



Liesl Tesch makes jacket for parliament

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has made her own jacket to wear in State Parliament.

Just over a week ago, on May 7, she posted a picture of her "work-in-progress" on her social media page.

She said that putting in the sleeves, the lapels and the collar and attaching the lining was the hardest.

The brocade was difficult to sew, she said, inviting hints on how to do it.

"Will it be ready for Parliament on Tuesday?" she asked.

The answer was: Yes.

She was pictured wearing it with fellow Members of Parliament Ms Charishma Kaliyanda and Ms



Lynda Voltz.

SOURCE:
Social media, 7 May 2023
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

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Call for strategy to 'focus on housing people'

The Local Housing Strategy should focus on housing people rather than on building houses, the Peninsula Residents' Association has told Central Coast Council.

The council should do a study of the current needs of people on the Peninsula and address those before it seeks to increase the Peninsula's population.

"What is missing is consideration for the lives and well-being of the current members of our community," said the association in its submission about the draft Strategy.

"Indeed, current residents are specifically excluded from the No. 1 aim of the Strategy: 'Set out a strategy for meeting the housing needs of the future population.'

"There are no recommendations or discussion of what is valued in our community and how, in practical terms, it will be protected and enhanced.

"Our community includes people who are living below the poverty line (17 per cent of the Peninsula's population) and a greater number paying more than 30 per cent of their income for housing.

"These people are not interested in making money.

"They are just wanting somewhere pleasant to live that they can afford.

"This is achievable on the Peninsula, if the council is willing to put in the necessary effort."

As well as research "on the ground at a personal level", the association said the Strategy should include an assessment of "the effectiveness of the current housing strategy, the Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy".

"This should include a review of its implementation through the (planning) provisions of the Development Control Plan (DCP), and their effectiveness in implementing the strategy as changes have been made to the DCP."

The association opposed plans for higher density rezoning to allow residential flats on the Peninsula.

It said that a more effective housing strategy could be implemented through changes to the DCP, and without rezoning.

"Clusters of multi-storey residential flats do not have the character or provide the kind of housing that the Peninsula community wants or needs," the association said.

"The Residents' Association believes that a more effective

housing strategy could be implemented through changes to the DCP, without requiring rezoning or other changes to the LEP."

In other recommendations, the association said: "An open space policy and strategy should be prepared, exhibited and adopted that formalises minimum requirements and targets for both public and private open space.

"Along with this, heat island provisions should be formulated to align with the Greater Cities Commission tree canopy target of 40 per cent, and to require conformity with a minimum solar reflectance index in areas where the tree canopy target is not met."

The association quoted the State Government's Local Housing Strategy Guideline which stated a housing strategy should "describe the community's priorities and aspirations for housing over the next 20 years".

The association's submission said: "The draft Strategy currently does not contain the Peninsula community's priorities and aspirations for housing over the next 20 years."

SOURCE:
Media release, 13 May 2023
Jen Wilder, Peninsula Residents' Association

The importance of full names

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

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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.

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Mark Snell, 29 Apr 2023



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Raucous folk group returns to Troubadour

The "fabulous, raucous" Traditional Graffiti folk group will bring its upbeat brand of English folk music back to the Troubadour Folk Club on Saturday, May 27, according to organiser Mr Hugh Worrall.

The folk club concert will be held at the Everglades Club in Woy Woy from 7pm.
"For years, first as The Wheeze and Suck Band, they have specialised in sharing warm, fun performances with plenty of chorus singing and audience interaction with their legions of fans, friends and music lovers across Australia, New Zealand and the UK," Mr Worrall said.

"Led by Ian 'The Pump' Macintosh on melodeon, Traditional Graffiti is offering the theme of Frost and Fire.
"They perform material that is inspired by the traditional, ritual and social aspects of those winter months - sometimes dark, sometimes magical, always fun and informative.
"The music of Traditional

Graffiti is still based around a core of UK roots music but the focus has evolved to embrace a more eclectic range of cultural influences, as well as a repertoire of irresistible original songs and tunes," Mr Worrall said.
Tickets are available at \$25 each through the Troubadour website www.troubadour.org.au and at https://www.trybooking.com/CHCZM.
For further information, call 0402 529 474.
The Traditional Graffiti website is https://traditionalgraffiti.com.



SOURCE:
Media release, 10 May 2023
Hugh Worrall, Troubadour Folk Club

New kiln for crafts centre

The pottery shed at Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre is about to get a new kiln.
"One of our very old kilns stopped functioning, after many years of great service," said president Ms Sue Sullivan.
"The kiln was very heavy, and presented challenges for its removal from the shed and to get

it onto the truck.
"But ingenuity prevailed and the removal was successfully completed.
"We are now awaiting the delivery and installation of a new kiln."
SOURCE:
Social media, 10 May 2023
Sue Sullivan, EBACC

Mingaletta hosts plumbing for women

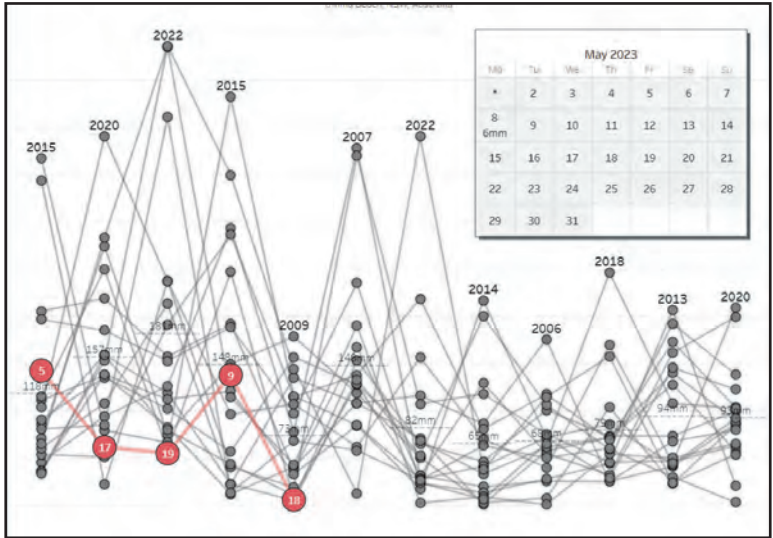
Mingaletta will be hosting a plumbing program for women on Friday, May 19, from 10.30am.
"The three-hour program by Benchworks is aimed at helping single women learn how to change taps and fix toilet cisterns with hands-on do-it-yourself plumbing

training," said Mingaletta co-ordinator Aunty Di O'Brien.
Topics will include how to diagnose the issue and to know the right questions to ask when engaging a plumber.
Those attending will need a screwdriver and a shifting spanner, which may be available on request.

Bookings are required.
The cost is \$5 with 15 places available.
Contact Mingaletta for further information on 4342 7515 or email admin@mingaletta.org.au.
SOURCE:
Social media, 3 May 2023
Mingaletta ATSC

May rainfall is just 5.9mm so far

The rainfall on the Peninsula for the first two weeks of May to date is just 5.9mm.
This was recorded on the one day - Monday, May 8 - and is well below the month's average of 77mm.
Despite this average and a median of 73mm, the month's totals vary widely, according to figures recorded by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.
Over the past 18 years, a total of more than 100mm was recorded in six years, while in another six years less than 40mm was recorded for the month.
The highest total for May was 178.3mm in 2009 and the least being 5.0mm in 2019.
However, even the highest figure for May, together with



October, is less than the highest for the other months and less than the March average of 181mm.

SOURCE:
Spreadsheet, 12 May 2023
Jim Morrison, Umina

TIDE TIMES and Heights	Mon, May 15	Thu, May 18	Sun, May 21	Wed, May 24	Sat, May 27
	0459 1.10	0148 0.22	0413 0.21	0626 0.24	0129 0.96
	1138 0.17	0735 1.01	0947 0.84	1203 0.69	0847 0.23
	1745 1.05	1338 0.20	1520 0.25	1716 0.32	1451 0.69
	2355 0.27	1956 1.28	2150 1.27	2349 1.07	2009 0.40
	Tue, May 16	Fri, May 19	Mon, May 22	Thu, May 25	Sun, May 28
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	1221 0.17	0820 0.95	1031 0.78	1255 0.66	0936 0.22
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CWA considers evening meetings

The Country Women's Association is considering holding an evening meeting on the Peninsula for a growing membership, many of whom cannot attend day meetings.

An information evening to consider the possibility will be held on Wednesday, June 7, at Umina Beach CWA Hall.

"Over the last four years, the branches at Umina Beach and Woy Woy have experienced a remarkable increase in

membership," said Umina branch member Ms Marg Key.

"Due to this growth, there is consideration to starting an evening meeting on the Peninsula for women who can't attend during the day.

"There are so many benefits to being part of an organisation like this.

"People often say they love the connection and belonging that comes with being a CWA member.

"It's a great way to meet new people and make a positive impact in your local area."

The meeting will start at 7pm at the Umina hall, which has recently been renovated and is located at the corner of Ocean Beach and Sydney Rds.

For further information, phone Ms Key at 0410 324 282 or email margo.key@gmail.com.

Information about the CWA on the Central Coast is available on the Northumberland Group website at <https://cwanorthumberland.org.au>.

SOURCE:
Media release, 2 May 2023
Marg Key, CWA Umina



'Disappointed' that shopper carpark is privatised

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has expressed her disappointment that Central Coast Council is privatising the Woy Woy shopper carpark at Deepwater Plaza.

She said that "alongside our community" she was disappointed that Council continued to negotiate the sale of the shopper car park at 52 Railway Rd, Woy Woy.

"The community expresses their disappointment that the Central Coast Council is privatising the shopper car park, and have made it very clear they did not want any part of our community car park privatised."

Council has made assurances that such an agreement will provide that the use of the car park will remain free of charge until December 2032.

However, Ms Tesch said the Council had bowed down to community pressure to halt the sale of the Woy Woy commuter car park.

Ms Tesch welcomed the decision not to proceed with this sale, noting the strong community outcry and need for adequate consultation and consideration of local interests.

"It is also clear that the community must be consulted on matters that would significantly

impact the accessibility and practicality of living in the area."

Council also acknowledged Transport for New South Wales interest in purchasing the commuter car park was insufficiently canvassed.

Ms Tesch has requested Council provide the necessary information to TfNSW so that this avenue may be adequately investigated.

"Council needs to ensure that they will lock in a long-term contract, to do so I invite Council to provide sufficient information to take to TfNSW."

SOURCE:
Media release, 5 May 2023
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

Crocodile found in Umina

A one-metre-long freshwater crocodile has been found in the backyard of a Umina home.

The crocodile was removed by staff from the Australian Reptile Park, who identified it as an eight to 10-year-old female freshwater crocodile, which appeared to be in good health.

The park staff believed that the

crocodile was being kept illegally as a pet, "as freshwater crocodiles are not native to the Central Coast".

"We're asking for the owner to come forward or contact relevant wildlife authorities, if the crocodile belongs to a licensed reptile keeper."

SOURCE:
Social media, 1 May 2023
Australian Reptile Park



Injured driver flown to Royal North Shore

A rescue helicopter flew an injured car driver to Royal North Shore Hospital after an accident on Brisbane Water Dr, near The Boulevard, Woy Woy, early on Thursday, May 11.

The accident was reportedly a head-on collision between a car

and a bus.

The bus driver was said to be unhurt.

Extensive delays were experienced in both directions on Brisbane Water Dr with traffic restricted to one lane.

Traffic on Woy Woy Rd was also described as "extremely heavy".

The helicopter was expected

to land at Woy Woy oval just after 7:30am, but was diverted to Austin Butler oval, "due to access issues on Woy Woy oval".

The accident site was cleared and the road re-opened at around 9am.

SOURCE:
Social media, 11 May 2023
NSW Central Coast Incident Alerts

Pelican sightings sought

Scientists are wanting to hear of sightings of pelicans with brightly-coloured leg bands.

Almost 400 birds were banded at Narran Lake, near Brewarrina in north-western NSW, in late March.

The pelicans are expected to return to coastal regions from May.

Scientists from the NSW Department of Planning and Environment are asking for public help in tracking the travel habits of the birds.

"More than 1200 birds across three locations have so far been fitted with brightly coloured leg bands which show where the pelican hatched," said senior scientist Dr John Porter.

"Once pelican chicks fledge, they take to the skies but where they choose to go and nest is critical data we are keen to collect.

"We can use this information to make decisions on wetland and water management for sites favoured by the pelicans and to find out if pelicans prefer to return to where they hatched to breed."

The pelican banding project has been running since 2017, with Narran Lake added for the first time this year.

Narran Lake birds will sport a numbered black band.

Blue bands indicate the pelican hatched in the Gayini Wetlands, while birds from Lake Brewster have orange leg bands.

Victorian pelican nesting sites use red and green leg bands.

The pelican research includes the University of NSW, Water NSW and the Lake Cowal Foundation as project partners.

So far, birds have been tracked up to 650km from their breeding grounds.

UNSW senior research fellow Dr Kate Brandis said: "Until this year, pelicans had not bred at the Narran Lake since the 1990s as there had not been sufficient flooding to support them for the six months needed to successfully raise chicks.

"If we find pelicans do return to their hatching place to breed, maintaining suitable habitat at Narran Lake for this cohort to return to in a few years' time is essential to helping support Australian Pelicans into the future."

To report a banded pelican sighting, email pebi.bands@environment.nsw.gov.au, including location, band number, condition of the bird, behaviour and a photograph if possible.

SOURCE:
Media release, 9 May 2023
John Porter, DPE

Ferries diverted

The Palm Beach ferry was diverted from Ettalong to Patonga from Monday to Wednesday last week.

A diversion timetable operated due to the forecast of a large swell

forecast for those days.

Normal services to resumed on Thursday, May 11.

SOURCE:
Social media, 5 May 2023
Fantasea Palm Beach Ferries

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Five-bedroom Pearl Beach house would lose 15 trees

A five-bedroom two-storey house, with four bathrooms and a swimming pool has been proposed for 1 Agate Ave, Pearl Beach.

The proposal also seeks the removal of 15 of the 32 trees on the site “to facilitate the construction of the dwelling house and swimming pool”.

The application was prepared by Avenue Town Planning and is accompanied by a set of “Neighbors Notification Plans” containing a site-roof plan and four elevations.

No shadow diagrams are provided for public exhibition.

The application states that the proposed dwelling has been designed by Luxitecture to a “coastal aesthetic” comprising weatherboard cladding and a pitched roof form.

One of the five bedrooms will be located on the ground floor along with one of the bathrooms.

Also on the ground floor will be the living and kitchen areas along with a double garage and a stone clad inside-outside fireplace.

“Decorative detailing consists of exposed rafter feet for the ground and first floor elements as well as steel balustrades and landscaping that is integrated into the floor level.”

“The rear portion of the dwelling maintains the coastal aesthetic and landscaping as well as incorporating a stone-clad chimney associated with the fireplace”.

The application claims that all requisite controls, including those in the Coastal Management SEPP, have been fully complied with.

The landscape plan details that a number of additional trees and shrubs will be located on the site to

“complement the natural bushland setting”.

A Flood Information Certificate supplied by the Council does not identify the site as being a flood storage area, floodway or flow path.

A number of submissions have been received by the Council against the proposal, mainly concerned with the tree removals.

Also coming in for criticism is the construction of a swimming pool in this particular area which at least one submitter contends is a floodway.

Other submissions refer to the “bulk and size” of the proposal and overshadowing.

The application is currently on public exhibition and open for written sub-missions until May 24.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 13 May 2023
DA862/2023, Central Coast Council

Simplified process needed for affordable accommodation - Hart

A simplified process is needed to provide affordable accommodation of various types.

That was “a key message” of an affordable housing forum convened by Central Coast Council on Thursday, April 27, according to council Administrator Mr Rik Hart.

“To achieve this, more collaboration and discussion is required at all levels – government, Council, developers, community groups and of course the local community itself.”

“We have to remove barriers, but at the same time ensure that affordable housing is of good quality, fits in with its ‘neighbourhood’ and most importantly provides what is needed to the demographics seeking accommodation.”

“It was agreed that there is no silver bullet, but it was acknowledged that we need to think outside the square on solutions, listen at a local community level for ideas and also concerns about types of development,” he said.

Mr Hart said he asked Council staff to put on the Forum to get insights and perspectives from key stakeholder groups, and to ensure that community representatives had a seat at the table.

Among those to attend the forum were representatives of the Peninsula Residents’ Association.

Mr Hart said forum participants

discussed a range of issues and potential solutions.

Among the themes and “sticking points” were that “the Central Coast is vast and travel times are long, we need better infrastructure to support population growth,” he said.

Other themes were: “All three tiers of government - federal, state and local governments - need to work together.”

“The type of housing that is currently being built is not reflecting the changing needs of the community, particularly for young and older people.”

“We need to change our mindset from thinking about property as a wealth building tool rather than an essential element for quality of life.”

Mr Hart said the State Government’s Central Coast Regional Plan 2041 “anticipates we will require an additional 32,550 dwellings”.

“Knowing that significant population growth is what the future holds for our region allows us to appropriately plan and prepare,” he said.

“It is evident that there is genuine concern from all stakeholders and, equally, a willingness to find solutions to this real crisis on the Central Coast.”

Media release, 3 May 2023
Rik Hart, Central Coast Council

Application for gym to operate 24/7

An application has been made for a gym at 5 Carawa St, Umina, to operate 24 hours a day seven days a week.

Central Coast Council received the request as Amendment D to DA57085/2019, for the First Class Fitness gym at Club Umina.

The application by planning consultants Clarke Dowdle and Associates states: “This application seeks to change the operating hours from 5am to 9pm Monday to Sunday to 24 hours per day, seven days per week.”

The application further states

that “testing has indicated that the change of operating hours is unlikely to result in a perceptible increase in existing levels of road traffic noise and predicted noise levels at residential receivers at typical setbacks from Melbourne Ave will achieve regulatory requirements”.

This application is currently on public exhibition on the Central Coast Council website and is open for written submissions until May 26.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 14 May 2023
DA57085/2019/D, Central Coast Council

Renovated CWA hall to open this week

The renovated Country Women’s Association hall in Umina Beach is expected to open this week, according to the branch grants officer Ms Margaret Key.

“The major renovation updates the building to make the venue accessible for all residents,” she said.

“The renovation includes a ramp for disabled access and a new entry, a large accessible bathroom with two toilets and a shower.”

“Our members identified in 2019 that the hall desperately needed updating.”

“Over the past four years, several grants were successfully applied for.”

“Regular fundraising was also held over this time to raise the money required.”



“Our aim with this renovation is to offer a community facility for all residents of the Peninsula for meetings, functions, parties and weddings at a reasonably-priced rent.”

“The addition of the shower is to become a refuge centre during times of natural disasters. “Given our central location on the roundabout at Ocean Beach Rd

and West St, it will provide a haven with easy access to services and retail.

“The next stage of the renovation will be updating the kitchen, storage facilities and an outdoor raised deck,” said Ms Key.

“So the fundraising and the grant applications will continue over the next few years.”

“All residents are welcome to visit any Wednesday morning to see all the changes.”

“Also, new members are always welcome.”

Ms Key said the branch had received the support of local parliamentarians, as well as the Ettalong Bendigo Bank branch, Central Coast Masons and The Men’s Shed.

SOURCE:
Media release, 2 May 2023
Margaret Key, CWA Umina Beach

The Local Planning Panel was presented last week with a “confidential report” about a Land and Environment Court appeal against its refusal of a development application in Umina.

The application was for “demolition and construction of

commercial premises and shop top housing at 1-3 Alfred St and 315 West St.

A hearing for Chemico Holdings Pty Ltd v Central Coast Council is listed for May 22.

Presiding officer is Justice S Pritchard.

SOURCE:
Local Planning Panel agenda 4.1, 11 May 2023

Clean4Shore to remove derelict vessels from Phegans Bay

The Clean4Shore clean-up organisation will seek the help of residents of Phegans Bay and Central Coast Council in its efforts to remove derelict vessels from the area.

“Clean4shore will seek the assistance of local residents to identify those vessels either owned or that have floated in from the storms over the past three years,” said co-ordinator Mr Graham Johnston.

“Council intervention will be required due to restricted access in this Bay plus the size of some of these vessels being too large for a Clean4shore operation.

“Unfortunately derelict vessels



litter the foreshores with eight counted, requiring stakeholder and owners approval to clear these wrecks from our waterways.”

Two vessels, laying in the mangroves, were removed on Sunday, May 7, “with great local assistance as both vessels were towed free and loaded on the car trailer”.

A black and white vessel weighed 800 kilos while a sky blue craft weighed more than a tonne.

Later, locals contacted Clean4shore with approval to move another craft closer to Woy Woy Rd, Mr Johnston said.

Earlier, Clean4shore and students from North Gosford Learning Centre visited Phegans Bay to remove old sailboards, a vessel motor and canoes and building timber.

“The big green barge created plenty of interest from residents on their balconies high above the waterline.”

A 440kg load was delivered to Woy Woy tip on Thursday, May 4.

SOURCE: Social media, 7 May 2023
Graham Johnston, Clean4shore



Fire brigade open day

Fire and Rescue NSW held an open day on Saturday, May 13, at its Umina Fire Station in Trafalgar Ave, Woy Woy.

The open day ran from 10am

to 2pm, with fire trucks open for inspection.

SOURCE: Social media, 8 May 2023
Station 340 Umina, Fire and Rescue NSW



Grant to plant wildlife corridor

The Grow Urban Shade Trees group has been awarded a grant of \$3230 to plant a wildlife corridor in the Paul St Park using Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland species.

“Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland was originally the dominant vegetation across the Peninsula but has since been extensively cleared for urban development,” said group member

Ms Jen Wilder.

Listed as an endangered ecological community, the rare bushland was a group of plants and animals unique to the Peninsula, she said.

The grant came from the Central Coast Council's Protection of the Environment Trust after an application by the Peninsula Environment Group.

SOURCE: Social media, 2 May 2023
Jen Wilder, GUST

Teen dance party commended

A teen dance party run on the Peninsula in April by the Young, Authentic and Social program has received recognition in State Parliament.

“The April teen dance party was the third of its kind on the Peninsula,” said Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

She described the program as “a transformative arts and cultural program tackling the Coast's youth mental health problem through creative workshops, celebrations

and social groups”.

She said that once again the dance party had attracted young people from across the Coast to dance, make friends, watch and participate in shows “and generally have a great time together”.

“The program focuses on young people aged 12 to 24 years old, supporting and celebrating diverse identities and abilities, including LGBTQIA+, aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth and people with disability.”

She said the program, led by

youth worker Ms Carlee Heise, was “a fabulous collection of happiness and vibrancy for everyone involved”.

“Alongside Mingaletta and Headspace, the program has created the safe space and support network for marginalised youth across the Central Coast.

“I thank Carlee and all our local services who have joined together to allow such positive energy to flourish.”

SOURCE: Hansard, 10 May 2023
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

Incident met with police presence

An incident in Grafton Ave, Woy Woy, was met with “a large police presence, including the Tactical Operations Unit” on Saturday, May 6.

Police gathered in Lismore Ave and Miami Ave, confirmed by the Central Coast Incident Alerts service as “police staging or perimeter points”.

People were asked to stay clear of the area and roads were closed while police “contained” the incident.

Police remained on scene for further investigations, after roads were reopened.

SOURCE: Social media, 6 May 2023
NSW Central Coast Incident Alerts

Learner driver

Mingaletta will be hosting a forum about a learner driver program run by Bara Barang from 9am to 4.30pm on Thursday, May 25.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people from migrant and refugee backgrounds, as well as disadvantaged youth and young people with disabilities may attend the program.

The program aims to help prospective new learners break down barriers to achieving their L plates and P Plate licence.

Attending the forum is essential to being accepted into the program.

Further information is available from the Bara Barang office on 4312 5133 or by email to contact@barabarang.org.au.

SOURCE: Social media, 6 May 2023
Mingaletta ATSIC

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Congratulations to Chris Minns and Minister Car

Congratulations to the Premier and Minister Car for reducing teacher admin by 5 hrs per week!

This is the first sensible decision made by a NSW state govt in education in a long time.

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Gab McIntosh, Education Spokesperson
Indigenous Aboriginal Party of Australia

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Would an evening meeting of the Country Women's Association be of interest?
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Wednesday, June 7, at 7 pm
Umina Beach CWA Hall
2 Sydney Ave Umina Beach
For any queries, call Marg Key at 0410 324 282 or email margo.key@gmail.com

Forum

Is the Peninsula another Paradise Lost?

The latest ABS data, based on the 2021 Census, was released last week.

It contains a detailed, suburb by suburb, picture of advantage and disadvantage across Australia.

Disadvantage is measure by the Socio-economic Index for Areas (SEIFA) score and reflects income levels, education levels and housing costs across the country.

The Central Coast overall is a disadvantaged area with a SEIFA index of 994 and with 61 per cent of areas in Australia having a higher index.

But the Peninsula is even more disadvantaged with 76 per cent of areas having a higher index.

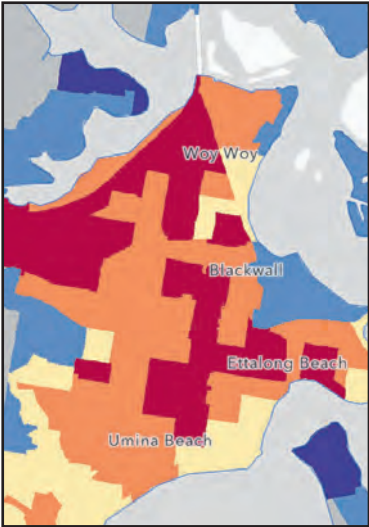
This is about the same level as the Entrance and the Northern Lakes districts to the north.

These indices are reflected in median household income levels with the median household income for the Peninsula standing at \$1300 per week compared to \$1534 for the Coast as a whole and \$1849 for the whole of NSW.

Within the Peninsula, however, there is some divergence. It's like a mosaic.

Median weekly household income levels vary from \$1466 in Umina to \$1129 in Ettalong and \$1115 in Woy Woy.

But Patonga, Pearl Beach, Booker Bay, Umina Heights and the Esplanade income levels are far higher at over \$2500 per week.



It's like a doughnut.

The rim of the Peninsula are far more advantaged and compares with Teririgal, Avoca and Holgate while the centre is disadvantaged and compares with Toukley, San Remo, Budgewoi and Gorokan to the north.

There is a big gulf between a few "haves" (about 20 per cent) and a majority of "have nots" (about 80 per cent).

Because of this it is economically inert.

It's almost a subsistence economy where, for most, housing and food costs eat up most of the household income.

What's left seems to go on big brekkies and the pokies, with the Peninsula having the same number of poker machines as the

other NSW hotspot, Fairfield.

No wonder the high streets are dead after 3pm.

No wonder, when I come back from overseas, my first question is now "What's closed?" rather than "What's changed?"

The Peninsula needs three things.

1. Massive business investment – not just more retail and real estate – to stimulate the economy and generate more jobs.

2. More affordable housing – the median income levels and median house price are way out of whack and drain money from the local economy.

3. An identity – in a divided community, there is no common ground beyond the beach and that is generic to every coastal town in the world.

Why would I go into the centre of Umina or Ettalong or Woy Woy except to go to Coles or Woolies or IGA or Bunnings or the doctor's or the chemist or whatever?

If the Peninsula is to become such a dormitory suburb, so be it.

But this has big implications for the development of the Peninsula.

When it is the closest bit of the Central Coast to Sydney, this all seems like a missed opportunity.

With open water on three sides and a National Park on the other, is this just another Paradise Lost?

SOURCE:
Email, 14 May 2023
David Keig, Umina

Council still not accountable for spending

Central Coast Council Administrator Mr Rik Hart, chief executive Mr David Farmer and their senior council staff do not provide the community with public services that are either of acceptable standards or that meet the reasonable expectations of the majority of the community.

Further, their deals with developers involving community assets and their decisions on development projects are, at best, questionable.

Council's job is to provide basic services to the local government area.

They are employed to represent the residents and ratepayers by

providing what the community needs and where possible doing some of the extra projects that the people want done.

They are not employed to do what either NSW government politicians or bureaucrats (or businessmen) want.

They, along with the Office of Local Government, should have done due diligence and obtained value for money and applied the other checks and balances of governance to prevent the elected councillors from stuffing things up.

But they did not. They stuffed up.

So why are they still getting away with spending ratepayer

and NSW taxpayer money without being held to account for what they do or how they do it?

Whose best interests are they serving?

Who are their unknown masters?

All we get in response to questions and requests for information is obfuscation, delay, denial and deceit.

Our elected representatives, Dr Reid, Ms Catley, Mr Harris, Ms Tesch and Mr Crouch should do their duty to the community to pursue these matters of accountability.

SOURCE:
Email, 12 May 2023
Ian Weekley, Umina

Changes needed for planning to succeed

Mr Wiffen (Peninsula News, May 1) has tried to explain the ineptness of the mythical beast we know as planning.

During a recent visit to Gosford, I mused on the claimed development that would retain views to the ridgelines.

For this to be assured, each property in the CBD would need to be assessed for view corridors with future development to comply with strict conditions on height and setbacks.

This of course has not happened, with the status quo continuing.

An example is the Ettalong Waterfront development with high rise being approved to block views to the estuary and beyond.

Any claim of planning for the future is pie in the sky, based on reasoning supplied by Mr Wiffen, myself and others.

Assessment of development applications can be disastrous when it includes negotiation, deals, off-sets and amendments, due to the preponderant claim the development will improve if planning guidelines are rejected.

Ettalong's waterfront is in danger of being an eyesore and an environmental disaster if this

attitude is allowed to continue.

Consider what impact the new ambulance station traffic management will have on Ocean Beach Rd.

Who believes it will be successful?

If the advice by Mr Wiffen and myself was adopted by the council, there would be at least three changes.

Planning instruments would become rigid, staff skills would improve and experts would need to be consulted.

SOURCE:
Letter, 4 May 2023
Norm Harris, Umina

Free activities at writers' festival

Six free book launches involving 10 Central Coast authors will be held on the Peninsula as part of the Words on the Waves Writers Festival in June.

The book launches will be held from June 3 to June 10, while the main paid sessions of the festival will be on the weekend of June 3 and 4.

A free Family Fun Day will also be held at the Everglades Country Club on Sunday, June 4, "geared at younger readers (zero and up)".

It will include author talks, illustration demonstrations, face-painting, book launches and signings, and creative craft activities.

The book launches include the Faber Anthology, presented by Gretchen Shirm, from 5pm to 6:30pm on Saturday June 3, at the Ocean Beach Surf Club.

Peter Comerford will launch The Maliau Caves Adventure from 9:45am to 10:15am on Sunday, June 4, at the Everglades Country Club.

At the same venue on the

same day, between 12:30pm and 1:30pm, Bridget Acreman and Patricia Flannery will launch The Wizard Shark and Adventures of the She-Oak Critters.

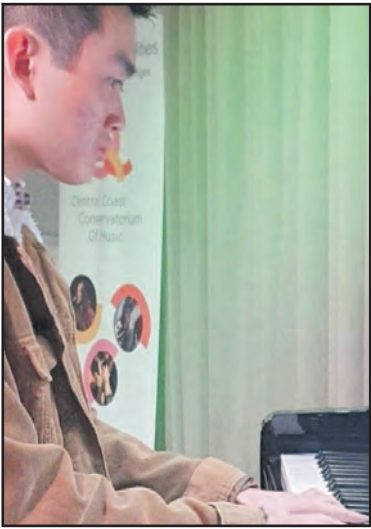
Robyn Collins and Renee Simpson will launch Return to Soul and I Want To Go Home on Monday June 5, starting at 5pm at Centered Ceramics in Umina.

Zoe Farrell and Sally Jane Smith will launch Daph and Ern's Adventures and Unpacking for Greece at 6pm on Thursday, June 8, at Woy Woy Library.

Judith Krieger and Anne Perrottet will launch Your Native Language is Your Superpower and Thriving and Surviving Raising Thirteen between 10:30am and 11:30am on Saturday, June 10, at Jasmine Greens Park Kiosk in Umina.

The launch events are free, but bookings are essential due to limited places and may be made at https://wordsonthewaves.com.au/?ff_landing=14.

SOURCE: Media release, 30 Apr 2023 Words on the Waves Writers Festival



Annual music concerts at Pearl Beach

Pearl Beach Progress Association will hold its annual music scholarship concerts on Saturday, May 20, from 11am at the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall.

The junior showcase and scholarship concerts are performed by students from the Central Coast Conservatorium.

This year the junior showcase and senior scholarship concerts will be held on one day at the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall.

The senior students will compete for the Irvine Family Piano and Pearl Beach Senior Music Scholarships.

The Pearl Beach Junior

Showcase concert will be held at 11am demonstrating solo instrument and vocal skills and is not competitive.

Last year's Irvine Piano Scholarship recipient, Chris Chen, will give a guest performance.

Starting at 2.30pm the Irvine Family Piano Scholarship and the Pearl Beach Music Scholarship concerts will be held, each with prizes valued at \$1000.

A guest performance will be given by Mia Cross, last year's music scholarship winner.

The audience is invited to vote for a Peoples Choice award of \$500 and a \$250 runner-up award.

During adjudication and voting at end of the day, there will be

a special performance by past scholarship winner Aaron Carey.

"The concerts are an excellent opportunity for Conservatorium students to perform for the community, and deliver breathtaking performances," said association publicity officer Ms Lynne Lillico.

Tickets cost \$10 for each concert or \$15 for both.

For further information, phone 4344 2319.

Bookings may be made online at <https://www.trybooking.com/CHPMA>

SOURCE: Media release, 9 May 2023 Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association



Sunset session held on waterfront

A Sunset Session was held last Friday night on the Woy Woy waterfront.

The free monthly live music and creative arts event is held on the second Friday of the month starting at 5pm and ending at 10pm.

Different local musicians play at each event and are joined by Roundabout Circus with instructors for anyone who wants to play or learn a new skill.

Aims of the session include "to bring community together to connect, support improved mental health, encourage creative collaboration and expression and to create a fun, safe and inclusive space for everyone to enjoy".

The evening finishes with an open mic session.

SOURCE: Website, 12 May 2023 Sunset Session

Concert raises \$10,000 for Lifeline

A benefit concert held in Pearl Beach has raised nearly \$10,000 for Lifeline.

The Song for Life concert was held at Drifters Pearl Beach "deluxe holiday house" on Sunday, May 7, with 100 people.

"The event featured beautiful music, food, and wine, and was a stunning success, raising nearly \$10,000 for Lifeline Central Coast," said organiser Mr Raymond Scott.

Supper boxes were available for purchase.

"The silent auction also proved to be a popular attraction, with attendees bidding on a range of wonderful prizes.

"The funds raised from the event will go towards supporting



Lifeline Central Coast's vital crisis support services, which provide support and assistance to people in need across the region.

"We are so grateful for the support of the community and look forward to continuing to work together to support this important

cause."

More information about Lifeline Central Coast is available on the Lifeline website at www.lifeline.org.au.

SOURCE: Media release, 8 May 2023 Raymond Scott, Meladharmha Counselling



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Education

Top student featured in college social media

A Year 11 student at Brisbane Water Secondary College, who strives to be in the top one per cent in everything she does, has been featured on the school's social media page.

Olivia Petersen was described as "a true academic powerhouse, ranking first for every Year 10 course last year".

"She attended Empire Bay Public School.

"Olivia was school captain at BWSC Umina and is currently the elected SRC president at BWSC Woy Woy.

"She was also selected from a few student across Australia to attend the National Civics and Citizenship Parliamentary Leadership Program last year □

"She loves physics and enjoys applying maths to real-world situations.

"She has her sights set high and is aiming to study civil engineering at either UTS or USyd.

"Obtaining a PhD is a current consideration.



"Outside of school, Olivia enjoys hitting the gym, reading, and soaking up the beauty of sunrise and sunsets.

"She loves the beach, swimming, and has big plans to travel the world.

"Olivia follows her own path, rolls with the punches, and is a firm believer in flipping every situation to her advantage."

SOURCE:
Social media, 2 May 2023
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy

Coffee and cake curriculum sessions

Umina Beach Public School is offering families a Coffee and Cake Curriculum Session in mathematics.

"Mathematics is taught differently in 2023 to how it was in the past," said principal Ms Karen Wardlaw.

"This will be an interactive session focused on the way addition and subtraction are taught in Years K-6.

"You are welcome to bring along homework or questions and we will allow plenty of time to work through these with you.

"We will repeat this session in the coming weeks for families who requested later curriculum sessions."

SOURCE:
Social media, 5 May 2023
Karen Wardlaw, Umina Beach Public School



Staff win volleyball trophy back from students

Brisbane Water Secondary College staff have won the annual Staff v Students Volleyball competition.

Staff reclaimed the trophy after being defeated by students last year.

The PDHPE faculty dominated

in the semis and finals, while Team Quennelle put up a nail-biting game in the semis.

A basketball match between staff and students is also scheduled before the end of the term.

SOURCE:
Social media, 9 May 2023
BWSC Woy Woy



Buddy guided tours at St John the Baptist

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School has shown new families around the school with Buddy Guided Tours.

They were shown around by Year 5 students.

"We loved welcoming new families to our amazing school," said principal Ms Nicole Davies.

"Year 5 students did a beautiful

job showcasing our school and making our upcoming Kinders feel extra special and supported."

Ms Davies said more tours would be run on May 24 and 25.

For further information, phone 4341 0884 or email sjbww@dbb.catholic.edu.au to book.

SOURCE:
Social media, 8 May 2023
Nicole Davies, SJB Catholic Primary School



Kelsey wins bronze

Kelsey Page has claimed a bronze medal for Umina Surf Life Saving Club in the Surf Life Saving NSW Board Riding Championships held at North Avoca over the weekend of May 6 and 7.

Kelsey won her medal in the Under-15 Female Short Board event.

SOURCE:
Social media, 7 May 2023
Umina Surf Life Saving Club



Boys freestyle relay gold

Brisbane Water Secondary College students Johnathan Hall, Harry Beaton, Will Slater and Jacob Falconer have competed in the Boys 16 years 4x50m Freestyle Relay at the NSW combined High Schools Swimming Championships.

The boys qualified first going into the final.

They held their position and came away with the gold in a time

of 1:45.73.

They now progress to NSW All Schools Swimming Championships.

Jacob Falconer won gold in the 16 years 100m backstroke on Saturday, May 6.

He also came third in the 100m Freestyle, and 15th in the Boys 16 years 200m Freestyle in a time of 2:12.56.

SOURCE:
Social media, 7 May 2023
Kerry O'Heir, BWSC Umina



Girls team finishes fifth

Brisbane Water Secondary College girls 15 years 4x50m Freestyle Relay team has finished fifth at the NSW combined High Schools Swimming Championships.

The team of Elka McGann, Ava Muldowney, Julia Hall and Marli

Hoyland ranked fifth after the heats in the morning session.

"They made the final and gave it their all, finishing fifth in the final with a time of 2:03.72," said principal Ms Kerrie O'Heir.

SOURCE:
Social media, 7 May 2023
Kerrie O'Heir, BWSC Umina

Top marks for visual design



Brisbane Water Secondary College student Isabel Sutherland has achieved full marks in Year 11 Visual Design assessment.

"She spent weeks planning, sketching, and refining her practical work," said principal Ms Rebecca Cooper.

"She provided informed and well-reasoned responses in the research component."

SOURCE:
Social media, 9 May 2023
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy



Dr Reid organises women’s health forum

A Women’s Health Forum was held at Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club in Umina Beach on Monday, May 1.

It was organised by Federal Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid.

Among those attending were Assistant Minister for Health and Aged Care Ms Ged Kearney and Member for Dobell Ms Emma McBride who is Assistant Minister for Mental Health and Suicide Prevention and Assistant Minister for Rural and Regional Health.

The forum included health professionals and members of the public and covered a range of health issues.

Those who spoke included Dr

Kelly Teagle from Menopause Matters and GP Dr Colette Hourigan, a women’s health expert on the Coast.

Dr Reid said he wanted to provide a safe space for women to discuss women’s health issues and concerns.

“The Women’s Health Forum was an inclusive, safe space for women to come together with the Assistant Ministers and local health professionals to discuss health issues”, Dr Reid said.

“The purpose of the forum was to better understand the difficulties being experienced by women and what the Federal Government can do to improve healthcare on the Central Coast”, Dr Reid said.

“Discussions covered a range

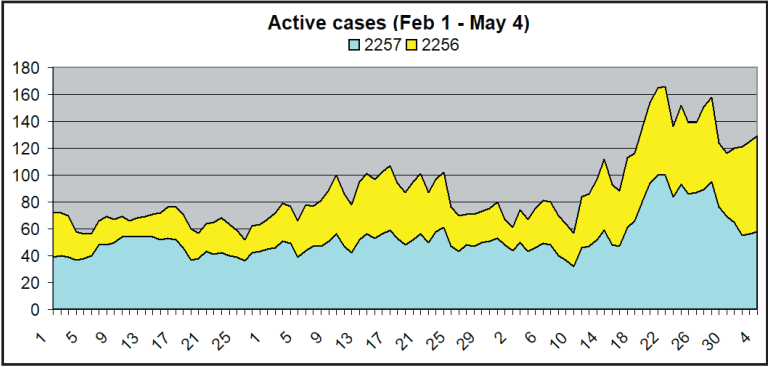
of topics including menopause, the effects of long COVID-19, access to GPs in the region, and ensuring gender-sensitive healthcare on the Central Coast”, Dr Reid said.

“The forum was insightful and provided both the Assistant Ministers and I with feedback about how we can improve healthcare and access on the Central Coast”, Dr Reid said.

“I will be ensuring this information is given to Health Minister Mr Mark Butler,” Dr Reid said.

Dr Reid said he would be hosting further health forums, including a men’s health forum.

SOURCE:
Media release, 5 May 2023
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson



Coronavirus numbers have remained relatively steady in the week ending Thursday, May 4.

Active cases recorded in the 2256 postcode area have increased by eight to 71 cases.

In the 2257 postcode area, they

have declined by 37 to 58 cases.

Total numbers in that week dropped from 158 to 129.

No data was available for the week ending May 11.

SOURCE:
Website, 12 May 2023
Covid-19 cases, Data NSW



Hospital auxiliary stall

A Mother’s Day stall was held by the Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary on Saturday, May 6, and Friday, May 12.

Auxiliary members prepared a variety of knitted goods, crafts, and baked items to sell at the stall at

the Woy Woy Hospital kiosk, off Ocean Beach Rd.

All proceeds went towards supporting Woy Woy Hospital.

SOURCE:
Social media, 4 May 2023
Central Coast Health

Aged facility accredited for another three years

A Umina aged care facility has received re-accreditation for three years.

“Accreditation is a rigorous process that assesses our organisation against a set of national standards,” said Peninsula Villages chief executive Mr Colin Osborne.

“It ensures that we are providing high-quality care and meeting the needs of our residents.

“In February, Peninsula Villages underwent a site audit by a team of

five assessors who were here for five days.

“The site audit involves interviews with our residents, their loved ones, staff and management as well as reviewing our systems and processes.

“We’re very pleased to announce that we have received the maximum term of three years re-accreditation.

“In all areas of care and service provision that is measured by the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission, we have been found

to be compliant against best practice standards.

“This accreditation is a testament to our commitment to providing the best possible care for our residents.

“Peninsula Villages is committed to continuous improvement and over the next three years will continue to review our systems and processes to ensure we continue to provide a high quality service.”

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 10 May 2023
Colin Osborne, Peninsula Villages



Liesl Tesch MP

Member for Gosford

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Southern and Ettalong United defeats Terrigal 5-2

Southern and Ettalong United defeated last year's premiers Terrigal 5-2 at Duffys Road in round five of Central Coast Premier League soccer competition played on Sunday, May 7.

The game looked evenly set for the first 15 minutes as both teams created good chances early on, with Terrigal missing a clear-cut chance early in the contest.

In the 39th minute, Southern took the lead after a good sequence of passing between Ryan Brown and Keith Gumbs which unlocked the Terrigal defence.

Right on half time, Gumbs made it 2-0 when he latched onto a

through ball from central defender Wyatt Elliott to round the Terrigal keeper.

Terrigal started the second half a little better but once again were caught on the break and committed a foul on Calvin Edwards in the box to allow Southern Ettalong to go 3-0 up.

Terrigal managed to pull one back through Aidan Bastick who found the back of the net after a scramble in the box.

Again, in the 80th minute, it was Calvin Edwards who rounded the Terrigal defence and found Matt Caisley unmarked on the back post to make it 4-1.

Terrigal was able to bounce back in the 83rd minute when Max

Vegter scored to make it 4-2.

Just before the final whistle, Southern continued to put the Terrigal defence under pressure when a back pass bounced over their keeper's foot, resulting in an own goal to make the final score 5-2.

Match official was Hugo Fonseca.

In the same round, Woy Woy drew with ladder-leader Kanwal, 3-all.

Kanwal kicked the first goal after a defensive lapse saw the Roosters bring down Logan Moore inside their box and Kanwal were awarded a penalty.

Woy Woy slowly worked its way back and after 20 minutes was

awarded a penalty.

Nathan Baker made no mistake and gave Woy Woy a crucial equaliser.

Five minutes later, Kanwal's Rory Rizzi would feed the ball to Logan Moore who finished into the bottom left corner to reinstate the Bulls' lead to 2-1.

Kanwal would continue to dominate possession for most of the first half, and just before halftime Brad Porter with a well-taken strike saw Kanwal head into the break with a comfortable 3-1 lead.

Kanwal was its own worst enemy in the second half.

Keeper Kurtis Mahon gave away a penalty within a few minutes

of restarting, compounding the problem by getting himself sent off.

Again, Nathan Baker converted the penalty for Woy Woy.

Their advantage was rewarded in the 65th minute with a Woy Woy cross being nicely finished by Matthew Jacobsen to make the score 3-3, with plenty of time still left on the clock.

In another twist to the game, in the 81st minute, Woy Woy was also reduced to 10 men.

It was an entertaining last 10 minutes, with both sides going all out for the win.

Match official was Trent Dickeson.

SOURCE:
Website, 8 May 2023
Central Coast Football

WPL win to Umina

Reigning champions Umina defeated Killarney, 5-2, in round six of Women's Premier League soccer played a Edsaac on Sunday, May 7.

Umina took the opening goal.

Trying to play straight out of the back, a Killarney defender played the ball straight into Isabella DeMeyer who finished into the bottom right corner to give Umina an early 1-0 lead.

Umina continued to put pressure on Killarney and were able to extend their lead to 3-0, scoring both goals from a corner.

Umina started the second half with some fantastic play as Hannah Batten rounded the keeper and hit her shot off-target, but Chelsea Campbell was able to guide it in at the back post.

Killarney received a goal when a foul in the box saw them awarded a penalty.

Two minutes later Killarney were on the scoresheet again as Tamara Hanlon grabbed her first goal of the year.

Umina's fifth and final goal of the evening came through a Killarney own goal, as the E-Gals picked up a crucial win to hold their fourth-place spot on the ladder.

Match official was Con Pantos

In the same round, Kincumber defeated Southern and Ettalong,

1-0

Despite dominating the attack in the first 20 minutes, the Roos struggled to find that final pass that would lead to a goal-scoring opportunity.

Kincumber's Helaina Wellington was very strong in attack, making numerous strong runs down the right and delivering some beautiful cross balls but a spirited Southern and Ettalong outfit thwarted everything the Roos threw at them.

During the first half, the Roos were unlucky not to have registered a couple of goals, but with neither side unable to break the deadlock the score remained locked at 0-0 at halftime.

The second half was more of the same as both teams lifted, keen to secure a vital win.

Fresh legs saw the Roos mount frequent attacks into Southern and Ettalong territory, but they were holding on.

It looked like it was just not Kincumber's day.

Then, with 20 seconds remaining, Emily Smith shot into the clear with the ball at her feet to slot the winning goal calmly and skilfully, a superb effort to give her side all three points and their second win of the year.

Match official was Graeme Gurr.

SOURCE:
Website, 8 May 2023
Central Coast Football



Bowling arm tournament attracts 48

Bowlers from Maitland, Dubbo, Bomaderry and most bowling clubs in Central Coast took part in Umina Beach Bowling Club's inaugural open gender three-bowl Graded Pairs Bowling Arm Tournament on Saturday, May 6.

The event attracted 48 bowlers entered the event, which was played in sunshine on two grass greens running at about 14 seconds.

The tournament comprised of three games of 10 ends.

The tournament winners were:

1. Stewart Duncan and Greg

Collin (3 wins + 49) Umina/Dubbo.

2. Phil Hain and Dean Winton (3 wins + 10) The Entrance.
3. Judy Brown and Terry Brown (3 wins + 9) Umina.
4. Larry Johnston and Allan Rhodes (2.5 wins + 3) Umina.

SOURCE:
Social media, 7 May 2023
Peter Springett, UBMBC

Little aths presentation night promoted

Woy Woy Peninsula Little Athletics has promoted its Presentation Night on May 26 as "an opportunity to come together and celebrate the end of a great Little Athletics season".

The night will be held from 6pm to 8:30pm at Ettalong Diggers, the club's major sponsor.

It will include the presentation of age group awards, perpetual trophies and recognition of achievements made at inter-club competitions.

All athletes will receive a light meal on the night.

Parents and carers have been encouraged to attend to show support for the children, the club and Ettalong Diggers.

"Presentation night offers our community a chance to come

together, say thank you and recognise the contribution of our all wonderful volunteers and sponsors who make our club happen."

The annual meeting of Woy Woy Peninsula Little Athletics will be held at 5.15pm on Friday, May 26, prior to the presentation night.

Little Athletics is celebrating 40 years on the Peninsula this year.

"Powered by parents", new committee members are being sought for next season "to help keep the club vibrant".

SOURCE:
Social media, 9 May 2023
Woy Woy Peninsula Little Athletics

Holly Parker recognised in Parliament

Under-16 Umina archer Holly Parker has received recognition in State Parliament.

In a "community recognition statement, Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch told Parliament: "Holly represented Australia in two international archery events during the recent school holidays.

"Having already represented NSW as part of the state team, Holly has won countless medals, including coming first at the outdoor target and indoor target

national championships.

"She has also been named the best all round under-16 Compound Bow Archer by the Archery Society of NSW.

"Across April, Holly competed in the youth-only Trans-Tasman tournament against New Zealand before moving on to the World Archery Oceania Championships.

"At the Championships, Holly competed two age groups above her own against other Oceania nations including New Zealand, Fiji, Solomon Islands, and Papua New Guinea.

"Against tough opposition and in chilly, wet conditions, Holly brought back three silver medals and three bronze medals.

"Holly's focus is now on the 2025 Youth World Archery Championships in Winnipeg, Canada.

"I wish Holly all the best with her preparation and congratulations on your outstanding achievements so far."

SOURCE:
Hansard, 10 May 2023
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

More teams for touch

The Peninsula Touch Association has added more teams to its winter competition this year.

Division 1 teams will now have their own division.

For all other teams, the committee has created three

further divisions to try to create a more even competition and avoid bye weeks.

Mixed, Women's and Men's divisions have been combined across three divisions.

SOURCE:
Social media, 2 May 2023
Peninsula Touch Association



Netball association holds grand opening

The Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association held its grand opening of its new clubhouse at Lemon Grove Netball Courts and of round one of the season on Saturday, April 29.

State Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch and Federal Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid joined association president Ms Sharon Bailey in cutting the ribbon to open the clubhouse.

The ceremony included a march-past by the clubs in the association.

An award was made for the best club, with the winner being TKT

Ocean Beach Netball Club.

Awards were also presented for the last season.

The Megan Anderson Junior Player Award was presented to Jessica Skehan.

The Senior Sportsperson Award went to Jodie Skehan.

Abby Burns won the Annual Umpires Award.

The Margaret Thoms Service to Netball Award was presented to Catherine Bailey.

Joanne Ely was awarded Life Membership.

SOURCE:
Social media, 29 Apr 2023
Woy Woy Peninsula
Netball Association



Double celebration for TKT

TKT Ocean Beach Netball Club won the best club overall in the opening parade of Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association at its new Lemon Grove netball centre on Saturday, April 29.

It was a double celebration for the club which was also celebrating its 25th year.

"TKT has four Net-Set-Go modified-rules teams, three junior teams, one cadet and three senior teams this year with over 100 members," said club president Ms Michelle Giaquinto.

"Growing stronger every year, 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."

Long-time TKT member Joanne Ely was presented with life membership of the association on the day.

Ms Giaquinto said it was a fitting and well-deserved reward and acknowledgement for her outstanding service to local community through her volunteering at club level and many years for the association.

SOURCE:
Media release, 2 May 2023
Michelle Giaquinto, TKT
Ocean Beach Netball

Masters swimming meet at Woy Woy

Ettalong Pelicans Masters Swimming will hold a branch point score meet on Saturday, May 20, in the 25 metre indoor pool at the Peninsula Leisure Centre in Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

Masters comp at Peninsula Leisure Centre

The competition will be for Masters Swimming members only

Automatic officiating equipment will be used enabling world, national and branch records to be set.

Competition will start at 10:30am, with warm-up from 10am

The program includes 25m freestyle, breaststroke and backstroke; 200m individual medley and freestyle; 50m backstroke, freestyle and butterfly; 4x50m freestyle relay; and 100m

butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle events.

Swimmers are restricted to a maximum of four individual swims plus one relay, with only one 200m and one 100m swim per swimmer.

Swimming rules of Masters Swimming Australia will apply.

All swimmers are expected to assist with timekeeping.

With inquiries, phone Colleen Garland on 0418 670 605 or email ettalongpelicans@gmail.com.

SOURCE:
Social media, 7 May 2023
Colleen Garland, Ettalong
Pelicans Masters Swimming



Water polo presentations

The Woy Woy Wombats will hold their 22-23 water polo season presentation from 6pm to 11pm on Saturday, May 27.

The event will be held at Ettalong Bowling Club, 103 Springwood St, Umina.

The evening will "celebrate all the accomplishments the Wombats have achieved throughout the 2022/23 season and reflect on what an outstanding year it has been".

All Wombats are invited, past, present and future.

SOURCE:
Website, 12 May 2023
Woy Woy Wombats



Novice bridge championship

Six teams competed in the Brisbane Water Bridge Club's round robin Novice Teams Championship played over two Wednesdays.

Five 10-board matches were played.

Results were:

1. Carolynne Mucharsky, Graham Woof, Edith Marshall, Warren Nicol 128 Imps, 83.68 VPs (5-0-0 W-D-L), 1.04 green points.

2. Allan Charles Adams, Denyse Stephens, Anne Birt, Meryl Duke 55, 64.90 (4-0-1), 0.79.

3. Caroline Nichols, Ian Newton, Blair Glass, Helve Beale 26, 55.45 (2-0-3), 0.24.

4. John Sandra, Bernadette Sandra, Kerry Robertson, Susan Ashley -12, 48.21 (3-0-2), 0.36.

5. Maria Rose, Rohan Creasey, Carolyn Harper, Kerry-Anne Durrant -66, 32.32 (1-0-4), 0.12.

6. Annette Clarke, Cheryl Pearce, Fiona Galea, Jenni Murray, Maureen Lockwood -131, 15.44 (0-0-5).

SOURCE:
Website, 26 Apr 2023
Brisbane Water Bridge Club

Rogers Park cricket nets

The installation of new cricket nets is well under way at Rogers Park.

The new nets will consist of three fully enclosed nets for use by the Southern Spirit Cricket Club, as well as one open net for public use.

The cricket club received funding through the NSW Government Infrastructure Grants Program in

November for the replacement of the nets, along with the purchase of a new roller.

Club members Sean Dickson and Anthony Clarke were responsible for the grant application, along with the administration and meetings the project to the building stage.

SOURCE:
Social media, 10 May 2023
Southern Spirit Cricket Club

Eric Tweeddale turns 102

Former Australian Wallaby rugby union player, Mr Eric Tweeddale, has celebrated his 102nd birthday in Umina.

He was joined at his party at Peninsula Villages by his daughter Kay and son-in-law Bob, as well as fellow centenarian, 105-year-old Ms Biddy Abrahams.

"Eric is a treasure trove of

wisdom and knowledge, and is always willing to share it with others," said Peninsula Villages chief executive Mr Colin Osborne.

"He is an example of what it means to live a full and meaningful life."

SOURCE:
Social media, 5 May 2023
Colin Osborne, Peninsula Villages

One-way traffic for Woy Woy Lions

The round five rugby union game played on Saturday, May 13, proved to be one-way traffic for Woy Woy who defeated Lake Macquarie 70-3 at Woy Woy Oval.

Woy Woy controlled proceedings from start to finish and were able to run in 10 tries in the match, according to Central Coast Rugby Union publicity officer Mr Larry Thomson.

Woy Woy led by 35 points to three at the halftime break and then were able to post a further 35 points in the second half.

"It was a pleasing performance by the home team," he said.

"The win sees them get their first victory of the season and will give the team much confidence going forward.

"Lake Macquarie tried everything in response but had no answer on the day."

Best players for Woy Woy were flanker Bruce Folau, No.8 Sonatane Filimone Lilo and prop Paea'i Fatu'ainga Nau.

The win was a reversal of the match in the previous round where Avoca Beach defeated Woy

Woy at Woy Woy Oval, 101-3, on Saturday, May 6.

"It was a disappointing performance by the home team who were missing several players on the day," said Mr Thomson.

"Avoca Beach went to the halftime break leading by 54 points to three and, even at that stage, the result was a foregone conclusion.

"Avoca Beach was able to mount a final tally of 15 tries in this match."

SOURCE:
Media release, 14 May 2023
Larry Thomson, CCRU



Club holds blessing of new canoe

Central Coast Outrigger Canoe Club celebrated the blessing of its new canoe on Saturday, April 29.

This ceremony is a centuries-old Polynesian tradition that is still upheld by outriggering clubs today.

"It reflects their respect of the canoe's value as an integral part of the club's 'Ohana' or family," said club president Ms Jenny Norris.

The ceremony was attended by club members and guests including Mingaletta elder Aunty Robyn Reid and Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

Mr Shayne Bennett led the ceremony, explaining the significance of the canoe's name Whaitere and performing traditional Maori prayers (Karakia) for spiritual guidance and protection for all those who travel in her.

"The launch of the canoe and the casting of the wreath into the sea were symbolic gestures that marked the beginning of Whaitere's

journey," said Ms Norris.

Club member Mr Gary Machin said: "The new canoe was sleek, stable and fast.

"It is a very light weight canoe, making it easy to pick up and walk it into the water."

Ms Norris said: "Outriggering is a great sport enjoyed all year round.

"The sport helps develop personal fitness and team spirit, while paddlers enjoy access to our unique coastal and inland waterways.

"The club welcomes new members at any time throughout the year and offers free introductory sessions for prospective paddlers to learn about basic paddling techniques and outriggering culture.

For further information, email centralcoastocc@gmail.com or search for Central Coast Outriggers on social media.

SOURCE:
Media release, 1 May 2023
Jenny Norris, CCOCC

Both men's and women's teams from Umina Boardriders made it to the finals of the Kings and Queens of the Coast competition held at Wamberal Beach on Sunday, May 6.

The women's team made it to the final and finished third.

The Open men's team smashed their heat and also made it to the final and finished fourth overall.

SOURCE:
Social media, 6 May 2023
Umina Boardriders



Women's rugby team seeks players

Woy Woy Rugby Club is seeking more players for its women's team

"Our women's team has a fantastic nucleus of around 13 players but the squad is still four to five players short of where we need to be to ensure a full team plus a complement of reserves each

week," said coach Iain Russell.

He said it was not too late to join the team.

"Players of all abilities and experience levels can join in," he said.

"We have several players who have not played before and you can be assured the group is inclusive and supportive.

"All new players need to do is show up to training on Tuesday or Thursday.

"You will be made to feel most welcome."

For further information, phone or send a text to 0490 526 199.

SOURCE:
Social media, 9 May 2023
Iain Russell, Woy Woy Rugby Club

Tour de Central Coast includes Peninsula

The Peninsula features in Central Coast Bicycle User Group's Tour de Central Coast for 2023.

The Tour starts on June 1 and finishes on July 23, to co-incide with the Tour de France final day's ride into Paris.

"All you have to do is join our bicycle user group rides during this time making sure you sign-on to the ride log," said organiser Mr Alan Corven.

"You must be a financial member.

"Each ride you join will earn you one point during June and two points during the Tour de France in July.

"Extra points will be awarded for those riding in their CCBUG cycling kit."

Mr Corven said there were different rides, which offered "anyone who can ride the

opportunity to win a coveted CCBUG Yellow Jersey".

SOURCE:
Social media, 1 May 2023
Alan Corven, CCBUG



Cricket club holds AGM

Southern Spirit Cricket Club will hold its annual general meeting at 7pm tonight, Monday, May 15, at Ettalong Bowling Club.

All committee positions will be declared vacant, with the following positions to be elected: President, vice-president, junior vice-president, secretary, treasurer, registrar, property officer, female cricket promotions manager, canteen manager, social media manager, club social events manager and junior Blast coordinator.

More volunteers are needed to help the club grow and be successful.

To find out more about a role, email the secretary at southern.spirit@yahoo.com.au

SOURCE:
Social media, 27 Apr 2023
Southern Spirit Cricket Club



Last game after 90 years

The 90-year-old Woy Woy Bowling Club has no longer exists, dissolving after its final game in State Pennant competition.

The second oldest club on the Central Coast played the game against Wyong, the oldest club.

Woy Woy won with a score of 55-45.

"The men's club was founded in 1932 and first affiliated with the Royal New South Wales Bowls Association in 1933," said Bowls Central Coast publicity officer Mr Peter Springett.

"A women's section commenced in 1936."

He said the club had won more

than 20 Zone Pennants over its history.

It won a State Pennant in 1917, the only time a Peninsula club has done so.

"Long-term financial struggles saw the registered club cease trading in June last year.

"Around 30 bowlers maintained the club bowling affiliations in order to reach the 90-year milestone."

Mr Springett said: "So much history and so many good bowlers have been part of the club over the years.

SOURCE:
Social media, 2 May 2023
Peter Springett, Bowls Central Coast