



Sammy has a ferry ride

Brisbane Water's resident seal, Sammy, became a ferry passenger last week.

He travelled on the Codock II on its run from Davistown to Woy Woy and back again.

"Our newest passenger Sammy Seal would not hop off and provided a truly unique ferry trip for our passengers," according to Central Coast Ferries.

"Skipper Brett has been working passenger ferries for over 25 years and this was the first time he has ever carried a seal aboard.

"Sammy Seal travelled across to Woy Woy, hopped off to put on a show for the locals, then hopped back on next trip and travelled back to Davistown.

"We have never seen anything like it - so special."

SOURCE:
Social media, 17 Jan 2023
Central Coast Ferries

Draft flood plan proposes new minimum floor levels

A new floodplain management plan would raise minimum floor level requirements over most of the Peninsula.

Central Coast Council's draft Woy Woy Floodplain Risk Management Plan is currently on exhibition for public comment.

New floor levels will be almost 1.3 metres above the one per cent annual probability flood level, commonly referred to as the one-in-100-year flood.

They are based on a 500mm "freeboard" above the flood level, plus another 0.74 metres to accommodate sea level rise.

It also recommends that the ground level (or "landform") of low-lying land subject to tidal inundation be raised in response to sea level rise.

Without this, it says: "By 2100, there will be extensive daily flooding in the Woy Woy CBD and Booker Bay, while Ettalong will see significant flooding in the lowest roads and private properties".

Among a number of recommended changes to the council's planning provisions, the plan recommends provisions to ensure "significant increases in perviousness and rainfall infiltration across the Peninsula" and "allowing more flood compatible development (by) requiring open spaces which also convey flood water in rare storm events".

The plan also recommends a shift of focus to providing a "sustainable level of drainage service", away from prohibitively expensive drainage projects.

"Requiring all major stormwater systems to convey peak one per cent flows is likely to not be achieved given the initial costs

associated with construction.

"A financially-sustainable approach to stormwater asset management will be required into the future.

"Even with existing infrastructure, the consequences of one per cent flooding are generally not significant on the sand flats of the Peninsula.

"However, ongoing maintenance will need to be undertaken to ensure services are not reduced back to unacceptable levels (eg blockage of pipes and culverts).

"Ideally, a future level of major stormwater system service will enable the entire system to be upgraded in a financially-sustainable manner."

It recommended that "within the sand flats only, the requirements of the Central Coast Council Civil Works Specification - Design Guideline be relaxed to provide an alternative level of service".

This is accompanied by recommendations for six infiltration pits in key locations and for measures which aim to ensure overland flood flow paths are kept clear.

"Property owners and residents living adjacent to the main drain (Teatree Creek) and Kahibah Creek can significantly affect flood behaviour with the types of structures constructed within the floodplain."

The plan said that "landscape works, sheds, stockpiling and other small works ... can either remove flood storage or deflect flood waters and increase surrounding flood levels" or "be a source of debris causing blockage downstream".

It recommended an "encroachment policy to manage illegal structures in the floodplain"

and an education program for property owners with obstructions that were not illegal.

The new plan has nine broad recommendations, which also cover setting up evacuation centres, establishing a flood warning system, providing flood signs and flood education programs.

The plan acknowledges that it is based on modelling that is "calibrated" against just one flood 35 years ago, using flood levels at just 20 locations, and without detailed rainfall data or drainage flow measurements.

However, the modelling shows "a smaller flood extent and shallower flood depths in general" than the previous flood study in 2010.

The plan also states that two associated studies were undertaken to prepare for this plan.

One was the Woy Woy Climate Change Adaptation Study (Rhelm, 2021b) "to identify feasible strategies to adapt the low-lying areas of Woy Woy to the impacts of sea level rise".

The other was the Woy Woy Integrated Water Management Cycle and Case Study Everglades Catchment (DHI, 2021) "to define flooding in this catchment utilising an integrated surface water and ground water model, and identify potential solutions to mitigate flooding".

Neither study has been circulated with other documents supporting the Plan.

Public submissions will be received until Wednesday, February 15.

SOURCE:
Website, 18 Jan 2023
Your Voice Our Coast,
Central Coast Council

More about flood plan - page 4

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Committed to staying true to our aims

This is our second 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.

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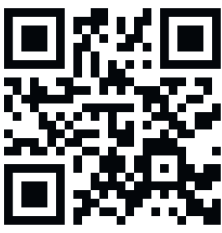
It will provide information that

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We believe these aims are more important than ever.

Mark Snell, 8 Jan 2023



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Preparing for year ahead

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy is preparing for the year ahead, as it resumes its activities after the Christmas break.
Club president Ms Julie Jones said: "We look forward to another Opera in the Arboretum event, the Rotary conference in Cowra, interesting speakers and the fellowship of fellow members."
"Anzac Day will be with us before we know it."
She said that not having Covid

restrictions opened opportunities.
"It would be nice to have a couple more projects within the community."
She said club members had met in Lions Park during the week.
"It was sunny but breezy, so we took shelter in beside the Sea Scouts Hall."
"Plenty of good food and good friends, which made for a lovely evening."
SOURCE:
Newsletter, 10 Jan 2023
Julie Jones, Rotary Woy Woy



Marine Rescue Central Coast recently towed this vessel from Little Box Head back to Gosford.

SOURCE:
Social media, 11 Jan 2023
Marine Rescue Central Coast

Taken to hospital

A person was taken to hospital after a two-car accident in Ettalong on Tuesday, January 17.
The accident happened in Springwood St, near Bourke Rd.
One of the drivers was trapped in the vehicle with "minor injuries" before being released by emergency crews.

SOURCE:
Social media, 17 Jan 2023
NSW Central Coast Incident Alerts

Diverted

The Palm Beach ferry was diverted to Patonga last week.
A large swell forecast for Thursday, January 19, resulted in the diversion, with services departing from Patonga instead of Ettalong or Wagstaffe.
Normal services resumed on Friday, January 20.

SOURCE:
Social media, 18 Jan 2023
Fantasea Palm Beach Ferries

RSL annual meeting

The Woy Woy, Ettalong, Hardy's Bay Returned Services League Sub-Branch will hold its annual meeting at the Ettalong Diggers club in February.
The meeting will be held at 2:30 pm on Friday, February 10, in the function room.
The secretary of the sub-branch may be contacted with any queries through the Ettalong Diggers website at <https://www.ettalongdiggers.com/rsl>.

SOURCE:
Social media, 20 Jan 2023
Ettalong Diggers

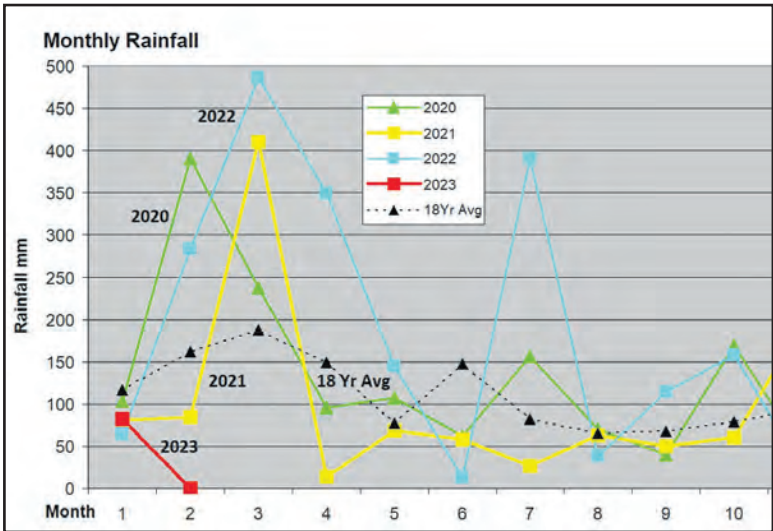
Wednesday night bingo resumes

Woy Woy Bingo has resumed its Wednesday night games.
"These will be now held in the auditorium at Club Umina from 7:30pm to 9:30pm," said organiser Mr Rob Graham.
There are 25 cash games, \$20 for a set of six tickets all night, with paper and pets (programmable electronic tickets) available.
Mr Graham said the next mini marathon would be held from 7pm to 11pm on Saturday, January 28 with 71 games.
He said: "All proceeds go to the Woy Woy Catholic Parish to fund Mary Mac's Place."

SOURCE:
Social media, 17 Jan 2023
Rob Graham, Woy Woy Bingo

Month's rainfall is about average

NEThe Peninsula has had about average rainfall so far this month.
A total of 81.8mm had been recorded until the morning of Friday, January 20, according to Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.
This is about two thirds of the month's average of 117mm with one third of the month remaining.
Rain was recorded on 11 days, with only three days having more than five millimetres of rain.
They were January 7 (43.9mm), January 19 (10.0mm) and January 20 (12.9mm), accounting for 66.8mm of the total.
This month's rainfall is already greater than the January totals for the last two years.
Last year, 65mm was recorded



for January and 80.7mm was recorded the previous year.

SOURCE:
Spreadsheet, 20 Jan 2023
Jim Morrison, Umina

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Meeting to discuss floodplain and council land plans

The Peninsula Residents Association will hold a public meeting at the Everglades Country Club at 7pm on Thursday, February 9, to discuss draft council plans for management of the Peninsula's floodplain and management of "community land".

Central Coast Council currently has the Woy Woy Peninsula Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan open for "Phase 2 consultation" with public submissions accepted until Wednesday, February 15.

It is also exhibiting its Draft Plan of Management for Council Community Land, which would cover 357 parcels of council land on the Peninsula.

Submissions for this plan close on Tuesday, February 21.

Association secretary Ms Jen Wilder said the meeting would "try to make sense" of the two plans.

"What are they proposing? What are the consequences?" asked Ms Wilder.

"Do they go too far? Do they go far enough?"

"Do they meet community needs?"

"These are the questions we want to discuss."

Ms Wilder said, in the case of the floodplain plan, the association wanted to know whether residents were willing to trade off high design standards for regular maintenance of a whole system built to a lower standard.

"Does the community support

long-term plans to raise ground levels or 'landform' in low-lying areas subject to tidal inundation?"

Ms Wilder asked: "In the case of community land, is there more council land that should be included in the list to be preserved for future community use?"

"Should some parcels on the list not be included, allowing them to be sold?"

"Are the management provisions adequate?"

"We would like to hear residents' thoughts."

Information about both plans can be found on the council's "engagement" website www.yourvoiceourcoast.com.

SOURCE:

Media release, 22 Jan 2023

Jen Wilder, PRA

Family fun day

The Pearl Beach Progress Association will hold a Family Fun Day on the beach at Pearl Beach from 8:30am to 11am on Australia Day, Thursday, January 26.

The day will include a charity barbecue with gluten-free and vegetarian options.

There will be a guessing competition, novelty races, children's age races and a sand modelling competition.

A Rock-to-Rock Marathon will be run and a thong-throwing competition held.

SOURCE:

Website, 17 Jan 2023

Pearl Beach Progress Association



Nambus leaves Ettalong for last time

The Nambus was on display for the final time in NSW at the Ettalong waterfront on Saturday, January 14.

"The day commenced with a small ceremony at the bus," said Nambus secretary Ms Lorraine Scott.

President of the Central Coast Sub-branch of the Vietnam Veterans Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association and the first Nambus president, Mr Alan Ball, spoke about his early days on the bus.

"Godmother to the Nambus" and former Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews spoke about obtaining the bus from the State Transit Authority and arranging for its fit-out and painting.

"Mr Gordon Lawson spoke

about his experiences as Nambus president and driver.

"The Reverend Arthur Pearce delivered an inspirational blessing."

After this, the formalities continued at Ettalong Diggers club.

Mr Lawson presented an appreciation plaque which featured an image of the Nambus to Mr Col Murphy, chief executive of Ettalong Diggers, a major sponsor of the bus.

Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid spoke about the time he visited the Nambus as a student.

He presented an appreciation certificate to Ms Andrews.

Some of the Nambus crew members spoke about their experiences on the bus.

Brisbane Water Secondary College school captain John

Lennard spoke about the Nambus from a students' perspective.

Former Nambus president and driver for 12 years, Mr Chris Stone, travelled from Brisbane to attend the function and also spoke.

Among the dignitaries attending were Vietnam Veterans Federation national president Mr Bill Roberts and national secretary Mr Ron O'Connor.

The Nambus was formally handed over to Mr John Methven on Tuesday, January 17, at the National Vietnam Veterans Museum on Phillip Island, where it will be displayed and continue to educate people about the involvement of Australia in the Vietnam War.

SOURCE:

Media release, 18 Jan 2023

Lorraine Scott, Nambus

Council may spend \$133,000 on rare bushland project

Central Coast Council will consider releasing a total of \$133,000 for the council to spend on the rare and endangered Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland.

The recommendation, to be considered at tomorrow's council meeting, is to release \$82,000 in February for the 2022-23 financial year and to release \$51,000 in July for the 2023/24 financial year.

The recommendations come from the December 12 meeting of the Council's Protection of the Environment Trust Management

Committee, presented for consideration in a report prepared by the Governance section of council.

The report said that the release of funds held in the trust aligned with the purpose of the trust.

"The Protection of the Environment Trust is a Trust of which Council is the Trustee."

The report said: "Staff support these recommendations as they release funds for the delivery of priority actions of the NSW Government's Restoration and Rehabilitation Management Plan

for the Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland Endangered Ecological Community.

"There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations in this report as the funds associated with undertaking the audit are available in the Trust Fund and will be at no expense to Council.

"The funds being allocated to the Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland project are part of the funds held by the Trust for those projects."

The report stated that the

recommendations fell within the "good governance and great partnerships" council goal to "engage and communicate openly and honestly with the community to build a relationship based on trust, transparency, respect and use community participation and feedback to inform decision making".

Council staff told the December Trust meeting that "a subsequent recommendation needs to be made to Council as Trustee to approve release of the funds ... for management actions as per

the confirmed budget ... presented at the meeting held on 15 June 2022".

The Trust minutes record: "The committee agrees to the recommendation and that the third year of the Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland be a future report back to the committee."

However, neither the December nor June minutes contain a list of management actions or budget details.

SOURCE:

Central Coast Council

agenda 2.11, 24 Jan 2023

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Planning

Flood study explains smaller extent and shallower depths

The “technical volume” of the Woy Woy Floodplain Management Study provides an explanation for its map showing a smaller flood extent and shallower flood depths compared to the 2010 study, and claims a higher confidence level.

“There are various changes to modelling of design runs since the previous study,” it stated.

It listed seven changes. The first was that “design rainfalls” were updated in the Australian Rainfall and Runoff guidelines.

“Both the rainfall intensities and temporal patterns were updated.”

It said it used an updated groundwater model.

“The antecedent groundwater condition for design runs have been updated using the updated groundwater model.

“The groundwater model for the Woy Woy Peninsula has been updated with the new LiDAR and recalibrated for the longer records of the bore data.”

Also, “the model topography was updated with the LiDAR 2013 data and refined from 10 metres to five metres”.

The study stated: “Refinement of the model allowed a finer representation of land use.”

The stormwater drainage network had also been updated with the new database, “although this should not differ much from the previous study”.

“The model domain was extended to cover the entire escarpment and the Kahibah Creek catchment,” it said.

And “the updated model was recalibrated”.

“All these changes contribute to the different flood extents and depths,” it stated.

“Refinement of the model spatial resolution represents streets which works as surface drainage paths and the impervious areas in lots more accurately based on LiDAR.”

“For example, where the 2010 study applied low permeability to all residential blocks, the current study represents approximate



Flood planning area: 1% AEP + 500mm freeboard + Sea Level Rise 0.74m

outlines of buildings based on LiDAR.

“This change can allow more infiltration at parts of allotments and less ponding to be simulated at allotments.

“Changes to the design rainfall is also substantial.

“Rainfall intensities are smaller in this study than the 2010 study where rainfall intensities in 1987 ARR guidelines were applied.

“This is particularly evident in short duration events.

“While only one temporal pattern was available for each duration of design event, 10 temporal patterns were examined and the one producing a mean peak flow was adopted in 2D modelling.

“The adopted antecedent groundwater conditions for design runs also differ significantly.

“Both the 2010 study and current study adopted the 80th percentile groundwater level as the antecedent groundwater condition using the long-term groundwater simulations.

“However, the current study’s antecedent condition is based on the updated groundwater model which was well calibrated against much longer records of bore data in the recent Woy Woy Integrated

Water Management and Case Study Everglades Catchment Study (DHI, 2021).

“The antecedent groundwater levels adopted in the 2010 study are approximately one to two metres higher than the one in the current study.

“This is much higher than the 90th percentile groundwater level derived in the current study, which is only 0.1 to 0.2 metres higher than the 80th percentile groundwater level.

“A higher antecedent groundwater level means more wet soil prior to a rain event and thus less infiltration loss.

“This could have resulted in overestimation of flooding, especially groundwater driven flooding at some locations and have had some consequences on the selection of critical durations in the previous study.

“Given the improved groundwater model, the prediction of the 80th percentile groundwater level and the antecedent catchment condition for design events in this study has a greater confidence.”

SOURCE:
Website, 18 Jan 2023
Floodplain Management Study, Central Coast Council

Plan model is based on one flood event 35 years ago

The Woy Woy Peninsula Floodplain Management Study has admitted its plan has been created “in the absence of any gauged water level or discharge data”.

Instead, it is modelled on just one flood event 35 years ago using just 20 locations across the Peninsula and using rainfall data from Peats Ridge.

Despite the lack local rainfall, flood level or discharge data, the plan has not recommended that these be monitored.

The study said that “the parameters related to soil and groundwater were already calibrated against the long-term groundwater level observations”.

“Calibration of the model in this study focused on parameters affecting surface water.”

This was to be carried out against the estimated peak water depths from flooding events identified in a 2010 study.

Candidate events were in August 1972, May 1974, 1984, March 1986, April 1988, January 1989, February 1990, March 1991, February 1992, May 1998, April 1999 and June 2007.

However the study said: “The April 1988 flood event was the only event with enough data collected during the community consultation (DHI, 2010) for model calibration.”

“It should be noted that the temporal patterns were taken from the Peats Ridge gauge which was the nearest available for this event

“The six-minute interval temporal pattern of Peats Ridge (Bureau of Meteorology gauge 61351) was scaled by the daily rainfall measured at Everglades Golf Course (BOM Gauge 61318) to produce this timeseries.”

It said that 311mm of rain was recorded over 72 hours between April 27 and 30, 1988.

“This corresponds to a six to seven per cent rainfall event.

“The sea boundary condition was taken from two of MHL’s tidal gauge stations: Ettalong 212423 Station and Koolewong (Decommissioned in 2016) 212422 Station.

“The water levels along the coast between the two stations were linearly interpolated.

SOURCE:
Website, 18 Jan 2023
Floodplain Management Study, Central Coast Council

Flooding consultation is ‘second round’

The current consultation period for the draft Woy Woy Peninsula Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan is the second round of consultations about the plan, according to council director Dr Alice Howe.

“The draft Study and Plan considers several flood risk management options to reduce risk to life and damage to property,” she said.

“These options were identified in consultation with the Woy Woy Peninsula community in the first round of consultation held in March 2021.

“The options have been assessed against a range of criteria: economic, environmental and social.

“The best options from now form the recommendations and strategic program presented in the draft Plan.”

Dr Howe said the community had already played an integral role in shaping many exciting projects, plans and strategies to benefit and enhance Woy Woy.

“Community feedback has and will continue to play a vital role in helping shape the future of Woy

Woy,” she said.

“The exhibition of the draft Woy Woy Peninsula Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan is the next step in securing the future of the area, with the focus on benefits for people and the environment of reducing flood risk.”

Residents can participate by viewing the plan and completing a submission on the project page, attend a drop-in session from 4pm to 6:30pm on Wednesday, February 1, at the Country Women’s Association Hall in Woy Woy.

They can also book a call-back with a project officer to discuss project information and make a comment on the plan.

Dr Howe said the draft Study and Plan had been prepared in accordance with the NSW Government’s Floodplain Development Manual, with financial assistance from the NSW Government through its Floodplain Management Program.

The draft Study and Plan and supporting documents can be viewed online on the Council website www.yourvoiceourcoast.com or at Woy Woy Library.

SOURCE:
Media release, 18 Jan 2023
Alice Howe, Central Coast Council

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Bling It Up Gala for Iris Foundation

The Community and Business Women's Network will hold its Bling It Up Gala Fundraising Dinner, on Saturday, February 25.

Funds raised from the event, to be held from 6:30pm at Ettalong Diggers, will go to the Because We Care Boutique project of the Iris Foundation.

"The Boutique is run by dedicated volunteers, assisting women from the Central Coast, with suitable clothing and accessories," said Diggers' marketing manager Ms Kim Cole.

She said the club was proud to host and be the major sponsor for the event.

"They provide outfits for women attending important appointments, where they need to feel confident and suitably dressed for job interviews and court appearances, along with interviews to secure rental properties.

"The Boutique goes beyond clothing the women to providing workshops to assist in improving self-confidence, composure and resilience.

"The Boutique offers a safe and supportive space where women

are given one on one individual attention and respect.

"Their focus is on the whole person.

"they understand that overcoming adversity requires more than just a new outfit."

Tickets are priced at \$99 or \$750 for a table of eight, plus booking fee.

Further information is available on the Network's website, <https://cbwn.org.au>.

SOURCE:
Social media, 16 Jan 2023
Ettalong Diggers



Body of missing walker found at Patonga

A body, believed to be that of a missing bushwalker, has been located at Patonga.

The body was found on Saturday, January 14, following a multi-agency search after a woman went missing while bushwalking between Pearl Beach and Patonga the previous day.

"Officers from Brisbane Water Police District were notified that a 78-year-old woman became lost while bushwalking on a trail just

after 8pm on Friday," according to a statement from NSW Police.

Police were told the woman was visiting from the USA.

The search involved the Police Dog Unit, PolAir, Police Marine Area Command, Surf Life Saving NSW, NSW Ambulance, the Toll Ambulance Rescue Helicopter and Marine Rescue.

The search was suspended about 3am and resumed on Saturday morning along the coast

line, in the bushland and from the air.

"A body, believed to be that of the missing woman, was sighted by PolAir in Patonga before being retrieved by ground crews."

The body is yet to be formally identified.

A report will be prepared for the Coroner.

SOURCE:
Media release, 14 Jan 2023
NSW Police

Sunny weather for a trip to Patonga

A Woy Woy aged care home took advantage of sunny weather recently to take its residents on an outing.

Residents of Blue Wave Living

were pictured at Patonga while "out and about on the BlueWave bus".

SOURCE:
Social media, 11 Jan 2023
BlueWave Living

Liberals select former councillor as election candidate

The Liberal Party has announced that former Gosford councillor Ms Deanna Bocking will be its candidate for this year's State elections.

Ms Bocking, an NDIS and aged care worker, said she understood the challenges the local community faced.

She said she would be an active advocate and "a strong voice for Gosford".

"I've always put my hand up to represent my community and

advocate for important local infrastructure and services, previously as a local councillor, and now as the Liberal candidate for Gosford," Ms Bocking said.

"As we face the challenges in front of us, and look to seize future opportunities for the Coast, it's more important than ever that we have a strong voice in the Perrottet Government."

Ms Bocking said her work in the local community included mentoring and coaching at Woy Woy Weight Watchers, and that

she had previously owned and operated a small restaurant and bar in East Gosford.

"Small business is the backbone of our local economy.

"After a tough few years, I'm optimistic that we're bouncing back.

"As a former small business owner, I understand the support local operators require, and I'll fight for their needs in the NSW Parliament," Ms Bocking said.

"This election is not only about our local community, but also

about the future of our great state.

"I look forward to contributing to the Liberal team that will continue to manage our State's finances to deliver the infrastructure and services Gosford needs.

"Only the Perrottet Government has a plan to support NSW families by growing the economy, boosting their budget, strengthening frontline services and investing in our communities."

SOURCE:
Media release, 9 Jan 2023
Chris Stone, Liberal Party of Australia.



Voices of Central Coast

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Planning on the Central Coast has been handed to developers - while the community has no voice

VOCC has been letterboxing recently. The beauty of our area continues to amaze and inspire. There are many special places on the Central Coast - but they are under threat.

The Central Coast Regional Plan 2041 was released in October 2022 and is the State government's 20 year vision. The NSW government acknowledged that the plan had been developed - and would be overseen - by a committee made up by developer lobby groups and agencies—no community, social or environment representation. The final plan was vastly different to the draft that was exhibited - from 105 pages to 132 with more objectives added after the draft. It should have been re-exhibited but was not.

The Central Coast has now been consumed by the Greater Cities Commission and their "Six cities" concept. There may be some merit to some of the ideas provided—however, this has been very much focused on marginalising local communities who care about their area—in favour of development and economic growth. Consultation on the Greater Cities Commission Discussion

Paper (released in Sept 2022) did not align with their own "Community Participation Plan". The Commission has now released A Central Coast Regional Strategy with one focus being "unlocking employment land and accelerating employment precincts". It has long been acknowledged that the Central Coast has an over abundance of land zoned for employment - so who benefits from this renewed focus?

Meanwhile, it was reported in the SMH last week (10 Jan 2023) that local Councils around the state are opposing the move by the State government to take even more planning powers away from Councils and residents.

The NSW government removed the Central Coast Council with little justification. The recommendation from the Public Inquiry was to hold a Council election last year (Sept 2022). This was ignored. The Labor opposition has fallen into lock step with the NSW government on these issues.

Without local democracy on the Central Coast, the community has no voice.

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Planning

Dual occupancy application resubmitted under new rules

A development application has been lodged with Central Coast Council seeking consent for a two-storey dual occupancy at 16 Sydney Ave, Umina.

“Each dwelling would include a double garage, three bedrooms, a living room, kitchen, dining area, bathroom, ensuite and adjoining patios and courtyards,” the application states.

The application is a fresh application for a dual occupancy at the same address as a similar application (DA63260/21) that was refused by the Local Planning Panel.

This new application will be assessed against Central Coast Council's 2022 planning provisions, where the previous application was assessed under the previous Gosford provisions.

The drawings for the new application show few differences from its predecessor.

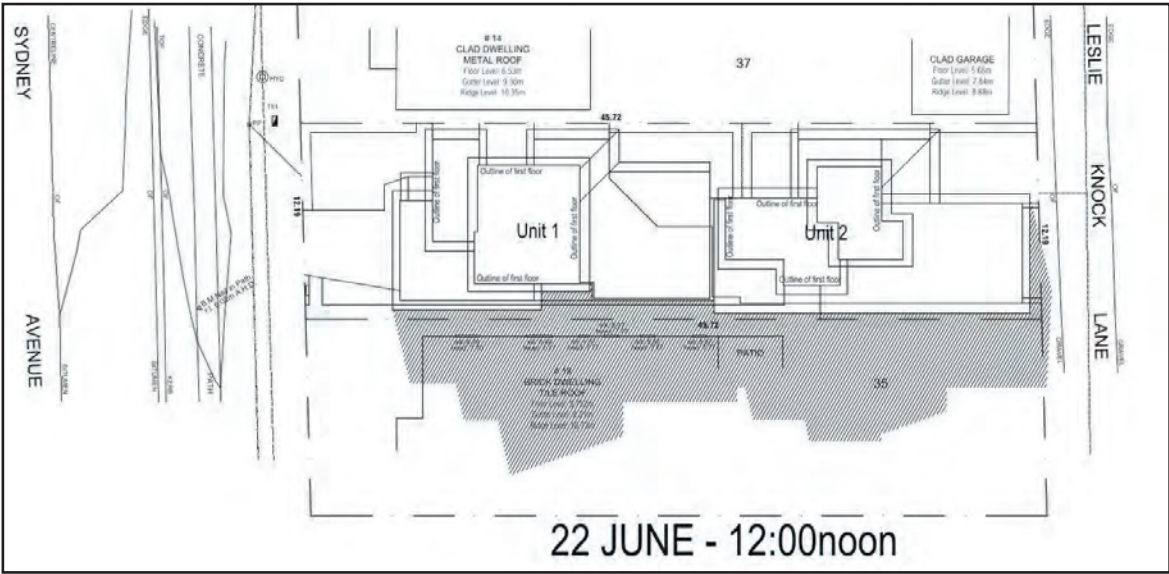
A small length of wall on the southern side of unit two has been indented slightly, presumably to help improve articulation.

Two windows on the western side of unit one have been amalgamated into one tall window spanning both floors.

Both applications were prepared by Clarke Dowdle and Associates.

The new application states that: “Each unit would include an open space area adjoining each dwelling which incorporates a patio and clothes drying and service areas.

“The proposal includes landscaping and fencing to provide sufficient areas to store mobile waste collection bins away from



the street and from the courtyard areas within the site.”

The compliance table in the application mentions only one non-compliance with the planning provisions, which is the failure to attain a 4.5 metre rear setback.

The proposal calls for a 1.025 metre setback to the planned garage at the rear, referring to “discussion below”.

However, this discussion does not seem to be present in the document.

Although not mentioned in the compliance table, the applications states that the southern elevation exceeds the length of unarticulated wall.

“The proposed dual occupancy building is well articulated although it does have some section of walls greater than 10 metres along southern elevation that is 17.6 metres in length.”

It claims: “On the whole, the dual occupancy is articulated in a

manner to alleviate monotonous design.”

Under the heading “solar access”, the application states: “The proposed dual occupancy development would entail shadowing to the adjoining southern lot during the winter months.

“Given the proposal is two storeys in height shadowing is somewhat unavoidable due to the east-west orientation as a two-storey dwelling house can be erected on the site with the same side setbacks under complying development.

“Notwithstanding the height of the building, the shadow diagrams indicate that the proposal would maintain solar access to 50 per cent the private open space of the neighbouring lot during the lower altitude sun path during the winter months.”

Changes to the solar access requirements under the new

planning provisions may well play a large part in the assessment of this application.

As part of its conclusion, the application states: “The proposal provides the local area with new more affordable dwellings on a site that is inherently suitable for such development.”

The application gives no indication of the selling price of the units or their rental value.

Many of the planning provisions under the Gosford Development Control Plan that were the basis for the Planning Panel's refusal of the previous application no longer apply and the new provisions do not seem to provide the same impediments for the new application.

For example, changes to planning provisions include changes to requirements for the building envelope, private open space, minimum sunlight, privacy, and facade articulation.

The “old” requirement for side setbacks and building envelope was one metre and then a 45 degree angle starting 3.5 metres above the ground.

The “new” requirement is, for any part of the building with a height of more than 4.5 metres, 0.9 metres plus one-quarter of the height of the building above 4.5 metres.

The minimum private open space required under the “old” provisions was 75 square metres.

The new requirement is 45 square metres with a minimum dimension of 4.5 metres.

Under both old and new provisions, three hours of direct sunlight must reach the living areas and private open space of both the new and existing (neighbouring) properties at the winter solstice.

However, the percentage of those areas that must receive sunlight has reduced from 70 to 50 per cent.

It is unclear how the new privacy provisions will be interpreted, as this section has been rewritten.

However one significant difference is that the “new” privacy clauses do not have any explicit limit on the size and number of “roof terraces”.

Under the new provisions, the maximum allowable length of “unarticulated” wall has risen from eight metres to 10 metres.

The application is currently on public exhibition with written submissions being received until Monday, February 6.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 22 Jan 2023
DA3337/2022, Central Coast Council.

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No-one had reason to believe that two people featuring in separate articles on the same page in Peninsula News almost 20 years go would feature again on the one page of Peninsula News.

But here they are. When Bakers Delight in Umina celebrated its first anniversary in February 2004, we reported franchisees Rosemarie and Joe Mondal's first year in the business.

On the same page, we carried a report of a fund-raiser for toddler James Rugless, who suffered "boy in a bubble" syndrome.

This year, the Mondals are celebrating 20 years of trading in Umina.

And the same James Rugless now works as one of their third-year apprentices (pictured left).

Ms Mondal attributed their success to the support of the community over the 20 years, together with the support of their franchisor.

"The community has grown," she said.

"The town centre has changed for the better.

"The sidewalks are paved and there are bins for recycled material.

"We have a lot of young families that have moved in from other parts of Sydney wanting to enjoy the lifestyle that Umina Beach offers."

James, who seems to have overcome his health issues, said he was grateful to the Mondals for their supportive attitude and patience, but at the same time not treating him differently from other employees.

He said that, when he was



growing up, he was often told that he would "never amount to anything" due to the fact that he had Asperger's syndrome.

He said that had it not been for Joe and Rosemarie he would not have had a career.

The Mondals cite their Catholic faith and belief in social justice as governing factors in the way they run their business.

Joe himself was born in an orphanage in Calcutta, so he knows all about the difficulties of rising above one's circumstances.

As well as giving many youngsters a helping hand into the job market, including at one time two sets of identical twins, they continue to support many local charities and non-profit organisations.

"We continue to be an integral part of the community, taking part in fundraising efforts for sporting associations and surf clubs," said Ms Mondal.

"We are proud supporters of the Disabled Surfers' Association, donating free bread for their barbecues.

"We have been supporters of the Umina Rotary Club for 20 years and continue to assist them in their fundraising efforts.

"We have assisted local schools, and continue to be involved with many charitable associations.

"Our support of the Salvation Army (Umina) over the past 20 years is something we are proud of, as well as helping Mary Mac's Soup Kitchen and St Vincent de Paul in the past.

"We give free bread at the end of the day to the charitable associations to distribute to those in need."

SOURCE:
Interview (Frank Wiffen),
17 Jan 2023
Rosemarie Mondal,
Bakers Delight Umina

Free mardi gras viewing party in Ettalong

The Coastal Twist Festival will hold a free World Pride Mardi Gras viewing party at the Naughty Noodle Fun Haus at 5 Broken Bay Rd, Ettalong, from 6pm on Saturday, February 25.

"Everyone is welcome," said organiser Ms Glitta Supernova.

The Central Coast will be represented with the Coastal Twist Festival float.

"Let's cheer on our Coastal Twist Festival Float as we live stream on the big screen the 2023 World Pride Mardi Gras," she said.

The "low-key viewing party" will feature entertainment by "our local

Queens, Kings and DJs" between the Mardi Gras action.

"As always, we encourage you to get into the spirit of things, dress up in your best Mardi Gras costumes, colours, glitz, sparkles and razzle dazzle."

Tickets for the event must be booked in advance "as capacity is limited" and can be booked online at www.naughtynoodle.com.au.

While the event is free, under-18s must be accompanied by an adult and a gold coin donation is being asked for the event.

SOURCE:
Social media, 14 Jan 2023
Glitta Supernova, Coastal
Twist Festival



Donation for renovations

The Rotary Club of Brisbane Water has made a donation to the Umina Beach branch of the Country Women's Association.

The Rotary Club runs its Dementia Cafe in the CWA Hall in Umina.

Rotary club president Ms Cherie Simpson said: "The funds will go towards renovations to the CWA hall in Umina.

"We hold our Dementia Cafe at the CWA hall so are looking

forward to a new, improved facility."

She is pictured presenting CWA members Ms Rikki McIntosh and Ms Celia O'Meara with the donation.

The Rotary Club runs its Dementia Cafe today, Monday, January 23, from 10am to noon.

It will next run on Monday, February 13.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 15 Jan 2023
Cherie Simpson, Rotary
Brisbane Water

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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 Kariong 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 Auntie Colleen Fuller & Gab McIntosh,
2 Dandaloo St, Kariong, 2250

Forum

Need for relief for the elderly at the bus stop

Over many years, I and other locals have placed plastic chairs near the fence at the bus-stop on the corner of Schnapper Rd and Flathead Rd, Ettalong Beach.

The second-hand chairs are rescued from kerb side cleanup.

To our astonishment, the plastic chairs continually disappear within a week or so after being placed safely near the fence, not affecting the footpath.

Who takes them? Who knows? Many elderly residents

frequently catch the 53 bus at this stop, which doesn't have a shelter-shed to protect them from the harsh sun that beats down at that stop.

At least the cheap plastic chairs give some relief while waiting, but still no protection from the sun, or rain, and glare without a shelter-shed and seat.

I became concerned for the safety of elderly residents trying to escape the sun while waiting for the bus; carrying the chairs across the road to sit in the cool shade under a tree; struggling back across the

road carrying the chairs with them when they sighted the bus coming down Schnapper Rd.

I think that explains the need for safe seating and shelter to protect from the elements.

A request has been made asking Council to place a shelter-shed and seat at this bus-stop and look after the safety of our elderly and disabled rate-paying residents.

Here's hoping.

SOURCE:
Email, 11 Jan 2023
Carolyn Petch, Ettalong



Good Samaritan helps a wild creature in need

Wanting to walk, but where's the shade?

I have had the pleasure of staying with family members who all reside on the Central Coast nowadays.

I love coming up here to enjoy the beaches, restaurants and cultural activities.

Part of my routine is to always go for a long walk daily.

However in the height of summer, I am finding that there is a distinct lack of shade especially in the Umina and Ettalong areas.

I personally reside in the Kuringai area on the North Shore

of Sydney where there is an abundance of well-shaded walks to be had.

It makes me wonder why there are not more trees in this area.

I think that walkability is a wonderful thing for any town or city to have and for the public to enjoy.

Is there some kind of dislike for trees in the public and private spaces up here?

I would love to move here but, as I am now retired, I really can't see it possible as I love my walks year round.

Is anyone in administration here addressing this issue, as I see no evidence of it?

The summers seem to get hotter on the Central Coast areas I have mentioned above.

It seems to be all concrete and bitumen - a perfect example of an urban heat bowl.

More trees would be a simple solution to what seems a major issue.

SOURCE:
Email, 19 Jan 2023
Lucinda McClung, Roseville

While walking along the magnificent Woy Woy waterfront on Tuesday, January 17, we noticed an unusual scene of a man standing in the mangrove mudflats holding aloft a long stick, like a statue or some sort of mime act.

We then realised, on closer inspection, there was a bird dangling upside down from the tree.

The distressed bird, a little black cormorant, was entangled in a bloody fishing line wrapped around one leg and a tree branch.

To climb out onto the flimsy branch was not an option, so a quick-thinking gentleman walked out to the tree amongst knee deep

mud and oyster shells armed with a stick.

This big-hearted man stood under the bird, supporting its body weight (with the bird resting on the stick) for over 40 minutes until Wildlife Arc arrived.

The rescue was tricky, but soon after the bird was in safe hands.

The bird was pretty feisty and its leg had a nasty wound from the fishing line.

Hopefully it survives to be released back to the water to feed again.

Hats off to Wildlife Arc and a big thanks to the fella who took time out of his day to help a wild creature in need.

SOURCE:
Email, 20 Jan 2023
Barry Macdonald, Umina Beach

Community is secondary without development foresight

The hasty and little-supported rezoning of the Ettalong waterfront is just one more example of the inadequacy of the newly-minted Development Control Plan to instil any confidence in the community about the council's management capabilities or to give any indication of a stable framework for the future shape of the Peninsula.

If there is any justification of the change, beyond its providing an opportunity to increase developers' profits, I haven't heard it, and the only supporter of the move that I know of is the Chamber of Commerce.

We could compare this situation with the Chamber's unfortunate promotion of the nondescript West St building in Umina that also breached the regulations, on the grounds that it would provide a landmark entrance to the shopping area.

We can now see the result and can transpose this outcome to Ettalong which is already disfigured by the Mantra and Atlantis buildings.

Of course, what this schemozzle emphasizes once again is that the Council has no forward-looking development concept for the

Peninsula and is only capable of piecemeal reactions to developer initiatives, with the community interest far in the background as a secondary factor.

I pointed out years ago, when it was still in embryo form, that the so-called Regional Plan would give no worthwhile guidance for decision-making on development questions and that any properly organized council would already be preparing real plans and exposing them to the public for genuine consultation.

I recall our previous mayor of fond memory once musing that the future of the Peninsula was something to think about, and I commented at the time that thinking about it was fine, but practical realities required more than just thinking.

At the moment, it seems as though we haven't even got to the thinking stage, so Peninsula residents need to be alert to the stealthy changes being introduced as isolated actions.

We cannot avoid the fact that the Peninsula will be changed by a number of factors outside our control.

Pretending that this will not happen and that we can preserve some Arcadian enclave in Central Coast is absurd.

However, we should all be alarmed by the prospect that

the future of the Peninsula is in the hands of unimaginative bureaucrats going through the motions of development management, without any vision, policy, plan, program or procedure that is acceptable to the ones who will eventually be the, dare I say it, victims of this process.

I have no long-term personal interest in this matter, but it pains me professionally to see such incompetent practice being exercised on the Peninsula.

Heaven help us when the new Developers' Committee takes over responsibility for decision-making.

SOURCE:
Email, 16 Jan 2023
Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy

'Low density' is not 94 people on two blocks

A quiet area no more: DA3572/2022 should be of concern for all Peninsula residents (PN560, January 9).

Development of two blocks to accommodate 13 adults and 81 children in Springwood St, Blackwell, if approved, will open R2 "low density" zones to intense density development on the Peninsula.

Should the definition of "low density" allow a population density

on two residential blocks providing of 13 adults and 81 children, and a traffic increase of "65 car trips" in the morning and the afternoon for just one development?

Does the council Administrator endorse this interpretation of "low density", random development across the entire Peninsula, and the flow-on disasters?

SOURCE:
Letter, 18 Jan 2023
Norm Harris, Umina

Do something before we have a fatality

I wholeheartedly support Betty Lovell (PN560, January 9) in her warning that we are being "invaded by jet skis" on Brisbane Water and, in particular, Ettalong Beach.

In my 50-odd years of boating, I have never experienced such wild, reckless and dangerous boating as these past few weeks since Christmas.

Only last weekend, I was twice cut across the bow at speed by jet

skis screaming past.

Additionally, three approaching boats failed to observe the port-to-port rules and only my experience prevented what could have been a serious accident.

At week-ends, we have visitors and many amateur skippers on the waters - some unlicensed!

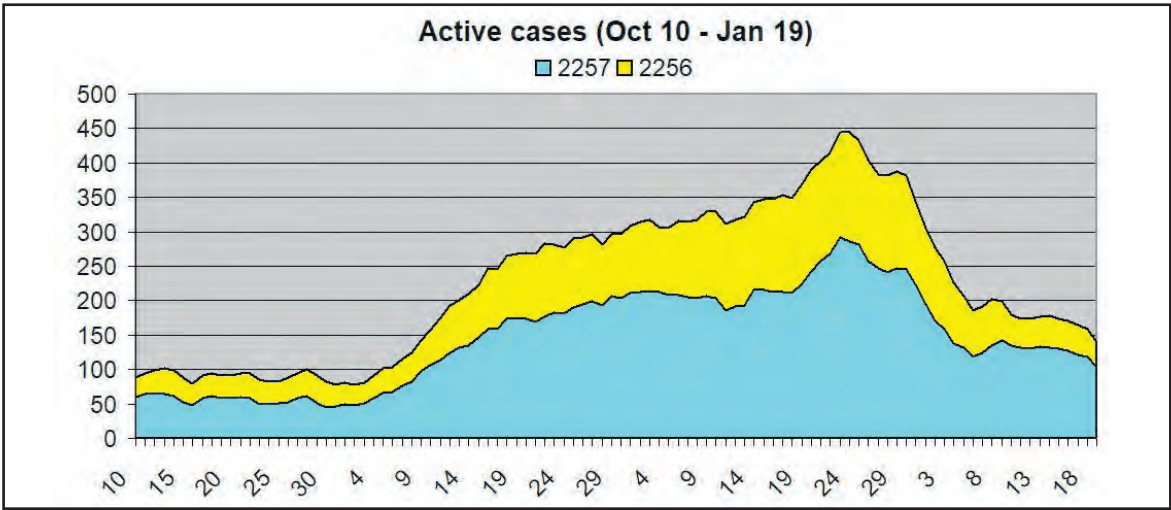
Jet skis fly down the main channel under the Rip Bridge and along St Hubert's Island at maximum speed creating

excessive noise and danger to family boating and pelicans and other bird life.

Off Ettalong Beach, they are a very real threat to swimmers and especially children.

Yes, I must agree that something must be done now by the Maritime Authority and Water Police before we have a fatality.

SOURCE:
Email, 18 Jan 2023
Cliff Ventris, Woy Woy



Active virus numbers lowest in two months

Active coronavirus cases on the Peninsula have dropped to less than 150 for the first time in two months.

The latest figures, released on Friday, show a total of 139 cases for the 2256 and 2257 postcode areas.

Of these, 103 were recorded for the 2257 postcode and 36 for the 2256 postcode.

The total is the lowest figure for the area since 142 cases were recorded on November 9.

Daily numbers since January 10 have mostly been between 170 and 180, with numbers in the 2256 postcode averaging around 44 and in the 2257 postcode around 130 for most of this time.

SOURCE:
Website, 20 Jan 2023
NSW Covid case, Data NSW

New Covid health plan welcomed

A local aged care facility has welcomed a new national Covid-19 health management plan for the coming year.

Peninsula Villages chief executive Mr Colin Osborne said the plan included a National Statement of Expectations on Covid-19 Management in Aged Care Settings.

"This plan will support the ability of aged care services to ensure older Australians receive appropriate protection from and management of any Covid-19 infections in their surrounds," he said.

Mr Osborne said it promised Peninsula Villages continued access to the National Medical

Stockpile for personal protective equipment and rapid antigen test kits, "pathology in-reach testing", a vaccination program, antiviral treatments and "surge workforce".

He said Peninsula Villages would follow the guidance outlined in the Statement of Expectations "to ensure we continue to respond to and manage Covid-19 appropriately".

"Looking back on the past two years, I would again like to acknowledge the unwavering dedication that our team has shown to keeping our residents safe."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 9 Jan 2023
Colin Osborne, Peninsula Villages

New aged care executive appointed

A local aged care facility has announced the appointment of a new "executive care manager".

Peninsula Villages appointed Mr Steve Wills to the position in November.

"We welcomed Steve to the executive team," said chief executive Mr Colin Osborne.

"Steve comes with a vast amount of experience in the commercial and clinical world, both here in Australia and in his native UK.

"He is MBA-qualified and has

over 30 years' experience as a registered nurse.

"Steve is a keen and enthusiastic professional within the aged care area, having operated in senior management positions with a number of Australian aged care providers.

"He sees every day as an opportunity to give his best and work towards continuous improvement, ultimately benefiting the lives of the team, residents and their loved ones," said Mr Osborne.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 9 Jan 2023
Colin Osborne, Peninsula Villages

Volunteers wanted

Central Coast Disabled Surfers Association needs volunteers for its event at Umina Beach which runs from 9am to 1pm on Saturday, February 4.

It has guaranteed 40 surfers places at the event, but more surfers are on the waiting list.

"We only had enough volunteers for three boards in December," said association president Ms Rae Fletcher.

"Ideally we need to put four boards in the water."

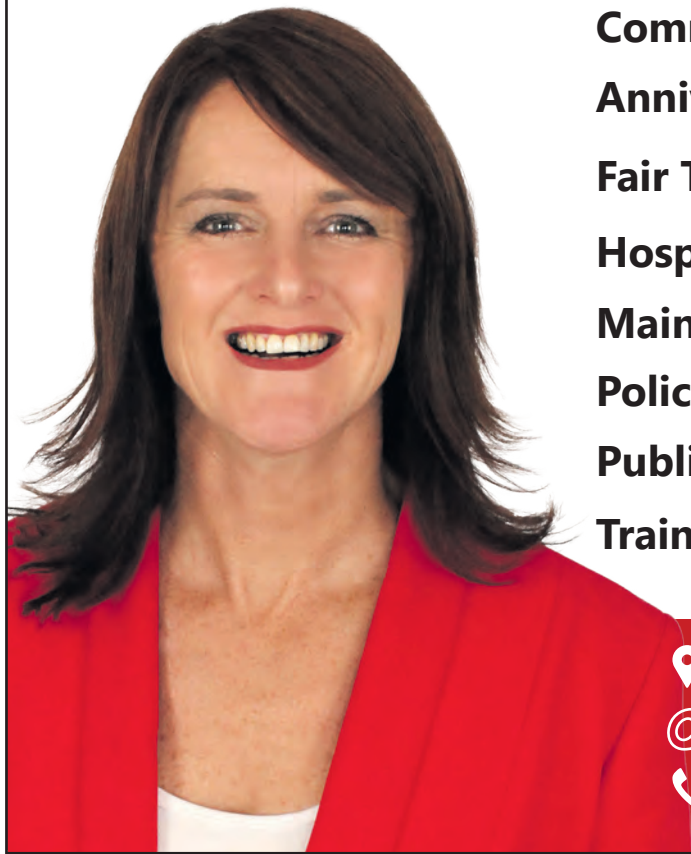
Volunteers can register at <https://bit.ly/Feb4Umina> or search Humanitix.com.au for disabled surfers

SOURCE:
Social media, 16 Jan 2023
Rae Fletcher, CCDSA



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Authorised by Liesl Tesch MP. 20 Blackwall Road, Woy Woy NSW 2256. December 2022.

Parents raise \$18,000 for school

The Parents and Citizens Association at Woy Woy South Public School raised more than \$18,500 for the school last year.

Reviewing last year's achievements, the association said it held stalls on Mother's Day and Father's Day, barbecues, sold hot cross buns and spice mixes,

held discos as well as the Twilight Spring Fair.

The money raise supplied resources for Bluey's patch, purchased new equipment for the school such as a barbecue and new portable soccer goals.

It funded the B&B Highway project which provided education for students, habitat for bees and provided the school with its very

own native bee hive.

Projects underway for this year included contributing to a new garden area at the edge of the oval, resurfacing the Years 3-6 Cola area, and purchasing a coding and robotics kits for use in Stage 3.

SOURCE:

Social media, 16 Dec 2023
Woy Woy South Public School P/C



Bluey features on new basketball court



The artist responsible for the extensive murals at Woy Woy South Public School has returned to paint the new basketball court at the school.

Ms Ange Elder from This is My Happy Place has painted Bluey on the new court.

"I'm stoked to pick up a brush for the awesome new court surface at Woy Woy South Public School," she said.

"I was flat out like a (bluetongue) lizard for 10 hours, shooing the rain clouds away, but we got it done.

"After a super fun day with Bluey on the new basketball court, we can't wait for the kids' reaction when they come back to school."

"Thanks, Ange, for making our dreams come true," said principal Mr Matt Barr.

SOURCE:

Social media, 13 Jan 2023
Matt Barr, Woy Woy South Public School

Bathroom upgrade for junior students

Parents of students at Woy Woy Public School have been upgrading the bathrooms for the junior girls and boys as the start of the new school year approaches.

They have been cleaning, preparing, priming and painting the bathrooms.

They are now at the fun stage

of starting to paint murals in the bathrooms.

Help is still needed before school starts, between 8am and 12pm from Monday to Friday.

Anyone interested in helping may simply drop in during these times.

SOURCE:
Social media, 15 Jan 2023
Woy Woy Public School

Troubadour expands range

The Troubadour Folk Club will this year expand its already wide range of concerts and music making activities with a new monthly "music-making session" in Woy Woy.

The club already holds "grand concerts" and house concerts.

"Last year, we started a new monthly concert program we call the Club Performers Night," said club president Mr Michael Fine.

"Held in Empire Bay Community Centre on the second Saturday of the month, it has a relaxed coffee-bar atmosphere and features local musicians each with a short set of their most recent songs, tunes, bush poetry or yarns.

"We also hold two music-making 'sessions' in which music makers jam and share songs, playing and singing in a circle.

"This year, for the first time, we'll be holding one on the first Friday night of each month in Woy Woy.

"The second will continue to be held each third Sunday afternoon at the Kariang Eco-Gardens."

Mr Fine said the club's main program was its series of monthly "grand concerts at the Everglades Country Club.

"They are open to everyone: members, friends, residents of the Peninsula and the Central Coast and beyond.

"This year's program includes concerts in March from Keith Potger, founding member of the Seekers and New Seekers, famous for his 12-string guitar riffs and beautiful harmonic singing.

"In October, Judy Small,

considered to be one of Australia's most inspiring female singer-songwriter, will also be appearing."

Mr Fine said the first concert of the program on Saturday, February 25, would feature Enda Kenny, possibly the best Irish singer-songwriter living outside Ireland.

"We also have concerts planned with the ever-popular Traditional Graffiti (May), and the Scottish fiddle and strings sounds of Kejaffi. (September), the new Americana fiddle duo Corn Nut Creek (June), and the great pairing of Maurie Mulheron and Pat Craigie (July)."

The Troubadour will also hold a number of house concerts and other events throughout the year, Mr Fine said.

"There are a number of famous international guests appearing this year, including Martyn Wyndham-Read from the UK and Vincent Cross, the Irish American song writer and performer."

Mr Fine said the Troubadour always welcomed newcomers.

"We try to ensure entry charges are always affordable and that any event is always great value.

"Lovers of all types of folk and acoustic music and spoken word will be sure to find plenty of great opportunities to join with others and enjoy some fabulous music.

"There's more information about artists, our venues and booking links for forthcoming events on our webpage: www.troubadour.com.au."

Phone enquiries are also welcome on 4342 6716

SOURCE:

Media release, 19 Jan 2023
Michael Fine, Troubadour Central Coast

Bush dance continues after 25 years

A bush dance started by four Peninsula residents and three others will celebrate its 25th anniversary at its dance on Saturday, February 11.

The Central Coast Bush Dance and Music Association will hold a special Birthday Dance at 7:30pm at the East Gosford Progress Hall with live music from Ryebuck Bush Band, who played for the first dance 25 years ago.

Founding and current association secretary Phegans Bay resident Ms Robyn Northwood formed the inaugural committee with Peninsula residents Ms Jenny Burt, Ms Julie Shannon and Mr Mark Snell and, from elsewhere on the Central Coast, Mr Ian Crook, Mr Malcolm Kearns and Ms Robyn Cameron.

Ms Northwood said it was just coincidental that four of the committee, who had come together through friends, lived on the Peninsula.

The group adopted the objective "to provide a bush dance on the Central Coast" and set about planning how best to accomplish it, she said.

"Whoever would have thought the dance would still be functioning 25 years down the track?"

Ms Northwood said some original members were still active and the Ryebuck Bush Band had played several times each year throughout that time.

"Volunteers have always played a large part in the ongoing success of the bush dance, not the least of these being the skilled dance



teachers and callers who have supported the association regularly since its inception."

Ms Northwood said she expected some may be persuaded to call a favourite dance on the night.

She said the original committee had also been invited to attend.

"Reminiscences are expected to abound and old friendships rekindled," she said.

However, beginners were also welcome to attend.

"If you haven't tried bush-dancing, come along and give it a whirl as we gear up for the next 25 years.

"Bush dancing is easy and fun.

"All dances are taught, walked through and called as they are danced."

The dance will be held 7.30pm to 11pm at the East Gosford Progress Hall, on the corner of Wells St and Henry Parry Dr.

Admission cost is \$20.

Further information is available on the association's website at www.ccbdma.org or by phoning Robyn on 0419 446 485 or Mike on 0428 223 033.

SOURCE:
Media release, 19 Jan 2023
Robyn Northwood, CCBDMA

Boardriders seek member registrations before March

The Umina Boardriders club is seeking members, to be registered with fees paid before the March competition, following its recent annual meeting.

All committee members were re-elected at the meeting for the coming year.

Registrations will be online, costing \$150 for one person, \$75 for the second person in the family and \$50 per person after that.

"We have had to increase rego to cover the extra costs of live heats, shirts, insurance and a few other things."

The first competition of the year will be held on Sunday, February 12.

The competition is held on the

second Sunday of each month until November.

If conditions are not suitable, then it is will run on the third Sunday.

The club is seeking people to tow the club's trailer to and from competitions.

It is also seeking people to be trained in Live Heats, "so they can step in and help when needed".

"Julie Papps and Nicole Jago run this most comps but there are some comps they can't attend.

"We need people who are keen to learn how to set up the laptop and three iPads to ensure Live Heats is run every comp."

SOURCE: Social media, 16 Jan 2023 Umina Boardriders



Surf club holds rip awareness session

Umina Surf Life Saving Club lifesavers has conducted a rip awareness session as part of the Rip Awareness Program run by Surf Life Saving Central Coast.

The session provided education

to beachgoers on how rips work, how to escape a rip and the safest place to swim.

Dye was placed in the water showing the movement of the rip while lifesavers completed a rescue demonstration.

Rips currently cause the largest

number of fatalities at the beach, according to the club.

The advice was to avoid rips by swimming at a patrolled beach between the red and yellow flags.

SOURCE: Social media, 19 Jan 2023 Umina SLSC

Grommet boardriders to hold registration day

The Grommet Umina Boardriders club (Grubs) will hold a registration day with its annual general meeting at 12pm on Sunday, January 29.

"We hope to see lots of groms joining this awesome junior board riding club," said senior boardrider club secretary Ms Sal Oman.

"There are heats for those keen to learn how to compete in a surfing completion followed by

the fun group surf and barbecue to finish the morning off.

"Grubs runs the first Sunday of every month from February to November.

"Grubs is our feeder club and we look forward to meeting the little ones who will one day join us when they are older."

SOURCE: Social media, 12 Jan 2023 Sal Oman, Umina Boardriders

Premier 'joins' surf patrol

Member for Terrigal Mr Adam Crouch was able to "join a patrol" at Umina Surf Life Saving Club with the Premier last week.

"It was great to be able to introduce Dom Perrottet to the fantastic Surf Life Saving Central Coast volunteers, who protect our beautiful beaches," he said.

SOURCE: Social media, 16 Jan 2023 Adam Crouch, Member for Terrigal



Bridge club trials Wednesday afternoons

Brisbane Water Bridge Club has invited bridge players to "find a partner and join in the fun" at its trial Wednesday afternoon open competition.

The club's committee has announced it "decided that there was sufficient interest being shown in the Wednesday afternoon open competition to give the game a trial until the end of February".

"While not a replacement for the now defunct Wednesday morning game, it does give those players and hopefully many more another opportunity to enjoy our great game."

Partners will not be necessary at the Club Individual Championship played in two sessions on Mondays, January 30 and February 6.

Entrants will play two hands

with a partner and then move on to play with a new partner against a new pair.

"The director will find your first partner for you.

"It is a great way to meet other club members and possibly improve your bridge."

SOURCE: Social media, 14 Jan 2023 Brisbane Water Bridge Club

Bunnies to return to senior competition?

The Umina Bunnies Junior Rugby League Football Club is advertising for interest in the club reviving a senior team.

The club hopes to compete in the Central Coast open grade competition.

All potential players, staff,

volunteers, supporters and sponsors have been asked to rally behind the move.

For further information, and to express interest in playing, sponsoring or volunteering, email uminabunniesjrffc@gmail.com.

SOURCE: Social media, 20 Jan 2023 Umina Bunnies JRLFC

Veteran bowlers surveyed on format preferences

Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club held a survey on Saturday, January 14, of Veteran Championship Single players to determine format preferences.

Players were asked if they would prefer to play three-bowl or four-bowl singles and whether they would prefer to play first to 21 shots or first to 25 shots to determine the game winner.

The survey was conducted by club secretary Mr Peter Springett

with Mr Roger Twells.

Survey responses were received from 29 players.

Eight voted for three-bowl singles and 21 for four-bowl singles

Eight voted for 21 shots to win a game and 21 voted for 25 shots to win a game.

Mr Springett said this meant that 72.4 per cent in favour of both four-bowl singles an 25 shots to win.

SOURCE: Social media, 17 Jan 2023 Peter Springett, UBMBC



Charity bowlers raise \$1650

Charity bowlers have raised \$1650 at Ettalong Bowling Club at their December event.

The total included a \$500 donation and \$50 from the auction of an antique watch.

The money raised went to Central Coast Kids in Need to assist families who have children with serious illnesses.

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

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

"The funds are also used to cover travel costs, equipment requirements and pharmacy accounts for these Kids in Need."

The next charity day is Sunday, February 19, and every third Sunday of the month from then.

SOURCE: Media release, 21 Jan 2023 Ken Dixon, Ettalong Charity Bowls