

Foreshore erosion evidence wanted

Residents of Phegans Bay have been asked to search for old photos and to provide evidence on the erosion of the Phegans Bay foreshore, following a recent meeting with Council staff.

They have also been asked to report loss of sand and discolouration caused by siltation along foreshore; loss of any current foreshore protection infrastructure. The meeting for the restoration of Phegans Bay public foreshore was convened by The Bays Community Group and attended by 18 residents.

Central Coast Council Estuary Management Officer Mr Warren Brown spoke to the meeting.

Residents were told that Council staff would investigate the installation of temporary foreshore protection in the form of rock filled bags until formal works can be

funded and constructed.

They would investigate reported causes of erosion to the foreshore.

The Council would also investigate the preparation of a Masterplan for the Foreshore.

The meeting was told this was required to allow sufficient roadway and footpath widths; to allow access to the waterway for people and boats, and to address flora and fauna management, and fisheries and waterways impacts.

Information collected by residents should be forwarded to community group committee member Mr Vic Tysoe for use in future grant applications and for presentation to the council.

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

SOURCE:

Newsletter, 28 May 2023

Vic Tysoe, The Bays Community Group

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Residents call for nine council wards

The Peninsula Residents Association has proposed the region be divided into nine wards, including one for the Peninsula, for future Central Coast Council elections.

It has asked the council to include an option for nine wards in the Council's constitutional referendum, along with the choice of 15 or nine councillors

The association said it would not support a reduction in the number of wards, but may support a reduction in the number of councillors.

"We would support a reduction to nine councillors with one councillor for each of nine wards, if this choice were available and the Peninsula was one of those wards," said association secretary Ms Jen Wilder.

Ms Wilder said the association had submitted its proposal to Council Administrator Mr Rik Hart and Council general manager Mr David Farmer last week.

The submission suggested the wards follow the council's own "social planning district" boundaries, and included a proposed map.

"Many of the council's operations are conducted at this level, because it is an appropriate and manageable scale to work at.

"The association supports this approach.

"The proposed boundaries also reflect local communities, where residents share common interests, and council can respond to local needs."

The association's map shows Peninsula, Coastal and East Brisbane Water social planning districts would each form a ward of their own.

Gosford Central and West Brisbane Water social planning districts would be grouped together to form a ward, as would Wyong and Southern Lakes districts.

Northern Lakes would be grouped with the San Remo-Budgewoi social planning districts.

Other groupings would be Ourimbah, Narara Valley and Mountains for one ward and Gorokan, Warnervale-Wadalba and Valleys for another.

"Minor shuffling of the district boundaries, particularly of East Brisbane Water, Coastal and Southern Lakes, should allow the populations to fall within the necessary 10 per cent variation required for Council wards," the submission stated.

The association argued that the Peninsula deserved its own representation in Council.

"The population of the Peninsula is nearly 40,000, which is more than the population of half the councils in NSW.

"The Peninsula has clear physical, social, and environmental

boundaries that give residents a community identity and common interests.

"The Peninsula has a population and a range of other features that would normally warrant it having a council in its own right.

"In this context, it is unfair and inequitable that currently the Peninsula does not have the opportunity to elect its own representative to Central Coast Council."

Ms Wilder said the association made the submission because the Council's resolution to engage the NSW Electoral Commission made no reference to offering a choice of the number of Council wards.

She said the resolution stated that "a constitutional referendum arrangement be entered into for the Electoral Commissioner to administer in regard to a reduction of Councillors (15 to 9)".

The submission said: "No reference was made in the resolution to the referendum including the opportunity for voters to choose the number of wards for the Council.

"However, Council has previously made reference to wards being included in the referendum.

"We request that the referendum includes a choice of five or nine wards."

SOURCE:

Media release, 8 Jun 2023
Jen Wilder, PRA

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Mark Snell, 12 June 2023



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Surf club of the year

Umina Surf Life Saving Club has been named Central Coast Surf Life Saving Club of the Year for the seventh time.

The award was one of the Surf Life Saving Central Coast Awards of Excellence presented at Mingara at Tumbi Umbi on Saturday, June 10.

Other awards won by the club were First in Overall Competition Point Score with 1741 points and First in Patrol Competition with 1382 points.

Club member Lily James won the Rookie of the Year award and Bronte Smith was named Youth Volunteer of the Year.



SOURCE:
 Social media, 4 Jun 2023
 Umina Surf Life Saving Club

Mixed pairs

The last of the 2022/23 club championships has been held at Ettalong Bowling Club.

The Mixed Pairs final has been played with John Hannan and Tracy Wiblen defeating John Roberts and Corinne Meti 24-8.

SOURCE:
 Social media, 4 Jun 2023
 Ettalong Eagles

Mingaletta elders Auity Di O'Brien and Auity Robyn Reid participated in the annual Central Coast Reconciliation Gathering hosted by Coast Shelter.

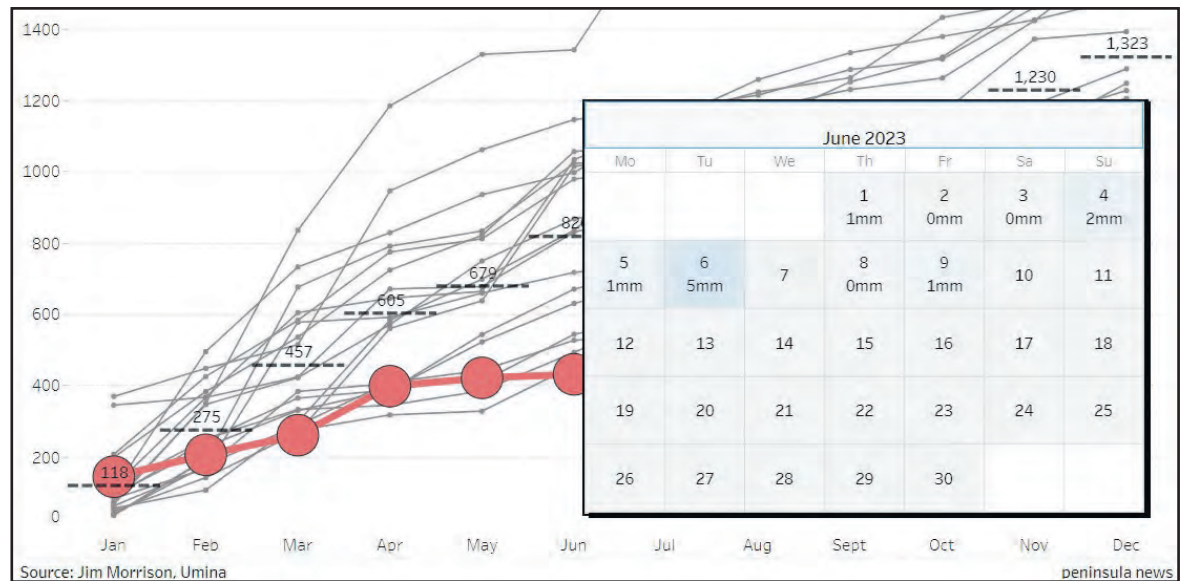
"Each year, the event unites our coastal community in the spirit of reconciliation," said Auity Di.

The event featured a smoking ceremony by Mr Tim Selwyn, a

Welcome to Country by Mr Gavi Duncan and a traditional dance performance by The Glen for Women.

"We are proud to say that the Mingaletta Elders are the embodiment of this year's theme: Be A Voice for Generations."

SOURCE:
 Social media, 2 Jun 2023
 Di O'Brien, Mingaletta



Year's rainfall is down 40 per cent

Rainfall this year to the end of May has totalled 419.9mm.

This is 40 per cent less than the average total of 693mm for the period, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of

Umina.

Total rainfall for the month was 23.3mm, 70 per cent less than the monthly average of 77mm.

In the first 10 days of June, 9.9mm has been recorded, less than 7.0 per cent of the average

rainfall for June of 147mm.

The rain was recorded over eight days, but four of these days had falls of 0.5mm or less.

SOURCE:
 Spreadsheet, 10 Jun 2023
 Jim Morrison, Umina

TIDE TIMES and Heights	Mon, Jun 12	Thu, Jun 15	Sun, Jun 18	Wed, Jun 21	Sat, Jun 24
	0329 1.02	0046 0.26	0320 0.21	0516 0.19	0001 1.01
	1013 0.16	0627 0.86	0854 0.78	1055 0.71	0708 0.17
	1624 1.00	1220 0.21	1415 0.23	1612 0.25	1302 0.69
	2236 0.30	1850 1.22	2050 1.25	2241 1.12	1830 0.31
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	1058 0.18	0719 0.83	0936 0.76	1134 0.69	0749 0.17
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	2345 0.28	1932 1.25	2128 1.22	2319 1.06	1929 0.34
AT ETTALONG	Wed, Jun 14	Sat, Jun 17	Tue, Jun 20	Fri, Jun 23	Mon, Jun 26
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Mingaletta gets grant for play area and signs

A grant of \$106,700 has been announced for Mingaletta to build a children's play area, new outdoor awnings and signage.

Quotes attributable to Minister Burney:

"This funding gives Mingaletta the means to undertake practical upgrades to their facilities to better service aboriginal communities on the Central Coast," said Minister for Indigenous Australians Ms Linda Burney.

"Investing in projects led by Aboriginal Community-Controlled Organisations is critical to accelerating efforts to close the gap in health and wellbeing outcomes for First Nations peoples."

Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid said: "Mingaletta is an important community hub on the Central Coast.

"This funding will support the organisation to continue its great work in the community.

"It also demonstrates our strong commitment to support Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations."

Mingaletta elder Aunty Di O'Brien said: "This funding represents a great outcome for Mingaletta.

"There are people in the community that do not know what we do, and this funding will allow the organisation to purchase electronic signage to list the services we provide.

"It will also mean better outcomes for all people in the community, because we are inclusive of everyone".

SOURCE:
Media release, 7 Jun 2023
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson



Support sought for arboretum projects

The Crommelin Native Arboretum in Pearl Beach is seeking community support to secure grant funding for two projects.

One is for a verandah that would accommodate 50 people for talks or 30 people for workshops.

The other is for a boardwalk and viewing platform to replace the one washed away in the February and March floods last year.

The Arboretum committee said it had discussed a replacement with Central Coast Council staff, but no commitment had been made to replace it.

"Boardwalk construction companies have estimated up to \$500,000 including design, engineering, environmental and planning approvals.

"A new design and placement will help resolve equitable access

issues in the Arboretum."

The committee has created an online survey to gather community support, which can be found at <https://forms.office.com/r/YhjdcWdnf>

"We will hold more detailed consultation with the community as the project progresses."

SOURCE:
Social media, 1 June 2023
Crommelin Native Arboretum



Biggest morning tea raises over \$2500

A Biggest Morning Tea held in Ettalong has raised \$2522 for the Cancer Council

Ettalong Diggers hosted a "Biggest Morning Tea" in conjunction with Rotary Brisbane Water, with 80 guests.

Guests were greeted with champagne on arrival, and welcomed to the Pretty Beach

Room.

They were then treated to entertainment, guest speakers, raffles, tea and coffee, and freshly-made scones, jam and cream, said Diggers community manager Ms Kim Cole.

SOURCE:
Social media, 31 May 2023
Kim Cole, Ettalong Diggers

Reid backs appeal for Mary Macs

An appeal collecting non-perishable foods and items, such as pasta, baked beans, soups, easy mac, and toiletries for Mary Mac's Place in Woy Woy has received the backing of Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid.

"This year, I am again supporting the Wiseberry Peninsula Winter Appeal," he said.

The appeal would run "for the entire month of June".

"If you would like to help, drop off donations to Wiseberry in Umina Beach or my office in West Gosford," he said.

SOURCE:
Social media, 9 Jun 2023
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson



Action for Austin Butler

An "Action for Austin Butler" event was held in the reserve near Woolworths in Woy Woy, on Saturday morning, June 10.

It included a smoking ceremony and a clean-up, a sing-along, local speakers and community stalls.

"This part of Austin Butler

reserve is still up for sale," said Community Environment Network liaison officer Ms Jackie Pearson.

"Let's remind the Council Administrator we care for this community land."

SOURCE:
Social media, 6 June 2023
Community Environment Network

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Planning

Ettalong 'more liveable' than Pearl Beach, says RMIT

Ettalong is far more "liveable" than Pearl Beach, according to a university's mapping tool being promoted to local councils for urban planning.

The tool says Ettalong is more liveable than Umina.

It also gives Ettalong a higher score for "social infrastructure" than Umina or Pearl Beach.

The online tool, provided by RMIT's Australian Urban Observatory, has indicators covering housing and transport costs, and rental and mortgage stress levels.

It shows Ettalong with a liveability score of 102.3 as "high" and Umina with a score of 99.6 as medium.

Pearl Beach has a liveability score of 91.1 and is rated a "low", as is Woy Woy Bay with a score of 88.6.

RMIT associate professor Dr Melanie Davern said the new indicators aimed to address critical housing issues and inform public policy and decision-making on key liveability factors.

The indicators are available at a neighbourhood, suburb, and local government levels for Australia's 21 largest cities, and includes the Central Coast.

"These specialist housing

indicators have been designed with policymakers, service providers and community advocates to understand area-based differences and use evidence to shape effective policies and address critical housing issues that affect communities nationwide.

"Understanding within-city disparities in liveability is so important, and this includes access to housing, transport, employment and nature which have a huge influence on our health, wellbeing and overall quality of life."

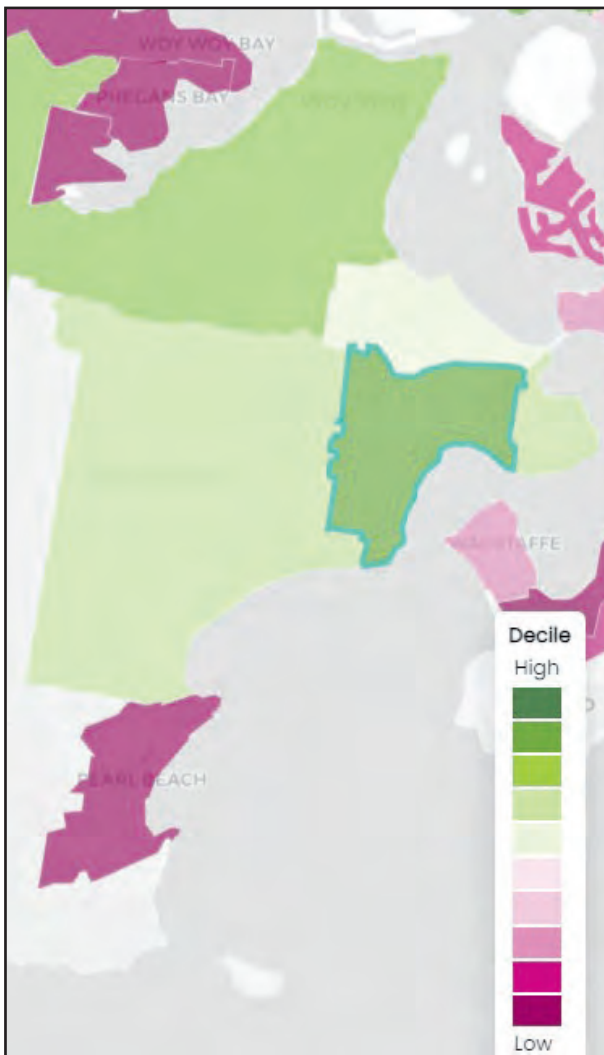
RMIT's Innovation Catalyst director Ms Nithya Solomon said: "This is essential data for addressing key issues Australians face when it comes to how and where they live, and it is now accessible to everyone, free of cost."

However, elements of the tool are only available to those taking up "paid partnerships".

"There are now 48 indicators across nine domains that cover liveability, walkability, social infrastructure, transport, food and alcohol."

The website, which requires user registration, can be found at <https://map.auo.org.au/>

SOURCE:
Media release, 8 Jun 2023
Melanie Davern, RMIT



Liveability score card for dwellings in this urban area. Liveability index (2021)

Ettalong Beach

Indicator	Value
Liveability (100 is average)	102.3
Walkability (0 is average)	🔒
Social Infrastructure (/15)	7.2
Regular public transport access (%)	🔒
Distance to supermarket (m)	🔒
Alcohol off-licences within 800m (count)	🔒
Large Public Open Space within 400m (%)	🔒
Local Employment (%)	🔒
Housing Affordability Stress (%)	32.3

Umina Beach

Indicator	Value
Liveability (100 is average)	99.6
Walkability (0 is average)	🔒
Social Infrastructure (/15)	4.5
Regular public transport access (%)	🔒
Distance to supermarket (m)	🔒
Alcohol off-licences within 800m (count)	🔒
Large Public Open Space within 400m (%)	🔒
Local Employment (%)	🔒
Housing Affordability Stress (%)	37.5

Application to amend complying development certificate

A application has been lodged with Central Coast Council to amend an ongoing Complying Development Certificate application at 49 Ridge St, Ettalong.

The Certificate is for the construction of an attached dual occupancy and the amendments covered by the application are for alfresco areas at the rear northern side of the property and two open carports set back one metre from the rear lane.

The application prepared by Red Apple Design offers an explanation of why it was necessary and what is hoped will be achieved.

"Council has been made aware of this application as I have made several calls and had several discussions with planners, engineers and tree officers as to the best way to obtain approval on this development," wrote Red Apple Design principal Ms Sandra Trad.

"The reason the carports and alfrescos could not be approved under complying development along with the remainder of the proposal (main dwellings) is because these structures are proposed within a flood storage area.

"It is understood that council is inundated with applications now and approving only a minor portion

of the proposal may result in a quicker approval.

"There is a large eucalyptus tree at the back that the proposal aims to retain.

"The proposed carports in lieu of garages are a way of achieving this purpose.

"The alfresco is a deck built on piers to allow water flow underneath as per engineering guidelines for building within a flood storage area."

The application contains drawings prepared for the complying development certificate, which would not be publicly available.

They show an attached two storey dual occupancy or "duplex".

The duplex itself is able to be approved as "complying development" as that part of the site is not used as a flood storage area.

Confusingly the application contains a section 4.6 variation request.

This is a request to be non-compliant with a provision of the Local Environment Plan.

In this case, the request mentions the floor space ratio which, for this site, is limited at 0.5:1.

According to the figures shown on the drawings, the main building achieves this, claiming 49.5 per cent or 0.495:1.



The application does not explain the need for the request.

It does not clarify whether the alfresco areas, which amount to 14.37 square metres per unit, are considered to be part of the gross floor area.

If they are, the floor space ratio limit would be exceeded.

Alfresco areas which have three walls, a floor and a roof can potentially be converted into an extra room at a later date.

The application is currently on public exhibition, but the Council's planning portal does not show when submissions close.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 8 Jun 2023
DA8337/2023, Central Coast Council

Men's Shed applies for occupancy certificate

Umina Beach Men's Shed has lodged an application with Central Coast Council for an occupancy certificate for its new shed in Osborne Ave.

Men's Shed secretary Mr Vic Brown said it was expected it would "take time to sort out".

"Once we have it, we will be on the move.

"It has been a long and challenging hike so far.

"The new premises and facilities will be a vast improvement in terms of work areas, and a much more comfortable area to enjoy socializing and carrying out projects."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 5 Jun 2023
Vic Brown, Umina Beach Men's Shed



Enjoying the serenity of beautiful Woy Woy mornings

Social media, 4 Jun 2023

Photo: Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

MP offers grant info

Federal Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid is encouraging community organisations, sporting clubs, parents' groups, not-for-profit organisations and veterans' groups to sign up to a grants information list.

Dr Reid said he would regularly notify subscribers of open and upcoming grant opportunities through the contact list.

Dr Reid said there were grant opportunities available to the community.

"Throughout the year, there are Federal Government grant opportunities, as well as private sector grant opportunities, that organisations can apply for", Dr Reid said.

"By subscribing to my grants information list, you will regularly receive information about open and upcoming grant opportunities.

To subscribe to Dr Reid's grants' information list, visit: <https://www.drgordonreidmp.com.au/community-support/grants/>

SOURCE:

Media release, 6 Jun 2023
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson



Shoppers urged to check their receipts

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has urged shoppers to check that their receipts match their purchases at the grocery store.

Ms Tesch has taken up discrepancies brought to her attention by Mr Bob Peel of Blackwall.

"Bob has revealed numerous discrepancies in his receipts when shopping at Woolworths Umina,"

she said.

"I will write to Woolworths Umina and Fair Trading on his behalf and for customers across our community to ensure that specials, checkouts and the types of fruit and vegetables as well as the weighing instrumentation is consistent and fair across the store."

SOURCE:

Social media, 16 May 2023
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

Honour awarded to unit commander

Marine Rescue Central Coast's unit commander Mr Ian Morrow has been recognised in the King's Birthday Honours.

Mr Morrow was awarded the Emergency Services Medal for his service to the Central Coast and Newcastle communities.

Marine Rescue NSW Commissioner Alex Barrell said being awarded the Emergency Services Medal was a fitting tribute to Mr Morrow.

"Ian's dedication to the Central Coast Unit and community makes him a worthy recipient of the Emergency Services Medal and Marine Rescue NSW is extremely thankful for his commitment to the service and the local boating community.

"Ian's been an outstanding member of Marine Rescue Central Coast for over 15 years and to have a leader of his calibre amongst our



ranks is a real asset for Marine Rescue NSW and boaters on the Central Coast."

"Mr Morrow joined the then Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol in 2007 serving over 15 years in a volunteer capacity.

"At the time of the formation of Marine Rescue NSW in July 2009,

he was a qualified and highly experienced Coxswain and Watch Officer.

"While originally joining the Central Coast Unit, he has during his service also volunteered and assisted the Marine Rescue Newcastle Unit in various capacities.

"Mr Morrow has become one of the region's leading trainer-assessor and educators for Marine Rescue NSW members on water and in radio operations.

"In addition to his training and education roles, he has been involved in a large number of rescues and assists over the years.

"His confidence, knowledge, and ability as a Coxswain to undertake all manner of assists and rescues using his vast experience and common sense is exemplary."

SOURCE:

Media release, 11 Jun 2023
Travis Winks, Marine Rescue NSW

Marine Rescue unit holds awards night

More than 150 years of combined volunteer service was recognised by Marine Rescue Central Coast at a presentation of awards held at the Ettalong Diggers Club.

Marine Rescue Commissioner Alex Barrell and Deputy Commissioner Darren Schott came from Marine Rescue headquarters in Sydney to congratulate the several Central Coast members who received awards.

Long time volunteer with numerous organisations, Mr Sherwin Hensby, at 81, was officially presented with his Life Achievement Award, recognising 35 years of volunteer service.

Unit commander Mr Ian Morrow praised fellow Life Member recipient Mr Ted Leeson, and observed a moment's silence for recently-passed Life Member Mr Geoff Dark.

"Marine Rescue NSW award members receive a badge at five years, a medal at 10 years and a clasp every 10 years after that," said Mr Morrow.

"People are awarded a National Medal after 15 years' service, followed each 10 years with a clasp."

He said Mr Hensby's years of volunteering began with the Rural Fire Service, where he spent many years serving food to firefighters on scene through the RFS canteen, along with other duties.

"Following a recent bout of cancer, he now helps out where he can, although most of the time he's resting at a local nursing home."

National Medals for 15 year's service went to Mr Peter William Alderton, Mr Ian Phillip Morrow and Mr Paul Robert Degeling

First Clasp to the National Medal for 25 year's service went to

Mr Nikolas Banjevik.

Second Clasp to the National Medal for 35 year's service went to Mr Harold Frederick Scales.

The NSW Service Badge for five year's service went to Mr Vincent Joshua Boccalatte and Mr Rolf Martin Rienhardt.

The NSW Service Medal for 10 year's service went to Mr Mitchell Giles, Ms Jane Lewis and Mr Raymond Colin Lewis.

First Clasp to the MRNSW Service Medal for 20 years' service went to Mr Andrew William Pope

Unit Life Membership went to Mr Geoff Dark (posthumous), Mr Sherwin Hensby and Mr George Edward (Ted) Leeson.

Unit Commander's Commendations went to Ms Shea Wicks, Mr Ian Leafe and Mr Kevin Sullivan.

SOURCE:

Social media, 7 Jun 2023
Marine Rescue Central Coast

Arts

Corn Nut Creek to sing at folk club

Folk-singing duo Corn Nut Creek will perform at the Troubadour Folk Club at Everglades Club in Woy Woy at 7pm on Saturday, June 24.

Danielle Vita and Tanya Bradley, who hail from New York and Melbourne, met in Hong Kong 10 years ago.

"They are storytellers and have been internationally awarded for their incredibly beautiful music," said folk club secretary Ms MaryAnne Howland

Supporting Corn Nut Creek will be award-winning Australian bassist and singer Kimberley Wheeler.

"These three exciting musicians sometimes perform as a trio and the Troubadour Club is delighted to

present all three during this special night," said Ms Howland.

"Their spellbinding songs draw from Appalachian roots and will transport you with three-part vocal harmonies and toe-tapping fiddle and banjo.

"Their show is touring folk venues throughout Victoria and NSW and Woy Woy has been lucky to make it onto their tour schedule."

Tickets are available at <https://www.trybooking.com/CHDAC> or through the Troubadour website www.troubadour.org.au.

For further information, call Hugh on 0402 529 474.

SOURCE:
Media release, 5 Jun 2023
MaryAnne Howland,
Troubadour Folk Club



Copies of CWA history book are still available

Some copies of a book about the history of Country Women's Association branches on the Central Coast are still available, according to its author Ms Johanna Reygersberg.

The Woy Woy CWA branch member wrote the book last year for the centenary of the NSW association.

Ms Reygersberg said most of the books had been sold, but there were still about 20 left.

Of the 13 Central Coast branches, four also celebrated their 90th birthday last year, including Woy Woy.

The other three were Lisarow-Ourimbah, Somersby and Tuggerah Lakes.

The Terrigal branch is older and celebrated 92 years.

The book covers the history of all 26 branches which have existed over time in the Northumberland Group, which covers the Coast.

Ms Reygersberg said the branches were often started as self-help groups by "women who cooked and knitted, held crafts or cooking demonstrations, and card games afternoons, all raising money to start the branches".

"They often started Rest Rooms and Baby Health Centres as well," she said.

"The mothers were taught baby health care and also learned from each other, sharing crafts and cookery skills.

"They liked social gatherings and knew how to throw a big party.

"Their stories are fascinating, and my appreciation of what these women did over the years grew and grew.

"I do hope that reading the CWA branches' history will bring insight and as much enjoyment to others as it did me."

The book, costing \$15 plus postage, may be ordered online at thejo@optusnet.com.au.

Delivery and pickup can be arranged.

SOURCE:
Media release, 28 May 2023
Johanna Reygersberg,
CWA Woy Woy

Forum

Resident feedback wanted on my performance

The new public forum trial will require a longer examination to determine the council's modus operandi and transparency.

Comments published from council director Ms Marissa Racomelara and Administrator Mr Rik Hart cannot be verified under the existing trial conditions.

For example, Mr Hart urges residents to provide feedback "throughout this trial period".

There will be many theories

based on trial number one, as I was the only registered speaker.

Director Racomelara's comment that members can comment on "matters presented" at an ordinary council meeting will be challenged in the lead-up to the next trial when I request to speak on a matter not included in the agenda.

I will only know the council's response after the meeting on June 26 and then comment on the process.

What is the purpose of exhibiting a draft updated policy during the

trial?

This is exactly the reverse to accepted process.

I am more than curious to test the council's resolve when dealing with matters not on the agenda, and question the process that places agenda items, regardless of their importance, against the interests of residents.

Is this public consultation or another change to deceive the public?

We will know the answers not necessarily from senior council

officers but from editions of the Peninsula News and interested residents.

It was fortunate I was not bedridden with Covid on the night of the first trial.

Otherwise, there would have been many gloomy faces in the council chambers.

I am now more than an activist. I am a celebrity!

I look forward to the reviews.

SOURCE:
Letter, 8 Jun 2023
Norm Harris, Umina

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Ephemeral Art Trail applications close soon

Expressions of interest for the Pearl Beach Ephemeral Art Trail from artists, groups and community organisations will close at midnight on Sunday, June 25.

There is a small fee to enter, but this can be waived for non-profit groups and schools.

Proposals will be accepted for approximately 15 adult ephemeral artworks, 10 artwork entries under-18 years, five local school entries, and five community group installations.

Known as PBEAT2023, the exhibition will have a theme of Nurture and Nature.

The committee is seeking applications for side events: environment themed community performances, workshops, and information sessions.

SOURCE:
Media release, 5 Jun 2023
Mary Knaggs, Crommelin Native Arboretum

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Probus club offers fellowship

The Umina Peninsula Probus Club is seeking more members.

"Umina Peninsula Probus Club meets at the Everglades Country Club on the fourth Thursday of each month, from 10am to noon," said secretary Mr Warwick Forrest.

"Most meetings have a business session followed by morning tea and then an interesting guest speaker.

"But much of the fellowship and fun comes from the many activities, covering a wide array of interests including a theatre group, monthly lunches, walks, wine and cheese, occasional dinners, local outings, day trips and annual coach trips."

He said current plans had

included seeing "The Hollow" at the Peninsula Theatre, having lunch at Pelicans, dining at Safran Restaurant, celebrating "Christmas in July" cruising Newcastle and spending a day with a craft group.

"Later in the year, we will enjoy a seven-day coach trip to Montville Mountain."

He said the club offered retired people the opportunity to broaden their social lives and to meet new friends, providing "Fun, Fellowship and Friendship".

For further information, email Mr Forrest at warwickf@inet.net.au.

SOURCE:
Media release, 31 May 2023
Warwick Forrest, Umina Peninsula Probus Club



Baby hampers celebrate CWA branch birthday

The Woy Woy branch of the Country Women's Association has presented two hampers to Gosford Hospital to co-incide with its birthday on Thursday, June 8.

"Each year we gift two hampers to Gosford Hospital for the first

babies, a boy and a girl, born on our birthday," said branch president Ms Jane Bowtell.

"The hampers are full of essentials for baby and parents.

"This is the fourth year we have been able to present this gift, and we hope for many more."

SOURCE:
Social media, 6 Jun 2023
Jane Bowtell, CWA Woy Woy

Petition to reclassify Memorial Ave reserve

Peninsula residents concerned with the green space off Memorial Ave, Blackwall, between Warwick and Wallaby Sts, have launched a petition to the Central Coast Council requesting Lots 21 and 23 Memorial Ave, Blackwall, be re-classified as "community land".

The lots were under threat when the then Council Administrator Mr Dick Persson placed the site on the Tranche 3 sell-off," said petition organiser Ms Joy Cooper.

"The site was subsequently removed from the list, but remains under threat as it is classified as

'operation land' which is much easier for council to sell off without community consultation.

"The reserve is heavily treed with remnant Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland and is the lowest point in Blackwall.

"Not only does the site have large habitat trees which include banksias, swamp mahoganies and blackbutts, it is also a listed aboriginal site."

Residents wanting to sign the petition should contact the Facebook page "Hands OFF The Reserve on Memorial Avenue Blackwall".

SOURCE:
Media release, 12 Jun 2023
Joy Cooper, Green Point



Debris removed from rocky foreshores

Litter and other debris have been removed from the rocky foreshores and beaches of Patonga and "the outer Hawkesbury River" by Clean4shore.

The clean-up group was joined by students from Erina High School.

"Timber debris high above the waterline, contained plastics,

polystyrene and flood debris, required the students to complete plenty of rock-hopping to retrieve and deliver the collected items to the Clean4shore barge," said coordinator Mr Graham Johnston.

"Car tyres, masses of treated pine, plastic drums and buckets, oyster product and double sink and bulk plastic bottles and polystyrene pieces were collected.

"The beaches at Flint and Steel, Hallets and Hungry all were in good condition still having bulk timber debris from the 2020 floods.

"A good load in the barge returned to Patonga, with a healthy lunch for the students and 320 kilos delivered to Woy Woy tip."

SOURCE:
Social media, 1 Jun 2023
Graham Johnston, Clean4shore

Women's network to hold charity events

The regional Community and Business Women's Network will hold two charity events on the Peninsula over the next three months.

It will hold a Christmas In July event at Ettalong Bowling Club on July 22.

It will include a two-course meal, a drink on arrival, silent auctions, raffles and entertainment and dancing.

Proceeds will go to the Central Coast charity Because We Care Boutique.

It will also hold a Women's Health Week luncheon at Ettalong Diggers on Thursday, September 7.

"Every September, for one

week, Women's Health Week is a reminder for women to set aside time for their health and wellbeing," said the network's community engagement officer Ms Sharyn Becker.

A speaker from the Central Coast Women's Health Centre will provide a guide to women's health checks and talk about hormones "From PMS to Menopause and Beyond".

Tickets for the events are now available.

Ms Becker said the Community and Business Women's Network embraced established local business owners and also women wanting to upskill, network and get to know what is happening in their

local community.

"We believe that connecting gives opportunities for growth, resilience and inspiration at business, community and individual levels.

"The network is open to all women who wish to connect, support, grow, learn, network, inspire, share or encourage local spending.

"The Community and Business Women's Network is a project of Iris Foundation," she said.

Further information and tickets are available through the network's website, www.cbwn.org.au.

SOURCE:
Media release, 6 Jun 2023
Sharyn Becker, CBWN

Festival benefits small businesses, says Reid

Federal Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid has met with co-founder of the Words on the Waves Writers' Festival, Ms Benny Agius, to discuss the festival and the benefits it provides for the region.

"This will be the third year the festival has taken place on the Central Coast and its truly on its way to becoming Australia's leading regional literary festival," Dr Reid said.

"The writers' festival not only enriches the Central Coast's cultural landscape but also provides a significant boost for local small businesses with visitors coming from outside the Central Coast to attend the event.



"These visitors then go on to stay in local accommodation, support the local hospitality industry, and other small businesses".

SOURCE:
Media release, 2 Jun 2023
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson

Forum on future of women's soccer

One of three forums to shape the future of women's soccer for Central Coast Football will be held on the Peninsula.

It will take place at James Browne oval at 7pm on Wednesday, June 14, run by the organisation's Women's Football Steering Committee.

The committee is "seeking feedback from our community and encourages anyone involved in women's football to attend".

Registration for the forum is available online at <https://bit.ly/45B4t29>

SOURCE:
Social media, 6 Jun 2023
SEUFC

Health

Overseas staff to start in aged care in July

A Woy Woy aged care home expects the first of new staff from overseas to start in late July.

"We have been progressing for several months with a program to facilitate some overseas fully trained staff to join our team," said Blue Wave Living chief executive Mr Matt Downie.

"This is also a major challenge within our industry.

"There is simply not enough

trained staff out there to fill all required roles.

"Part of the recent federal budget announcements included an announcement on a specific industry workforce agreement to help facilitate and speed up this process, which was very welcome news.

"We look forward to welcoming them to our team."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 31 May 2023
Matt Downie, Blue Wave Living



Hospital auxiliary re-opens kiosk

The Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary has re-opened the hospital kiosk after it being closed for 18 months following the pandemic and recent renovations to the building.

It is now open from 10am until 2pm Tuesdays to Fridays.

The kiosk serves drinks and meals, including coffee, tea, sandwiches, and hamburgers, to hospital staff and health professionals.

The auxiliary is now asking the wider community to visit and support the kiosk.

All funds raised goes back into supporting patient care and to purchase medical equipment for

Woy Woy Hospital, said Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid.

"The Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary kiosk is an outstanding cafe on the Peninsula", he said.

"You can taste the extra care that goes into each drink or meal prepared.

"I would encourage the community on the Peninsula to visit and have your next drink or meal there and support a worthy cause".

Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary president Ms Phyllis Thomas said the kiosk was looking for volunteers.

"For 20 years the kiosk has operated out of Woy Woy Hospital and supported patient care", Ms Thomas said.

"The kiosk has a brilliant new outdoor dining area for customers to enjoy and there is knitted gifts available to purchase as well", Ms Thomas said.

"We have about eight volunteers in the kiosk but need more to keep up with demand.

"No prior experience or training is necessary, just the ability to make drinks and prepare meals.

The kiosk is at Woy Woy Hospital on Ocean Beach Rd, and everybody in the community is welcome.

For further information, phone the kiosk on 4344 8435 or Ms Thomas on 0409 425 811.

SOURCE:
Media release, 7 Jun 2023
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson

Families may join tours of new aged care section

Families of aged care residents will be able to join them as they look through new sections of their Woy Woy aged care home over coming weeks.

"Any visiting family would be welcome to join their loved ones on one of these tours," said Blue Wave Living chief executive Mr Matt Downie.

"We will look to invite residents through our new sections of the build over the coming weeks as we continue with final preparation of the newly built section.

"Following on from that we anticipate welcoming some new residents into the first few bedrooms which will be made available in the north-east wing."

Mr Downie said work continued

on the western side of the The Shores building, including internal rebuild works.

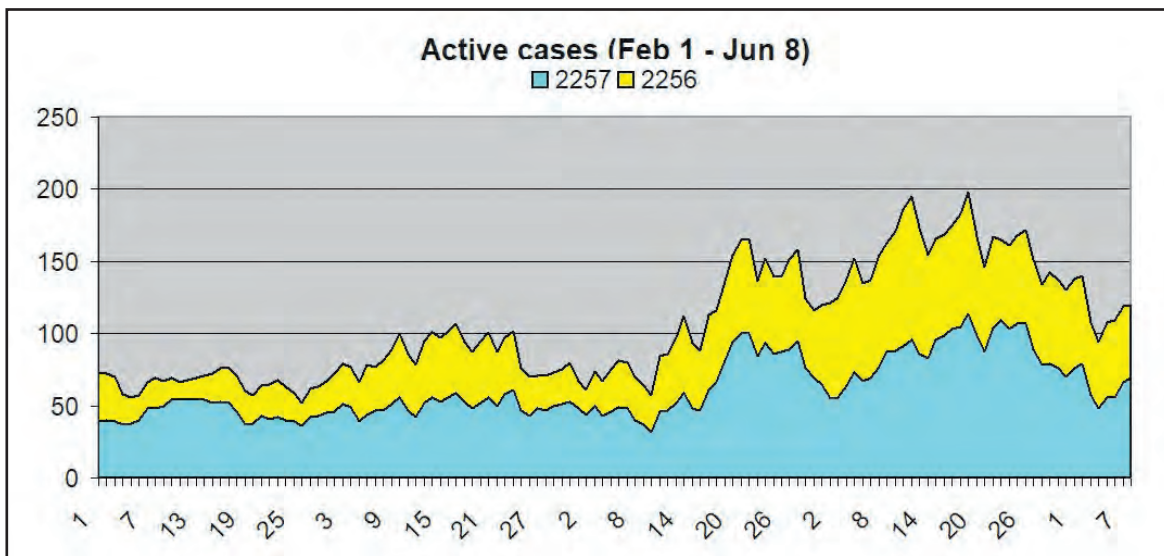
With the completion of this work expected in September, the home would have its first "household" complete.

"This will be a significant milestone for us: the completion of all stage one works."

Mr Downie said that stage two works were now not expected to start until next year.

"We will need time to operationalise the new spaces from mid-September onwards, and relocate residents out of both southern wings in The Shores building into new rooms," he said.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 31 May 2023
Matt Downie, Blue Wave Living



Virus numbers drop by 30 per cent

Coronavirus numbers on the Peninsula have dropped by about 30 per cent in the past fortnight.

Numbers for the 2256 and 2257

postcode areas reduced from 168 active cases on May 25 to 120 active cases on June 8.

Numbers for the 2256 postcode area dropped by 10 from 61 to

51, while numbers for the 2257 postcode area dropped from 107 to 69.

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

Choir performs for 'care residents'

The Frantastics Choir has performed for "care residents" at a local aged care facility recently.

"These wonderful performers had the privilege of serenading our beloved seniors with beautiful tunes and heart-warming melodies," said Peninsula Villages chief executive Mr Colin Osborne.

"The power of music transcends age and time, filling the air with joy, nostalgia, and emotions," he said.

"Witnessing smiles light up their faces and seeing their spirits lifted by the magic of music is truly priceless."

SOURCE:
Social media, 4 Jun 2023
Colin Osborne, Peninsula Villages

Raising awareness for mental health

Staff at Brisbane Waters Private Hospital are raising awareness for mental health through the Push-up Challenge.

Money raised through the

challenge goes to the Push for Better Foundation, Lifeline and November.

Supporters are asked to register under the team "Brisbane Waters Private Hospital" at www.

thepushupchallenge.com.au.

The hospital is offering a \$250 gift voucher for the person who raises the most funds for the team.

SOURCE:
Social media, 31 May 2023
Brisbane Water Private Hospital



Tour de Central Coast rides this week

Central Coast Bicycle Users Group will hold two events from Woy Woy this week as part of its Tour de Central Coast series.

On Thursday, June 15, the group will cycle from Fishermen's Wharf to Gosford, starting at 8am.

The 25km ride is expected to take two hours and is described as "an easy ride along the shared path to Gosford and back"

The group will stop for coffee, at a location yet to be decided.

On Saturday, June 17, the group will ride from the railway station to Pie in the Sky cafe at Cowan.

The medium-hard 95km ride is expected to take around six hours,

starting at 6:30am, at an average speed of 22-24 kph.

It is described as "a moderate paced ride from Woy Woy to Pie in the Sky cafe Cowan and back, through the picturesque Brisbane Water National Park and over the Hawkesbury River".

"Designed for more experienced riders, we mostly utilise the old Pacific Hwy and include five longish climbs (Kariong, Mooney-Calga, PiTS, Mt.White and Mooney-Somersby)," said ride leader Mr Alan Corven.

"There's nothing too steep, but you'll certainly know you've been up a few hills by the time you get home."

The altitude gain for the ride is 1700 metres.

The ride starts at Woy Woy station near bus stop A or riders may join at Kariong bus stop 40mins after the start time.

Riders are advised to bring water, snacks and money for coffee or a drink at Pie in the Sky or another cafe. They may "opt-out" at Brooklyn for a train home if required.

For both events, riders are asked arrive at least five minutes before start time to sign on.

For further information, call 0414 538 977.

SOURCE:
Social media, 31 May 2023
Alan Corven, CCBUG

Learning about rock wallabies

About 40 local residents attended a talk at Pearl Beach Memorial Hall recently and got to hold Rocky, an eight-month-old rock wallaby.

The talk by Aussie Ark operations manager Mr Dean Read described the work the organisation is doing to protect endangered species including Tasmanian devils and rock wallabies.

SOURCE:
Social media, 3 Jun 2023
Friends of Pearl Beach

The Peninsula Environment Group is seeking new members for its food network.

The non-profit network in Woy Woy buys organic or chemical-free produce at wholesale prices.

"The result is we get organic food at similar prices to non-organic food in the supermarket," said coordinator Ms Cherel Waters.

"That's better for the environment and for your health." The group orders fresh food

fortnightly and a bulk order of dry food quarterly.

Ms Waters said members ordered exactly what they wanted.

Pricing depends on membership type.

Members are encouraged to help for two hours with the "food divvy" at Woy Woy Environment Centre on Blackwall Rd.

"Helping with the food divvy keeps our costs down, and is a chance to meet other group members," she said.

However, it is also possible to be a "non-divvying member" for an extra \$15 per fortnight and have your food sorted ready for you to collect.

"For people who work or can't make it on Monday mornings, being a 'non-divvying' member is a great option."

Ms Waters said the quarterly orders from organic wholesalers, included rice, flour, beans, nuts, dried fruits, natural cleaning products, as well as miscellaneous

orders such as organic wine, recycled toilet paper and organic garlic.

"Having the numbers to do large orders allows us to get wholesale prices on all sorts of items."

Anyone interested in joining the food network should email zainem1@gmail.com or visit the group's website at www.peg.org.au.

SOURCE:
Media release, 11 Jun 2023
Cherel Waters, PEG

Members wanted for organic food network



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Education



St John's school celebrates 100th birthday

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School has created a webpage for its 100th birthday, giving a short history of the school.

"We are filled with pride and honour to be celebrating our school's 100th birthday in June this year," said principal Ms Nicole Davies.

"It's truly a remarkable milestone, one that we wouldn't have achieved so aptly without the unwavering care and commitment demonstrated by countless generations here on the beautiful Woy Woy Peninsula.

"We extend our heartfelt appreciation to each and every student, parent, carer, principal, teacher, staff member, sister of St. Joseph, parishioner, and volunteer who has contributed to our thriving school community throughout this remarkable century."

Ms Davies said their "invaluable support and dedication" had been instrumental in our school continuing to grow from strength to strength.

The webpage describes how the Peninsula's population was growing in the 1920s, but "even then it was a little oasis all of its own".

"Popular local haunts included the Woy Woy cinema and post office on Blackwall Rd, a mini golf course, a roller-skating hall on The Esplanade at Ettalong and the Woy Woy dance pavilion.

"The Woy Woy rail bridge provided connection to Gosford.

"St John the Baptist church opened in 1914.

"His grace Michael Kelly Archbishop of Sydney journeyed to Woy Woy to perform a blessing of the new church with a mass celebrated by Father Fabian Dwyer.

"Prior to 1914, mass was held in private homes.

"A growing population necessitated a school, and the

Church was first used for a school in 1922 with classes of around 50 children.

"Outside mass times, church pews were used as desks and cloth curtains hung to separate areas of the hall to facilitate lessons.

"Sisters of St Joseph, who had arrived at Kincumber as early as 1887, commuted daily by train from Gosford to teach.

"A house was bought in Victoria Rd, Woy Woy, in the 1930s and became a convent for three resident sisters."

"Between 1922 and 1950, the school was divided into streams, outgrowing the church hall.

"The school, in 1953, was divided into three purpose-built classrooms behind the church to accommodate its increasing numbers.

"An additional kindergarten building was built in 1954 to take up to 100 children.

"It was not long after this that movement was afoot to procure land for the relocation of St John the Baptist School to a bigger site.

"St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School was rebuilt on its present site at Dulkara Rd Woy Woy in 1978 and was in operation in 1979."

The school currently has 530 students and 56 staff.

Ms Davies said the school's patron saint was St John the Baptist, "the greatest prophet of hope, who has inspired us over this past century to show courage in times of adversity and persevere in the pursuit of our hopes and dreams".

"Through his example and inspiration, we derive our school motto: Honour through Faith.

"Our school is a place of dignity, compassion and high expectations where the presence of God underpins all we do and are."

SOURCE:
Website, 8 Jun 2023
Nicole Davies, SJB Catholic Primary School

Coffee machines for Woy Woy campus

Woy Woy campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College has taken delivery of three new coffee machines.

These will be used to support the students in hospitality, students completing their Barista courses and for functions.

Training was provided on the day on the day of delivery to work the new machines.

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



Jacob is likely to represent NSW

Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy campus Year 11 student Jacob Falconer seems likely to be selected to represent NSW at the School Sport Australia Championships in August.

This follows his success in the State championships on Thursday and Friday, June 1 and 2, where he was second in the Boys 16 years 100m Backstroke with a time of 1:01.69.

He was also sixth in the Boys

16 years 50m Freestyle with a time of 25.31 and eighth in the Boys 16 years 100m Freestyle with a time of 55.85.

He joined Lachlan Muldrock (Year 9), Will Slater (Year 10) and Johnathan Hall (Year 10) in the 15-16 years 4x50m Freestyle Relay, placing sixth.

The team also finished a ninth place in the Boys 15-16 years 4x50m Medley Relay.

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



Variety night

Creative and performing arts students at BrisbaneWater Secondary College will present a Variety Night at the Woy Woy campus featuring dance, music and drama on Wednesday, June 14.

Entry is free but tickets must be booked at the front office at either Woy Woy or Umina campus.

SOURCE:
Social media, 7 Jun 2023
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy

Parents to 'walk and chat'

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School is inviting parents and carers of its students to join parent engagement co-ordinator Ms Courtenay Harrison for a "walk and chat" at 9am on Wednesday, June 28.

"We will take an easy pram-friendly walk along the Ettalong waterfront and back around to The

Box where we can grab a coffee, if you have the time," said Ms Harrison.

"Mums, dads, stepparents, carers and grandparents are welcome."

For further information, email courtenay.harrison@dbb.catholic.edu.au.

SOURCE:
Social media, 7 Jun 2023
Courtenay Harrison, SJB Catholic Primary School



Peninsula schools reach jersey design final

Designs from two Peninsula schools have been selected for the final of a competition for the 2024 Central Coast Mariners warm-up jersey.

Four designs from Woy Woy South Public School and one design from Brisbane Water Secondary School have been chosen.

The designs are now open to popular vote at <https://bit.ly/3J0XmX8>.

Parents have been warned not to click on any jersey on the page displaying the designs unless they want to vote for it.

Clicking on a jersey does not show any further detail and is counted as a vote.

SOURCE:
Social media, 8 Jun 2023
Matt Barr, Woy Woy South Public School



Photography camp at Cockatoo Island

Year 9 and 10 students from Brisbane Water Secondary School have attended an art and photography camp at Cockatoo Island. Among pictures captured by the students were pictures of the sunrise and sunset.

SOURCE:
Social media, 1 Jun 2023
Kerrie O'Heir, BWSC Umina



Happy birthday, Mr Barr

Woy Woy South Public School principal Mr Matt Barr was not allowed to forget it was his birthday on Wednesday, June 7. Students, staff and school community members contributed to the decorations, to make it a party in his office.

SOURCE:
Social media, 7 Jun 2023
Woy Woy South Public School



Girls finish fifth in finals

The Open Girls touch football team from Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy has finished fifth out of 42 schools in the 2023 Sydney North Finals Gala Day.

They travelled to Adcock Park to participate in the finals, after winning their opening two knockout games 15-0 and 11-0 earlier in the year.

The girls lost to some strong Sydney schools at the start of the

day but won their remaining two games 5-0 and 4-3 to narrowly miss out on the semi-finals.

"The girls played extremely well and displayed exceptional school spirit and sportsmanship throughout the year and should be proud of their efforts," said Woy Woy campus principal Ms Rebecca Cooper.

SOURCE:
Social media, 5 Jun 2023
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy

History students hear from experts

Year 12 Modern, Ancient and Extension History students at Brisbane Water Secondary College have heard from HSC experts in a series of lectures at Sydney University.

Students spent a day at the campus, getting a taste of the University experience.

These lectures aimed to enhance student understanding of course content.

SOURCE:
Social media, 5 Jun 2023
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy



School to use student cover designs

Diary covers designed by Woy Woy South Public School students will be used "across the school".

This follows a design competition, where students were asked to create a new cover for their diaries.

The winning artists, pictured, were awarded prizes that included art supplies and canteen vouchers, provided by the school's parents' association.

SOURCE:
Social media, 5 Jun 2023
Matt Barr, Woy Woy South Public School



Aboriginal-themed shirts arrive early

Aboriginal-themed shirts for students at Woy Woy Public School have been delivered early.

"What a fantastic surprise as we were not expecting them until Term 3," said principal Ms Ona Buckley.

"We have them all sorted and ready for purchase.

"There is a limit of one shirt per student. The shirts are \$20.

"There is a size range for you to try on if you are unsure of what size your child needs."

Fellow principal Mr Dan Betts said: "Please remember these shirts are only worn by staff, our Aunties and students on

Wednesdays.

"This is the day we recognise and celebrate our First Nations peoples and our connection with community.

"What a colourful and proud school we will be on Wednesdays.

"The Preschool will have these shirts as their preschool shirt and, if parents wish, children can wear them on their preschool days.

"We have ordered enough shirts in a range of sizes to cater for everyone."

SOURCE:
Social media, 7 Jun 2023
Ona Buckley, Dan Betts, Woy Woy Public School



Sport

Ettalong Bowling Club starts under-18 academy

Ettalong Bowling Club is planning to start an Under-18 Academy.

The club is looking for players between nine and 16 years of age to start the academy.

"Ettalong has a proven record of producing under-18 champions who have gone onto State and National selection," said Mr John Roberts, announcing the new academy.

He said the benefits of the academy for young people would

include expert training free of charge and being involved in a team sport.

He said there were pathways to zone, state and national selection, flexible training days and scholarships available.

For more information, phone Mr Roberts or Mr Darren Morrison on 4341 1910 or email darren@ettalongbowlingclub.net.au or jr@ettalongbowlingclub.net.au.

SOURCE:
Social media, 28 May 2023
John Roberts, Ettalong Eagles



Clean-up around new nets

Southern Spirit Cricket Club has cleaned up around the new nets installed at Rogers Park, Woy Woy.

A group of volunteers cleared

the area around the nets and got new turf laid.

SOURCE:
Social media, 4 Jun 2023
Southern Spirit Cricket Club



Bridge club donates \$1600

Brisbane Water Bridge Club has donated around \$1600 to the Seventh Day Adventist Food Pantry following its Jean Pelham Charity Day.

The total of cash, from table fees and raffle, raised was \$1533, as well as about \$70 of donated assorted groceries and other goods.

The Pantry opens every second Friday at the SDA Church, opposite the car entrance to the Peninsula Plaza.

Pictured is club president Ms Sylvia Foster presenting the groceries to Ms Shelley Bell.

SOURCE:
Social media, 31 May 2023
Brisbane Water Bridge Club

Bowls volunteers recognised

Volunteers from three Peninsula bowling clubs have been recognised at the Bowls Central Coast 2023 Club Volunteer of the Year Awards.

The awards were held under the dome at Bateau Bay on Monday, June 5.

The three local club members to receive awards were Brian Dolan from Everglades Country Club, Brian Moroney from Umina Beach

Men's Bowling Club and Eddy Burgess from Woy Woy Bowling Club.

SOURCE:
Social media, 6 Jun 2023
Peter Springett, Bowls Central Coast

Peninsula soccer teams face off

Peninsula soccer clubs Southern and Ettalong United and Woy Woy faced off in the match of round nine in men's premier league at Austin Butler Oval on Sunday, June 4.

The Lions won 3-1 in a tough 90-minute battle.

The opening 20 minutes of the game saw Woy Woy start defensively strong, forcing their opponents to shoot from a distance that wasn't troubling the hosts.

At the 25th minute mark, Southern-Ettalong were able to open up the structured Woy Woy defence.

Jacob Lepre slipped a through ball to Ryan Brown who in turn put a well-timed pass to striker Keith Gumbs who finished with a left foot strike past the Woy Woy keeper to open the scoring.

Three minutes later the Lions

doubled their lead when Jacob Lepre found the head of Jack Ellwood from a corner which Ellwood finished with authority and added to his recent goal-scoring tally.

In the last 10 minutes of the first half, Woy Woy lifted and began to start completing their plays.

Lachie Russell created some great play down the right side and put in a pinpoint cross for Nathan Ward who slotted home a great goal.

The second half started much the same as the first with Southern and Ettalong's passing game trying to open up Woy Woy, who in turn were unsettling their opponents' rhythm with a stop-start approach with plenty of free kicks and throws.

Southern-Ettalong managed to find a way through in the 63rd minute when a one-two passing sequence between Ryan Brown

and Keith Gumbs saw Brown finish to extend his side's lead to 3-1 which is how the match ended.

"The game was always going to be a test because it was a Peninsula derby and because most of the squad had travelled to Parramatta to support the Mariners in the grand final win the night before," said Lions coach Dale Eggleton.

"I am impressed by the consistency in our performances this season.

"Woy Woy has some ability in their side and a tenacious attitude which will hold them in good stead for the second half of the season."

Woy Woy coach Neal Morris said: "We need to get better in key moments of our games and be more urgent on the ball."

Match official was Kyle Hockings.

SOURCE:
Website, 5 Jun 2023
Central Coast Football

East Gosford women defeat Umina

East Gosford has defeated Umina, 5-2, in round 10 of women's premier league soccer

Umina was coming off a draw with the league leaders Terrigal and East Gosford coming off a bye.

East Gosford started the game on top, creating multiple chances inside the opening five minutes.

The early pressure on Umina's goal paid dividends in the 10th minute with East Gosford opening the scoring.

Despite going a goal down and not having the most positive start,

Umina replied instantly.

They were awarded a corner which was headed home by Kirby Squires to level the score at 1-1 after 13 minutes.

Looking to reinstate their lead, the attack of East Gosford connected well all over the park, with East Gosford scoring its second goal.

Once again, Umina replied instantly thanks to a long-range strike from Kate Styles who put the game back on level terms at 2-2.

East Gosford evaded multiple defenders to score a great goal to

put the Rams up 3-2 at halftime.

East Gosford was forced to make some changes at the break, but the substitutions picked up where the team left off, connecting multiple passes that led to plenty of attempts on the Umina goal.

East Gosford picked up two more goals to round off a perfect day, as the Rams jumped back into second and keeping their unbeaten start to the season alive.

Match official was David Hughes.

SOURCE:
Website, 6 Jun 2023
Central Coast Football