

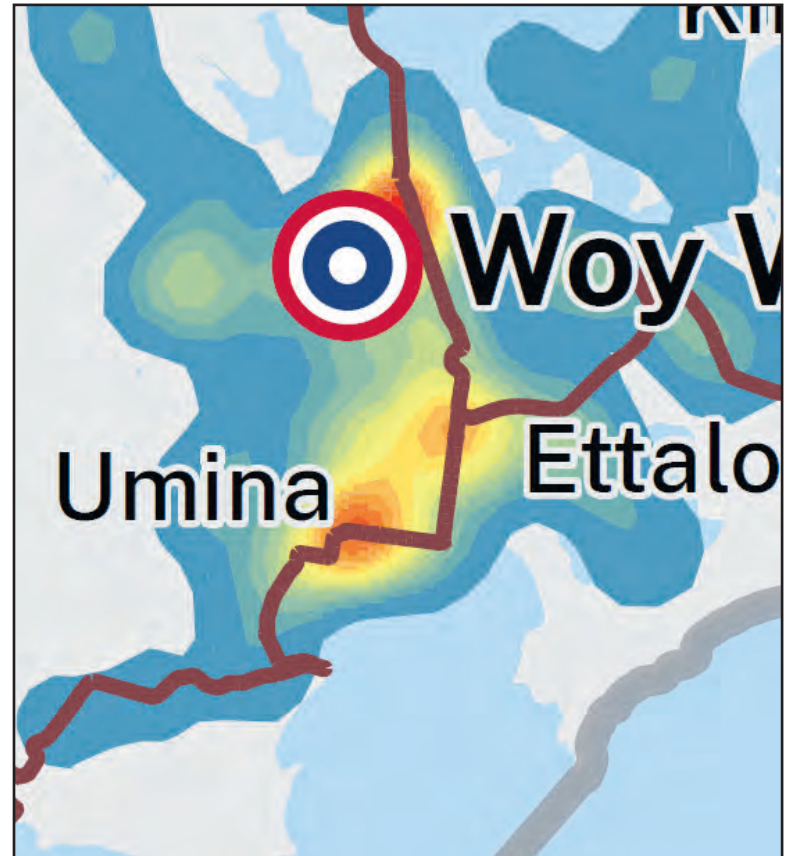
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Fatal and Serious Injury Crash Concentration 2016-2020

Gosford over 30 minutes away, transport document shows

The majority of the Peninsula's population is well outside a 30-minute trip by public transport to Gosford, a NSW department of transport document has shown.

The document also reveals "a high concentration of crashes recorded between 2016 and 2020 occurred around Woy Woy and Umina".

The document is the draft regional transport plan which claims to be "a blueprint" to "address the key trends and transport needs of the Central Coast through to 2041".

The draft is open for public comment until Friday, February 24.

Despite having an objective to "expand the 30-minute public transport catchment of Gosford, (as) the region's capital", it does not say how far it would be expanded or provide specific measures to achieve it.

To achieve the objective, the document simply says the department would: "invest in efficient modes of transport such as public transport, investigate opportunities to improve bus services and improve integration of transport modes".

The document does not address possibilities for the Peninsula, but makes the general comment: "The 30-minute city will require more efficient modes of transport – public transport, shared transport and walking and cycling – to play a greater role."

The Plan takes a similar approach with "crash clusters", stating it would "implement targeted improvements".

The department would "continue

to work with local government to resolve crash clusters and priority sites".

However, apart from current work on the Ocean Beach-Rawson Rd, it only refers to unspecified "Woy Woy road network improvements".

While referring to "fast rail", it does not mention the Rawson Rd level crossing, the site of a fatality.

It also does not say whether Woy Woy would be a fast rail stop.

The document makes few references to the Peninsula.

Umina and Ettalong are mentioned seven times each, with Woy Woy having 22 mentions.

Most are labels in maps or in captions for pictures showing the cyclepath, the wharf, bike parking and the "now complete" on-demand bus trial.

The "new shared zone and activation of The Esplanade at Umina Beach" is mentioned as an example of "15-minute neighbourhood planning principles".

The Plan says: "Better integration between land use and transport planning will see more of the population within 30 minutes' travel to jobs, education, hospitals, and retail throughout the Central Coast and within 15 minutes' travel to neighbourhood businesses such as cafes, supermarkets and community facilities."

"The 15-minute region is a principle about living locally and reflects the value people place on vibrant neighbourhoods where most of their everyday needs can be reached within 15 minutes by using public transport, walking or cycling – rather than by taking trips by private car.

"The principle responds to the

way people increasingly want to live which has been reinforced in light of Covid-19."

The Plan does not show the 15-minute catchment of supermarkets on the Peninsula, or elsewhere.

While commenting that "Covid-19 has caused significant changes in travel patterns, with more people working remotely and travelling less for work, changing their mode of transport, or travelling at off-peak times", the document provides no data to support this.

It makes no mention of trends to online shopping, or the transport implications of increased shopping deliveries.

The word "deliver" is used 84 times, but refers to the department or the NSW Government acting on its policies.

Ettalong is mentioned for its Palm Beach ferry service and the channel dredging.

Woy Woy was mentioned for its "particularly diverse transport infrastructure including ferry, cycle, rail and road" and for its on-demand bus service experiment.

The on-demand service "tried at Woy Woy demonstrated a flexible approach to investigating new transport services across the region".

Woy Woy was also mentioned for its "secure bicycle shed ... among the best-used in the network, with more than two-thirds of the 54 bike racks typically being used".

It was also mentioned that Federal Government funding will see an electric vehicle charger installed in Woy Woy.

SOURCE:
Website, 31 Jan 2023
Future Transport,
Transport for NSW

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Council draft plans open for comment

In this issue, Peninsula News gives extensive coverage to Central Coast Council's draft Plan of Management for Council Community Land on pages five and six.

This document, as well as determining the management of around 335 parcels of Council land on the Peninsula, is also likely to serve as a defacto open space strategy with broader implications.

It is one of three documents currently open for comments which are likely to affect the future of the Peninsula.

One of these is the Council's draft floodplain management study.

And the other is the NSW transport department's Central Coast regional transport plan.

The Peninsula Residents

Association is holding a meeting on Thursday this week which will give the community the opportunity to find out more about the two council documents.

It will also allow residents to share their concerns and understanding ahead of the closing dates for submissions.

We urge readers to review the council drafts and attend the meeting.

Mark Snell, 6 Feb 2023



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It welcomes and relies on the contributions provided voluntarily and at no cost by local organisations, groups and residents.

The newspaper aims to be accessible to the community - both through making its columns accessible to community groups and by having copies available in accessible locations, including through its website.

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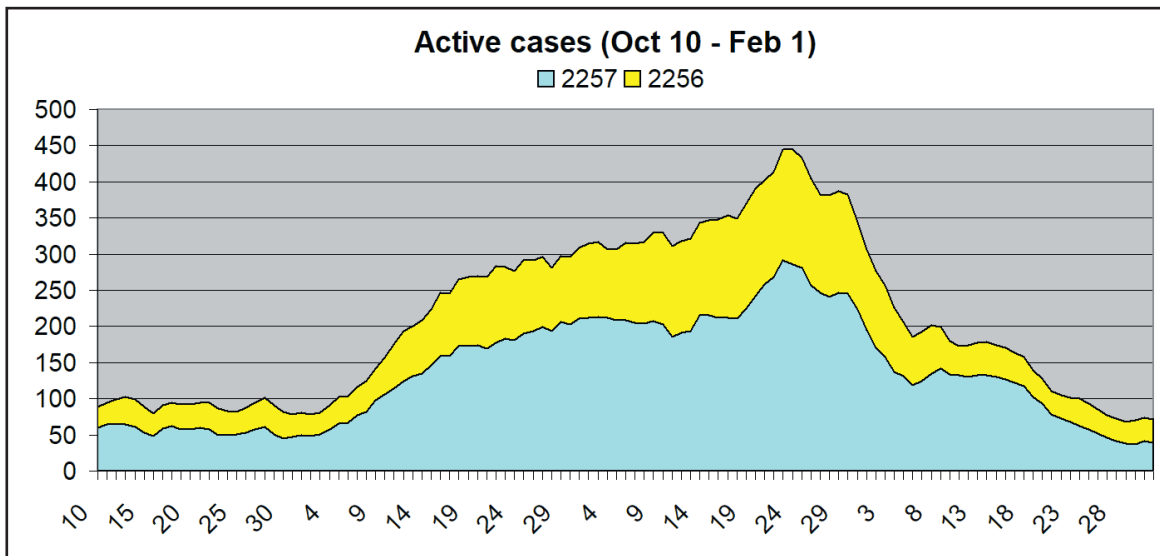
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Virus numbers lowest in three months

Coronavirus numbers on the Peninsula have dropped to their lowest level in more than three months.

The total number of active cases in the 2256 and 2257 postcode areas was 72 on Wednesday, February 1, compared to 78 on Wednesday, November 2.

On Sunday, January 29, it dropped to the lowest for the period of just 68 cases.

Just over a month ago, on Christmas Eve, the total was almost seven times this number when it reached its highest number for the period of 455.

Virus numbers in the 2256

postcode have remained steady over the past two weeks, moving from 35 down to 33.

However, numbers in the 2257 postcode have dropped by 60 per cent from 103 down to 39.

SOURCE:
Website, 3 Feb 2023
NSW Covid cases, Data NSW

Free walkie-talkies for 'worthy' group

A Booker Bay resident is offering two walkie-talkies and a dash cam to "a worthy local organisation".

Mr Ray Shaw is offering two Uniden Xtrak 50 UHF CB handheld radios and Uniden Dash View 50R 4K dash cam and rear-view camera.

He was given the equipment by Uniden as reviews editor for cybershack.com.au.

"Uniden does not require the units back," he said.

"There are no catches, no money requests, nothing except that they need to be a worthy cause and use them.

"I would like to donate the two walkie-talkies, one car kit and one 4K dashcam/rear-view camera."

He said organisations interested should sent an email to him at news@cybershack.com.au.

His review of the handheld radios can be found at <https://cybershack.com.au/reviews/uniden-xtrak-50-uhf-cb-handheld-radio-review/>

Mr Shaw said CyberShack was "Australia's last deep-dive lifestyle tech review site that is 100 per cent independent and not advertising-funded".

SOURCE:
Email, 26 Jan 2023
Ray Shaw, Booker Bay

Fifth wettest January in 19 years

A total of 142mm of rain fell on the Peninsula during January.

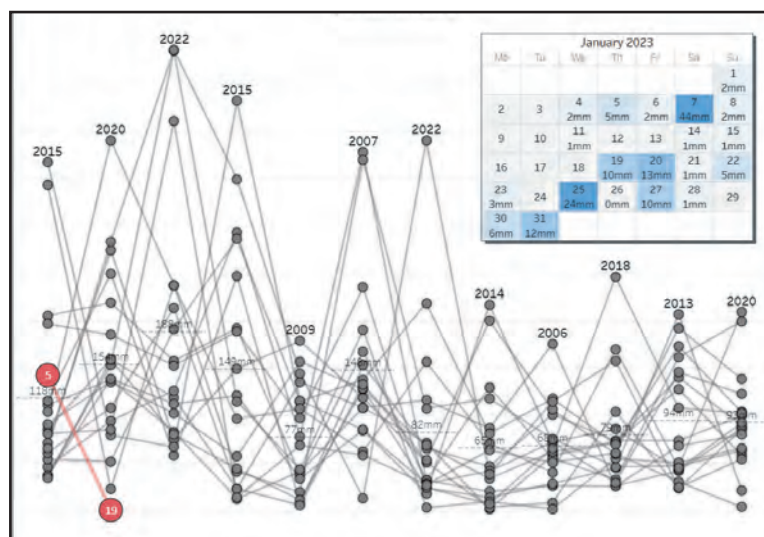
The total was 21.7 per cent above the January average of 117mm, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison.

It was the fifth wettest January in 19 years.

Eight days of the month had falls of more than five millimetres.

The last seven days of the month achieved almost half the month's average with 54.8mm of rain.

SOURCE:
Spreadsheet, 3 Feb 2023
Jim Morrison, Umina



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Community land hearing proceeds tomorrow night

Central Coast Council has extended the public exhibition period of its draft Plan of Management for Community land until Tuesday, February 28.

However, the independent public hearing required to recategorise the council's "community land" is not being rescheduled.

It is being held tomorrow night at 6pm at the Peninsula Community Centre.

Registration for the hearing is required.

Council director Dr Alice Howe said the draft Plan of Management provided direction for the future management of community land owned by Council.

"Community land is Council-owned land that is held in perpetuity for community use.

"This new plan aims to replace

a range of management plans from the former Wyong and Gosford Councils," said Dr Howe.

Council administrator Mr Rik Hart said the public hearings provided an opportunity for the community to understand the key issues about the categorisation of community land before making a submission.

"Each hearing will consider a different set of land parcels that are being categorised for the first time or which Council proposes to re-categorise," said Mr Hart.

"I encourage residents to look at the full list of land parcels on our website to decide whether to attend a public hearing or make a submission."

SOURCE:
Media release, 25 Jan 2023
Rik Hart, Central Coast Council

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Men's Shed soon to apply for occupancy certificate

Umina Beach Men's Shed expects to apply for an occupancy certificate for its new shed in Osborne Ave "in the next few weeks", according to secretary Mr Vic Brown.

"We will be approaching Central Coast Council, which is the certifier for the new shed.

"The action plan for relocation of the equipment, materials and members will then commence," he said.

"As relocations tend to be disruptive to normal activities, a plan and timetable will be advised across the membership in an effort to limit any side-effects."

Mr Brown said the Shed's members were currently meeting

and working on their projects at the existing Shed in Birdwood Ave, while the new Shed was being completed.

"Construction has been underway for some months now.

"The new premises will provide a larger and more suitable and practical work and social areas than the existing premises which has been the home of the Umina Beach Men's Shed since its initial start-up a little over 10 years ago.

"The new facility will comfortably provide larger and safer working areas for the members." He said the Shed was open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

Some members attended most days. Others attended weekly or

once a month, he said.

"Given the average age profile, many have grandparent duties, medical appointments and caravans and camping trips to also attend to.

"Given our overall membership numbers, the overall actual daily attendance at the Shed generally provides a good range of skills, knowledge and social interaction on site.

"Members once settled into the Shed's activities are generally very caring for each other, and form good friendship."

He said the Shed's theme was: "The little Shed with the big heart".

SOURCE:
Media release, 2 Feb 2023
Vic Brown, Umina Beach Men's Shed

Springwood St section to be closed for six months

Springwood St, between Gallipoli Ave and Wallaby St, Blackwall, is expected to be closed for about six months from today.

The closure has been announced to parents and students of Ettalong Public School by school bus operator Busways.

"Central Coast Council has advised that Springwood St will be closed to enable drainage and roadworks to be completed.

"School Bus 2528 will travel

from Ettalong Public School by the normal path to Springwood St and then left at Gallipoli Ave, right Commonwealth Ave, right Wallaby St, left Springwood St then the normal path, omitting the closed section of Springwood St.

"A further notification will be provided prior to School Bus 2528 returning to the normal path."

SOURCE:
Social media, 31 Jan 2023
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong Public School

Pearl Beach raises \$1400 for Mingaletta

An early intervention education program at Mingaletta will benefit from \$1400 raised at an Australia Day event at Pearl Beach.

Pearl Beach Aboriginal History Group member Ms Peggy Todd said the group was able to raise the money at the Family Fun Day on the Beach combined with a sausage sizzle.

She said the group, thanks to Mr Peter Hilliard from Pearl Beach Real Estate, was able present

\$1400 to Mingaletta co-ordinator Aunty Di O'Brien.

It was the fourth year that Mingaletta had received a donation following the event.

According to Ms Todd, Aunty Di said Mingaletta "really appreciated" the efforts of all of the volunteers who worked to raise the money.

"I always say: United we stand, divided we fall."

SOURCE:
Media release, 31 Jan 2023
Peggy Todd, Pearl Beach Aboriginal History Group



Bays community group to hold annual meeting

The Bays Community Group will hold its annual general meeting from 7pm to 8pm on Wednesday, February 15.

It will be held in the Bays Community Hall at 19 Woy Woy Bay Rd.

The 2022 financials and activities will be reviewed and the

2023 committee will be elected.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer or committee member should fill out a form at <http://bit.ly/3Dfe962> or send an email to thebaysemail@gmail.com.

SOURCE:
Social media, 25 Jan 2023
The Bays Community Group

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Application lodged for eight three-bedroom dwellings

Central Coast Council has received a development application for eight two-storey three-bedroom dwellings at 59-61 Memorial Ave, Blackwall, on the Warrigal St corner.

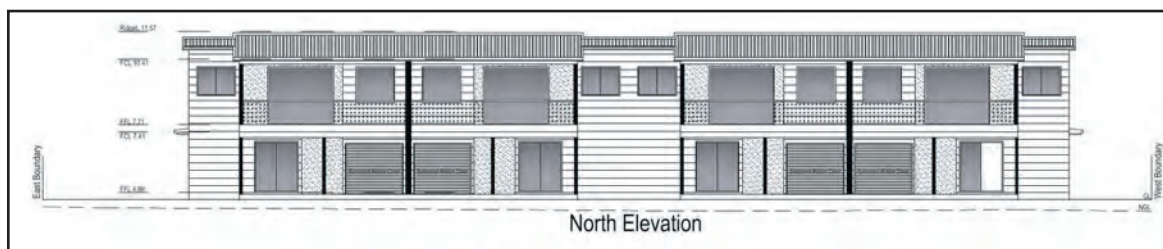
The application prepared by Clark Dowdle and Associates states: "The site consolidates two suburban sized lots that are the south-western corner of the intersection between Memorial Ave and Warrigal St."

"Vehicular access is proposed via a shared driveway to separate garages provided for each unit.

"The dwelling construction would utilise reinforced concrete slab footings, timber roof rafters with colorbond roof sheeting, aluminum framed windows, mixture of external cladding.

"The external finishes schedule include weatherboard cladding, powder-coated windows and colorbond roofing."

The application claims that the proposal, with a height of 7.6 metres and a floor space ratio of 0.49:1, complies with the respective maximums of 8.5 metres and 0.5:1.



However, it does not comply with other planning provisions.

It proposes a rear setback of 3.3 metres, compared to a requirement of 4.5 metres.

It also proposes to have "private open space" for units 1-4 located in front setback, where according to the planning provisions: "Ground level courtyards are not permitted within the front building setback area fronting local roads."

The application states: "The rear setback of 3.41 metres at a minimum equates to approximately 16.4 square metres with the majority of the lot having a 4.8 metre rear setback from the alfresco area, allowing a generous area to be established for private open space and deep soil zone landscaping opportunities".

In justifying private open space in the front setback, the consultants argued that the previous planning

provisions (replaced in August last year) were better because they permitted courtyards to be established in the front setback – with 1.5m offset fencing and landscaping.

They also criticised the open space requirement of 45 square metres being almost twice the requirement of a single dwelling house.

"From a planning control perspective, it is our opinion that the (requirements) should be flipped – 45 square metres for a dwelling house and 24 square metres for multi-dwelling housing.

"It is our opinion this blanket rule should be reconsidered to cater with what has been well established within the Woy Woy Peninsula area."

The proposal is non-compliant with car parking provisions which require 14 spaces. Only eight are

proposed.

The application states: "The proposed garages provide eight off-street parking spaces which does not comply with the ... 12 resident spaces and two visitor spaces in accordance with parking rates for multi-housing development."

It argues for an exemption from the requirement: "The site is located within the immediate distance to a bus stop and a service station located across the road.

"The area has flat gradients with cycle ways available for alternative transport."

"The site is located within walking distance of the Woy Woy waterfront, Peninsula Leisure Centre and local ovals.

"This would reduce private car reliance and thus one space per unit could cater for the occupation of the site without creating an on-

street overflow.

"Warrigal St provides unlimited off-street parking that would cater for irregular visits to the site.

"This form of parking is more commonly used by visitors as opposed to driving into unfamiliar and tight parking areas."

The application concludes by claiming that "As detailed within this report, the proposed multi-dwelling housing development at 59-61 Memorial Ave, Blackwall is consistent with the objectives, planning strategies and controls applicable to the site.

"The creation of an additional dwellings would not result in any adverse environmental, amenity, social or economic impacts to the site and surrounding area."

"The proposal provides for increased density that would be compatible with the intention and rationale outlined in the NSW Department of Planning's strategic plans including the Central Coast Regional Plan 2036."

The application is currently on public exhibition with submissions closing on March 3.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 4 Feb 2023
DA4258/2022, Central Coast Council

Application to raise floor and ceiling heights

Central Coast Council have received a Section 4.55(1A) Modification request to previously approved DA63169/2021 which is for a six-unit, two-storey multi-dwelling development at 386 Booker Bay Rd, Booker Bay.

The application was prepared on behalf of Motian Group Pty Ltd by Moov Modular.

It states that "Development Consent DA63169/2021 has physical commencement, and building works are in accordance with the Part 4 consent and are currently underway."

This statement is somewhat confusing in light of the request for "minor modifications" which include an increase in the floor and ceiling heights on both levels by 300mm.

Other minor modifications were to "adjust the roof angle of the north-facing roof pitches to accommodate highlight windows above the south facing roofs" and to "add two north-facing highlight windows to all six units" - 12 windows in all.

Another request was for first floor windows, one facing east for Unit 3 and one facing west for Unit 4.

The purpose of the extra 14 windows and associated changes to roof pitches was said to "improve solar access".

The reason given for the 300mm increase in height was that: "Pre-construction site analysis by consulting engineer (Halcrow and Associates) identified that the approved relative levels were consistently lower than

neighbouring properties and would create a water run-off issue into the approved development site."

The application stated: "An increase of 300mm to the floor and ceiling for both ground and 1st floor levels will significantly reduce the flow of surface water across the development site."

The increased ridge height resulting from these changes was still well within the 8.5m height limit, according to the application.

The application is currently on public exhibition on the Central Coast Council website with a status of "notification/advertising".

The closing date for written public submissions is not disclosed.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 2 Feb 2023
DA63169/2021A, Central Coast Council



Facility planned for 'allied health professionals'

Central Coast Council has received an application to build a two-storey "health services facility" at 5 Vidler Ave, Woy Woy.

The building would consist of five health consulting rooms and include a private procedure room, shared day surgery-procedure room, lift, reception, office, conference room, kitchen and amenities.

Car parking area on the ground floor consists of nine parking spaces and one disabled parking space.

The development would demolish an existing house on the R1 general residential-zoned site.

"The intention for the site is to accommodate a mixture of allied health professionals, which may consist of a psychologist, podiatrist, physiotherapist, osteopathy, audiology and chiropractic," according to the application prepared by Perception Planning for Landmark Homes.

"At this time, the specific medical field that will be practiced in each of the consulting rooms is

undetermined."

The facility would accommodate five health practitioners and one receptionist and operate from 8:30am to 5pm Monday to Friday.

The proposal claims a height of 6.54 metres and a floor space ratio 0.495:1, which are within the limits of the planning provisions.

A compliance table is not included with the documents displayed on the council's planning portal.

Plans submitted show a front setback of 9.085 metres, and setback to northern side and the rear of 1.5 metres.

The southern setback is 1.74 metres, but includes what appears to be fire stairs within this setback.

The application states: "The proposed development has a statutory parking requirement of 21 spaces.

"A total of 10 parking spaces are proposed on-site which results in a parking reduction of 11 spaces."

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 31 Jan 2023
DA/4296/2022, Central Coast Council



Middle-aged woman fights election: 'Enough is enough'

Kariong resident Ms Lisa Bellamy has announced she will contest the seat of Gosford in the upcoming March NSW State election.

She said her "core policies" were "protecting our natural environment and building strong communities".

She described herself as one of three local middle-aged women contesting seats at the election who are saying "enough is enough".

Ms Bellamy said: "It is clear to me that if voters are interested in protecting the environment, they need to stay away from the major parties.

"Only Independents, such as I, Auntie Colleen Fuller in the Upper House, and Gab McIntosh for Terrigal, can be relied upon to stand up for our cultural heritage and the natural environment."

Ms Bellamy said she would speak up for the native habitat and wildlife.

She said she was asking sitting Member of Parliament Ms Liesl Tesch: "What are you actually doing to protect Kariong Sacred Lands and our natural environment on the Central Coast?"

"What do you want the Central Coast to look like in 50 years?"

She said she had written to the major parties, including the Greens, to ask them what they intended to do to save vital habitat and cultural sites, but had received no reply.

"When it comes to the natural health of our Coast and the mental health of our communities more needs to be done," she said.

"Our local politicians, Labor,



Liberal and Greens need to start standing up for environmental issues here and today, rather than making big announcements that never come to pass.

Ms Bellamy said she had run her own cleaning business, managed revenue accounting at the University of Newcastle, and was currently acting in her community to protect greenspaces and native bushland, including volunteering as a wildlife rescuer.

She said she had raised three children and was now a grandmother.

Lisa says, "I don't want to tell my grandkids I stood by and did nothing while the Central Coast was being bulldozed."

She said the three independents would be actively campaigning, including dressing up in animal costumes and waving signs on Central Coast Highway and outside the electorate offices of the Members for Gosford and Terrigal.

SOURCE:

Media release, 25 Jan 2023
Lisa Bellamy, Kariong

Meeting to 'make sense' of council plans

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

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

In the first part of the meeting, a representative of the Community Environment Network will speak about the Community Land Plan of Management.

In the second part of the meeting, residents' association chair Mr Mark Snell will facilitate discussion about the Woy Woy Peninsula Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan.

The meeting is expected to explore the issues involved with each plan.

Attendees will have the opportunity to add their voice to a

residents' association submission.

Public submissions for the Woy Woy Peninsula Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan will be accepted until Wednesday, February 15.

Submissions for the draft Plan of Management for Council Community Land close on Tuesday, February 28.

Ms Wilder said residents were encouraged to read the draft plans and attend council briefings about them.

Information about both plans can be found on the website www.yourvoiceourcoast.com.

Registration for the public meeting is not required but is encouraged to assist with planning. Online registration may be made at <https://events.humanitix.com/peninsula-s-management-of-community-land-and-floodplain>

The meeting is being held from 7pm to 9pm.

SOURCE:

Media release, 3 Jan 2023
Jen Wilder, Peninsula Residents Association



Memorial Ave park not included in community land plan

A park in Memorial Ave, Blackwall, is one of around 175 blocks of council-owned land on the Peninsula that have not been recommended for classification as "community land".

The blocks are included on the 2014 Gosford Council land register but are not listed in Central Coast Council's draft Plan of Management for Council Community Land, currently on public exhibition.

The land includes the park at 23 and 23A Memorial Ave, Blackwall, the site of protests when Central Coast Council proposed to sell it as part of its "asset sales" program.

It, along with a number of other pocket parks on the Peninsula, was removed from the sale list in July 2021 following a community outcry.

However, unlike most of the other parks, the Memorial Ave park has not been included in the list of "community land" to be protected

under the draft plan.

The study compared land listed in the draft plan with Gosford Council's 2014 Land Register, which includes operational land.

Unlike community land which Council director Dr Alice Howe describes as "council-owned land that is held in perpetuity for community use", the Memorial Ave land is classified as "operational" and may be sold at any time.

Other pocket parks that remain as operational land include parks at 10 Macleay Ave and 128A North Burge Rd, Woy Woy, and at 10A Edgecliff Rd, Umina.

Car parks account for 30 of the parcels of land which are not included in the draft plan.

Land described as "drainage reserve" accounts for 93 of the blocks that are also left out of the draft plan.

However, another 26 drainage reserve blocks are proposed for inclusion as community land.

The plan includes council-

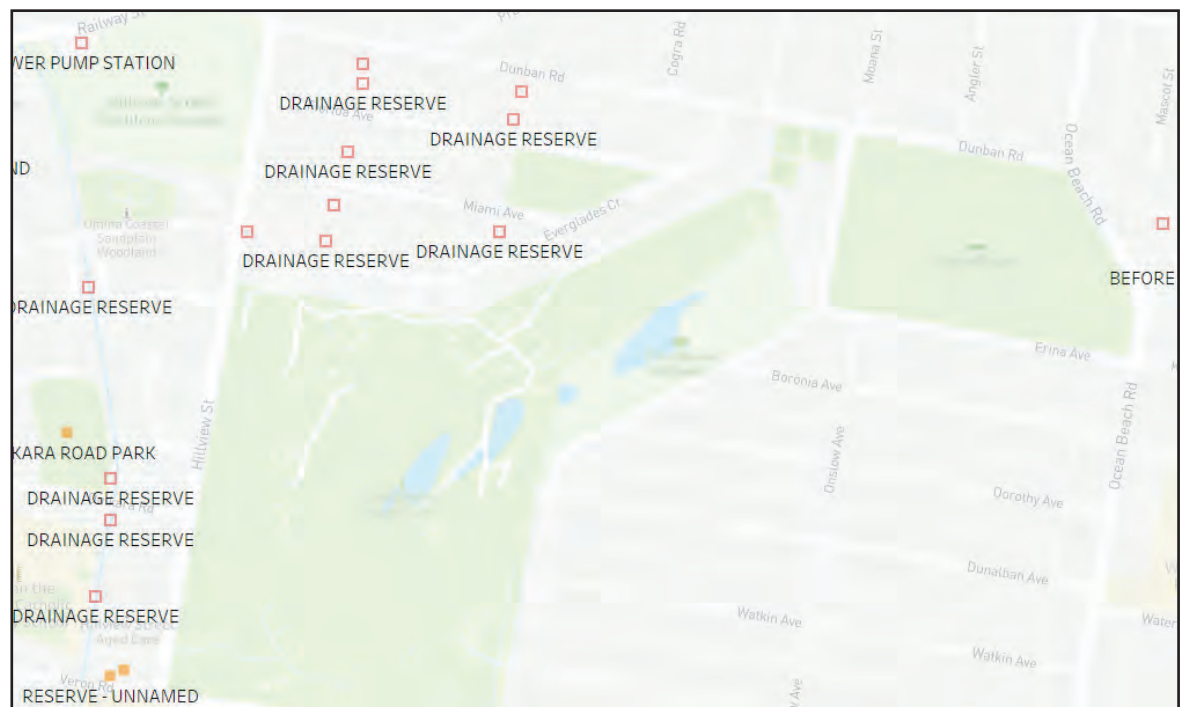
owned buildings, such as the Woy Woy Environment Centre, the Frail and Aged Centre and the Women's Health Centre in MacMasters Rd, the Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre in Kitchener Park and the Woy Woy Swimming Pool (Peninsula Leisure Centre).

Other council-owned buildings are not included in the draft plan, including Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre, the Ettalong Guide Hall, the Ettalong Scout Hall, the PCYC Umina, Umina Child Care Centre, the Umina Community Hall, the new Umina Men's Shed is Osborne Ave, the Woy Woy Community Centre and the Before and After School Care in MacMasters Rd, Umina and Woy Woy Libraries, as well as the Woy Woy Tip.

The plan does not explain why some parcels of land are included and other similar parcels are not.

SOURCE:

Website, 3 Feb 2023
YourVoiceOurCoast,
Central Coast Council



The location of some of the land that will not be classified as "community land" under the Council's draft plan.

Community land

| Classification | Plan/register | Category | Parcels |
|----------------|----------------------|----------|---------|
| Community | 2014 list only | | 6 |
| Community | 2023 Draft Plan only | | 28 |
| Community | 2023 Draft Plan only | New | 5 |
| Community | Both 2014 and 2023 | | 218 |
| Community | Both 2014 and 2023 | New | 84 |
| Operational | 2014 list only | | 176 |
| Crown/other | 2014 list only | | 23 |

Community land plan INCLUDED

Blackwall
Blackwall Mountain
Wallaby Reserve

Ettalong
Manufactured home park
Ettalong Oval
Kitchener Park
Lemon Grove Netball Court

Pearl Beach
Paul Landa Park
Pearl Beach Aboretum
Pearl Beach Lagoon

Phegans Bay
Elaroo Rd Reserve
Phegans Bay Reserve

Umina Parks
Albion St Park
Australia Ave Park
Brisbane Ave Park
Connex Rd Park
Lentara Rd Park
Panorama Park
Paul St Park
Pozieres Ave Park
Ryans Rd Reserve
Vernon Park
WL Lloyd Reserve

Wetlands
Albany Square
Dora Rd Wetlands
Drainage Reserve - Dora Rd
Drainage Reserve - Fitzroy St
Drainage Reserve - Iluka Ck
Drainage Reserve - Kallaroo Rd
Drainage Reserve - McEvoy Ave
Drainage Reserve - Mt Ettalong Rd
Iluka Lagoon

Ovals
McEvoy Oval

Woy Woy Parks
Angler St Reserve
Brickwharf Rd Reserve
Carrington Ave Park
Florida Ave Park
Gurdon Reserve
Jumbuck Close Reserve
MacKenzie Ave Reserve
Nambucca Playground
Runway Park
Stoney Park

Buildings
Environment Centre
Frail and Aged Centre
Women's Health Centre
Woy Woy Community Garden
Peninsula Leisure Centre

Ovals
James Browne Oval
Woy Woy Oval

NOT INCLUDED

Blackwall
Memorial Ave Reserve

Ettalong
Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre
Ettalong Guide and Scout Hall

Umina
Child Abuse prevention Centre
PCYC Umina
Umina Child Care Centre
Umina Community Hall
Umina Library
Umina Men's Shed

Woy Woy
Dulkara Rd Park
Macleay Ave Reserve
Veron Rd UCSW land
Woy Woy Community Centre
Before and After School Care

Six parcels dropped

Six blocks of council land classified as community land in the 2014 Gosford Council land register for the Peninsula have not been listed in the Central Coast Council's draft Plan of Management for Council Community Land.

These include two blocks in Veron Rd, Woy Woy, adjacent to the Hillview St nursing home, containing bushland thought to be the

rare Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland. Another parcel previously identified as community land is the nearby Dulkara Rd reserve.

The three others are the Pearl Beach Rock Pool, the Woy Woy Bay reservoir and part of the Homan Close reserve at 15 Tulama Rd, Umina.

SOURCE:
Website, 3 Feb 2023
YourVoiceOurCoast, Central Coast Council

Plan has extra 33 blocks

The Central Coast Council's draft Plan of Management for Council Community Land has 33 blocks of community land not listed in the 2014 Gosford Council land register for the Peninsula.

Most of these are bushland on Bull's Hill on or near Woy Woy Rd.

However, of the 33, only five are described as "new" – either categorising the community land for the first time or altering the existing category of the land.

A public hearing must be held for those

"new" parcels. The draft plan does not reveal when any of its listed as community land was first categorised.

The draft plan and the 2014 land register have 302 parcels of community land in common.

However, the draft plan says 84 will be re-categorised, but does not state the current category or why the change is proposed.

SOURCE:
Website, 3 Feb 2023
YourVoiceOurCoast, Central Coast Council

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Marine Rescue seeks volunteers

Marine Rescue Central Coast is looking for volunteers both as radio operators and as boat crew.

The organisation is holding two information evenings next week about the work it does and the training it provides

They will be held on Wednesday, February 15, and Thursday, February 16, from 7pm to 9pm.

The sessions will be held at the base in Point Clare at the Goodaywang Reserve end of Kurrawa Ave, Point Clare.

The evenings are open to anyone interested and no registration is required.

Applicants must be 16 years or older.

SOURCE:

Media release, 04 Feb 2023
Mitch Giles, Marine Rescue Central Coast

Best park

A holiday destination in Umina has won a magazine award for the Best Holiday Park in NSW in 2022.

The Caravan and Camping with Kids magazine ranked NRMA's Ocean Beach Holiday Resort first place for NSW.

SOURCE:

Social media, 26 Jan 2023
NRMA Ocean Beach Holiday Resort

Local groups meet council staff about dune carpark

A number of local groups met last Thursday, February 2, with council Administrator Mr Rik Hart, director Ms Melanie Smith and other council staff to discuss the Umina sand dune car park.

The Peninsula Residents Association, Umina Community Group, Ettymalong Creek Landcare and the Grow Urban Shade Trees group were all represented, said residents' association vice-president Mr Julian Bowker.

"This part of the project has been in the pipeline for a few months and some initial dune reduction was carried out late last year.

"Now the school holidays are over, the car park has been fenced off and work is starting in earnest."

He said a wide path would be installed linking the caravan site to the rest of the path network in the Peninsula recreation precinct, along with drainage and formalisation of the carpark to result in 50 spaces.

Mr Bowker said a wide variety of views was represented.

"There was a lack of wider community engagement as plans were being developed and for notification of the works in progress.

"The destruction of a section of the dunes is very disappointing.

"However, 16 trees are to be provided.



"The input from the Grow Urban Shade Trees group on extra trees to be planted is very welcome.

"We hope the trees will be well managed and maintained to ensure their success to maturity.

"The carpark will create a large heat area and it is hoped that placement of the trees will be planned to maximise shade.

"Ideally future carparks should have shade and porous surfaces included by default.

"There is to be some funding set aside to help with future dune rehabilitation which is very welcome and important to protect the dune in this thin patch from the sea impact.

"The caravan park had 4600 visitors over the Christmas period.

"Given the increasing popularity of the area and concentration of facilities, parking will always be a problem and restrictions may have to be put in place to enable fair use of the limited parking."

Mr Bowker said representatives from the Ocean Beach Malibu club submitted written suggestions to help with parking options and use.

He said Council staff were keen to work with local communities on good public engagement and consultation on similar future projects.

"This carpark formalisation is part of the wider project for the Peninsula precinct."

He said information on the project status could be found on the council website [https://www.](https://www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/council/news/peninsula-recreation-and-active-lifestyle-precinct-umina-upgrade-project)

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Pictured are Ms Jen Wilder (GUST, PRA), Ms Johanna Reygersberg (PRA), council director Ms Melanie Smith, Mr Peter Gillis (PRA), Council environmental manager Mr Luke Sulkowski, Ms Sue Ellis (Ettymalong Landcare), Council open space manager Mr Trent Burnham, Council administrator Mr Rik Hart, Mr Julian Bowker (PRA) Tony Winch (PRA, UCG).

SOURCE:

Media release, 3 Feb 2023
Julian Bowker, Peninsula Residents Association

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Authorised by Genny Murphy 18 Carrington Ave, Woy Woy NSW 2256

Transport plan created on outdated philosophy

The current Central Coast transport strategy currently on exhibition for public comment identifies the Woy Woy Peninsula as within the 30-minute boundary of the regional city of Gosford.

This plan looks to transport beyond the Coast and around major centres but fails to provide a how a vertically integrated transport system for the Woy Woy Peninsula can connect residents within the 30-minute parameter.

While the plan promotes walking and public transport above car usage, the initiatives fail to align with this concept and bring forward a true representation of their objectives, which include a sustainable, integrated transport solution.

While other major population centres around Australia are utilising new technology, we are still left waiting for a bus that will most likely have missed the train connection and then be stuck in traffic.

A true 20-year vision would include a reliable and regular 24/7 turn-up-and go public transport service available within 400 metres of every residence.

Such a plan would enable a broader section of the community to utilise public transit for their daily activities.

With a rapid transit system connecting schools, shops, clubs, ovals, parks, and beaches residents could bypass the increasing traffic congestion in our town centres and major arterial

roads.

However, such an idea is nowhere to be found in this draft plan created on outdated 20th century transport planning philosophy.

Of the 80 initiatives that are supposed to drive this plan, 40 will never be funded, and 30 are pertaining to road upgrades and car parks.

In the upcoming State election, which political party will commit to a true integrated 21st century transport system for Gosford city and the region to reduce car dependency and transport disadvantage for the growing numbers of youth and seniors.

SOURCE:
Email, 27 Jan 2023
Mark Ellis, Woy Woy

Floodplain study and plan is essential reading for all residents

The draft Woy Woy Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan which Council currently has on exhibition is essential reading for all Peninsula residents.

The Study and Plan cover the whole Peninsula, not just Woy Woy.

The Study in particular is very informative, and while not an easy read, and for the first time brings together predicted impacts of sea level rise and high rainfall events.

It shows (amongst other things) and in map form, what would happen in a possible maximum flood and what areas would become isolated due to road inundation etc.

It also shows which locations and properties on the hill sides would have high velocity flood waters flowing through them: important information for us all to be aware of.

Recent events in, amongst others, Lismore, the Hawkesbury and Auckland show how more

extreme events are increasing in regularity.

We should not allow ourselves be caught by surprise.

The documents are available via Council's website <https://www.yourvoiceourcoast.com/woy-woy-floodplain> and at both Woy Woy and Umina libraries (ask at the desk).

Submissions close on February 15.

SOURCE:
Email, 3 Feb 2023
Sue Ellis, Umina Beach

Only developers benefit as Hong Kong is built here

For those who have not been to Hong Kong, let me briefly describe it for you.

It's a small city, on a harbour, packed with tiny one and two room apartments in high rise buildings deprived of natural sun light, sea breezes and views of the hills and mountains are obscured by dense smog.

It is a buzzing city of retails shops and markets and most people travel by foot or, if they can afford it, trams and buses.

During the evenings, after most work has ended, every park is jam-packed with people of all ages escaping the oppression of a crowded room to exercise and socialise.

It's an amazing place to visit, but you'd need a very good reason to live there.

As a resident of Umina Beach for over 50 years, I've seen lots of change and accept it is inevitable.

I've seen single family homes converted to dual occupancy, three or four units built on a single block and now we are witnessing those same blocks doubling and tripling that capacity.

Yet we have the same three roads connecting us to the outside world (once two, but someone had foresight to build the Rip Bridge).

Our rail line is at maximum capacity and, in peak and school times, it can take 30 or 40 minutes to travel 10 kilometres.

I'm predicting that within 20

years we will replicate Hong Kong.

The only beneficiaries in all this are the money-hungry developers.

People may say that 50 years ago I probably bought my home for \$20,000 dollars, and that's true.

But my income was \$3000 a year and I paid for it by spending three hours daily standing on trains to get to do my eight hours work.

I don't mind sharing what has been a wonderful lifestyle with holiday makers and other residents, but by quadrupling the full-time capacity we are destroying that which we love.

People are moving in, only to have a multi-storey building approved on their door step, blocking the sun, negating any investment made to install solar power, robbing the area of street parking for visitors and adding to noise and traffic congestion.

Get involved, join the Peninsula Residents Association, and vote out the current State Government who have created this situation.

The previous council would not bow to pressure from the State and had funds cut.

We now have an administrator hell-bent on doing maximum damage before we get a chance to vote in a council we want.

I don't know what a change in State government will do, but this one certainly isn't listening to the people.

SOURCE:
Email, 4 Feb 2023
Michael Emmett, Umina

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An open letter to Adam Crouch, Member for Terrigal

Guringai are an important Indigenous tribe on the Central Coast. Recognized as such by senior academics at Sydney Uni and at least one senior academic at Newcastle Uni, they have been thwarted in their native title claims.

Now, they watch astonished as their land in Kariong is sold from under them for houses for rich people.

Guringai want all Australians to enjoy the beautiful bush on the Central Coast.

On the Northern Beaches a similar scenario is afoot. Traditional Custodians shut down and ignored. Your government passed legislation this year seemingly aimed at silencing their voices while others destroy the land granted back to Aboriginal people.

But here's the thing. The voters want their natural heritage and will vote to keep it.

Why not step out of the crowd and champion keeping our vital natural heritage? Lucy Wicks has listened sympathetically to the claims of Guringai. You could go one step further and be the hero for our natural heritage on the Coast. Why not?

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

Self-determination or simply another developer?

I have delivered a letter to Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid, commenting on the Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council's activities and interests.

Is the land council interested in self-determination as stated in the Central Coast Regional Plan 2016-2036 Direction 6; or is it simply another developer sitting at the same table as the Council and other key stakeholders such as

the Urban Development Institute Australia?

To my knowledge, no community organisation is invited to the pro-development stakeholder meetings.

It's a closed exclusive club.

Dr Reid's response to my letter will be of interest to other concerned residents who share my opinion.

SOURCE:
Letter, 1 Feb 2023
Norm Harris, Umina

Creating inner peace at Woy Woy library

Free meditation sessions will be held over the next four weeks at Woy Woy library, on the corner of Blackwall Rd and Oval Ave.

Held on Mondays from 10am to 11:30am, starting today, the theme will be Creating Inner Peace.

Future sessions will be held on February 13, 20 and 27.

Bookings are essential, and may be made at the library or by phone on 4304 7555.

SOURCE:
Website, 06 Feb 2023
Library Service, Central Coast Council

Little Theatre prepares for production this year

Woy Woy Little Theatre will have its opening night on Friday, February 24, for its first production of the year, Party Piece by Richard Harris.

In all, it will have 10 performances over three weekends.

"Party Piece is escapist fun with improbable, implausible plot twists, cross dressing and guaranteed to bring a big smile to your face," according to box office manager Mr Graham Vale.

"Events unfold in the back gardens of two adjacent neighbours, as Doctor Michael and his wife Roma's fancy-dress house-warming party descends into disaster and chaos, with a notable shortage of guests, a shed engulfed by smoke, and an aerodynamic Zimmer frame.

"A fence separates the neighbours, but it has a peep hole, which is used to riotous effect for each household to spy on one another and to intensify the class warfare.

"It's a hilarious send up of the rise of the English middle classes."

Mr Vale said Party Piece was directed by Sarah Lovesy, an experienced director making her debut at Woy Woy Little Theatre.

The cast includes Troy Hester, Jenna Arnold, Karyn Wiffen, Terry Matthews, Jessica Curtis, Oliver Shepherd and Katrina Cook.

Mr Vale said four plays were planned for the year.

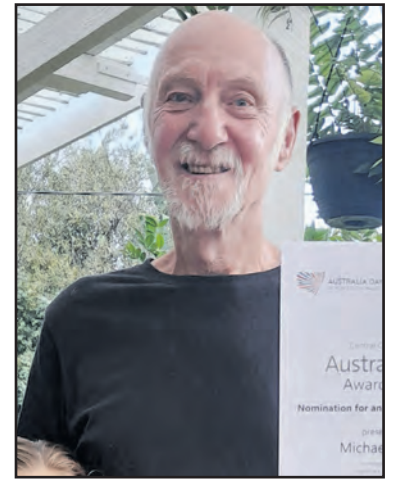
He said Party Piece would be "followed by murder and intrigue from Agatha Christie, then a thriller courtroom drama from Jeffrey Archer, and finishing up with a Marc Comiletti french farce".

Subscriptions were available for all four plays but bookings were open for Party Piece.

All bookings and payments should be made online.

However, anyone having difficulty should phone 4344 4737 and "a volunteer will call you".

SOURCE:
Media release, 24 Jan 2023
Graham Vale, Woy Woy Little Theatre



Nominated for Australia Day awards

No Peninsula resident won a Central Coast Council Australia Day award, but several were nominated for their volunteer work in the

community.

They included Mr Don Tee from the Rotary Club of Woy Woy, Ms Kiara Kelly and Ms Tammy Jackett Glover for Wiseberry Peninsula Real Estate, and Mr Michael Wilder

who makes tree guards for the Grow Urban Shade Trees group.

SOURCE:
Social media, 24 Jan 2023
Rotary Woy Woy
Wiseberry Peninsula Real Estate
Jen Wilder

Opportunities to help behind-the-scenes

Woy Woy Little Theatre is looking for volunteers to contribute behind-the-scenes to its productions.

Opportunities exist front of house, back stage, with scenery and with the technical crew.

Front of house opportunities include ushering, as a fire warden and serving in the kiosk and bar.

Volunteers can help with working bees for set painting and building and with "bump in and

out".

Back stage opportunities include help with quick costume changes, dealing with props and set changes.

The technical crew includes stage managing, doing lighting or sound.

For further information, email committee@woywoylt.com.au.

SOURCE:
Social media, 24 Jan 2023
Graham Vale, Woy Woy Little Theatre

Author to talk about living at peace with the world

A free author talk will be held in Umina on Sunday, March 12, to discuss "the benefits of mindfully living at peace with the world".

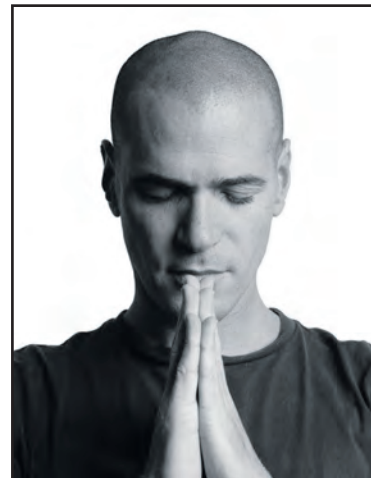
Californian author Timber Hawkeye will visit The Bookshop in West St from 4pm to 5:30pm to discuss his books Buddhist Boot Camp, Faithfully Religionless, and The Opposite of Namaste.

"His books and the Buddhist Boot Camp Podcast offer a secular mindfulness practice to be at peace with the world, both within and around us," said talk organiser Ms Tarni Grace.

"His intention is to awaken, enlighten, enrich, and inspire.

"It's not about living in a bubble where nobody pushes your buttons.

"It's about getting to a point where you don't have any buttons that can be pushed.



"Mindfulness doesn't make other people less irritating. It makes us less irritable."

The event is free, and everyone is welcome.

SOURCE:
Media release, 2 Feb 2023
Tarni Grace, Umina

Savings

Service NSW staff will be available at Umina library on Wednesday, February 8, to help residents understand rebates and savings offered by NSW Government agencies.

They will explain the Savings Finder program which helps NSW residents find and access more than 40 rebates and savings offered across NSW Government agencies.

A NSW Government website has brought together information on rebates and savings for power bills, utilities, transport, health, sports and recreation.

The Service NSW staff will describe how this can be accessed between 10:30am and 11:30am at Umina Beach Library.

Bookings are essential and may be made at the library or by phone on 4304 7333.

SOURCE:
Website, 22 Dec 2022
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Bathroom beautification takes place during holidays

Woy Woy Public School has finished its Bathroom Beautification Project over the school holidays.

“During the school holidays, we had a number of staff and parents volunteer an extensive amount of time to revitalize our junior bathrooms,” said teacher Ms Emily

Bartlett.

“This included a deep clean, priming, new coat of paint, and our beautiful murals painted.

“We also have fixed the locks on a few stalls, and have purchased mirrors to install when delivered in late February.”

She said the project was funded by donations by the

Ettalong Fishing Club, the Ettalong Memorial Club, and “our Year 6 2019 Cohort”.

A \$1000 donation from the parents and citizens association was used to purchase the mirrors.

SOURCE:

Social media, 31 Jan 2023
Emily Bartlett, Woy Woy Public School

School carnivals dominate pool use for two months

School swimming carnivals will dominate the use of the pool at the Peninsula Leisure Centre on weekdays over the next two months.

The carnivals started last Tuesday, January 31, and continue daily until Tuesday, March 7.

Starting times for the carnivals range from 7:30am to 9:45am and finishing times from 1:30pm to 3pm.

In most cases, the schools will use all lanes in the pool, but in a few cases two lanes will remain

available.

However, parking is also expected to be in short supply.

Peninsula schools to use the pool include Woy Woy, Ettalong, Woy Woy South and Umina Beach Public Schools, St John the Baptist primary school, and both campuses of Brisbane Water Secondary College.

Schools outside the area using the pool include Point Clare, Valley View, Kariong, Brisbania, Kincumber, Pretty Beach, Copacabana, Woodport and Avoca

Beach Public Schools.

Others include St. Edwards College, St. Joseph College, Central Coast Grammar senior and junior schools, Central Coast Adventist School and Kincumber High School.

The pool will also zone carnivals including the Christian zone carnival, Brisbane Water primary and high school zone carnivals and Southern Central Coast PSSA carnivals.

SOURCE:

Social media, 30 Jan 2023
Peninsula Leisure Centre



Professional learning

Teachers at Woy Woy South Public School took part in professional learning on Monday, January 30.

They were preparing for the year ahead.

SOURCE:

Social media, 30 Jan 2023
Woy Woy South Public School

School wants canteen helpers

Volunteers are wanted at the canteen at Ettalong Public School.

“No experience is required,” said relieving principal Ms Jodie Campbell.

“Your child will love it.

“Before life gets too busy, book in a day that suits you to volunteer in our canteen.”

SOURCE:

Social media, 25 Jan 2023
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong Public School

Canteen will be operated by catering company

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School has announced its canteen will be managed this year by Catering for Schools Pty Ltd.

It operates via online ordering with the Flexischools app, closing at 9am each day.

It advertises that it accepts cash and eftpos over the counter.

The company says it aims to make hot and cold food fresh daily and to provide healthy food options every day.

It claims Healthy Canteen

accreditation and aims to provide food for every type of diet, if possible.

It says it operates school canteens throughout the Central Coast and has been in business for 10 years.

It says it listens to customer complaints and suggestions, and can be contacted via cateringforschools@gmail.com.

SOURCE:

Social media, 30 Jan 2023
SJB Catholic Primary School Woy Woy

Voluntary ethics teachers wanted

Umina Beach Public School needs new volunteer ethics teachers “to meet the demand for ethics classes” at the school.

Free training is provided by the Primary Ethics organisation.

More information is available online at <https://primaryethics.com.au/volunteer/>

SOURCE:

Social media, 23 Jan 2023
Umina Beach Public School P/C Association



Sprinting in the holidays

Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy campus student Hannah Stevenson competed at the Australian Junior Super Sprint championships in Canberra

during the school holidays.

The championships were held from January 12 to 15.

Hannah finished 23rd.

SOURCE:

Social media, 31 Jan 2023
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy

Bridge club plays Australia Day Pairs

The Brisbane Water Bridge Club has played its Australia Day Pairs red point event.

Winners were Christine Hadaway and Chris Hannan from a fast finishing Hope Tomlinson and Barry Foster.

Results from the event played on Australia Day, Thursday, January 26, were:

1 Christine Hadaway, Chris Hannan 179.0 (59.67 per cent), 0.70 red points.

2 Hope Tomlinson, Barry Foster 173.3 (57.78), 0.49.

3 Jorgen Boettiger, Deborah Guthrie 172.4 (57.47), 0.35.

4 Jaan Oitmaa, Sylvia Foster 166.2 (55.41), 0.23.

5 Martin Johnson, Chris

Hasemore 163.6 (54.52), 0.18.

6 Janice Donohoe, Meryl Duke 156.9 (52.30), 0.14.

7 Susan McCall, Pamela Joseph 153.3 (51.11).

8 Karen Ody, Jim Routledge 146.2 (48.74).

9 David Bowerman, Dasha Brandt 138.0 (46.00).

10 Alison Mackey, Helen White 136.0 (45.33).

11 Julie Teague, Laurie Powell 133.1 (44.37).

12 Bernard Davidson, Lorraine Lindsay 117.6 (39.19).

13 Elaine Hume, Peter Hume 110.2 (36.74).

SOURCE:

Website, 27 Jan 2023
Brisbane Water Bridge Club



Runners heed 'call of the hills'

Woy Woy Runners has organised "hill repeats on Blackwall Mountain", where runners can go at their own speed.

Last week, the club had its

biggest turn-out so far for its new event.

Following "the call of the hills", 13 runners took part in the Tuesday evening hill session, which started at 6pm at Plane St.

"It doesn't matter if you are a mountain goat or are doing snail speed.

"Everyone is welcome to join."

SOURCE:

Social media, 31 Jan 2023
Nicole Falconer, Woy Woy Runners

Summer Pairs results

Winners of the Summer Pairs event at Brisbane Water Bridge Club played on Saturday, January 28 were Jaan Oitmaa and Sylvia Foster.

Second were Ed and Robin Vaughan.

Results were:

1 Jaan Oitmaa, Sylvia Foster 201.4 (62.15 per cent), 0.80 red points.

2 Ed Vaughan, Robin Vaughan 195.0 (60.19), 0.56.

3 Judy Wulff, Susan McCall 190.1 (58.68), 0.34.

3 Christine Hadaway, Chris Hannan 190.1 (58.68), 0.34.

5 Karen Ody, Jim Routledge 183.4 (56.60), 0.20.

6 Dasha Brandt, David

Bowerman 173.3 (53.47), 0.16.

7 Noel Crockett, Shirley Crockett 170.0 (52.47), 0.13.

8 Jorgen Boettiger, Matt Raj Mal 165.0 (50.93).

9 Richard Carter, Lorraine Lindsay 162.0 (50.00).

10 Hope Tomlinson, Martin Johnson 150.0 (46.30).

10 Julie Teague, Joan Walsh 150.0 (46.30).

12 Jane Power, Maria Rose 147.4 (45.49).

13 Steve Calcroft, Sue Eastman 137.0 (42.28).

14 Kerry, Anne Durrant, Carolyn Harper 118.1 (36.46).

15 Robyn Serra, Helen Cashman 97.9 (30.21).

SOURCE:

Social media, 29 Jan 2023
Brisbane Water Bridge Club

Registrations wanted 'as soon as possible'

The Brisbane Water Netball Club is asking its players to register "as soon as possible".

Registrations close on February 28.

The club is asking players not to leave it until the last minute so that teams can be organised.

Players have also been asked to invite friends or family who may be interested.

Registrations are wanted in NetSetGo (five to 11 years), junior (11-17 years) and senior (18 years and over).

The club is also seeking coaches who "love netball and would like to help aspiring players learn new skills and have fun".

For more information, email bwncpresident@gmail.com.

SOURCE:

Social media, 30 Jan 2023
Brisbane Water Netball Club

'Wudo' pilot

The Woy Woy Judo Club is to be the pilot club in Australia to launch "Wudo", Women's Only Judo and Self-Defense Classes.

The classes will run on Saturdays from 11am.

They will be "run by our women instructors for women".

"This class includes an introduction to basic judo and self defense techniques.

"All levels of fitness and experience are welcome."

SOURCE:

Social media, 28 Jan 2023
Woy Woy Judo Club

WHAT'S ON at ETTALONG BOWLING CLUB

Ettalong Bowling Club Presents a Tribute to Kenny & Dolly Friday 17th February 2023

Marty Edwards & Wendy T bring you the hits of Kenny Rogers and Dolly Parton. Marty & Wendy deliver the songs with the mannerisms, charisma and charm of both Kenny & Dolly in the Incredible International Tribute.

"Together Again" Tribute has toured repeatedly around the world at some most prestigious venues throughout England, Ireland, Malaysia, Mexico, the USA and now in Australia. This is a world class tribute and not to be missed!

Doors open at 7pm for 8pm show/ General Admission

Tickets \$45.00 now on sale from reception or through try bookings <https://www.trybooking.com/CDLIE>

Members may have noticed the flashy car in our foyer. Members will have the opportunity to WIN this fabulous MG Excite car by simply spending in venue. Each Sunday a member will be drawn for their chance to go into the major draw along with a \$100 fuel card. Major draw will be held on Sunday 2nd April. T & C's apply.

2023 Pennant Season is about to commence with the Open Pennant to start with round 1 on Saturday 18th February. Come along to watch our top bowlers in action. Ettalong Major Minor night pairs is to be played from 21st - 24th February - games commencing at 6pm each night.

Check out our website, app or Facebook page for more details.

ETTALONG
BOWLING CLUB

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THE BEST-KEPT SECRET ON THE CENTRAL COAST

Sport



Soccer club announces new committee

Southern and Ettalong United Football Club has announced a new committee, with a fresh executive.

The new executive comprises president Mr Sam Appleby, secretary Mr Ben Bonatesta, vice-president Mr Neil Ferguson and treasurer Mr Emmanuel Vlandis (pictured).

Out-going president and secretary, Mr Glen Balneaves and Ms Kylie Brown, were thanked "for their tireless efforts".

"The impact they have made on the club cannot be overstated," said Mr Appleby.

"Although stepping back, Glen and Kylie will continue their involvement with the club as committee members, mainly focused around the Senior Men's squads.

"We also welcome in a number of new committee members and together we are hoping to build on the great work of previous years and continue this club's

commitment to being the best on the Central Coast."

There were still some vacancies for the coming year including WPL Head coach, Women's technical director, Over-35s and 45s representative, clubhouse manager (paid position), licensee, club events coordinator and mMember protection officer.

For more information, send an email to secretary@seufc.com.

SOURCE:
Social media, 31 Jan 2023
Sam Appleby, SEUFC

'Fantastic response' to Meet and Greet

The Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Football Club has said it has had "a fantastic response to our meet and greet for young females looking to play rugby league in 2023".

"We were blown away with the interest received and are really excited for the year ahead."

The club is hoping to field teams in tackle and tag competitions.

For information about registering and how the systems



will work, contact Ms Renee Manning on 0415 400 149.

SOURCE:
Social media, 30 Jan 2023
Woy Woy Junior RLFC

Paddleboard event for Guide Dog clients

Volunteers from Ocean Beach and Umina Surf Life Saving Clubs were among those who helped Guide Dogs Australia run a stand-up paddleboard event for its clients at Ettalong Beach at the end of January.

The event was designed to provide an opportunity to socialise while enjoying some fun beach activities.

As well as stand up paddleboarding, there was also SUP Yoga.

Activities included using running lines, experiencing a simulated



water rescue, and a modified flags activity using sound localisation.

Sighted guide training was demonstrated as well as a vision goggle simulation to educate surf

lifesaving volunteers and others about how best to help on the day.

SOURCE:
Social media, 31 Jan 2023
Guide Dogs Australia

Four medals won at championships

The Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club has won four medals at the branch championship on Saturday, January 28.

The club won a silver in the 23 Mens, bronze in both 19 Men and Women and a bronze in the boat relay, a first for the club.

Club members Dave Thompson, Glen Cole, Bob Nash

and Alan Moffit officiated at the championship.

Tim Tucker drove the tractor.

SOURCE:
Social media, 29 Jan 2023
Ocean Beach SLSC

Netball club founder receives life membership

TKT Ocean Beach Netball Club foundation committee member Ms Joanne Ely has been awarded life membership of the Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association, on her retirement as club president this year.

Ms Ely was on the original committee which established the club 25 years ago, with Ms Jane Kearns as the inaugural president.

Ms Ely became president in 2008, serving in this role for 15 years.

This year she hands the reins to new club president Ms Michelle Giaquinto.

"Joanne has been honoured by an acceptance as Life Member of the Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association," said Ms Giaquinto.

"It is a fitting and well-deserved reward and acknowledgement for her outstanding service to local community through her volunteer roles with TKT Ocean Beach Netball Club and the association."

Ms Giaquinto said Ms Ely had received the Margaret Thoms Award in 2019 for her dedication, commitment and contribution to the promotion and betterment of netball.

She said she had helped build the small grassroots club from six to 14 teams, supporting hundreds of girls to be part of a team, to be active, to make friends and enjoy playing the sport.

Ms Giaquinto said: "TKT Ocean Beach Netball Club originated after a decision to break away from an existing club to develop



more competition within the Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association back in 1998.

"The club called itself TKT, or Te Kotahitanga, a Maori phrase, meaning 'we are one in unity' or 'unity in self-determination', a fitting name for a community sporting club.

"Later the addition of Ocean Beach was added as a connection to the local region."

The club is currently taking registrations for the 2023 winter competition.

"We welcome new and returning players of all ages from Net Set Go through to Seniors."

A registration day will be held at 53 Breeze St, Umina, between 10am and 2pm on Saturday, February 18.

SOURCE:
Media release, 30 Jan 2023
Michelle Giaquinto, TKT Ocean Beach Netball Club

Netball association seeks rep team managers

The Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association is seeking applications for managers of its representative teams.

Managers are needed for junior teams: under-11s development squad, under-12s, under-13s, and under-14s.

Senior teams managers are needed for under-15s, under-17s and Opens.

Applications close on Sunday, February 12.

SOURCE:
Social media, 01 Feb 2023
Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association

Aiden plays his 50th game

Southern Spirit cricket player Aiden Roese has played his 50th game for the club.

He plays in the Spirit Under-14 stage 3 team.

SOURCE:
Social media, 28 Jan 2023
Southern Spirit Cricket Club

