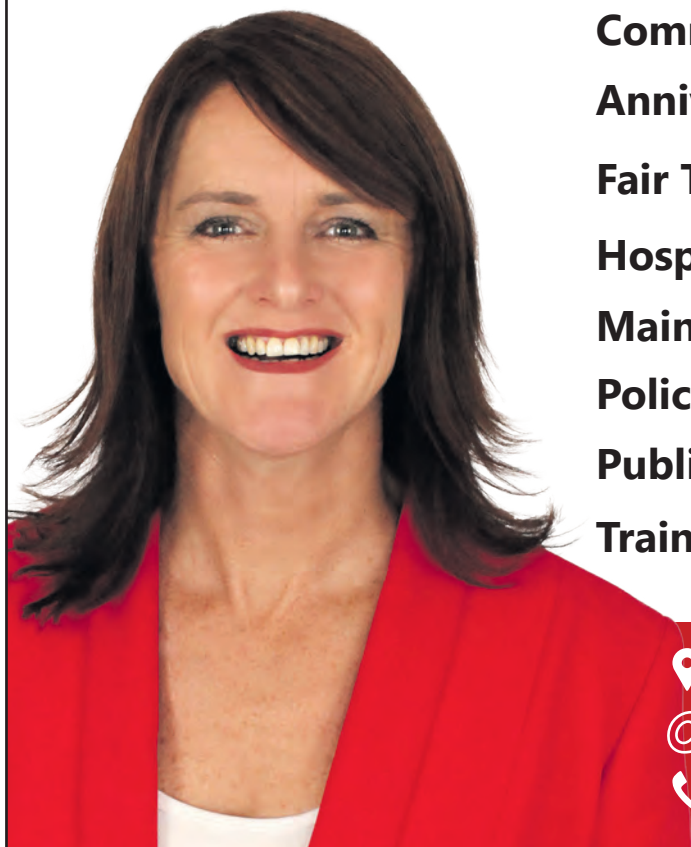
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Tesch calls for nominations for youth parliament

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch is encouraging local young people nominate for the 2023 NSW Youth Parliament.

"Do you want to be the Youth Member for Gosford?"

Ms Tesch said: "Youth Parliament is the Y NSW's flagship youth leadership and engagement program.

"It provides high school students in Years 8, 11 or 12 or equivalent age with the opportunity to engage with policy development and democratic parliamentary debate.

"It is about empowerment and providing young people with a platform to participate in the political system and have their voices heard."

The Y NSW chief executive Ms Susannah Le Bron said that the Youth Parliament program provided an important platform to ensure young people were heard.

"As NSW's premier youth empowerment program operating for over 20 years, Youth Parliament offers young people the opportunity to debate in NSW Parliament, create Youth Bills on issues for change, and have their voices and recommendations heard by Members of Parliament.

"Youth Parliamentarians receive specialised training through a series of camps and online workshops, parliamentary education and experience, plus opportunity for community engagement and teamwork which are all designed to nurture participants in developing their skills to create social impact and positive change.

"Throughout the program, participants are invited to create



reports with recommendations for policy change and debate their recommendations during a mock sitting week in NSW Parliament House chaired by Ministers of Parliament.

"The Y NSW then actively works to facilitate ongoing engagement with relevant Ministers.

Ms Le Bron said: "The Y NSW is a vibrant, for-purpose organisation delivering cause-driven programs and valuable community services that help strengthen young people's lives, their families, and the communities in which they live.

"The Y is part of the largest youth organisations in the world, YMCA, which reaches across 120 countries."

Ms Tesch urged interested young people to contact her office.

SOURCE:
Social media, 29 Nov 2023
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford
Media release, 30 Nov 2023
Katey White, Brilliant Logic



Assembly for long-serving librarian

Umina Beach Public School has held a special assembly on the retirement of its long-serving librarian Ms Annette Darmody.

The assembly was held "to acknowledge and celebrate her incredible contribution to our

school over the last 25 years", said principal Ms Karen Wardlaw.

"Mrs Darmody has inspired and nurtured a love of reading in literally thousands of students during her time at the school and her dedication, commitment and passion in her role as librarian has

been exceptional."

The assembly included comedy, drama and a special song, she said.

SOURCE:
Social media, 16 Dec 2023
Karen Wardlaw, Umina Beach Public School

Ettalong school staff move on

Ettalong Public School will lose a number of its current staff this year.

"Mr Adam Penberthy and Mr Peter Leary will both take up new executive positions at Nords Wharf Public School and Berowra Public School respectively," said relieving principal Ms Jodie Campbell.

"Mrs Merran Hansford has accepted a relieving assistant principal position at Brooke Avenue Public School.

"Mr Ian Evans, our head cleaner, has finished up after 10 years, moving on to new adventures."

Ms Campbell said they would be missed.

She said students in Years 1-6 would return to school on Tuesday, January 31.

"Kindergarten students commence on Thursday, February 2, and will finish at 2.30pm until further notice."

She said staggered start times

would be allocated for the first day only.

"Kindergarten students will come to school in the subsequent days to complete their Best Start Assessment."

SOURCE:
Social media, 21 Dec 2023
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong Public School

Aged care home surveys relatives about its services

A Woy Woy aged care home is currently surveying relatives and representatives of its residents about the care and services it provides.

"Feedback is important to us because it gives us the opportunity to evaluate and improve the care and services we provide," said Blue Wave Living chief executive Mr Matt Downie.

The survey is available to complete online and printed copies are available at reception.

The survey asks whether residents are generally happy, and have something to do most days that they enjoy or gives them satisfaction.

It asks whether they are encouraged to be themselves and are appreciated for who they are, and whether their privacy and

dignity is respected

The survey asks whether staff listen to requests, suggestions and ideas.

Relatives are asked whether they agree with statements that "I am confident that my relative personal information is kept confidential" and "I know how to communicate a compliment, concern, suggestion or complaint".

Relatives are asked whether they feel able to participate in planning a resident's care.

They are asked whether pain is well managed, and whether nurses and care staff show a helpful, caring attitude, with empathy and compassion.

The survey asks whether the home is restful, peaceful and quiet, welcoming, safe and well maintained.

It asks whether there is enough privacy available in personal rooms and living areas, and whether residents are kept informed of the progress of the renovations

Relatives are asked whether they are satisfied with the quality of the food provided and the variety of meals choices offered.

The survey asks whether the range of activities available is satisfactory, whether individual resident choices are supported, and whether their cultural and spiritual needs and preferences are valued and supported.

It also asks whether reception and administrative staff are helpful in providing information about what is happening in the home, and regarding Covid-19.

SOURCE:
Media release, 29 Dec 2022
Matt Downie, Blue Wave Living



Craft group prepares for Mother's Day

The Peninsula Villages Craft Group has applied its sewing skills to make fabric Christmas trees, bags, aprons, blankets and playing card holders in the lead-up to Christmas.

The group is comprised of

two dedicated volunteers and a number of residents,

The craft group is now preparing for its Mother's Day stall.

All money raised goes back into buying more craft supplies.

SOURCE:
Social media, 27 Dec 2023
David Osborne, Peninsula Villages



Bridge team is NSW Country Champion

A team from Brisbane Water Bridge Club has been named the NSW Country Champions and runner-up in the State Championship.

The team was David Bowerman, Dasha Brandt, Sylvia Foster and Jaan Oitmaa, which had made it through local qualifying to play in the finals held at the home of NSW Bridge in Goulburn St, Sydney.

The team won all its seven

matches in the John Arkinstall State Teams Round Robin on Friday and Saturday, December 9 and 10, to become NSW Country Champions.

In the State final, played on Sunday, December 11, Team Bowerman was defeated by Team Bloom from Sydney, 158-22.

SOURCE:
Social media, 12 Dec 2023
Brisbane Water Bridge Club

Call to move pennant finals when Ettalong plays

Ettalong Bowling Club could be deprived of hosting pennant finals when Ettalong teams are playing, if a move by Wyong Men's Bowling Club succeeds.

The Wyong club has asked that "the venue for either the semi-final or final be moved to a neutral venue" if an Ettalong team is playing.

Wyong secretary Mr David Marr has written to Bowls Central Coast stating that hosting all finals at Ettalong "unfairly disadvantages all other teams if an Ettalong Bowling

Club team features in the finals".

This was because Ettalong would be playing on their home greens and because all other teams had to travel to one of the more southerly clubs on the Central Coast.

"It would seem prudent to locate such a neutral venue equidistant from both clubs involved in the finals."

Bowls Central Coast secretary Mr Doug Rose said the issue would be decided at a management meeting on Thursday, January 19.

He said: "Finals of Zone Open Pennants (Grades 1-7) are played

at Ettalong Memorial due to a sponsorship agreement which commenced in 2020-21 and will continue to 2024-25.

"The sponsorship is for \$5000 per annum and another \$5000 payment when an Open Pennants is played at the club."

He said that, before the end of the agreement, expressions of interest would be called for future sponsorship, including for hosting the Open Pennant Finals.

SOURCE:
Social media, 3 Jan 2023
Peter Springgett, Bowls Central Coast

Bunnies to have performance academy

Umina Bunnies Junior Rugby League Football Club has announced that it will have our very own "high performance academy" within the club this year.

Coaches Dean Young and Frank Scarfone are currently with the Central Coast and Sydney Roosters Pathways.

They said they were excited to bring back some of their knowledge

to the club.

Players selected in the Academy will receive high level training and a training kit.

SOURCE:
Social media, 6 Jan 2023
Umina Bunnies JRLFC

Umina bowling club appoints new treasurer

The Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club has appointed Mr Peter Hoare as its new treasurer.

"Peter Hoare will soon take over from current treasurer Colin Mew," said club secretary Mr Peter Springgett.

"Colin and Peter have been working closely together recently, to bring Peter up to speed with the club's financial matters.

"Peter has a strong financial background, so the transition should be straight forward."

Mr Springgett said the club had thanked Mr Mew "for the great job he has done as UBMBCL Treasurer, over the past three years".

SOURCE:
Social media, 4 Jan 2023
Peter Springgett, UBMBCL



Bicycle group plans rides from Woy Woy

The Central Coast Bicycle Users Group will hold two rides from Woy Woy over the next fortnight.

This Thursday, January 12, the group will hold a ride from Woy Woy Fishermen's Wharf to Gosford and back.

The ride starts at 9am and is expected to last two hours.

Leader Mr Alan Corven said it would be "an easy ride along the shared path to Gosford and back".

He said the group would stop for coffee "somewhere in Woy Woy, or maybe Umina, or maybe even Gosford".

On the following Thursday, January 19, the group would have a "Brisbane Water Loop Relaxed" ride, starting at 7am.

The ride would also start and finish at Fishermans' Wharf Woy

Woy and was expected to take three hours.

Mr Corven said it was "a relaxed paced ride around Brisbane Waters, starting and ending at Woy Woy".

"This ride is perfect for those stepping up from easier rides, like the Woy Woy to Gosford boomerang ride or other easy and easy-medium graded rides."

The ride would mostly be on road shoulders and shared paths, with some normal traffic roads.

"So you need to be comfortable cycling on the road with some passing traffic.

"Ride pace will be slower on the shared path sections, picking up on the road sections."

He said the average pace was expected to be 19-22kph over a distance of 48km.

There were a few short hills.

The group would have coffee at Woy Woy upon completion, or somewhere else if a better option is suggested, Mr Corven said.

He said it was possible to opt-out at Gosford waterfront (about a kilometre from Gosford station) for a 10km shorter ride.

Mr Corven said riders should arrive several minutes before starting times for both rides.

"Please arrive at least five minutes before start time to say hi and sign on."

He said either ride may be cancelled at short notice due to bad weather or "ride leader issues".

For further information, call Mr Corven on 0414 538 977.

SOURCE:
Social media, 5 Jan 2023
Alan Corven, CCBUG

Year's first red-point event attracts 28 pairs to bridge club

Brisbane Water Bridge Club's first red-point event for the year, the New Year's Cup, attracted 28 pairs.

The field was divided into open and "super novice", less than 25 master points.

The open competition was contested by 20 pairs.

North-south winners were Lorraine Lindsay and Richard Carter, with a comfortable five per cent win.

It was a similar situation for east-west winners, Sally Clarke and Jan Clarke with four per cent margin.

In super novice, eight novice duos entered, what for some,

would be their first red-point competition.

The event was run as a Howell, to produce a single winning pair in Carolyn Nichols and Wendy Byrne.

A super novice division, for players with less than 50MP, is planned for future red point events.

North-south results of Monday New Year Pairs Open, played January 2 were:

1 Lorraine Lindsay, Richard Carter 276.8 (64.06 per cent), 0.50 red points.

2 Martin Johnson, Chris Hasemore 255.1 (59.06), 0.35.

3 Barry Foster, Hope Tomlinson 245.1 (56.74), 0.25.

4 Meg McGregor, Hilary Owen

224.1 (51.88), 0.17.

5 Christine Hadaway, Marcelle Goslin 218.8 (50.64), 0.13.

6 Jim Routledge, David Snow 199.4 (46.15).

7 Jacqueline Wilson, Jenny Buckley 196.0 (45.37).

8 Julie Teague, Jorgen Boettiger 187.6 (43.43).

9 Pamela Lumby, Carol Long 183.1 (42.39).

10 Michael Greenfield, Laurie Powell 174.0 (40.28).

East-west results were:

1 Sally Clarke, Janet Clarke 252.0 (58.33 per cent), 0.50 red points.

2 Jaan Oitmaa, Sylvia Foster 237.3 (54.92), 0.35.

3 Karen Ody, Jurate Laisve 236.3 (54.69), 0.25.

4 Felicity Fane, Heather Brown 218.9 (50.67), 0.17.

5 Noel Crockett, Shirley Crockett 215.9 (49.97), 0.13.

6 Deborah Guthrie, Frankie Craven 213.9 (49.51).

7 John Aldersley, Beryl Lowry 211.4 (48.93).

8 Susan McCall, Pamela Joseph 204.6 (47.37).

9 Elaine Hume, Peter Hume 195.9 (45.34).

10 David Howells, Sue Eastman 174.0 (40.28).

Monday New Years Pairs Novice competition results were:

1 Caroline Nichols, Wendy

Byrne 101.0 (60.12 per cent), 0.20 red points.

2 Susan Ashley, Kerry Robertson 98.7 (58.73), 0.14.

3 Judith Lambkin, Connie Lewis 88.3 (52.58), 0.10.

4 Kerry-Anne Durrant, Carolyn Harper 88.0 (52.38), 0.07.

5 Steve Anderson, Kerry Anderson 82.0 (48.81).

6 Graham Woof, Chris Spikesman 79.3 (47.22).

7 Maureen Lockwood, Fiona Galea 78.7 (46.83).

8 Beverley Burns, Roz Laws 56.0 (33.33).

SOURCE:
Social media, 3 Jan 2023
Brisbane Water Bridge Club