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Lake Umina

Ferries stop as channel silts up

Shifting sand bars in the Ettalong Channel have resulted in the Palm Beach ferry service being suspended.

Palm Beach services have been redirected to Patonga, with a free shuttle bus service introduced last Monday between Ettalong and Patonga wharfs.

Transport for NSW announced the bus will run Monday to Friday in the morning peak from 5.30am to 9.30am, and in the afternoon peak from 2.30pm to 6.30pm.

It also announced a shuttle ferry service between Wagstaffe and Ettalong would start soon, but details are not yet available.

"The shuttle bus will leave about 35 minutes before the ferry departure time from Patonga wharf," according to a statement issued by Transport for NSW.

"A weekend shuttle bus service will run extended hours during the day to meet the current scheduled timetable."

The bus service could be in place for some time, as dredging the Ettalong Channel is not expected to start for months.

The transport department stated it was currently seeking all necessary licence and environmental approvals.

"The NSW Coastal Dredging Strategy has identified the Ettalong Channel as a significant investment location, prioritising it for dredging to ensure safe navigation, including for the use of local ferry services," the statement said.

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch said: "This shuttle bus

service, which has not been provided in the past, is a proactive solution to our communities transport needs, while work for a comprehensive dredging plan takes place.

"The need for dredging is unpredictable, impacted by Mother Nature, severe weather events and the day-to-day movement of the ocean ecosystem.

"An effective and ongoing dredging program is needed to address the issue."

Ms Tesch said dredging was planned for October this year.

The aim is to remove 10,000 cubic metres of sand from two areas, south of the Half Tide Rocks and south of the Sand Spit, subject to obtaining the necessary Crown Lands licence and environmental approvals.

The Maritime Infrastructure Delivery Office had engaged an expert consultant to assist in preparing the required environmental approval for the first stage.

It will also engage with potential dredging contractors to ensure work can begin as soon as possible after approval is granted, she said.

She said the department was preparing a 10-year plan "for maintenance dredging of the entire channel".

"Locals are all too aware that dredging of the channel has been an ongoing issue."

Member for Terrigal Mr Adam Crouch criticised the Government for its slow action.

He said that it took a week since this issue arose before there was a response.

Mr Crouch said that funding for dredging was available and ready to go.

He said it was "unacceptable" that dredging would not occur until October.

"Dredging needs to happen as soon as possible, not October.

"The responsibility falls on the State Government."

Transport Minister Ms Jo Haylen said last week: "The new Government is investigating alternative arrangements to minimise the impacts on commuters and is looking to secure planning approval and begin work on restoring the ferry service as quickly as possible.

"When the Minns Labor Government came into office, there was no planning approval for this vital dredging, so we're working quickly to address this issue that we inherited.

"Mr Crouch was serving as the Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast in the former Liberal Government less than 100 days ago.

"Dredging at Ettalong was Mr Crouch's responsibility and he let it build up."

Ms Tesch said she would work with Mr Crouch to reach a solution for our community.

"People need to be able to plan their lives and social responsibilities.

"This not something to be politicised.

"This is something to be prioritised regardless of who is in government."

SOURCE:
Media Release, 17 Jun 2023
Transport for NSW

Umina Boardriders have taken to calling this picturesque view of Broken Bay "Lake Umina".

So far this year, the club has not been able to run a competition.

"Mother Nature has not been on

our side this year," the would-be organisers said.

Calling off the competition on June 18, they said: "It's dead flat now and only getting smaller."

SOURCE:
Social media, 17 Jun 2023
Umina Boardriders

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Mark Snell, 28 May 2023



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

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

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Learn to knit in school holidays

Children aged nine to 12 years will be able to learn how to knit on two Mondays during the school holidays.

Free sessions will be held at 10am on Mondays, July 3 and 10.

Knitters who meet at the library will be available to teach children how to knit basic stitches to practise and to make woolly creations.

All material will be supplied.

Places are limited and bookings are essential.

Children attending must be supervised by a responsible adult for the duration of the program.

For further information, phone 4304 7333.

SOURCE:
 Website, 20 Jun 2023
 Library services, Central Coast Council

Fairytale puppet session at Umina library

A Fairytale Puppet Magic session will be held at Umina Beach Library at 2pm on Tuesday, July 11, as part of its school holiday program. It will be presented by Jeral Puppets, which claims to be Australia's oldest established puppet company.

It will include favourites such as Hansel and Gretel and the Gingerbread Man.

It is suited for early primary school age children, who must be supervised by an adult.

Places are limited and bookings are essential, with tickets costing \$5.50 per child.

Reserve your place using the 'Book now' button.

For further information, phone 4350 1578.

SOURCE:
 Website, 20 Jun 2023
 Library services, Central Coast Council

Children to have virtual trip to Far North Queensland

Three "virtual reality" sessions about Indigenous Australia for children aged five to nine will be held at Woy Woy library from 10am on Monday, July 3.

To celebrate Naidoc Week, the Pamagirri group will "transport viewers" in a full 360-degree view to Far North Queensland.

"They will demonstrate songs, legends and art through virtual reality."

Sessions will be held from 10-

10.45am, from 11-11.45am and from 12-12.45pm.

Places are limited and bookings are essential, with tickets costing \$5.50 each.

Children be supervised by an adult.

There is no charge for a parent to attend, but a limit of one parent per child.

For further information, phone 4350 1578.

SOURCE:
 Website, 20 Jun 2023
 Library service, Central Coast Council

On track to be driest in 19 years

The Peninsula will need another 15mm this week if it is to avoid recording the lowest rainfall in 19 years for the first half of the year.

Year-to-date rainfall last Friday was 439.6mm, with only 19.7mm recorded so far for the month, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

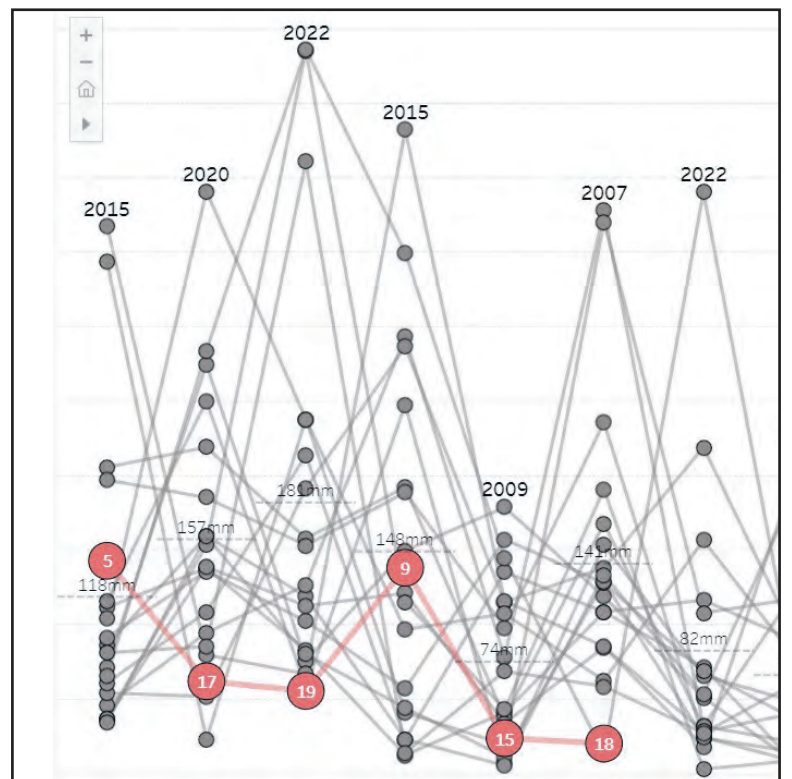
The month's rainfall is the second lowest in 19 years, with only last year recording a lower total for June of 12.6mm.

Another 33mm would be required this week to exceed the next lowest total of 52.1mm for June in 2021.

Three months this year have had totals that are among the three lowest for their month.

Last month was also in the lowest quartile with only 23.3mm recorded.

SOURCE:
 Spreadsheet, 23 Jun 2023
 Jim Morrison, Umina



TIDE TIMES and Heights	Mon, Jun 26	Thu, Jun 29	Sun, Jul 2	Wed, Jul 5	Sat, Jul 8
	0137 0.90	0435 0.79	0204 0.22	0443 0.09	0002 1.22
	0834 0.18	1051 0.23	0731 0.79	1011 0.83	0709 0.08
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Tender called for BMX track

Central Coast Council is seeking “a suitably qualified and experienced” contractor to provide design development and construction services for the demolition and construction of Umina BMX track.

“The existing skate park and BMX facilities located on Sydney Ave, Umina, have reached the end of their service life and are in need of replacement,” the council’s request for tender states.

“Council has received funding under the Community

Development Grants Program for the Peninsula Recreation Active Lifestyle Precinct project for the replacement of these facilities.”

Procurement officer Mr Cameron Thompson is listed as the council contact.

The tender, CPA4470, closes at 2pm on July 18.

The council advertised a similar contract last September when it called for tenders “to design and construct Umina skatepark”.

SOURCE:
Tender, 15 Jun 2023
Cameron Thompson,
Central Coast Council



Wharf to home ferries under boat shed plan

The Empire Bay Heritage Boat Shed Association has developed a business plan that would see the Empire Bay wharf used as a home base for the three ferries operated by Central Coast Ferries.

The remaining berths would be used by wooden vessels of heritage interest, including putt putts, at a subsidised berth rate.

The plan sees the Boat Shed restored and would house a number of artefacts related to the area’s rich boat building history and possibly be open to a range of community uses.

The association said it had no

intention to restore the facility to commercial use.

Another public meeting is planned to be held at noon on Saturday, July 22, at the Boat Shed.

Invitees include local parliamentarians Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid, Minister for the Central Coast Mr David Harris, Member for Terrigal Mr Adam Crouch and Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

“Hopefully, we can turn our politicians kind words in to meaningful support.”

SOURCE:
Social media, 18 Jun 2023
Empire Bay Heritage Boat
Shed Association

Youth want free events

The Peninsula lacks free events and activities, venues for young people, and affordable and effective public transport, according to a forum of young people held last week.

The forum was attended by people aged 12 to 24, mainly from Umina and Woy Woy, said facilitator Ms Beck Johnston.

She said the “most highlighted topics” included the lack of free and accessible events and activities for young people on the Peninsula.

The young people said safe and affordable transport was lacking “where the bus and train timetables align to avoid waiting at stations and bus stops for extensive periods

of time, especially at night”.

The forum also suggested “use of pre-existing infrastructure and venues for businesses and organisations to hold events and/or engage with young people to create safe and inclusive spaces”.

The theme of the forum was “What kind of Community do young people want to live in?”, said Ms Johnston, the Peninsula strategy worker for Regional Youth Support Services.

She said a second event would be developed to present the findings “to the community members and leaders who have been recommended to us at the forum by the young people”.

SOURCE:
Media release, 23 Jun 2023
Beck Johnston, RYSS

Woy Woy man wins photo competition

A Woy Woy man has won first prize in the Robertson electorate photography competition.

He is Mr Alan Murray. His winning entry is reproduced above. The competition was run by

Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid.

“Thank you to everyone who participated in my inaugural Robertson Photography Competition,” he said.

“I am blown away by this year’s entries and cannot wait for next

year’s competition.”

Second place went to Mr Norman Haskell of Terrigal and third place to Ms Merrilie Redden of Koolewong.

SOURCE:
Social media, 15 Jun 2023
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson

Staff add ‘minor updates’ to flood plan

Central Coast Council staff have recommended that the Woy Woy Flood Plain Management Study and Plan be adopted with only “minor updates” at tomorrow night’s Council meeting.

The staff warned that funding would not be available to the council if the plan was not adopted.

“Choosing to not adopt the draft plan would deem Council ineligible for possible future grant funding to implement the recommended management actions to alleviate flooding in this catchment,” the report in the meeting agenda states.

The plan was exhibited between January 18 and February 15, and 38 public submissions were received.

As a result, “minor amendments” were made which include “to note the impact of a future review of Council’s sea level rise projections” and discussion of the capabilities of Woy Woy Public Hospital and about access and evacuation during extreme flood events.

The changes also include increased emphasis on planning to increase infiltration and open

spaces and that any rezoning consider more flood-compatible development.

However, the plan’s proposed actions remain unchanged.

The plan gives high priority to “land use and development control planning recommendations” and to flood education programs within five years.

It also gives high priority to “landform adaptation” within 10 years.

Medium priority within five years is property education and compliance, a review of evacuation centre locations and flood warning signs.

Medium priority within 10 years is the installation of six “infiltration devices” in low-lying streets.

A review of flood warning systems is given low priority for action within 10 years.

The report notes that adoption of the plan “does not commit Council to implementing landform adaptation, including the land raising” in low-lying area subject to tidal inundation.

The plan “recommends further feasibility assessment” before this would happen.

“Detailed economic feasibility

analysis and community consultation would also be undertaken.

“This would involve the inclusion of the unquantified benefits and would also typically involve a more detailed understanding of design, costs and community input,” the report stated.

Indeed, adoption of the plan does not seem to commit the council to taking any action.

The report states: “Implementation of the plan is not only dependent upon external grant funding and a positive feasibility outcome but also availability of internal funding to match the grant funding.

“Actions will be ... implemented as resources allow.”

Mitigation works would be “ranked against other mitigation works” across the region.

“Adoption of the plan itself does not have any financial impact upon Council.”

The report gave only two options, to adopt the report or to not adopt the report, and recommended adoption.

SOURCE:
Central Coast Council
agenda 3.8, 27 Jun 2023

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Multi-unit development includes 'change of use'

PLAAn application has been made to build a four-unit multi dwelling development at 22 Melba Rd, Woy Woy.

One of the units will be created by way of a "change of use" for an existing secondary dwelling on the property.

The application, prepared by Jamie Harris Building Design, states that: "The site is located on the northern side of Melba Rd.

"The property is zoned R1 General Residential and is 627.9 square metres in area (calculated).

"The site is triangular and has a front boundary of 40.13 metres, one long side boundary dimension of 47.345 metres, one short side boundary dimension of 25.59 metres and a rear boundary dimension of 4.845 metres."

The development is intended to be staged.

Stage one would involve the demolition of the existing primary residence and outbuildings and construction of three attached multi-dwellings.

The application states that, as part of stage one: "The existing fence along the eastern side boundary is also to be removed and a new 1.8m high metal panel fence reinstated along the correct boundary alignment."

There are three adjacent property owners along that boundary.

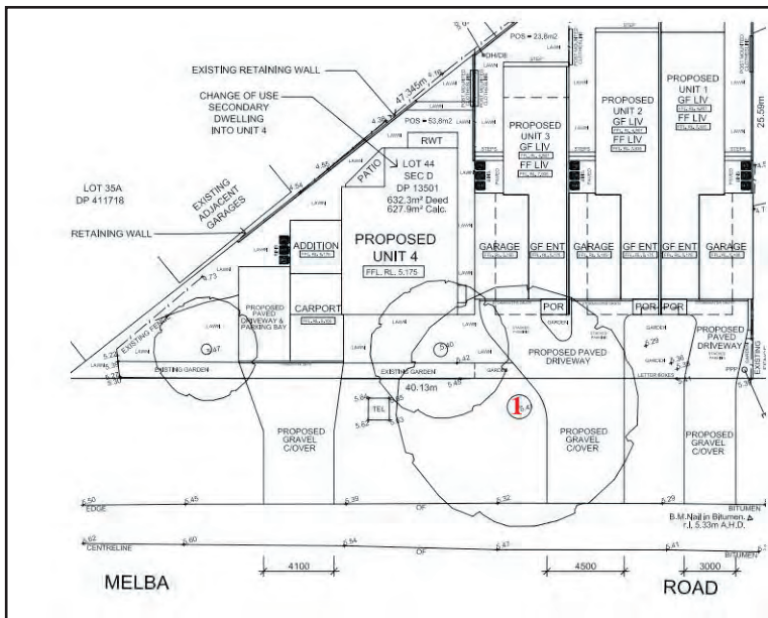
Stage two would involve alterations and additions to the existing secondary dwelling as well as driveway construction.

The first unit would have three bedrooms, while the second and third units would each have two bedrooms.

The application does not state how many bedrooms would be in the fourth unit, the existing secondary dwelling.

The application claims that the maximum height of the development will be 7m, well within the maximum height of 11.5 metres allowed by planning provisions.

The proposal has a floor space



ratio of 0.569:1, within the planning provision limit of 0.6:1.

The application states that "for all dual occupancy and multi-dwelling developments, the required minimum site coverage is 25 per cent of the site area at ground level shall be soft landscaping".

"The proposal will have a maximum site coverage of 38.54 per cent, thus compliance achieved."

The application claims general compliance with setback controls except to first floor living areas of units one, two and three.

Unit four's car port, which will also be situated "well forward of the building line".

A variation is claimed for these.

A variation is also requested for a reduction in private open space below the minimum of 45 square metres.

The proposed open space for units two and three was substantially less, being 37.4 square metres and 23.8 square metres respectively.

The application proposes to meet the requirement for seven parking spaces by providing three stacked spaces, which would overlap the front boundary onto the footpath verge by about 900mm.

"The footpath verge is actually much wider along the frontage of this property than other properties within the area."

It claimed the overhang was acceptable.

An arborist's report prepared by Abacus Tree Services advises that the large healthy Jacaranda street tree located on the Melba Rd nature strip in front of the site would need to be removed, because it was located too close to one of the three proposed driveways.

However this is contradicted in the application, which states "The existing site has one very large street tree that is to remain as part of the proposed development, as shown on the DA plans.

"Due to the number of driveway crossovers, there is a provision to add one additional street tree to the western side of the driveway to Unit 4 which can be required to be planted as a condition of consent."

The application, DA733/2023, was lodged on June 19 and is currently on public exhibition and open for written submissions.

The closing date for submissions has not been posted on the council web site.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 24 Jun 2023
DA733/2023, Central Coast Council

Vets apply for another hour

A veterinary centre in Blackwall has applied to Central Coast Council to extend its opening hours by one hour a day.

The Brisbane Water Veterinary Centre at 54 Memorial Ave proposes to extend its opening hours from 8am to 6pm to 8am to 7pm.

"Brisbane Water Veterinary Centre is located in the heart of an industrial estate," the application states.

"This means we have no residential tenants that will be affected by noise or light.

"By extending our open hours by one hour, we expose the employment zone area to some noise that may be made by dogs or cats within our facility.

"However, our direct neighbours are Mechanics and close shop at 5.30 pm, therefore, this will not affect them.

"Secondly, two shops over from our Veterinary Hospital have a petrol station with lights on 241/7.

"This is a more considerable inconvenience than what our extending of hours would be.

"By extending our hours we will provide the community with better access to veterinary care for their pets, especially after work hours.

"No changes will be made to the use of the land or building, merely just the change to the times of service."

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 24 Jun 2023
DA/45874/2014/B, Central Coast Council

Further weatherproofing requested for Mantra roof

A proposal has been submitted to Central Coast Council for further weatherproofing to "plant rooms" on the roof of the Mantra resort that accommodate mobile phone transmitters.

A development application was originally approved in July 2016 for "rooftop structures to enclose existing communications infrastructure and plant at the Mantra Ettalong Beach".

The objective was "to enclose and protect two fully exposed plant rooms and partially enclose the communication infrastructure (aerials) on the rooftop of the Mantra Ettalong Beach, which are deteriorating as a result of exposure to the prevailing harsh coastal environment and also from destruction by vermin".

The "vermin" were understood to be pigeons.

Two years ago an amendment was approved, which "seeks a better design outcome that primarily responds to feasibility constraints and the operational requirements of the communication infrastructure".

The modifications now proposed by Baam Consulting would "extend formal treatment of the external walls of the plant room in order to address leakage paths expected to develop through the external blockwork".

"The additional cladding work are proposed as part of the Strata Scheme's obligations to maintain the common property."

The modifications include adding external cladding to the full perimeter of both plant rooms, and replacing apron flashing between the blockwork wall and roof cladding.

They will also incorporate flashings at the top end of the wall between the roof system and wall cladding.

"The proposed works marginally increase the volume of the work through the addition of the cladding and its supports being fixed to the blockwork," the consultants stated.

"The Colourbond colour will be as close to existing blockwork coating and main roof sheeting as supply allows."

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 24 Jun 2023
DA29233/2016/B, Central Coast Council

Panel hears application involving council staff member

A development application for alterations and additions to an existing dwelling has been referred to the Local Planning Panel because the landowner is a member of the Council's planning staff.

The proposal for 2 MacArthur Pde, Woy Woy, includes the alteration of an existing dwelling and modification of an existing garage into a secondary dwelling at the site

The alterations to the existing dwelling will result in a dwelling containing three bedrooms, two bathrooms, a laundry, a kitchen, a study, a living room and a dining room.



There will be an expansion of 51.9 square metres to be attached to the southern facade of the existing dwelling.

The proposed secondary dwelling will have an area of 31

square metres and will contain a living-kitchen area, bedroom, bathroom and laundry.

The proposal requires the removal of two trees.

The application does not

comply with planning requirements for setbacks and sunlight access.

The rear setback is 70 per cent less than required for the proposed secondary dwelling.

The eastern setback is 50 per

cent less.

Sunlight access is 68.75 per cent less than the required sunlight access for a secondary dwelling.

There were a total of three submissions against the proposal.

They were mainly concerning the removal of the trees but raised a variety of environmental issues concerning the council's Greener Places Strategy and Biodiversity Strategy.

The council's report concluded by recommending that the Local Planning Panel approve the application.

SOURCE:
Local Planning Panel item 3.1, 22 Jun 2023
DA3760/2022



Peninsula's most-potholed road may be 'renewed'

The most-potholed road on the Peninsula may be "renewed" by the end of the year.

Bourke Rd, between Barrenjoey Rd and Memorial Ave, has been "identified and planned" for renewal works "in the first half of the 2023-24 financial year", according to Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid.

Central Coast Council had used an "advanced pavement management system" to assess the road.

He said the council had made the assessment after he had made representations to Central Coast Council and Administrator Mr Rik Hart about the road.

Council director Mr Boris Bolgoff told Dr Reid that the council used its pavement management system to prioritise road segments, select

treatment options and develop the Road Renewal Program.

"Roads considered for inclusion in the Road Renewal Program are objectively assessed and prioritised via application of a range of technical criteria within our road pavement management system," Mr Bolgoff said.

"Projects with the highest priority are then considered for an allocation of funding.

"The renewal of Bourke Rd has been assessed in-line with this process with the road identified for road renewal works in 2023/24, subject to program refinement and future adoption by Council.

"Council is currently undertaking the pavement designs for each project in the 2023/24 program.

"When the designs are complete the timing of each project within the program will then be determined by considering, existing condition,

location in relation to seasonal traffic generators such as schools, surface finish, procurement methodology and availability of contractors.

"It is anticipated that Bourke Rd will be delivered in the first half of the financial year.

"Council's infrastructure assessment and road maintenance staff are continuing to routinely inspect the road network and associated infrastructure with any defects identified scheduled for repairs in accordance with our current service levels and on a priority risk basis. "Residents are also encouraged to report any specific safety concerns for investigation and response by contacting Council's on-line customer service centre."

SOURCE:
Media release, 13 Jun 2023
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson

Brigade welcomes bushfire system

The Pearl Beach fire brigade has welcomed the installation of a bushfire protection system, and backup power supplies at the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall.

"The Pearl Beach Progress Association through their Safety Advisory Group recently completed a project," the brigade reported in a social media post.

"This provides Pearl Beach village with a great facility for use during both bushfire events and any other event which may see the electrical supply into the village significantly disrupted.

"Having Neighbourhood Safer Places like the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall and the amenities block on Pearl Parade are important as part of ensuring a prepared community, as they provide a 'place of last resort' in the event of a bushfire.

"They are places of last resort, which may provide a greater level of protection compared to your home."

The brigade said that the safest option was to leave early, in the event of a bushfire affecting your local area or on days of significant fire danger.

"With Pearl Beach having only one roadway in and out, which runs through bushland, this may mean evacuating earlier than you might from an area with more roadways, or roadways less likely to be affected by fire.

"Other factors which should be

considered when planning when to evacuate would be any health conditions which may be worsened by smoke or stress, whether your home has appropriate fire fighting equipment, whether you are physically and mentally prepared to defend your property.

"If you haven't yet created your Bushfire Survival Plan, or if it has been a while since you last reviewed it, do so today.

"After three years of wetter colder weather, it is likely we will see conditions which may produce higher bushfire danger ratings over the next few years.

"Taking five minutes to evaluate your risks, and plan how you will respond and when, may save lives."

SOURCE:
Social media, 21 Jun 2023
Pearl Beach Brigade, NSW RFS

After-school

A free after-school program for children aged 7-12 years is being run at Woy Woy Library on the first Monday of each month.

The program, a Lego club, will next meet at 3pm on Monday, July 3, at Woy Woy Library.

The children must be supervised by a responsible adult.

For further information, ask at the library or phone 4304 7555.

SOURCE:
Website, 20 Jun 2023
Library service, Central Coast Council

Motorbike and trolleys found under jetty

A motor bike, bicycles and scooters, shopping trolleys, car tyres and metal signage has been pulled from beneath the Ettalong public jetty.

A team from Woy Woy's Scuba Gym worked with Clean4Shore to retrieve the rubbish.

They went into action from the Clean4shore barge.

"Six divers and support staff and community volunteers gathered 900 kilos of metal and three full bags of beer bottles, soft and hard plastics," said Clean4Shore co-ordinator Mr Graham Johnston.

"The strong current and the early bitterly cold weather did not make for a comfortable morning, yet the clear water and abundance of rubbish presented a challenge well worth attempting.

"Heavy items were attached



with a tow rope with locals keen to assist in hauling the barnacle covered items out of the water.

"The motor bike was attached to the barge, shunted into shallow water then lifted on board.

"This is the third trip to this

public jetty with over three tonne now removed, with the divers keen to continue the clean-up.

"An ugly heavy load deposited was at Woy Woy tip."

SOURCE:
Social media, 16 Jun 2023
Graham Johnston, Clean4shore



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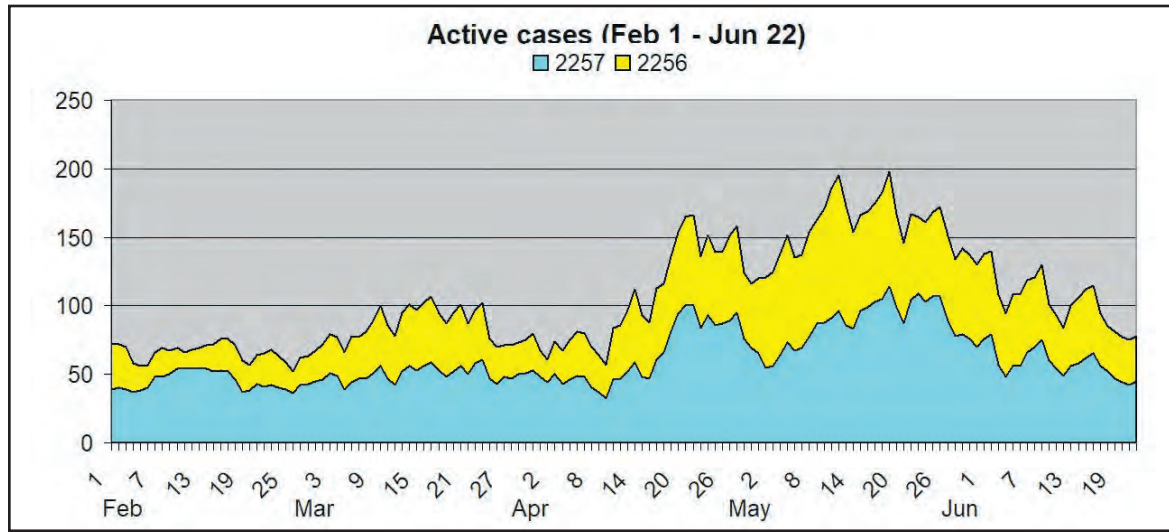
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Health



Virus numbers drop to two-month low

Coronavirus numbers have dropped to their lowest in two months.

There were 75 active cases last Wednesday, June 21, the lowest number since Monday, April 10, when there were 57 cases.

This is close to the average number of active cases in February and March, which was 75.75.

However, despite the drop in the numbers recorded, Ettalong Public School has experienced an increase in cases last week.

"Across our school, we have had a significant rise in the number of Covid cases," said principal Ms Jodie Campbell.

"Thank you to our families who have contacted us if they or their

children test positively.

"Notification for these cases is sent to affected grades as a message through our Sentral Portal.

"Rapid antigen tests are available from our school office."

SOURCE:
Website, 23 Jun 2023
Covid-19 cases, Data NSW

Groundsman celebrates 36 years in Umina

A groundsman at a local aged care provider will celebrate his 36th year in the role.

Mr Greg Smith from Ettalong is one of the longest serving employees to have worked at Peninsula Villages.

Mr Smith was one of the first on site during the construction of Peninsula Village.

"I started with Peninsula Villages in March of 1985, thanks to a dear friend of mine Michael Varley who, under Varley Constructions, asked if I could help him for a few days to dig some footings in clay.

"That four days lasted the duration of construction and, once the organisation launched in 1987, I was asked to stay on as groundsman by Don Leggett.

"I have proudly worked here to keep the surroundings for 36 fantastic years."

He said his job satisfaction was



to the team approach at Peninsula Village and a shared desire to ensure safety and fulfilment to the residents.

He said he had seen many changes and improvements, but it was his love of the outdoors and gardens that have kept him young and dedicated to his work.

"I just love working outside, taking in the fresh air and keeping the grounds in good nick for the residents and staff to enjoy.

"Aside from my focus on the grounds and gardens, I have always enjoyed working with other members of my team and having time to talk to the residents," he said.

Although aged 66, Mr Smith is planning to continue his role for years ahead.

"Retirement might be on the horizon but not just yet," he said.

Peninsula Villages chief executive Mr Colin Osborne said: "We have been incredibly honoured to have such a dedicated and experienced groundsman.

"His commitment to our organisation is testament to the wonderful role model he has become and the respect he has gained from our residents and staff alike.

SOURCE:
Media release, 15 Jun 2023
Colin Osborne, Peninsula Villages

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Art trail deadline extended

The deadline for entries for the Pearl Beach Ephemeral Art Trail has been extended to Sunday, July 9.

Entries are open to artists, groups and community organisations at a small fee, which can be waived for non-profit groups and schools.

For further information, call Crommelin Native Arboretum secretary Ms Mary Knaggs on 0427 502 042 or email secretary@pearlbeacharboretum.org.au.

SOURCE:
Media release, 19 Jun 2023
Mary Knaggs, Crommelin Native Arboretum

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Tea cosies raise \$6000 for Lions club

The Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club has raised more than \$6000 through its Tea Cosy Expo, held on Saturday and Sunday, June 10 and 11.

"We had a great weekend with over 190 tea cosies exhibited on our display tables," said club president Mr Greg Head.

"The sale of the tea cosies was also successful, which was pleasing for the people who put in so much time and effort to support

our event.

"We estimate over 800 men, women and children passed through the doors over the two day with more than 400 Devonshire Teas served by our Lions club members, CWA members and volunteers."

A number of other community groups had stalls and raised money at the Expo.

Mr Head said the Lions Club would disburse its fund over

coming months.

Among groups supported will be Umina Beach Surf Club, Umina Beach Men's Shed, Umina CWA, local RFS stations and Woy Woy Neighbourhood Centre.

"We also make donations to Australian Lions Foundations as part of our semi-annual dues," said Mr Head.

SOURCE:

**Media release, 20 Jun 2023
Greg Head, Lions Club of
Woy Woy Peninsula**



Solar systems installed at fire stations

Solar and battery systems have been installed at three rural fire stations on the Peninsula.

Pearl Beach and The Bays brigades both had batteries installed, while the Patonga brigade had both batteries and solar panels installed.

The batteries and panels were jointly funded by the Australian and New South Wales governments through the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund.

They were installed by NSW Public Works in partnership with Central Coast Council.

Council director Dr Alice Howe said: "The installation of solar and battery systems at local Rural Fire Stations will provide the community with the assurance that they can access emergency services during times of need."

"The ability to generate and store renewable energy also provides economic benefits, including savings on the consumption and

cost of electricity."

Council Administrator Mr Rik Hart said it would further ensure that our community and local emergency services were prepared when faced with natural disasters.

"It is crucial that our local fire services can maintain operational during a bush fire and these new resources will help to achieve that."

SOURCE:

**Media Release, 20 Jun 2023
Alice Howe, Central Coast Council**

Emergency beacon extends lifesaver reach

An emergency response beacon has recently been installed at Pearl Beach by Surf Life Saving NSW.

The beacons are being placed in locations where volunteer lifesavers and lifeguards do not patrol, extending the reach of lifesaving operations.

They allow members of the public, at the push of a button, to be connected to the Surf Life Saving NSW state operations centre.

There a state duty officer will gather important information, issue instructions or provide reassurance in an emergency situation.

They can then call on jetskis, inflatable rescue boats, volunteer callout teams from surf clubs, lifeguards, or helicopter or drone services.

A camera fitted to the beacon can be remotely monitored by the state operations centre to provide operators with situational awareness of the incident.

SOURCE:

**Social media, 16 Jun 2023
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson**



Surf club has a new flagpole

Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club has a new flagpole, thanks to a \$2000 grant.

The grant was awarded through the Federal Government's Saluting Their Service Commemorative Grants Program.

Club grants officer Mr Kevin Manning said: "The club's flagpoles are frequently used during the patrol season and for special occasions like Anzac Day and Remembrance Day."

Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid met with Mr Manning and caretaker Mr Bob Nash to announce the funding.

"Ocean Beach Surf Lifesaving Club is a beautiful surf lifesaving club on the Central Coast," Dr Reid said.

He said the replacement flagpole would allow the club to continue flying its flags during the patrol season and during special events.

The Saluting Their Service Program is for projects that commemorate the service and sacrifice of Australia's military personnel in wars, conflicts, and peace operations.

Funding application may be made through to October 10.

Further information is available online at <https://www.dva.gov.au/about/overview/consultations-and-grants/grants-and-bursaries/saluting-their-service-sts>

SOURCE:

**Media release, 16 Jun 2023
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson**



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Labor urged not to gut demerger pathway from *Local Government Act*

Concerns that Labor wants to remove the 2021 clause in the *Local Government Act* which mandates government funding for council demerger are a serious worry to the Demerger NSW Alliance (DNA).

DNA is a coalition of groups from around NSW that wants to give communities a say about the future of their merged Council areas.

DNA spokesperson Grantley Ingram said he had requested an urgent meeting with Minister Ron Hoenig, but more than two weeks later has yet to receive a response.

"Labor went to the election promising to respect the wishes of communities in merged councils for whom the 2016 forced amalgamations are not working, Ingram said. "It cannot honour that promise by withdrawing the means for councils to do exactly that."

"The former Coalition government's forced amalgamation policy, which cost more than \$500 million, did not deliver more

democracy, efficiency or services – and this is an ongoing source of frustration and anger as rates keep rising."

The DNA has recently spoken with cross bench MPs who said they would support DNA Six Steps Policy to amend the *Local Government Act* to make it mandatory for the Minister to de-amalgamate councils where it has been shown a majority wants it.

In NSW Parliament on 1 June 2023, Minister Hoenig acknowledged that "most of the merged councils in rural and regional NSW are the most financially insecure in NSW".

"Communities are already suffering from this failed Coalition policy and will not be able to finance a demerger on their own if that is what Labor's changes to the Act are about" said Mr. Ingram. "It would be a huge backflip by Labor as it was their amendment to support communities and pay costs of deamalgamation."

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Planning



Liesl Tesch 'turns the sod' for disability housing

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has attended the launch of a "specialist disability accommodation" project in Woy Woy.

"I joined two future residents to 'turn the sod' at the fabulous future 4-unit disability housing property in Bowden Rd, Woy Woy," she said.

"Thanks ever so much to Canopy SDA who are doing a fantastic job developing dignified, quality housing for people with a disability across NSW."

Canopy SDA chief executive Mr Adam Strong said he loved having Ms Tesch at the ground-breaking ceremony.

"To say she was inspiring for our whole team was an understatement," he said.

Mr Strong said Canopy SDA existed "to provide a service that will guide you through Specialist Disability Accommodation to a personal sanctuary, a beautiful, healthy, purpose-built home that will change your life, a place you'll

love and be proud to call home".

"Our design range has been specifically developed to align with the NDIS SDA funding strategy which cover houses, group homes, apartments and villas," he said.

Mr Strong said the Woy Woy build would be "turning dreams into reality".

"There's something truly magical about waking up near the beach every day," he said.

"The soothing sound of crashing waves and the salty breeze filling the air.

"It's a paradise right at your doorstep.

"But it's not just about the beach life; it's about embracing serenity, freedom, and happiness in every moment.

"From morning wanders to the beach to sunset picnics with loved ones, Woy Woy offers an unparalleled sense of tranquility and joy."

SOURCE:
Social media, 19 Jun 2023.
Liesl Tesch Member for Gosford

Planning panel refuses six-unit three-storey residential flats

The Local Planning Panel has refused approval for construction of a three-storey residential flat at 75 Brick Wharf Rd, Woy Woy, containing six units.

The development application also included the demolition of an existing dwelling.

The Central Coast Council had recommended approval of the application in spite of non-compliance with building height and floor space ratio requirements and provisions for setbacks, building separation, solar access and deep soil area.

There were 14 public submissions opposing this amended version of the application.

These covered many issues, predominantly bulk and scale of the building, overshadowing, insufficient parking for visitors and the proposed use of community facilities to offset the absence of common shared open space within the proposal.

One submission commented unfavourably on the proposed rear view of 75 Brick Wharf Rd in contrast to the glamorous front elevation, accusing it of encouraging the trend towards "a solid unbroken wall of seedy looking garages covered in graffiti".

The first reason for refusal, given by the Local Planning Panel, questioned the legality of using the land at the back of the property (currently a council car park) for access to the property, "and whether landowner's consent is required" for access from "the adjoining community-classified Council-owned land".

The proposal provided only for rear vehicular access to the property via the car park.



The application had not addressed the issue, nor had the council planner in the council assessment.

The Panel decision went on to list several other reasons for refusal such as the inadequate wording of the "variation" requests and lack of building separation.

It stated: "The proposed development will not be in the public interest because it is inconsistent with the objectives of the development standards and the objectives for development within the R1 General Residential zone in which the development is proposed to be carried out."

It said the proposal was "an over development of the site and results in unreasonable impacts on the adjoining heritage building, over shadowing, and loss of privacy".

The Council's assessment report lists discussions at "pre-lodgement" meetings and concessions that the Council had made.

For instance in a meeting that took place in March 2021, it was noted that "the building setbacks

of the residential component of the development although non-compliant seem reasonable considering the site constraints".

The initial application was lodged in June 2021.

There were 17 public submissions against it.

The assessment report describes many discussions and exchanges of documents and emails took place between council staff and the applicant, with the applicant being sent "request to withdraw" letters on two occasions.

The set of drawings and other documents that were eventually presented as the "amended" application went on public exhibition from April 14 to May 8.

There were 14 submissions against from the public.

It was refused by the Panel on June 8.

Despite the refusal of the application, the existing dwelling on the property has been demolished.

SOURCE:
Local Planning Panel
item 3.1, 8 Jun 2023
DA/61806/2021

News



Brigades called to car fire at Warrah Trig

Rural Fire Service brigades from Pearl Beach and Patonga Volunteer Rural Bush Fire Brigade attended a reported motor vehicle accident on the Warrah Trig track on the evening of

Monday, June 12.

Fire and Rescue NSW Station 340 Umina firefighters were first on scene finding an unoccupied vehicle on its roof and burning.

Fire had started spreading into the nearby scrub, but quick action by this crew contained the fire and

extinguished it.

The Rural Fire Service crews, arriving a short time later, further cooled and drenched the car and surrounds to eliminate any risk of re-ignition.

SOURCE:
Social media, 12 Jun 2023
Pearl Beach Brigade, NSW RFS

Mingaletta publishes program timetable

Mingaletta has published its current program timetable, which includes many free weekly, fortnightly and monthly activities.

On Mondays, Aunty Jean's Aboriginal Only Chronic Health Program runs from 10am to 2pm.

A Didge and Dance Program is held from 4pm to 5:30pm.

On Tuesdays, an NDIS Connection Desk is held from 9am to 11am on the first Tuesday of the month.

A Family Support and Housing session is also held fortnightly from 9am to 11am.

A playgroup is held from 10am to 11:30am.

Art and Craft is held from 1:30pm to 3pm.

On Wednesdays, a referral and drop-in day runs from 9am to 5pm.

A Gardening Day runs at the same time.

On Thursdays, an Elders Group is held bi-monthly from 10am to 11am.

Sisters Together and Weaving is held 10am to 2:30pm.

A men's group is held from 6:30pm to 8pm.

On Fridays, 9am to 4pm, a mental health counsellor is available from 9am to 4pm.

Legal help is available from 9am to 12:30pm fortnightly.

On the last Friday of the month, Services Australia is available from 11:30am to 1pm.

A yarnning group runs from 1pm to 3pm.

On Saturdays, AA Support is available from 5:30pm to 6:30pm.

SOURCE:
Social media, 20 Jun 2023
Mingaletta ATSC

Sharing patchwork



The Monday patchwork group members at the Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre have shared an array of their work, some in progress and some completed.

One was a pieced quilt top. Another was a completed children's quilt in orange and green, with a lion fabric backing.

One member brought in three baby quilts to be donated to Blanket Lovz.

Another member showed her completed duffel bag, that used a cork fabric for the base.

SOURCE:
Social media, 9 Jun 2023
Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre

Knitting on trees

People may have noticed the knitted scarves, headbands and blankets wrapped around trees at Mingaletta.

They are all the work of Auntie Anita Selwyn.

Her friends say she is a prodigious knitter and has knitted "truckloads" of woollen clothing, blankets and scarves.

They have "hoarded" many of these and have now placed them on the trees as a tribute to her and her love of knitting and trees.

SOURCE:
Interview (Frank Wiffen),
15 Jun 2023
Anita Selwyn, Mingaletta



Little Theatre opens ticket sales for August thriller

Woy Woy Little Theatre has opened ticket sales for its August performances of **The Perfect Murder**, adapted by Hugh Janes from the novel by Jeffrey Archer.

The production opens on August 4 for 10 performances.

"The Perfect Murder is a fast-paced mystery thriller based on a novel by master of the genre Jeffrey Archer," said Little Theatre director Ms Terry Collins.

"The play is set in England and

centres around the murder of a young woman.

"Act I sees a split stage with action alternating between the office of the policemen investigating the murder and the home of a middle-aged couple, John and Elizabeth Hoskins.

"As the drama unfolds, it becomes clear that John is somehow involved in the grisly crime.

"Elizabeth is determined to keep John out of prison, even if it means that an innocent man will

be punished for the crime.

"As the fast-paced action continues to alternate between the two settings, audiences are bombarded with clues as they try to decide for themselves just who did murder Carla Moorland.

"Act II sees the police office transform into a courtroom as the murder trial proceeds.

"Audiences will be on the edge of their seats until the final denouement – with a final plot twist guaranteed to leave them gobsmacked.

"The play features multiple multi-layered characters and every role is rich in characterisation and adds something vital to the overall plot."

The cast includes Graham Vale, Yvonne Berry-Porter, Gordon Crawford, Scott Larimore, Chris Cherry, Greg Buist, Gerard Minogue, Andy Kabanoff, Darienne Knight, Karen Rowe, Michelle Wallace and Michael Sheather.

SOURCE:
Social media, 23 Jun 2023
Terry Collins, Woy Woy Little Theatre



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Education

School to distribute reports electronically

School reports at Woy Woy Public School will be distributed electronically this semester.

Reports will be provided through student profiles on the Sentral Parent Portal phone app.

Instructions on how to access these are expected to be available this week.

Reports are scheduled to be released at 3pm tomorrow, Tuesday, June 27.

Anyone having trouble accessing the Sentral Parent Portal app should contact their class teacher via the school office.

SOURCE:
Social media, 23 Jun 2023
Woy Woy Public School

Evacuation drill was 'a great success'

An evacuation drill held at Umina Public School last week was "a great success", according to principal Ms Karen Wardlaw.

"All students, staff and visitors who were on site evacuated to our off-site emergency point in just under 15 minutes," she said.

"Our students were outstanding.

"They remained calm, followed teacher instructions, moved safely

and quickly and waited quietly at our assembly point.

"Students had an opportunity to de-brief with their classes and teacher following the drill.

"They may wish to talk more at home about their experience," Ms Wardlaw said.

SOURCE:
Social media, 21 Jun 2023
Karen Wardlaw, Umina Beach Public School

Warm-up jersey win

Woy Woy South Public School has won a competition to design a warm-up jersey for the Central Coast Mariners for 2023 season.

The competition was won by popular vote.

Mariners' head of athletic development Mr Andy Bernal will visit the school tomorrow, Tuesday, June 27, "to help us celebrate our win as part of the Vibe Trophy Tour", said school principal Mr Matt Barr.

"Students are encouraged to wear yellow and blue."

SOURCE:
Social media, 22 Jun 2023
Matt Barr, Woy Woy South Public School



Super-teachers dress as superheroes

Woy Woy South Public School has a Superheroes Day to raise money for charity.

Students and staff wore

superhero costumes and raised \$1232 for Bear Cottage which helps sick children and their families.

Pictured are the staff in their

superhero outfits.

SOURCE:
Social media, 16 Jun 2023
Matt Barr, Woy Woy South Public School

Students visit careers expo in Sydney

Around 90 students from Woy Woy campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College visited the Western Sydney Careers Expo last week.

College careers adviser Mr Michael Strappazon took them to

the Expo at Olympic Park.

"They eagerly explored opportunities from employment agencies, industry specialists, universities, armed forces, emergency services, and colleges," he said.

"It was an insightful day filled with information and amazing freebies."

SOURCE:
Social media, 23 Jun 2023
Michael Strappazon, BWSC Woy Woy

Their 'very first' school excursion

Kindergarten students at Umina Beach Public School had their very first school excursion last week.

They went to Ocean Beach Holiday Resort and were hosted by staff at the park.

"We had perfect weather and huge smiles all round," said principal Ms Karen Wardlaw.

She reported many of the students saying: "This was the best day ever."

SOURCE:
Social media, 21 Jun 2023
Karen Wardlaw, Umina Beach Public School



Book-covering

Ettalong Public School is looking for book-covering volunteers.

"We are looking for volunteers to help cover our new K-2 home readers," said principal Ms Jodie Campbell.

"If you can spare some time, we would greatly appreciate your help.

"Book-covering sessions will take place in the school hall from 9am every Wednesday to Friday for the remainder of the term.

"Tea and coffee will be provided for our volunteers.

"If you are unable to make it for these sessions but would like to take a small bundle of books home to cover, please contact the school office."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 20 Jun 2023
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong Public School

A range of sports for term three

Students in Years 8 and 9 at Brisbane Water Secondary College have been offered a range of choice of sport for term three.

Year 8 students could choose from Anytime Fitness, laser tag, PLC basketball or futsal, 10-pin bowling or school sport.

Year 9 students could choose from laser tag, 10-pin bowling or school sport.

Students were required to log in to School Bytes to make their selections.

SOURCE:
Social media, 20 Jun 2023
Kerrie O'Heir, BWSC Umina

Ettalong Public School is urging parents to engage with their children with spoken language.

The school has included a guide in its newsletter.

"Oral language is the way we communicate through spoken words and it is a major area of focus and development in both the new English and Mathematics syllabus documents being implemented in K-2 this year and 3-6 next year," said principal Ms Jodie Campbell.

"Our new syllabus documents recognise that for most students,

oral language is where effective communication or knowledge, ideas and understanding which then informs our written language.

"Oral language has a strong relationship to effective reading and writing and it is recognised as an important part of early literacy and numeracy instruction.

"Parents and carers can do a number of things to support their child's oral language development.

"Children can further develop their oral language when there are opportunities for them to listen and talk for different purposes."

The newsletter suggested a number of ways that parents could support their child's oral language.

These included: Talk to your child and listen regularly. Read aloud to your child as often as possible. Talk with your child about the books you read aloud together. Ask your child to elaborate on their ideas and give justification for their thoughts. Use nursery rhymes, riddles, rhyme, tongue twisters and word games.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 20 Jun 2023
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong Public School

Teams of Three bridge

The Brisbane Water Bridge Club has held its Teams of Three competition on Wednesday, June 14.

The competition was a chance to play with the club's top players and to learn the secrets that often gets them that extra trick.

Teams of three friends were teamed with an accomplished player.

Each friend played with the ace in turn.

The top players involved were Jim Routledge, Hope Tomlinson, Christine Hadaway, Sylvia Foster, Martin Johnson, Barry Foster, Chris Hannan, Jaan Oitmaa, Robin Vaughan, Lorraine Lindsay, Karen Ody and Ed Vaughan.

Director was Peter Hume.

Winners on the day were Alma Van Der Walt, Kathryn Ivits, Elaine Hume and Jim Routledge (pictured).

Results after three matches were:

1 Elaine Hume, Kathryn Ivits, Alma Van Der Walt, Jim Routledge 51 Imps (44.54 VPs), 3-0-0 W-D-L, 0.22 green points.

2 Hope Tomlinson, John Aldersley, Beryl Lowry, Marcelle Goslin 50 (43.69), 2-1-0, 0.18.

3 Wendy Byrne, Christine Hadaway, Caroline Nichols, Connie Lewis 46 (40.62), 2-0-1, 0.14.

4 Sylvia Foster, Maria Rose, Bob Lowry, Qi Hasemore 28 (38.21), 2-0-1, 0.14.

5 Martin Johnson, Laurie Powell, Peter Hume, Tracey Dillon 13 (34.71), 2-0-1, 0.14.

6 Jennifer Tebb, Steve Anderson, Kerry Anderson, Barry Foster 2 (30.55), 1-1-1, 0.11.

7 Ian Newton, Jo Ampherlaw, Denyse Stephens, Chris Hannan 1

(29.51), 1-0-2, 0.07.

8 Vickie Betts, Helve Beale, Roz Harvey, Jaan Oitmaa -6 (27.38), 1-0-2, 0.07.

9 Susan Ashley, Fiona Galea, Annette Clarke, Robin Vaughan -28 (23.36), 1-0-2, 0.07.

10 Edith Marshall, Warren Nicol, Helen Cashman, Lorraine Lindsay -41 (16.61), 0-0-3.

11 Karen Ody, Graham Woof, Anne Birt, Merilyn Reid -52 (16.26), 1-0-2, 0.07.

12 Ed Vaughan, Kerry-Anne Durrant, Carolyn Harper, Carolyn Girdwood -64 (14.56), 1-0-2, 0.07.

SOURCE:

**Social media, 15 Jun 2023
Brisbane Water Bridge Club**



Numbers increase

Woy Woy Rugby Club's women's training has increased to 15 players.

"We worked on defensive alignment, attacking moves, set piece and kick chase," said coach Mr Iain Russell.

SOURCE:

**Social media, 15 Jun 2023
Iain Russell, Woy Woy Rugby Club**



Nil results for Woy Woy Lions

Woy Woy travelled to Ourimbah Rugby Park to meet the Razorbacks on Saturday, June 24, but it was the Razorbacks who recorded a 120 points to nil victory.

The Razorbacks controlled everything from start to finish and were to post points regularly and

quickly throughout the match.

They led by 52 points to nil at the halfway mark, and then were able to continue on and record a further 68 points in the second half.

It was certainly not Woy Woy's day.

They had no answer to the Razorback onslaught.

Best for Woy Woy were centre Jarrod Olive, winger Max Stride

and centre Ulysses Fotofili.

Unfortunately, neither Woy Woy's Premier 2 side nor its Women's 10s did any better, both going down to the Razorbacks without score.

The Razorbacks scored 70 points in Premier 2 and 67 points in Women's 10s.

SOURCE:

**Media release, 25 Jun 2023
Larry Thomson, CCRU**

Last year's grand finalists battle it out

Last year's Women's Premier League soccer grand finalists Umina United and Southern and Ettalong United have met for the second time this season, on Sunday, June 18.

The match saw Umina victorious 5-1 over Southern and Ettalong.

The reigning champions took the lead after just 10 minutes.

A through ball by Riley Lewin found Kate Styles who then squared the ball to E-Gals captain Chelsea Campbell who chipped the keeper to open the scoring.

Umina doubled their lead after

a pass from Hannah Batten found Kate Styles who took one touch around the keeper and finished in an empty net for her first of the day.

Umina further extended their lead before halftime as Hannah Batten found herself on the end of a shot unmarked at the back post to tap in and give her side a 3-0 lead at the break.

Umina resumed in the second half and got their fourth goal from a wonderfully-worked team goal played out from a goal kick.

Bella DeMeyer found herself free in the middle who initiated the attack as Kate Styles finished off a

one-on-one for her second of the day and fifth of the season.

Southern got one back thanks to a knuckleball from Elaine McConaghey that left the Umina keeper with zero chance.

Looking to bounce back straight away, a quick free kick by Kirby Squires released Hayley Fulwood one-on-one as she made no mistake and found the back of the net to round up Umina's 5-1 win over Southern.

Match official was Graeme Gurr.

SOURCE:

**Website, 19 Jun 2023
Central Coast Football**



Christmas IN JULY HAM RAFFLE!

Tasty and Quick Ham Glaze Recipe

1/2 cup brown sugar
1/3 cup maple syrup
1/3 cup honey
1/3 cup pineapple juice
1 tbsp dijon mustard

Method: Pre heat oven. Gently lift the rind off the ham. Score the fat in a diamond pattern about 5mm deep. Transfer Ham to baking dish

Brush 1/3 of glaze over the ham. Bake on 180, brushing every 25 mins. Bake for approx 1.5 hours. **DELICIOUS...**

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Two best teams met at James Brown Oval

The two best teams of Men's Premier League soccer this season, Southern and Ettalong United and Killarney District, met for the match of round 10 at James Brown Oval on Sunday, June 18.

With just the one point separating the two sides, both sides needed a win.

Ultimately, Killarney would win 2-1 and take all three points and extend their lead on top of the ladder to four points.

The first half was an even contest as both defences were on top of their game, denying any chances the opposition attack could mount.

The home side looked extremely dangerous from multiple long throw-ins from Lion's captain Todd Balneaves, but the Terrier's defence and goalkeeper dealt with this accordingly.

After the first 45 minutes, the deadlock could not be broken by either side and the two teams headed into the sheds with the score locked at nil-all.

The start of the second half played out similarly to the first as both teams created chances, searching for that crucial opening goal.

The game got its first goal in the

60th minute after Southern were awarded a free kick.

Free-kick specialist and left-foot wizard Jacob Lepre fired the ball under the wall and beat the opposition keeper down low to give Southern a 1-0 lead.

It took the league leaders and defending league champions just five minutes to hit back.

A play down the right ended with Andy Klijn going down in the box and the referee awarding a penalty to the visitors despite protests from the home side.

Andy converted for his side to take the game back on level terms at one-all.

With only five minutes left to play, another Killarney attack ended with a player being brought down in the box as the official pointed to the spot once again.

This time Harry Fountain stepped up for Killarney.

Being made to re-take his first penalty shot, after someone encroached into the area, he calmly finished for a second time, giving Killarney a 2-1 lead.

Southern tried their best to salvage a point for the fixture but it would not be their day.

Match official was Anthony Kabbout.

SOURCE:
Website, 19 Jun 2023
Central Coast Football

Bev Collins wins Minor Singles

The Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club's 2023 Minor Singles championships were completed on Saturday, June 10.

Bev Collins (pictured on the left) won the event for the first, after competing for 11 years.

With 15 entries, the championships were described as "great bowls ... with some very close games".

In the semi-finals, Beverley Collins defeated Natasha McDowall, while Katie Brown defeated Cheryl Catchpool.

The final was played in "ideal conditions with clear blue sky and only a slight breeze" on June 10.

Both players started off well, however Bev gradually got ahead



with a good lead.

Katie fought back but, after 3.5 hours, Bev finally got the shots she

needed to take out the match.

SOURCE:
Website, 11 Jun 2023
Lesley Swales, UBWBC



Cycle group holds two rides from Woy Woy

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

The group will hold a Brisbane Water Loop ride on Thursday, June 29, starting at 8am at Fishermen's Wharf

The ride is expected to take three hours, graded as medium with an average pace of 19-22kph.

"It is a relaxed-paced ride around Brisbane Waters, starting and ending at Woy Woy," said rider leader Mr Alan Corven.

"This ride is perfect for those stepping up from easier rides, like the group's Woy Woy to Gosford Boomerang ride or other easy and easy-medium graded rides.

"Mostly on road shoulders and shared paths, with some normal traffic roads, you need to be comfortable cycling on the road with some passing traffic.

"Ride pace will be slower on the shared path sections, picking up on the road sections."

The ride distance is 47 kilometres, with an altitude gain of 370 metres in "a few short hills".

The group will hold a Woy Woy to Gosford ride from 8am on Saturday, July 1.

The easy two-hour ride from Fishermen's Wharf will be along the shared path to Gosford and back, a distance of about 25

kilometres in total, according to ride leader Mr Corven.

"Opt-out is possible at Gosford waterfront, about one kilometre to Gosford station, for a 10-kilometre shorter ride."

The group is expected to stop for coffee after the ride.

Riders for both rides are asked to arrive at least five minutes before the start time to meet and sign on.

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

SOURCE:
Social media, 18 Jun 2023
Alan Corven, CCBUG

Touch coaches wanted

Peninsula Junior Touch is seeking expressions of interest for coaching its 2023-24 representative teams.

Coaches are wanted for both boys and girls teams in 10, 12, 14, 16 and 18 age groups.

Expressions of interest close on Sunday, July 2.

For information, email admin@peninsulajuniortouch.com.au

SOURCE:
Social media, 21 Jun 2023
Peninsula Junior Touch

Sun saw 48 support charity bowls

A sunny winter's day with 20 degrees saw 48 bowlers turn up to support a charity bowls day at Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club for Central Coast Kids in Need.

A total of \$1140 was raised from the bowlers and a donation from the Woy Woy Pelicans Fishing Club of \$740 contributed to a total of \$1975.

"The \$740 was donated by the Fenton family following the recent

death of Mark from a brain tumour," said organiser Mr Ken Dixon.

"Mark was the long-term president and life member of Pelicans Fishing Club and the \$740 was the wash-up payment from the fishing club after it disbanded a few years back.

"Mark will be sadly missed. "The entire family including Barbara and Amanda worked tirelessly for the fishing club," he said.

The day started with the spider won by Julie Downey.

Lucky winning rink was Vicky Young, Anne Dixon and Ron Keenan.

Wednesday bowlers prize, a bottle of Wild Turkey, was won by Dawn Stanford.

The Ettalong Charity Bowls event will be held Sunday, July 16.

SOURCE:
Social media, 18 Jun 2023
Ken Dixon, EMBC Charity Bowls

Charity day raises \$5000 for hospital

Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club has raised about \$5000 through its Ron Pursehouse Prostate Cancer Charity Day held on Thursday, June 22.

"We hold the annual charity Day, where we raise funds for Central Coast Health, enabling them to purchase valuable and modern day urological equipment for Gosford and Wyong Hospitals," said club secretary Mr Peter Springett.

"We were blessed with cool, but dry, weather for the bowls and the rain didn't come until we had played the last bowl.

"With about 70 people, we had a good turnout for this important event.

"There were lots of raffle prize and auction item winners, with Mr Scott Wilson (pictured)



from Richardson and Wrench performing his first live auction."

Mr Springett said the club was still receiving money, but the total should be about \$5000, which he described as "sensational".

SOURCE:
Social media, 23 Jun 2023
Peter Springett, UBMB

Handicap Pairs semi-finals played

Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club has played the semi-finals of its Handicap Pairs competition.

The semi-final of the popular event was played on Saturday, June 17, "in beautiful, sunny conditions".

Vernon Hanna and Mitch Douglas defeated Barry Gilmour and Glenn Simington.

Graham Kenney and Bob Merrill defeated Allan Rhodes and Mark Hogden.

The final will be played on Saturday, July 8.

SOURCE:
Social media, 18 Jun 2023
Peter Springett, UBMB