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Little Theatre runs youth theatre festival

Woy Woy Little Theatre will run a Spark Youth Theatre for 12 to 18 year olds over May and June, with performances in July.

The theatre "festival" will include writing, acting and directing.

This program will be limited to just 20 people.

It will be led by Mr Greg Buist who has had roles in a number of plays for Woy Woy Little Theatre and was a member of the first committee of Woy Woy's Flash Festival for adults.

The youth theatre will be based in part on the Flash Festival.

Mr Buist has been a primary school teacher for more than 35 years and for the last 15 years has run a drama group called "Comedy Club" before school most Friday

mornings.

The Spark Festival sessions will be from 1-3pm each Sunday until June 18 at either the Peninsula Community Centre or the Peninsula Theatre.

Rehearsals will be held on June 24 and 25, with performances on July 1 and 2.

Fees are \$10 for membership, then \$10 a week for a total of \$80 or for \$60 paid for in advance.

A permission form is required to be signed by parents.

For further information, phone 0434 717 087, email sparkwoywoy@outlook.com or visit the website sparkwoywoy.com.

SOURCE:
Social media, 19 Apr 2023
Greg Buist, Woy Woy Little Theatre

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Doctors called to save after-hours service

Local doctors have been called to put their names on a roster to save the After-Hours Medical Service at Woy Woy Hospital.

If most doctors respond, a commitment of as little as one evening every couple of months could be enough.

"This practice will close if more doctors don't join us," said Dr Paul Duff, a director of the service.

He said the service was operated by a non-profit co-operative of local doctors.

"A few years ago, most of the doctors who worked on the Peninsula shared in the workload of running the after hours service," he said.

"This meant that doctors would do a weekday evening once every one to two months and two to three weekend days per year.

"This was a small extra effort, even for very busy GPs, to make sure that all our patients could access GP care 24/7."

The roster had fallen from more than 40 doctors to "barely a dozen", one in five of the 55 doctors currently working on the Peninsula.

"Some of the doctors on our roster are close to retirement or have retired and are only contributing because of the sense of loyalty they feel to this community and to their colleagues.

"Unfortunately, over the last few years, many local GPs have withdrawn from the service

while most of the new GPs to the area have refused to join the cooperative.

"It's hard to maintain this cooperative spirit when others don't cooperate," Dr Duff said.

He said the service was currently operated by four doctors from the Ettalong Medical Centre, two doctors from Providence Medical Umina, four doctors from the Woy Woy General Practice, one doctor from the Woy Way Family Practice and one doctor from the Corner Family Surgery Wyoming.

Dr Duff said the situation had also worsened because of the effect of a change in the relationship between the hospital and the local GPs.

When the service started, the doctors operating the after hours service "also manned the hospital until quite recently".

"This model of local general practitioners co-operating to staff a hospital and an after hours medical service through that hospital is very common in rural and regional Australia.

"A few years ago, however, the Central Coast Local Health District chose to run the hospital with dedicated hospital doctors, limiting the direct support they were allowed to provide us."

Dr Duff said the Woy Woy After Hours Medical Service depended on grant funding, with the support the Federal government via the Hunter New England and Central Coast Primary Health Network.

He said the Covid pandemic had been "an enormous strain".

"It certainly doesn't help that, for the last two years, we have operated at a loss.

"We would like to return to being able to offer nursing care, but it is financially impossible."

Dr Duff said the service had approached Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid and the Health Network "to try to improve our funding to offer the best service possible".

"The after-hours medical service started with the opening of Woy Woy Hospital and has run ever since, meaning that we are also celebrating 50 years of service to the community," said Dr Duff.

"It was set up as a co-operative to bring together the local GPs to help share the workload of caring for the community.

"If this co-operative closes, it is very unlikely that another co-operative will ever open on the Peninsula."

"If this happens there will be nowhere for the patients of the Peninsula to go other than Gosford Hospital or the Bridges After Hours Service at Erina."

He suggested that residents could ask their doctor about their after-hours arrangements and whether they were on the after-hours medical service roster.

SOURCE:
Leaflet, 24 Apr 2023
Paul Duff, Woy Woy After Hours Medical Service

The importance of full names

Increasingly, we live in a depersonalised world where people are effectively invisible, identified only by first or last name.

That is certainly reflected in many of the media releases and newsletters we receive.

In this fearful world, there is little opportunity to come together as a community.

As a community newspaper, Peninsula News aims to enhance our sense of community.

It aims not just to recognise the interests we share because we live in the same locality.

It also encourages residents to connect, form community relationships and act together as a community.

A community flourishes when the unique identities and achievements of its residents are recognised and respected.

That is why we use full names. When full names are used, people feel seen and valued,

feel that they belong and make a difference within our community.

It is important that even the most humble in our community, including our children and our elderly, are accorded the respect and dignity of being identified with their full name.

Using an honorific (Mr/Ms) underlines this respect.

The Peninsula is a friendly and welcoming community, in which the use of full names is important.

Mark Snell, 29 Apr 2023



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At its heart, Peninsula News is a community effort.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Readability

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

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

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

Forum letters

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

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

Contributors are asked to keep their

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The following descriptions are used:

Media Release - unsolicited contributions.

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

Flea market stalls to be tried at Bays breakfast

Flea market stalls will be available at the The Bays Breakfast in May.

The stalls would be the opportunity for residents to sell vintage bric-a-brac gathering dust in the cupboard or to sell "lovely clothes you no longer wear", said The Bays Community Group president Ms Carolina Schuiling.

She said the flea market stalls would be trialled at the Bays Breakfast on Sunday, May 28, with tables available at \$30 each, booked by emailing

thebaysemail@gmail.com.

Preference will be given to Bays Residents.

The breakfast, held on the last Sunday of the month, provides bacon and egg rolls for \$5 each with vegetarian and gluten-free options available.

Tea and coffee are also on offer.

"It's a great opportunity to have a chat and connect with locals," said Ms Schuiling.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 26 Apr 2023
Carolina Schuiling, The Bays Community Group

Reid addresses United Nations

Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid has addressed the United Nations in New York with the Australian Government's National Statement on Indigenous People, Human Health, Planetary and Territorial Health and Climate Change - A Rights Based Approach.

Dr Reid said it was "an amazing honour and privilege" to represent Australia and present the national statement at the United Nations General Assembly.

The national statement provided an update on "the Federal Government's work to improve key outcomes for indigenous people across Australia", he said.

"Delegates from across the world were interested in Australia's First Nations policies and about our upcoming referendum to constitutionally recognise First Nations Australians and to establish an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament."

SOURCE:
Media release, 26 Apr 2023
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson

Rotary offers free dementia training

A free dementia training session will be held by the Rotary Club of Brisbane Water at the Umina Scout Hall in Carawa St from 8:45am on Monday, May 8.

"Brisbane Water Rotarian Ms Bobby Redman has authorisation from Dementia Australia to present training for volunteers," said organiser Ms Sue O'Neill.

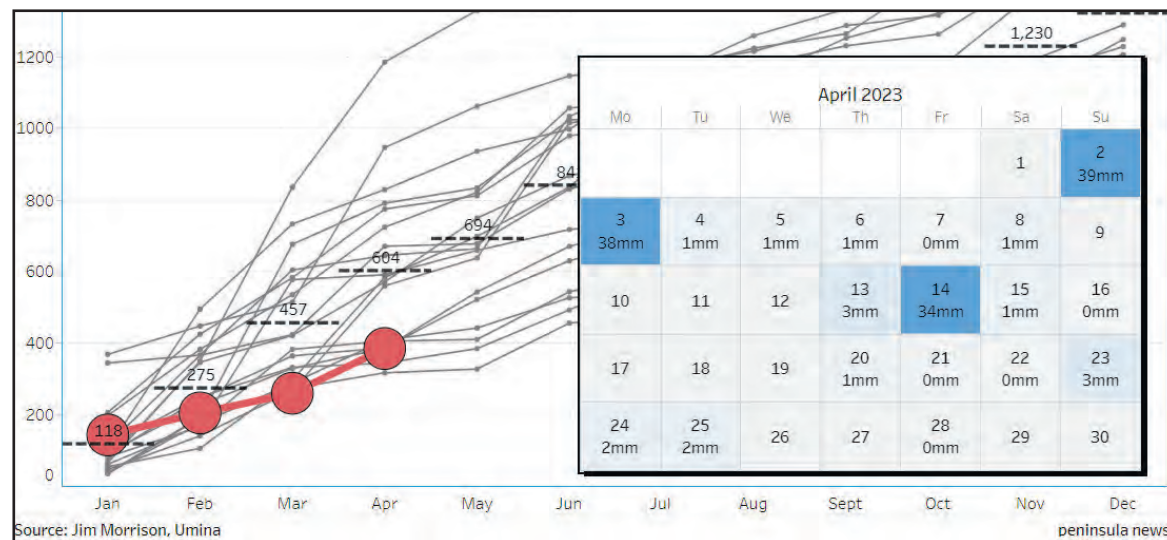
"The program will run through

dementia-friendly community training and provide some basic knowledge about dementia.

"The course runs for one hour and you will receive a certificate for completing."

For bookings and further information, email sue_oneill@hotmail.com or phone 0404 432 690.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 30 Apr 2023
Sue O'Neill, Rotary Brisbane Water



Rainfall below average but above median

April rainfall on the Peninsula was 124.8mm as at 9am on Friday, April 28.

Only 8.4mm has fallen in the last two weeks.

The total was 24.2mm below

the average of 149mm, about 16.2 per cent or one sixth.

Although below average, the total was above the 19-year median rainfall for the month of 118mm.

The cumulative rainfall for the year stands at 383.7mm, which is 37.7 per cent less than the average at the end of April of 616mm.

SOURCE:
Spreadsheet, 28 Apr 2023
Jim Morrison, Umina

TIDE TIMES and Heights	Mon, May 1	Thu, May 4	Sun, May 7	Wed, May 10	Sat, May 13
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	1203 0.20	0730 1.01	0940 0.91	1223 0.77	0958 0.18
	1815 0.87	1349 0.19	1528 0.25	1746 0.33	1552 0.86
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AT ETTALONG	Tue, May 2	Fri, May 5	Mon, May 8	Thu, May 11	Sun, May 14
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Administrator changes his mind about commuter carpark sale

Central Coast Council Administrator Mr Rik Hart has changed his mind about the sale of the Woy Woy commuter carpark to the owner of Deepwater Plaza.

Mr Hart said: "It has become clear to me that there is a considerable level of concern in the local community about what is seen as inadequate consultation with both residents and business operators as to the potential benefits of such an arrangement.

"Also, the potential interest of Transport for NSW in purchasing the commuter car park that it already leases may have been insufficiently canvassed.

"I have determined that the future interests of our community are best served by putting to one side that part of the proposed parking rationalisation that involves the sale of the commuter car park to the owner of the Deepwater

Plaza Shopping Centre."

Mr Hart said this should "assure the local community that it will be both extensively and comprehensively engaged in decisions that affect the future management of car parking facilities in this highly important business centre".

"I have determined that an additional safeguard should be inserted into the option extinguishment deed that has been agreed in principle between Council and the incoming owner of the shopping centre.

"This will ensure that free (uncharged) parking will continue to be provided in the shopper car park on the same basis as has been already agreed with the current owner until the expiry date of the option deed, namely, December 2032."

At last week's council meeting, Mr Hart rescinded his earlier

resolutions to sell the carpark and resolved "not proceed with transfer of ownership of the commuter car park at 93 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, to a private party".

He resolved to "continue to negotiate with Transport for NSW for the transfer of the commuter carpark at 93 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, to Transport for NSW and authorise the CEO to execute a contract if a mutual agreement can be reached on satisfactory terms".

He also resolved to "include in the agreement to extinguish Council's option to acquire car park spaces in the shopper car park at 52 Railway St, Woy Woy, provisions for those car parks to be accessed free of charge by the public until the date on which the option would have otherwise expired, namely, December 2032".

SOURCE:
Central Coast Council agenda S.1, 26 Apr 2023



Tesch appointed as parliamentary secretary for disability inclusion

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has been appointed as Parliamentary Secretary for Families and Communities and Parliamentary Secretary for Disability Inclusion.

"It is a privilege to be entrusted with such an important portfolio," said Ms Tesch.

"To say I am excited is an understatement.

"I have had a long discussion with Minister for Families and Communities and Minister for Disability Inclusion Ms Kate Washington, and look forward to working with her.

"Minister Washington has been a champion and a role model in her role as a Shadow Minister.

"I come into this position with a deep friendship and respect for her

and am confident I can complement Minister Washington's work.

"As Parliamentary Secretary, I will work to create a more accessible and inclusive state and continue to work on behalf of vulnerable people and communities across New South Wales.

"I campaigned hard to see the Sydney Harbour Bridge be made accessible for the Invictus Games and have continued to ensure the NSW Parliament is accessible.

"Changes like these are what make me so excited to see a more inclusive New South Wales.

"It is just a glimpse that if even the NSW Legislature is still inaccessible, there is still so much work to do."

SOURCE:
Media release, 27 Apr 2023
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

Trust funds three environmental projects

Central Coast Council's Protection of the Environment Trust has awarded more than \$15,000 to three environmental projects on the Peninsula.

The Crommelin Native Arboretum at Pearl Beach has been awarded \$12,000 "to undertake both Parts A and B of the project titled Land Survey Ecological Report on the Pearl Beach Arboretum".

A request was to be made to mention the Trust in the Crommelin Native Arboretum newsletter.

The Peninsula Environment Group has been awarded \$1320 "to undertake community education components of the project titled Woy Woy Peninsula Community Garden – Promoting Protection of Flora and Fauna".

The Trust committee stated it "would like to ensure that the PEG use only local provenance". The

group was awarded another \$3230 for a "Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland Species Corridor".

The works were to be "undertaken in accordance with the written approval from Council's Section Manager, Parks and Reserves dated 9 December 2022" and consultation with the manager "during the detailed planning and implementation of the project".

SOURCE:
Central Coast Council agenda 2.12, 26 Apr 2023

Information about foreshore restoration

An information night about the restoration of Phegans Bay public foreshore will be held by The Bays Community Group at 7pm on Wednesday, May 3, at The Bays Community Hall in Woy Woy Bay.

The meeting is expected to describe how the local community can work with Council in restoring and improving the foreshore bank area which has been eroded over time, according to organiser Mr Vic Tysoe from Phegans Bay.

Mr Tysoe said Central Coast Council's senior estuary management officer Mr Warren Brown would address the meeting.

"Residents are welcome to come and listen to how the community can become involved in the decision-making process for the restoration and planning of our public foreshore reserve," he said.

"Mr Brown is the representative of council who is managing the preparation of the Hawkesbury Nepean Coastal Management Program.

"Mr Brown will provide a short presentation of what is being performed under the Program."

He will also answer questions. "If you are interested in being a part of the Focus Group for this foreshore project, please attend this information night," Mr Tysoe asked.

For further information, phone Mr Tysoe on 0409 834 864 or email: vic.tysoe@gmail.com.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 26 Apr 2023
Vic Tysoe, The Bays Community Group

Joy's 100th birthday

Brisbane Water Legacy member Ms Irene (Joy) Harvey has celebrated her 100th birthday at Ettalong on Thursday, April 20.

Members from Legacy Woy Woy and Ettalong War Widows held a high tea at Ettalong Diggers and were entertained by a choir.

SOURCE:
Social media, 26 Apr 2023
Kim Cole, Ettalong Diggers



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Residents call for 40 per cent tree canopy target

The Peninsula Residents' Association has called for a 40 per cent target for tree canopy on the Peninsula by 2040 in its submission to Central Coast Council about its draft Street Design Manual.

The association has welcomed the adoption of a street design manual, but has urged the council not to squander the opportunity to improve local street design.

The submission calls for residential streetscape design principles to be spelt out for both public and privately-owned street frontage.

It argues for a reduction in hard surface area.

"The council has long prevented development within the front setback of a private property on the basis of good street design," the association stated.

"This manual is the opportunity to spell out the principles, but currently does nothing to address this aspect of street design, restricting itself to the public road.

"Its adoption should include changes to the Council's planning provisions to ensure enforcement.

"Our association is concerned about the increasing numbers of paved nature strips, and also of concreted private yards.

"Allowing carports on the front property boundary can reduce the

need for paved driveways, without impeding sight lines."

The association said that street design "should also be informed by other council policies and plans".

"For example, the recently-exhibited Peninsula floodplain management plan highlighted the need to reduce hard surface areas on the Peninsula and recommended changes to the Council's Development Control Plan accordingly.

"The floodplain management plan also described the importance of street and garden design facilitating its strategy of overland dissipation of flood waters.

"The (street design) manual says nothing about garden design and front fencing, which arguably have the greatest impact on our streetscapes, as well as flooding consequences."

The association said it supported the Council's place-based approach to planning.

"The Peninsula ... is unique topographically.

"The majority of the residential settlement of the Peninsula is on a sandplain, under which lies a water table. This offers great potential for increased vegetation and tree canopy.

"The Peninsula has a unique grid of streets and lanes, which offer many street design possibilities, including designs

for cul-de-sacs and low-trafficked areas which are based on soft and porous surfaces.

"The Development Control Plan has many specific provisions for the Peninsula, including Character Statements which spell out its desired future character.

"It is the association's submission that any street design manual that is to apply to the Peninsula should be written to support the desired future character of the area.

"Leafy streetscapes foster liveable communities. Science, medicine and planning is showing the truth of this."

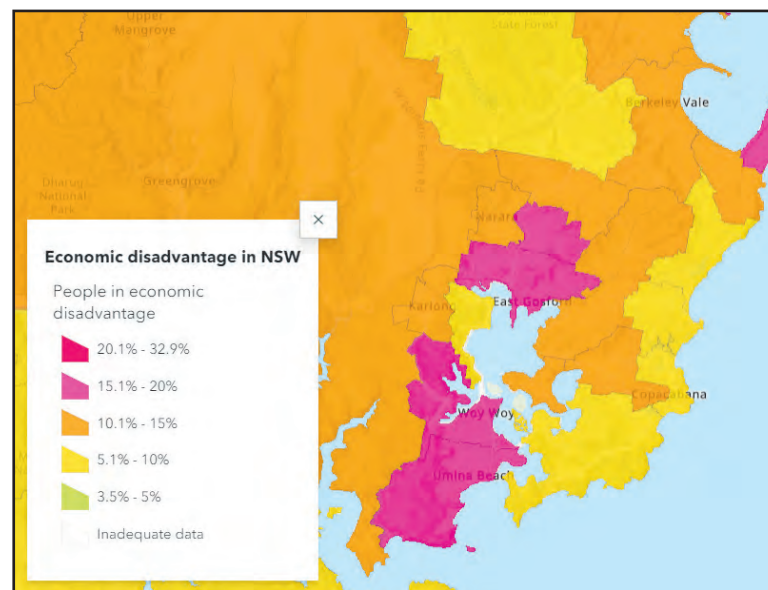
Specific recommendations included adopting solar reflectance index requirements for street surfaces.

Realistic soil volume requirements for canopy trees were much greater than specified and porous surfaces were needed to allow adequate watering.

Local native species should be preferred, maintaining local biodiversity, and be actively maintained by the council.

The manual should be supported with community education and engagement, and support for groups such as the Peninsula's Grow Urban Shade Trees group, the submission stated.

SOURCE:
Media release, 28 Apr 2023
Jen Wilder, PRA



Poverty rate higher than NSW - NCOSS

The Peninsula has a poverty rate of around 17 per cent, about 25 per cent higher than the State figure, according to a report released by the NSW Council of Social Service.

It has increased about three per cent in the five years to 2021, according to research conducted by the University of Canberra.

The rate in the Woy Woy statistical area of 17.7 per cent and in the Umina area of 16.6 per cent compares to the NSW figure of 13.4 per cent.

The greatest differences in poverty rates between the Peninsula and Greater Sydney were in the 25-64 years age group, in lone person households, with private renters and with the unemployed.

In the 25-64 years age group, Woy Woy had a poverty rate of 18.3 per cent and Umina 16.8 per cent compared to the Sydney figure of 11.9 per cent.

SOURCE:
Media release, 27 Apr 2023
Joanna Quilty, NCOSS

Lone person households had a poverty rate of 32.2 per cent in Woy Woy and 29.2 per cent in Umina where the Sydney figure was 22.5 per cent.

Private renters in Woy Woy had a 28.4 per cent poverty rate and in Umina 28.9 per cent compared to the Sydney figure of 19.4 per cent.

The unemployed in Woy Woy had a poverty rate of 35.0 per cent and in Umina 35.8 per cent where the Sydney figure was 20.9 per cent.

The report defined the "poverty line" as 50 per cent of median household income, adjusted for household composition and housing costs.

This resulted, for example, in a poverty line in 2021 after tax and housing costs of \$504 for a single person, \$757 for a couple and \$656 for a single person with one child.

Community land plan adopted

Central Coast Council has adopted its generic region-wide Plan of Management for Community Land.

Despite 350 submissions, the draft plan was adopted largely unchanged at last Wednesday's Council meeting.

The plan comes into effect this Wednesday, May 3.

It covers all Council-owned community land except Kincumba Mountain, Central Coast Stadium and Gosford City Bowling Club, which retain their existing plans of

management.

The Blackwall Mountain Plan of Management is extinguished by the decision.

The categorisation of around 14 per cent of parcels in the plan will be reviewed within the next 12 months.

Council director Dr Alice Howe said: "The adoption of the Plan of Management gives added security and clarity to the community and stakeholders.

"The Plan of Management will supersede the outdated plans

currently existing and will allow us to extend leases for community organisations and sporting groups to existing services such as community halls and facilities."

Dr Howe said: "We will continue to engage with the community about the most appropriate use of community land and will review how individual parcels of land are used over time to ensure that the most sustainable outcomes are achieved."

SOURCE:
Media release, 26 Apr 2023
Alice Howe, Central Coast Council

Criticism over Blackwall Mountain

The Central Coast branch of the Australian Conservation Foundation has "condemned" Central Coast Council for replacing the Blackwall Mountain Plan of Management with a generic plan.

"The generic plan will not address the management and protection of the bushland," said group convenor Mr Mark Ellis.

"The council retained the Kincumber Plan of Management along with other specific Plans, but the Blackwall Mountain Plan was removed."

Mr Ellis said the council-under-administration had breached the Local Government Act and Regulations by transferring natural area bushland and foreshores to general use, after objections by the community.

"The core objectives for the management of land classified as general use or park are significantly different to the core objectives for the management of bushland or a wetland," he said.

"The council has not justified or explained the reasoning to transfer so many blocks of bushland to general use and parks.

"Other areas of land around the

Woy Woy Peninsula affected by the adoption of this one-size-fits-all plan include Kahibah Creek, Umina, where watercourses are being changed to park, as well as Mackenzie Ave and the Esplanade, Umina.

"Economic principles are overriding the environmental responsibility of council and the guiding principles of the local Government act," said Mr Ellis.

"The ACFCC group will continue to fight for protection of natural bushland, wetlands and foreshores across the Coast."

SOURCE:
Media release, 28 Apr 2023
Mark Ellis, ACFCC

Staff get first look at aged care home extension

A Woy Woy aged care home has given its staff a look at its new building extension ahead of it being opened.

"As part of a staff barbecue day, we opened up the new Eastern Extension for our staff to have an early look at the near finished space," said Blue Wave Living chief executive Mr Matt Downie.

"We will soon begin some tours for our existing residents to have an early look just prior to us making the first area operational."

Mr Downie said a number of new courtyard spaces were now available to residents as part of Stage One works.

"Other finishing touches are now underway to bring Stage One works to full completion," he said.

"A key part of this is the new roadway to the rear of the site, and additional parking.

"We expect this to be complete in early May.

"Furniture is now being positioned, and other finishing

touches internally going into place, including window coverings and curtains.

"We also have a wall of potential photographic artwork on display in The Shores for residents to vote on their favourite pictures – and we will get several of these framed up for the new spaces."

Mr Downie said the new western side extension and internal rebuild was now likely to take until August or September to complete.

"Following completion of the western side, we will be asking residents located in our two southern wings at The Shores (rooms 20 to 43) to relocate into one of the newly-built bedrooms.

"Once that transition has occurred, our aim is to begin work on the two existing southern wings, with an internal re-build.

"This future work will also include joining the two existing buildings together."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 28 Apr 2023
Matt Downie, BlueWave Living

New varroa mite detection in Woy Woy zone

A new detection of varroa mite “in the Woy Woy red zone” brings the number of infested premises to 152, according to the Department of Primary Industry.

“The new detections have resulted in only a slight extension at the south eastern edge of the zone

and will impact a small number of beekeepers,” according to a social media post by the department.

“There is a corresponding extension of the surveillance (purple) zone into the Northern Beaches of Sydney, also impacting a small number of beekeepers.

“The new detections, close

to existing infested premises, are a result of comprehensive surveillance activities, which form a critical part of the response as we work towards eradication of varroa mite.”

SOURCE:
Social media, 20 Apr 2023
NSW DPI Biosecurity



Bays bushcare group to hold open day

The Bays Bushcare Group and Central Coast Council are holding an open day on Sunday, May 7.

“The community can learn about bushcare and the significance of the flora and fauna in the bushland between Phegans Bay and Woy

Woy Bay,” according to Bays Community Group president Ms Carolina Schuiling.

The event will take place from 9am to noon at Gurdon Reserve in Taylor St, Woy Woy Bay.

“Activities on the day will include a barbecue, native plant give-

aways, kayak tours, site walks and bushcare demonstrations.”

Kayak tours will take place in two sessions, starting at 9am and 11am, with bookings required.

The guided walk will start at 9.30am from Gurdon Reserve.

“The Bays Bushcare site is an exceptional area of bushland around Horsfield, Phegan’s and Woy Woy Bays,” said council bushcare officer Mr Ben Feltham.

“The bushcare group volunteers have been working at the site to remove weeds and plant native species to improve biodiversity and habitat for native fauna.”

For bookings or inquiries, email ben.feltham@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au before Thursday, May 4.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 25 Apr 2023
Carolina Schuiling, The Bays Community Group



New lighting at bingo

The organisers of Woy Woy Bingo have noticed a change in the lighting at the Peninsula Community Centre.

Recently, the lighting in the Peninsula Community Centre was

upgraded with LED bulbs.

“We are loving the new hall LED lighting,” said organiser Mr Rob Graham.

SOURCE:
Social media, 22 Apr 2023
Robert Graham, Woy Woy Bingo



State MP enters Federal MP’s photo competition

State Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has entered a photo into a competition run by her Federal counterpart, Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid.

“I had to share this brilliant

photo sent in to my photography competition,” said Dr Reid in a social media post.

“Great shot Liesl Tesch MP.”

SOURCE:
Social media, 26 Apr 2023
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson

Men’s Shed completes project

Umina Beach Men’s Shed has finished a major project at Woy Woy Public School.

The project included the construction of outdoor furniture and the manufacture of boomerangs.

Members of the Shed built and installed a number of outdoor benches, a walk-over bridge and step-over obstacle in the schoolgrounds, part of an outdoor seated learning area and adventure playground.

The project was part of the school’s involvement in Queen Elizabeth’s Platinum Jubilee celebrations, and included the planting of 300 native shrubs and trees.

It also included the installation of a native bee hive.

The manufacture of 350 wooden boomerangs was for the school’s art and crafts program, with students creating their own designs as part of Naidoc week celebrations.

“Nearly every member of the shed worked on this project at some time, either crafting, sanding, shaping or painting, and including two work parties at the school to install benches,” said Shed secretary Mr Vic Brown.

Pictured is Shed member Mr Bill Ide presenting the boomerangs to the school, and Shed members with the installed seating.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 28 Apr 2023
Vic Brown, Umina Beach Men’s Shed



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Little Theatre to present Agatha Christie play

Agatha Christie's play **The Hollow** will open at Peninsula Theatre on Friday, May 19, with 10 performances over three weekends.

Produced by Woy Woy Little Theatre, it is directed by Andrew Thomson and Karen Rowe.

"The plot is an intriguing game of deception and romance, which explodes into murder one weekend at The Hollow, home of Sir Henry and Lucy Angkatell," said box office manager Mr Graham Vale.

"At the centre of the trouble are Dr John Cristow and his devoted wife Gerda.

"Throw in the mix his mistress and prominent sculptor Henrietta and his former lover and Hollywood film star Veronica, and you have a volatile brew waiting to explode.

"Also visiting are Edward and Midge, whose romantic assertions are also called into question.

"As the list of romantic associations grows so does the list of potential suspects.

"When one of the party members is shot dead right in front of them all, nearly everyone has a

motive but only one of them is the real murderer."

Henrietta Angkatell is played by Olivia Rowe, Sir Henry Angkatell by Mark Austin and Lady Lucy Angkatell by Christine Vale.

Midge Harvey is played by Kassandra Manuela, Gudgeon by Douglas Kent and Edward Angkatell by Sam Zodiac.

Doris is played by Emily Kilgour, Gerda Cristow by Kelli Ward and John Cristow by Sebastian Yule.

Veronica Craye is played by Adriana Nunez, Inspector Colquhoun by Reuben Harris and Detective Sergeant Penny by David Rowe.

"As with all Agatha Christie plays at Woy Woy Little Theatre, tickets are selling fast and will likely sell out before we open."

Bookings and payments may be made online at <https://www.woywoylt.com/>.

For further information, phone 4344 4737.

SOURCE:
 Media release, 20 Apr 2023
 Graham Vale, Woy Woy Little Theatre

Classic Cinema Club resumes at Pearl Beach

The Pearl Beach Classic Cinema Club returns for winter starting on Wednesday, May 3, at 2:30pm at the Community Memorial Hall in Diamond Rd.

The club meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month and offers "a variety of different film experiences".

Old and new members are welcome.

Rejoining fee for existing members is \$10.

Joining fee for new members is \$20.

Cost for each film afternoon is \$5 and includes light refreshments.

Following each film is the opportunity to have a discussion and to socialise in a warm and friendly place.

For further information and bookings, phone Lynne on 4344 2319.

SOURCE:
 Website, 26 Apr 2023
 Lynne Lilloco, Pearl Beach Progress Association

Forum

Housing strategy may irrevocably trash the Peninsula

Submissions from the public for the Local Housing Strategy will close on Wednesday, May 3.

The main driver of this strategy is the "housing crisis".

As usual, the actual cause and nature of the problem is virtually ignored.

There is a statement that the Central Coast population is growing at 4500 people per annum and another that "migration" is contributing to growth in population.

The document admits that local people are being displaced by more affluent buyers from outside the area.

It also admits that the need in the Peninsula is for smaller (one and two bedroom) homes and more affordable housing.

However, what is being supplied are predominantly two-storey four-bedroom units, which are not suitable for "ageing in place".

They often end up as short-term rentals such as Airbnbs, making it even harder for local renters to find accommodation.

What are the likely actions to result from this document?

A section headed "Actions" which lists the likely outcomes that really don't seem to be influenced too much by the preceding platitudes.

It is mainly about strategies to increase density and fit in more people.

There is a definition of density with a touch of "re-education" about it, in which gun-barrel multi-dwelling developments are now officially "low density".

As far as the Peninsula is concerned there will be a "Place Based Plan".

This will: "Utilise R3 zone as a frame to better focus character-led infill around existing centres (Woy Woy, Ettalong and Umina)".

No mention of affordable or

smaller housing here.

The Council tries it's best to convince us that it can deliver the type of housing that people actually want and need on the Peninsula, despite relying on a profit-motivated industry.

As one attendee at a recent Council-organised housing strategy workshop noted: "If only we could stop thinking of houses solely as an investment."

The main concern is that in its eagerness to try and fix the housing crisis, the Council will "throw out the baby with the bath water".

It is likely to introduce new measures to increase development that will irrevocably trash the Peninsula lifestyle.

If you don't take this opportunity to have your say, there will be no point complaining later!

SOURCE:
 Email, 30 Apr 2023
 Frank Wiffen, Woy Woy

Core values of a traditional Anzac service

Anzac Day is a sacred day in Australia, especially for veterans.

This year I decided to attend the dawn service at Club Umina, as well as the later service at Empire Bay.

My attendance at Club Umina was selected based on convenience and was my first

experience with their dawn service.

The club employees that I met certainly appreciated my attendance.

The service was conducted by duty manager Mr David Miller, and the wreath laying was performed by club manager Mr Paddy Quigg as well as club director Mr Roger Ford.

While only short, the service

displayed all the core values of a traditional Anzac service with some poems written by diggers read out, as well as the last post, ode and reveille.

As the service came to a close, the sun rose over the trees on what was to be a beautiful morning.

SOURCE:
 Letter, 27 Apr 2023
 Norm Harris, Umina

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BreastScreen bus is back

The BreastScreen NSW bus is back at the Country Women's Association hall in Woy Woy for the fifth year.

"In the past five years, we have screened 5467 people in Woy Woy," said Woy Woy branch president Ms Jane Bowtell.

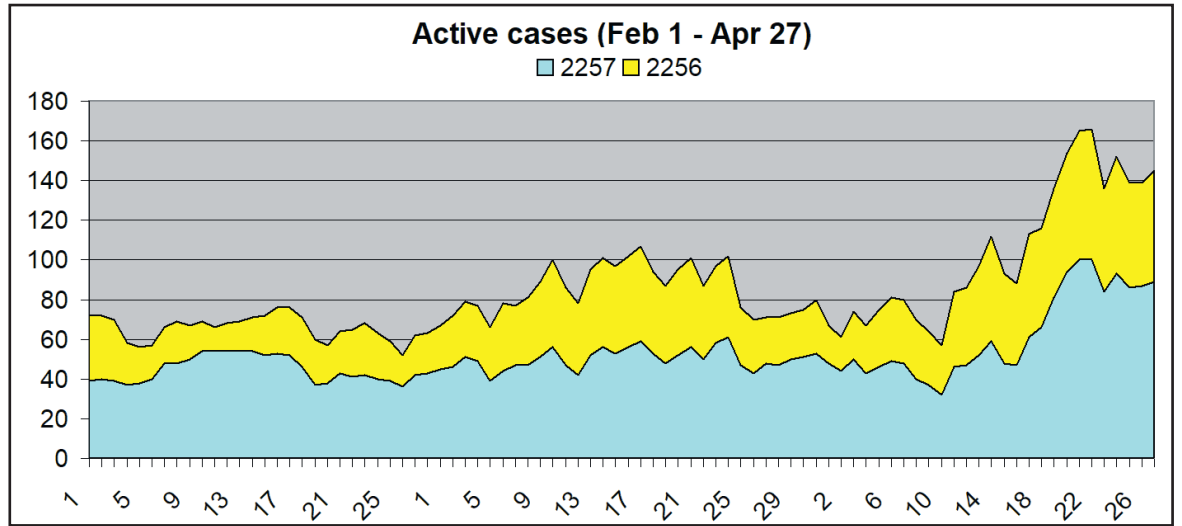
"This is an amazing achievement by the BreastScreen team."

"We're so pleased to be able to help bring this essential service to the Peninsula.

"The bus will be here for the next 11 weeks."

Bookings may be made on 13 20 50 or at <https://book.breastscreen.nsw.gov.au>

SOURCE:
Social media, 19 Apr 2023
Jane Bowtell, CWA Woy Woy



Virus numbers almost treble in two weeks

Coronavirus numbers have peaked at 166 active cases on the Peninsula on Saturday, April 22.

This was almost three times the number on Monday, April 10, less than two weeks previously, when there were 57 active cases.

Numbers in the 2257 postcode area went from 32 on April 10 to 100 on April 22.

In the 2256 postcode area, the numbers went from 25 to 66 active cases.

Latest figures showed a total of 145 active cases on Thursday,

April 27, more than 2.5 times the April 10 number.

Of these, 56 were in the 2256 postcode area and 89 in the 2257 postcode area.

SOURCE:
Website, 27 Apr 2023
Covid-19 cases, Data NSW

Anzac Day, a time to offer support

Anzac Day was an opportunity to show compassion and offer support to past and

present defence personnel, according to Brisbane Waters Private Hospital.

"Post Traumatic Stress Disorder can be a lasting effect of the psychological trauma of war," said hospital chief executive Ms Debra Ritter.

She said veterans should not suffer in silence.

"PTSD is treatable, and you can recover."

SOURCE:
Social media, 25 Apr 2023
Debra Ritter, Brisbane Waters Private Hospital

Covid cases now 'treated individually'

Aged care residents in Woy Woy who have tested positive for Covid are being managed individually.

"We no longer move into lockdown with Covid cases," said Blue Wave Living aged care home chief executive Mr Matt Downie.

"We have had some recent cases of Covid emerge within BlueWave Living.

"It is likely we will continue to see cases emerge in residential aged care in line with community spread.

"Mindfulness regarding vaccination, infection control and following our guidelines when visiting is very important."

Mr Downie said it was "small steps we can all take" that will minimise risk to Blue Wave resident.

"If unwell in any way, please defer visiting.

"Our entry requirements remain unchanged.

"Visitors are expected to RAT test prior to entering the building and to wear an appropriate mask. These are all provided.

"Please follow the directions of our team."

With flu season approaching, Mr Downie said: "It is important to obtain the annual flu vaccination and an updated Covid booster too."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 28 Apr 2023
Matt Downie, Blue Wave Living

Beds turn residents with a button

An aged care provider in Umina has introduced three beds which turn residents in their beds when they are unable to do so themselves.

"The new bed technology has been designed to meet the needs of an immobilised person with, or at risk of developing, pressure injuries and other complications of immobility," said Peninsula Villages' executive care manager Mr Steve Wills.

"The repositioning of aged care residents has been common practice for aged care and health care providers around the world for decades.

"Repositioning is typically a

manual process."

The manual process could be invasive and disruptive in bed overnight and could lead to poor sleep quality, he said.

The new beds provided a 30-degree tilt gently at the touch of a button.

The tilt was enough to avoid pressure injuries.

"The introduction of the new beds is decreasing discomfort and risk of injury amongst residents.

"It lessens the impact on their sleeping patterns and enables staff to have more time to attend to residents' other needs.

"We had a great need for a technology that could assist staff

in turning some of our residents who sometimes need up to three members of staff to perform the manoeuvre.

"Our three new Burling Turn Assist Beds are a first for the area and for Pozieres House.

"As a new Australian technology, Peninsula Villages is proud to be an early adopter of the new beds.

"With benefits to both our care team and the resident, this new technology is ground-breaking for our organisation and to the wellbeing of all those involved," he said.

SOURCE:
Social media, 19 Apr 2023
Steve Wills, Peninsula Villages

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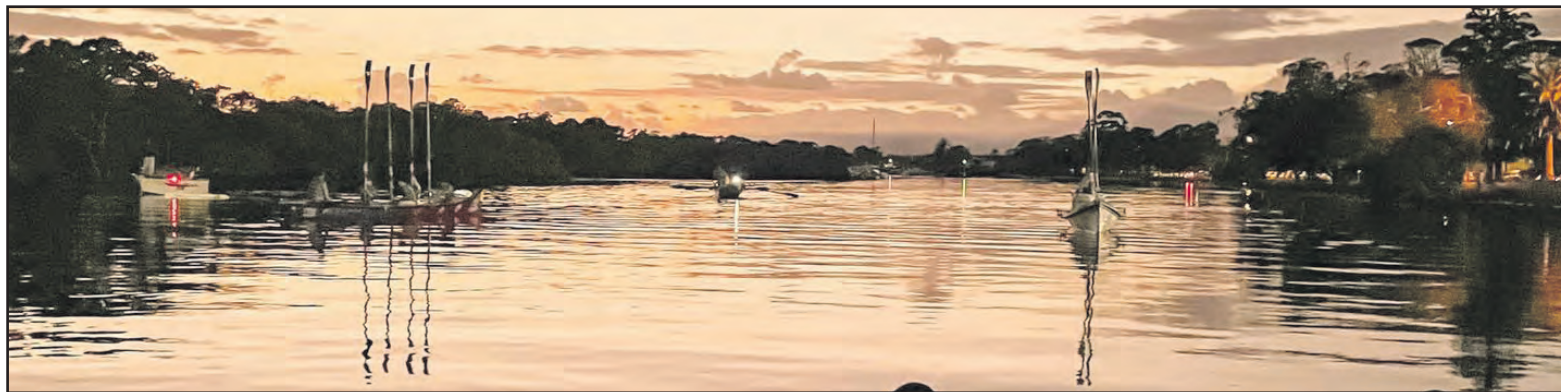
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Anzac Day



Woy Woy dawn service was well attended

The Anzac Dawn Service at Woy Woy Memorial Park was well attended.

More than 800 candles were supplied by the Rotary Club of Woy Woy and "were snapped up very quickly by the crowd", according to club president Ms Julie Jones.

"It was a beautiful morning, quite warm compared to some we have had in the past.

"It certainly seemed to be a much bigger crowd than last year."

The service was attended by surf boats from Ocean Beach and Umina Surf Life Saving Clubs and Central Coast Marine Rescue in the Woy Woy Channel.

Marine Rescue radio operators and boat crew, with the crew using the spot light to light up the flags during the service.

Members who came to the morning service and participated in the march.

The Rotary club provided tea, coffee and Anzac biscuits to those attending.

"We served 100 cups of tea and coffee," said Ms Jones.

"It was very touching at the coffee stand when a veteran getting his cup of coffee, thanked us so much for being there.

"We in turn thanked him so much for his service."

Following the service, a complimentary breakfast was served at Ettalong Diggers.

"It was great to see our dining

and terrace full, returning to pre-Covid years," said Diggers marketing manager Ms Kim Cole.

"We are very grateful for our RSL Womens Auxillary who served bacon, scrambled eggs, roasted tomatoes and fresh bread rolls to 430 guests.

"As always, it's wonderful to see so many attendees adorned in medals, especially young children wearing them so proudly, and embracing this special day."

SOURCE:
Social media, 25 Apr 2023
Julie Jones, Rotary Woy Woy
Umina Surf Life Saving Club
Marine Rescue Central Coast
Kim Cole, Ettalong Diggers



Crowd for Pearl Beach dawn service

A large crowd of locals and visitors gathered on the beachfront for the Pearl Beach Anzac Day dawn service.

Members of the community made readings and presentations. "It was a beautiful and solemn start to Anzac Day, with gentle guitar music playing before the dawn service," said Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

Following the beach service, morning tea was served at the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall.

Ms Tesch laid a wreath at the new memorial at the hall, finished recently with a State Government grant to the Pearl Beach Progress Association.

"The memorial hall and the war memorial were officially unveiled on September 16, 1950," said association publicity officer Ms Lynne Lillico.

"At that time, Pearl Beach was a popular spot for ex-servicemen to live and holiday after the Second World War.

"There was sub-branch of the RSSAILA, now the RSL, at that time who used the newly-completed hall for their monthly meetings.

"The Women's Auxiliary catered for the official opening when it was

dedicated as a Memorial Hall."

The war memorial plaque was unveiled at the same time.

"By 2022, the masonry of the memorial was in poor condition.

"The original brickwork had been rendered and bagged, and the original marble plaque replaced in bronze."

Ms Lillico said the progress association made a successful application for a grant to upgrade the memorial in solid Sydney sandstone.

RKH Heritage Architect oversaw the work by experienced stonemasons from the RJC Group, she said.

"Master stonemason Mr Sefton Willis, and a team from RJC, undertook the work."

The Memorial Hall and Pearl Beach War Memorial are now owned by the Pearl Beach Progress Association which was established in 1929, and grew out of informal gatherings of residents to discuss local problems and community projects.

Pictured are Mr Sefton Willis and his team with Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

SOURCE:
Media release, 26 Apr 2023
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach
Progress Association



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Why was Anzac Day not acknowledged?

Prior to the deferred Central Coast Council meeting on April 26, I had prepared a precis of the significance of Anzac Day.

I had handed this to council staff prior to the meeting with advice to deliver the important message to Administrator Mr Rik Hart so that he could officially deliver his own respectful oration.

The precis clearly states the tribute should be at the beginning of the meeting appropriate for a national, regional and local ceremony.

The community forum began with the Acknowledgement of Country, followed by advice on the Code of Behaviour.

Four residents then addressed the Administrator before the meeting adjourned.

The second part of the meeting began with the same acknowledgement of country and public behavior advice.

While this played out, the obedient servants in the roles of senior officers sat mute onlookers without input on this issue of national significance.

As there was still no reference by the Administrator to the importance of Anzac Day, I left the meeting in disgust.

This matter should be of particularly of interest to veterans.

Why will the Administrator not acknowledge Anzac Day or the presence of veterans at the meeting, when he is prepared to recognise the attendance of Darkinjung Aboriginal Land Council members at a normal council meeting?

What is Mr Hart's opinion of Anzac Day and the many thousands of men and women who have sacrificed for Australia?

Lest we forget: That is the veterans' creed.

Norm Harris, Lovell St, Umina

Ocean Beach service

Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club held an Anzac Day service at its memorial.

"It was another heartwarming Anzac Day service," said Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

"Thank you to everyone who

joined and paid their respects, including the wonderful service men, service women and their families."

SOURCE:
Social media, 25 Apr 2023
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford





Charli Grant

Rotary and college represented at Ettalong Anzac service

Representatives of Rotary clubs and of Brisbane Water Secondary College were among those who attended the Anzac Day morning service at Ettalong.

President of the Rotary Club of Brisbane Water, Ms Cherie Simpson, laid a wreath at Ettalong Beach Vietnam Veterans' memorial.

"It was a moving service on the foreshore as usual," she said.

President of the Rotary Club of Woy Woy, Ms Julie Jones, said: "I was fortunate enough to be able to place a beautiful wreath at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Ettalong at 8am.

"As with the Woy Woy service, attendance numbers certainly increased from years gone by.

"It was a lovely service with the re-enactment brigade lending a historical element to the day.

"The Rev Arthur Pearce, as always, spoke with compassion and connected to the crowd.

"His selection of verses and quotes from the bible were so appropriate to the service

"The two school captains from Brisbane Water Secondary College spoke beautifully and left all present with that lovely feeling that our future is indeed in capable hands."

Woy Woy campus principal Ms Rebecca Cooper and Umina campus principal Ms Kerrie O'Heir also attended.

"Our Umina student leaders Gemma Fabbiani, Milena Alex and Ebony Falconer joined with John Lennard and Charli Grant from BWSC Woy Woy to remember our service men and women at the Ettalong Anzac service," said Ms O'Heir.

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch said: "It was wonderful to see captains from BWSC Woy Woy and BWSC Umina representing our community.

"Charli Grant and John Lennard from the senior campus

gave outstanding addresses at the Ettalong Memorial Service hosted by the Vietnam Veterans Peacemakers and Peacekeepers Association.

"It was a beautiful day, and all services in the Gosford electorate were very well attended.

"Thank you to everyone who took the time to honour and respect all those who have served our great nation."

SOURCE:

Social media, 25 Apr 2023

Cherie Simpson, Rotary

Brisbane Water

Kerrie O'Heir, BWSC Umina

Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

Newsletter, 29 Apr 2023

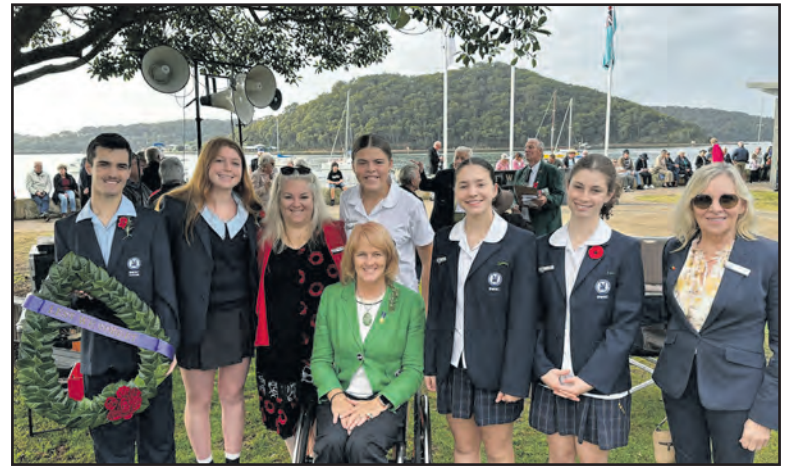
Julie Jones, Rotary Woy Woy



Woy Woy Rotary president Ms Julie Jones



Brisbane Water Rotary president Ms Cherie Simpson with Mr Peter Mote



Brisbane Water Secondary College campus principals and student leaders with Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch



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Anzac Day



Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid with Ettalong Public School captain Sam Hall who spoke during the ceremony.

Schools take part in Anzac Day march

The Peninsula's public schools took part in the Anzac Day march from the Woy Woy commuter carpark to the morning service at Woy Woy Memorial Park.

Schools to take part included Umina Beach, Woy Woy South, Ettalong and Woy Woy Public Schools.

"Our students proudly marched alongside their community at our local Anzac service to honour and remember those who have served and sacrificed for our country," said Ettalong Public School principal Ms Jodie Campbell.

A special mention to our amazing

"Our captains spoke during the ceremony and shared such wonderful words and reflections.

"We are grateful for the opportunity to pay our respects on this important day and we are so proud of our students and staff

who represented our school with pride."

Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina campus captains Alyssa Haremaker and Gemma Fabbiani laid a wreath on behalf of the college during the service.

Members of the Woy Woy Branch of the Country Women's Association made a wreath with knitted poppies which was placed at the Woy Woy War Memorial.

Among others to attend were representatives of the local Fire and Rescue NSW brigade and Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid.



SOURCE:

Social media, 25 Apr 2023

Ettalong Public School

Umina Beach Public School

Woy Woy Public School

Woy Woy South Public School

BWSC Umina

Umina Fire Station, Fire

and Rescue NSW

Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson

Aged care homes hold services

Aged care homes on the Peninsula had their own Anzac services.

Blue Wave Living in Woy Woy held their Anzac commemoration in the previous week.

"As always, it was an emotional service which touched the hearts of all who attended," said chief executive Mr Matt Downie.

Peninsula Villages in Umina held services across all its residences on Anzac Day.

"We held services to remember the sacrifices of those who served our country," said chief executive

Mr Colin Osborne.

"Residents, staff, families, and friends gathered to pay tribute to the men and women who have fought and died for our freedom.

"The services were a moving and solemn reminder of the cost of war.

"We are grateful for the service and sacrifice of all those who have worn the uniform of our country."

SOURCE:

Social media, 19 Apr 2023

Matt Downie, BlueWave Living

Social media, 26 Apr 2023

Colin Osborne, Peninsula Villages



The National Service Re-enactment Unit took part in the Blue Wave Living commemoration.



Peninsula Villages chief executive Mr Colin Osborne and resident, the Rev Dr Peter Swain, a former army chaplain, who participated in the services.



Aboriginal education was focus of development day

Aboriginal education was the focus for teachers at public schools on the Peninsula in their staff development day on the first day of second term last week.

"Our staff, along with staff from other public schools in NSW, participated in an Aboriginal Education-focused day," said Ettalong Public School principal Ms Jodie Campbell.

"Aboriginal education officer Mr Rheese Bull led our day with staff participating in an aboriginal perspectives excursion throughout various sites in local areas and then completing professional learning in personalised learning pathways," she said.

"At Ettalong Public School, our whole staff who are committed to this crucial learning across our school."

Staff at Woy Woy Public School also participated in a dedicated Aboriginal Staff Development Day.

"We started the day with a smoking ceremony and whole school yarn," said school principal Ms Ona Buckley.

"We participated in hands-on cultural activities delivered by

members of our local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group and shared a bush tucker-inspired lunch with community elders."

Staff at Umina Beach Public School have spent their "professional learning time" extending their knowledge of "the beautiful Darkinjung country on which we are grateful to teach and learn together", according to school principal Ms Karen Wardlaw.

"Our staff dedicated their professional learning time to deepen and extend our shared knowledge, understanding of and appreciation for the beautiful Darkinjung Country on which we are grateful to teach and learn together," she said.

"Together, we strengthened our understanding of how to develop and sustain culturally-safe and responsive learning spaces

"We look forward to continuing this important work throughout the year ahead."

SOURCE:
Social media, 24 Apr 2023
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong Public School
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School
Karen Wardlaw, Umina Beach Public School

Nine students qualify for State swimming championships

Nine students from Brisbane Water Secondary College have qualified for the NSW Combine High Schools Swimming Championships across 12 individual swims and two relays.

They were among 27 students from the college to take part in 33 individual events and nine relays at the Sydney North Swimming Championships held on Monday, April 3, at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre.

The team was the second largest school team to represent Brisbane Water Zone at the championships.

Results were:

In Girls 17-19m, Millie Armstrong was eighth in the 200m IM and ninth in 200m freestyle.

In Boys 16 Years, Jacob Falconer was first in 100m freestyle and 100m backstroke.

He was second in the 50m freestyle, third in 200m freestyle, fourth in 100m butterfly and 12th in 100m breaststroke.

He was also fifth in the Boys 15-16 200m IM.

In Girls 12 Years, Savannah Glynn was third in 200m freestyle.

In Girls 13 Years, Chloe Hall was sixth in 100m butterfly.

Chloe Hankin was 11th in 100m breaststroke.

Marli Hoyland was sixth in 200m freestyle and in 50m freestyle, eighth in 100m freestyle and 10th in 100m breaststroke and 100m backstroke.

In Girls 14 Years, Amber-Skye Stevenson was second in 200m freestyle and 100m breaststroke, third in 200m IM and 100m butterfly, fourth in 100m freestyle and 10th in 50m freestyle.



She was also third in the Girls 12-14 200m IM.

In Boys 14 Years, Lachlan Muldrock was eighth in 100m butterfly and 12th in 100m backstroke.

She was also seventh Boys 12-14 200m IM.

In Girls 15 Years, Julia Hall was third in 100m butterfly and sixth in 100m freestyle.

Elka McGann was eighth in 50m freestyle.

In Boys 17-19, Archie Rayner was fifth in 100m butterfly and eighth in 200m freestyle.

In Girls 17-19, Amy Russell was sixth in 100m breaststroke.

The Girls 12 Years relay team of Alyssa Holden, Mele Turnbull, Matilda Kennaway, Savannah Glynn was seventh in 4x50m freestyle.

The Girls 13 Years team of Chloe Hall, Ki'lulu Leggett, Chloe Hankin, Marli Hoyland was fourth in 4x50m freestyle.

The Girls 15 Years team of Elka McGann, Ava Muldowney, Julia Hall, Amber-Skye Stevenson was third in 4x50m freestyle.

The Girls 16 Years team of

Savannah Orlowski, Taylor Hayes, Breanna Veitch, Phoebe Graf was 12th in 4x50m freestyle.

The Boys 16 Years team of Johnathan Hall, Harry Beaton, William Slater, Jacob Falconer won the 4x50m freestyle.

The Girls 17-19 team of Amy Russell, Ruby Graf, Macy Graf, Millie Armstrong was ninth in 4x50m freestyle.

The Girls 12-19 team of Marli Hoyland, Amber-Skye Stevenson, Julia Hall, Elka McGann was 10th in 4x50 Medley.

The Girls 12-19 team of Julia Hall, Savannah Glynn, Millie Armstrong, Amber-Skye Stevenson, Elka McGann, Marli Hoyland was fourth in 6x50m freestyle.

The Mixed 12-19 team of Marli Hoyland, Jacob Falconer, Elka McGann, William Slater, Julia Hall, Johnathan Hall, Amber-Skye Stevenson, Liam Orlowski, Millie Armstrong, Archie Rayner, Chloe Hall, Lachlan Muldrock was second on 12x50m freestyle.

SOURCE:
Social media, 24 Apr 2023
Kerrie O'Heir, BWSC Umina



Holly wins medals

Brisbane Water Secondary College Year 10 student Holly Parker has represented Australia in two international archery events during the school holidays.

Braving the cold and wet weather in the Adelaide Hills, she competed in the youth-only Trans-Tasman tournament against New Zealand.

She also competed in the World Archery Oceania Championships

where she competed two age classes above her own, against nations like New Zealand, Fiji, Solomon Islands, New Caledonia, and Papua New Guinea.

Holly brought back three silver medals and three bronze medals.

Her sights are now set on the Youth World Archery Championships in Canada in two years' time.

SOURCE:
Social media, 26 Apr 2023
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy

Ettalong dance group qualifies for dance festival

Ettalong Public School's Stage 2 dance group has been successful in auditioning to perform at this year's Central Coast Dance Festival.

Students in the group have been given notes about costumes, permission to publish, rehearsal and performance dates.

Performers wishing to purchase an optional Festival hoodie are to bring in their note and \$55 cash by Wednesday, May 3.

SOURCE:
Social media, 26 Apr 2023
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong Public School

Jodie Campbell appointed as Ettalong principal

Ettalong Public School's relieving principal Ms Jodie Campbell has been appointed as permanent principal at the school.

The appointment follows a merit selection process after the retirement of Ms Lynn Balfour as principal late last year.

Three other teachers also start in permanent roles at Ettalong Public School this term.

"Ms Vanessa Ryan, Mr Hayden Mole and Ms Renee Frazier will all be starting in permanent roles," said Ms Campbell.

"Vanessa has been in temporary positions across our school and has been appointed into a permanent role via merit selection.

"Hayden has also been appointed via merit selection.

"Renee has been appointed



to Ettalong via a transfer from Beresford Rd Public School."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 27 Apr 2023
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong Public School



Eagles netballer was most-valued player

Ettalong Eagles Netball Club player Lara Sgaravizzi has been awarded the most valued player with the Central Coast Academy of Sport B Netball team competing against other academies in Wagga Wagga recently.

The award was made by the

opposition coaches. As well as playing for her club team, she is expected to play with the Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association 15s representative team this season.

SOURCE:
Social media, 24 Apr 2023
Woy Woy Peninsula
Netball Association

Cycle ride to Gosford

A bicycle ride from Woy Woy to Gosford and return will take place from 8am to 10:30am on Thursday, May 4.

Organised by the Central Coast Bicycle User Group, it start at Woy Woy Fishermen's Wharf.

Duration: 2 hr 30 min

Ride leader Mr Alan Corven said: "It is an easy ride along the shared path to Gosford and back - about 25 kilometres in total."

He said the group would have

coffee somewhere in Woy Woy or Umina after the ride, or perhaps in Gosford.

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

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

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

SOURCE:
Social media, 26 Feb 2023
Alan Corven, CCBUG

Join our team as a sports reporter

Peninsula News is seeking one or more sports reporters to cover the activities and achievements of local sporting clubs and competitors.

The reporter would join the team of volunteers that produces Peninsula News.

The person would help gather results across all grades of competition in all sports, as well as pictures of games being played on the Peninsula.

They may write or sub-edit games reports.

The position would suit someone interested in a range of sports and in writing short sports news items, but the commitment can be tailored to suit the individual.

It may simply be gathering and submitting results.

We will happily accept contributions from people interested in reporting their own club or their own sport.

However, the role would also suit someone wanting to immerse themselves in local sport and could provide work experience for a person wanting to break into a career in sports journalism.

The voluntary position is open to all ages and interests.

No experience is necessary. Guidance, training and support will be provided.

Even a little help goes a long way at Peninsula News.

SOURCE:
Mark Snell, 26 Apr 2023

Woy Woy Lions suffer narrow defeat

The Woy Woy Lions suffered a narrow 24-25 defeat to Gosford at Gosford Showground, in round three of Central Coast Rugby Union competition at the weekend.

"This was a physical, hard battle from start to finish," said rugby union publicity officer Mr Larry Thomson.

"There was absolutely nothing

in this match.

"Woy Woy led by 14 points to eight at halftime, so it was obviously anyone's fixture at that stage.

"Woy Woy jumped away to a handy lead at the midway point of the second half.

"When they led 21 -8, things were looking good for them.

"However, Gosford were able to keep in the match and

after taking the lead 22-21, the match developed into a real and continuing arm wrestle.

"A penalty goal on the full-time whistle saw Gosford take the win at the last moment."

Best players for Woy Woy were halfback Siasoi Finau, hooker Soane Lakalaka, and No 8 Sonatane Lilo.

SOURCE:
Media release, 30 Apr 2023
Larry Thomson, CCRU

Narrow rugby victory for Warnervale

Warnervale recorded a narrow victory over Woy Woy at Woongarra Oval, running out victors by 10 points to 5 in round two of Central Coast Rugby Union competition on Sunday, April 23.

"This was a physical, hard battle from start to finish," said publicity officer Mr Larry Thomson.

"There was absolutely nothing in this match.

"Warnervale led by 5-0 at half time, so it was obviously anyone's match at the break.

"Warnervale scored a try in each half.

"It was obvious the defence from both teams was outstanding.

"Woy Woy did cross for a try right on fulltime but it was all too late for them.

"It was a vital win for Warnervale but the match did show that both teams will be competitive this

season and will cause problems for all oppositions this year."

Best players for Woy Woy were No.8 Tane Lilo, flanker Bruce Folia and fullback Paea Fatuainga Nau were their best contributors.

In Women's 10s matches Warnervale struggled to overcome an improving Woy Woy team, 24-19.

SOURCE:
Media release, 23 Apr 2023
Larry Thompson, CCRU

Diggers' Day attracts 77 members

The Umina Beach men's and women's bowling clubs have held their annual Diggers' Day event on Sunday, April 23, "to commemorate our Diggers".

"We had 77 members attend the event, which included a nice service, conducted by Colin Mew," said men's club secretary Mr Peter Springett.

Those to lay wreaths included Gale Hill, Ross McIntyre, Allan Hancock and Leo Lees.

"Terry Forbes provided the amplifier and music.

"This was followed by ham and salad rolls, which were served by the ladies' club.

"After lunch, we played the traditional Turnaround Fours bowls



games, which was a lot of fun in the sun.

"After bowls we went back into the club and used our drink tickets, while enjoying the great company.

"We then held the door prize

raffle, consisting of six bottles of wine and three boxes of chocolates."

SOURCE:
Social media, 24 Apr 2023
Peter Springett, UBMCB

Charity bowls held

Ettalong Bowling Club's charity bowls day on Sunday, April 16, attracted 36 bowlers in mild weather.

The day raised \$715 for Central Coast Kids in Need.

The winner of the spider was Alan (happy) Gilmour winning a Deepwater plaza voucher.

The lucky rink winners were Neil Puls, P Lindsay and Mick Pethebridge.

The Wednesday bowlers prize of a bottle of Wild Turkey went to Jane Hunt from the social club.

The next charity event is the Guide Dogs day on Sunday, May 7.

The next Central Coast Kids in Need Day is on Sunday, May 21.

SOURCE:
Media release, 16 Apr 2023
Ken Dixon, EMBC Charity Bowls

Bridge club Anzac Day pairs

The Brisbane Water Bridge Club's annual Anzac Day Pairs was a red point event played on Tuesday, April 26, with Anzac biscuits served as refreshments.

The two fields had an equal representation of grand masters and budding hopefuls.

The outright results were determined on the last board in the east-west field.

The north-south results were:

1 Christine Hadaway, Chris Hannan 208.0 (61.90 per cent), 0.40 red points.

2 Jorgen Boettiger, Julie Teague 201.0 (59.82), 0.28.

3 Sue Eastman, Helen White 182.0 (54.17), 0.20.

4 Judy Wulff, Kerry Dwyer 176.0 (52.38), 0.13.

5 Peter Hume, Laurie Powell 161.0 (47.92).

6 Peter Wheatley, Edith

Marshall 157.0 (46.73).

7 Jim Routledge, Chris Hasemore 152.0 (45.24).

8 Kerry-Anne Durrant, Coral Erikson 107.0 (31.85).

The east-west results were:

1 Barry Foster, Sylvia Foster 207.0 (61.61 per cent), 0.40 red points.

2 Dasha Brandt, David Bowerman 202.0 (60.12), 0.28.

3 Susan McCall, Pamela Joseph 182.0 (54.17), 0.20.

4 Marilyn Jarrett, Jenny Buckley 170.0 (50.60), 0.13.

5 Janice Donohoe, Meryl Duke 158.0 (47.02).

6 Meg McGregor, Hilary Owen 152.0 (45.24).

7 Graham Woof, Carolyn Harper 138.0 (41.07).

8 Elaine Hume, Heather Brown 135.0 (40.18).

SOURCE:
Social media, 25 Apr 2023
Brisbane Water Bridge Club