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Surf Life Saving New South Wales held its Inflatables Rescue Boat Championships at Ocean Beach over the weekend, with Caves Beach and Kiama Downs dominating.. More details on page 11.

PHOTO: Allen Trainer

Free shuttle ferry service starts today

A free shuttle ferry service will start today (Monday, July 10) between Wagstaffe and Ettalong wharfs, while ferry diversion timetables are in place.

Due to shifting sand bars in the Ettalong Channel, ferry services have been operating to a diversion timetable, with services from Palm Beach currently terminating at Patonga.

A free shuttle bus has been in operation since June 19, linking Ettalong and Patonga wharfs.

The intention to operate a shuttle ferry service was announced at the time.

The shuttle ferry will operate during peak weekday travel times, from 6:15am to 8:45am and from 4pm to 7pm, as well as weekends.

Departure from Wagstaffe wharf to Ettalong wharf will be about 45 minutes before the Palm Beach ferry leaves Patonga.

For passengers travelling from Ettalong to Wagstaffe, the ferry shuttle will leave Ettalong wharf about 35 minutes after the Palm Beach ferry arrives at Patonga.

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch said: "This shuttle ferry, along with the shuttle bus, is a proactive interim measure for our community's transport needs, as we work towards a comprehensive dredging plan."

She said she was in daily contact with Transport for NSW as they worked to implement short and long-term dredging.

Ms Tesch welcomed the announcement of this ferry, which is the final connection needed

to ensure temporary transport continuity during this time.

"The shuttle ferry is another means to assist passengers access the vital public transport route, allowing passengers from Wagstaffe to travel to Ettalong Beach."

More information about the free shuttle bus service and timetable changes is available on the Transport for NSW website, <https://transportnsw.info/news/2023/shuttle-bus-temporarily-replacing-ettalong-wagstaffe-ferry-services>

More information on the free shuttle ferry service will be provided as it becomes available at transportnsw.info, Ms Tesch said.

SOURCE:

Media release, 8 Jul 2023
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

No extra cleaning for Pearl Beach toilets

The amenities block at Pearl Beach will not get an additional daily clean, Central Coast Council administrator Mr Rik Hart has told the Pearl Beach Progress Association.

"Currently, Council has fixed resources to provide the facility cleaning service across the network of 212 public toilets, resulting in over 48,000 toilet cleans per year," he wrote in a letter to the association.

"At this stage, it is unfortunately not possible for Council to provide

an additional daily clean of the Pearl Beach public toilet without reducing the level of service for other public toilets across the Council network.

He said council staff were investigating whether a bin can be located inside the public toilet, "taking into consideration the size of the facility".

"Should a bin fit in the public toilet, Council will endeavour to have this installed by July 14 and trial this for up to six months.

"Council is preparing a Public

Toilet Strategy to provide a public toilet network and cleaning services that will consider public feedback and financial stability.

"This strategy may identify opportunities to provide additional cleaning of public toilets based on high usage and known complaints.

"Council will inform the Association when community consultation to develop the strategy begins."

SOURCE:

Website, 6 Jul 2023
Pearl Beach Progress Association

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Please email us if you are interested in helping.

Mark Snell, 28 May 2023



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Woy Woy Rotary holds changeover dinner

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy held its changeover dinner on Friday, June 23.

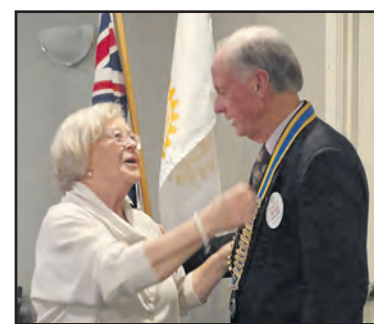
Outgoing-president Ms Julie Jones handed the chain of office to incoming-president Mr Trevor Walker.

The club thanked Ms Jones for her commitment and dedication in leading the club for the past two years.

An added celebration on the night was for the club winning the District 9685 Bulletin award for small clubs, for the second year in a row, with editor Ms Sue Tee being congratulated on her achievement.

The club also inducted a new member.

SOURCE:
Social media, 25 Jun 2023
Rotary Club of Woy Woy



Men's Shed makes native bee hives



Umina Beach Men's Shed is currently constructing hive boxes for native bees.

"With the destruction and loss of honey bees due to the varroa mite, there is a real concern regarding pollination levels across the agricultural areas," said Men's Shed secretary Mr Vic Brown.

"Many organisations are now looking to Australian native bees to

pick up and deliver the pollination levels required.

"The Pearl Beach Arboretum approached our Shed some time ago with a request and a design to construct a number of these hives.

"They are now in their final assembly stage," said Mr Brown.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 4 Jul 2023
Vic Brown, Umina Beach Men's Shed

Aged care cost session at Woy Woy library

Services Australia will present a session on "Understanding the cost of aged care" at Woy Woy Library at 10am on Thursday, August 10.

The session will present "things

to consider when looking at aged care options".

It will give home care and respite care overviews, and describe residential care fees and charges.

It will cover options and assessment of the family home, and pension considerations and

case studies.

Bookings are required, and may be made online or by phone 4304 7555.

SOURCE:
Website, 3 Jul 2023
Library Services, Central Coast Council

Second lowest June rainfall in 19 years

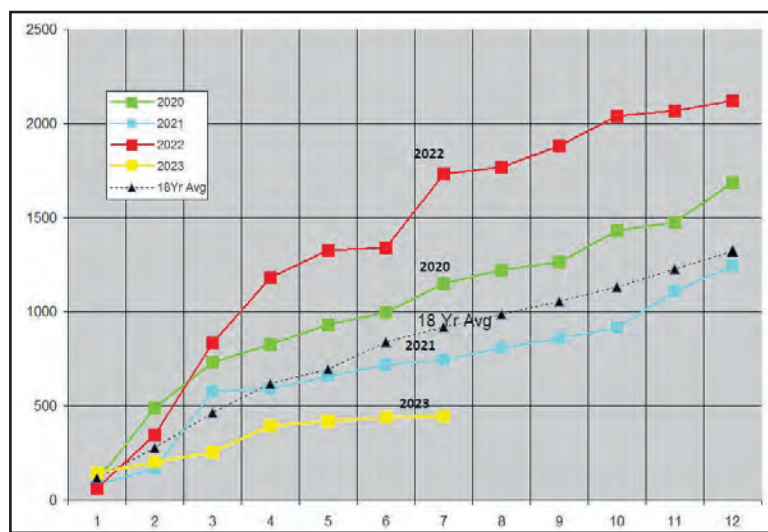
June finished with 22.9mm of rain for the month, the second lowest in 19 years after last June, when only 12.6mm was recorded for the month.

This was 84.4 per cent below the June average of 147mm, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

The cumulative total for the first six months was 442.8mm, 47.3 per cent below the average of 840mm.

The cumulative total for the first six months last year was 1340.8mm, which was 65 per cent above average and more than three times this year's figure.

In the first week of July, only 5.5mm has been recorded in a



month with an average rainfall of 82mm.

SOURCE:
Spreadsheet, 7 Jul 2023
Jim Morrison, Umina

TIDE TIMES and Heights	Mon, Jul 10	Thu, Jul 13	Sun, Jul 16	Wed, Jul 19	Sat, Jul 22
	0155 0.98	0512 0.73	0227 0.19	0415 0.15	0546 0.11
	0842 0.13	1100 0.21	0802 0.71	0954 0.72	1137 0.73
	1450 0.95	1740 1.10	1317 0.22	1518 0.18	1719 0.21
	2106 0.27		1954 1.16	2142 1.11	2330 0.98
	Tue, Jul 11	Fri, Jul 14	Mon, Jul 17	Thu, Jul 20	Sun, Jul 23
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	0928 0.16	0617 0.70	0845 0.72	1027 0.72	1218 0.74
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	1014 0.19	0715 0.70	0921 0.72	1100 0.72	0656 0.13
	1647 1.06	1232 0.23	1440 0.19	1637 0.18	1303 0.76
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Man charged after woman dies on Ocean Beach Rd

A man has been charged as investigations continue into a fatal accident on Ocean Beach Rd at Woy Woy on Saturday evening.

Police said: "Inquiries indicate a woman got off a bus and, as she crossed the road, was initially struck by a vehicle being driven south before being thrown to the roadway where she was struck by a second vehicle."

Emergency services responded at about 7.50pm and found the woman critically injured.

NSW Ambulance paramedics and officers from Brisbane Water Police District treated the 68-year-old woman.

However, she died at the scene. The driver of the first vehicle allegedly failed to stop.

The driver of the second vehicle, a Kia Cerato, stopped and rendered assistance.

The 60-year-old man was taken to Gosford Hospital for mandatory testing.

"Officers attached the Metropolitan Crash Investigation

Unit examined the scene and commenced an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the crash," according to a police statement yesterday, Sunday, July 9.

"As part of inquiries, investigators executed a crime scene warrant at a Central Coast home where a Volkswagen was seized and will undergo forensic examination.

"About 8am today (Sunday, July 9), investigators returned to the home and arrested a 20-year-old man.

"He was taken to Gosford Police Station and charged with fail to stop and assist after vehicle impact causing death."

The man was granted conditional bail to appear at Gosford Local Court on Wednesday, July 19.

As investigations continue, anyone with information about the incident is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

SOURCE:
Website, 9 Jul 2023
NSW Police



Naidoc Week event well attended

Mingaletta's Naidoc Week event at Umina was well attended.

It attracted praise from Brisbane Water police: "What a great turnout."

"Well done."

SOURCE:
Social media, 7 Jul 2023
Brisbane Water Police District

Smartphone workshops held at Patonga

A series of workshops to help people over 50 with smartphone technology is being run in Patonga.

The Patonga Digital Connect workshops over the next two weeks are run by the Central Coast Community College and provide free workshops on all aspects of using the internet and your digital device.

Sessions will be held at the Patonga Progress Hall from 10am to 2pm on the next two Fridays.

This Friday, July 14, the topic

will be "Managing and using apps on your smartphone".

The session on the following Friday, July 21, will look at "Privacy and security on your smartphone".

Registrations are accepted on the day, "so just turn up and bring your smartphone or tablet".

Wifi, tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided.

For further information, send a text message to Patonga resident Mr Steve King on 0476 255 846.

SOURCE:
Website, 30 Jun 2023
Pearl Beach Progress Association

Teddy Bear Picnic Day

Teddy Bear Picnic Day is celebrated today, Monday, July 10, at Woy Woy Peninsula Community Childcare.

The children have been asked to bring a favourite stuffed toy to preschool.

"We will celebrate all things 'teddy bear' and have a picnic lunch together."

SOURCE:
Social media, 27 Jun 2023
Woy Woy Peninsula Community Childcare



Bread and butter pudding

A small group of members of the Umina Beach branch of the Country Women's Association met on Saturday, June 24.

They had "a great discussion" and made and tasted bread and butter pudding.

SOURCE:
Social media, 24 Jun 2023
CWA Umina Beach

Woy Woy library celebrates 75 years

Woy Woy Library will be celebrating 75 years of service in August.

The celebrations start at 10:45am on Monday, August 7, with a historic photo display.

It will be available during branch opening hours, with images of Gosford and Woy Woy districts in the 1940s-1950s, around the time

of the formation of the library.

A Special Storytime for preschool aged children and their families will be held at 10:45am on Wednesday, August 9, featuring stories, songs and birthday cake.

No bookings are required, and all are welcome.

With inquiries, call the library service on 4304 7555.

Library membership is free and provides access to all 10 Central Coast Council library branches and the eLibrary.

Residents may sign up online or join at any branch during staffed hours.

SOURCE:
Website, 3 Jul 2023
Library Services, Central Coast Council

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Height exception requested to fix flats' roof leaks

Roof modifications, which would exceed the maximum permitted height of 8.5 metres by 16.4 per cent, have been proposed for a two-storey residential flat in Booker Bay.

The application for 58 Booker Bay Rd states that the modifications would overcome problems caused by "less than satisfactory building construction, waterproofing and finishes".

"The budget is over \$800,000 for remediation, membrane waterproofing, removal, and repair of concrete cancer, and completely coating all external blockwork waterproofing and paint."

The modifications include the installation of 28 solar panels generating 10kW, described as a "solar farm".

The application, prepared by Axion Solutions Ltd, states: "The development seeks to vary the maximum building height of 8.5 metre by 1.397 metres which represents a departure of 16.4 per cent.

"The length of solar farm roof that breaches the height is 7.6 metres which represents only 14.9 per cent of the overall roof length.

"Compliance with the development standard is unreasonable or unnecessary in the circumstances in this case as the underlying objectives of the control are achieved, despite the non-compliance to the numerical development standard."

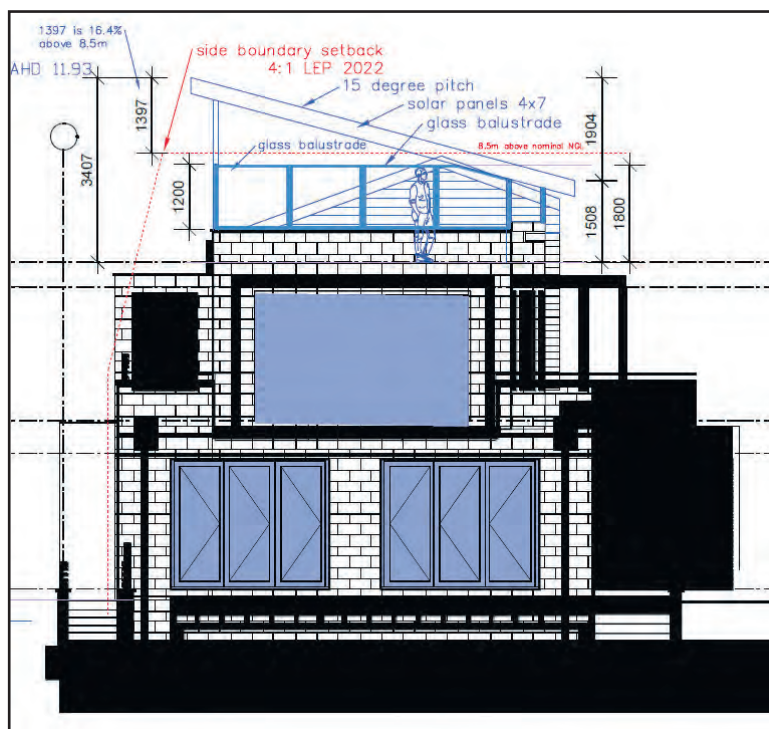
The existing building has four units, two on the waterfront and two facing Booker Bay Rd.

Parking is located centrally.

Unit 2 and Unit 4 are partly roofed by a hipped roof and partly by a roof garden.

According to the application, since being built "before 2010", the roof gardens have both been responsible for extensive water egress to all units and have caused "concrete cancer" in the top level slabs.

For Unit 4, it is proposed that one side of the existing hipped



roof be converted into a gable and projected over the entire roof garden.

This new gabled roof would also enable space for the installation of solar panels at some future point.

For Unit 2, at the waterfront end of the building, the hip facing the waterfront would be replaced by a gable to avoid an internal gutter and most of the roof garden would be covered by a lean-to solar roof consisting of 28 solar panels.

The application states that several "non sustainable" aspects of the building's original design and limitations in the existing electrical wiring have led to an "inability to respond" to spiralling electricity costs or to provide electric vehicle charging.

It claims that the solar installation and its possible expansion would provide a solution to these problems while at the same time fixing the long-running problem with leaks.

"The unit owner considers the loss of approximately 70 per cent of the roof garden amenity a small price to pay for energy sustainability initiatives and to have sustainable electric vehicle

charging."

The application is currently on public exhibition and open for written submissions.

The closing date for submissions has not yet been notified.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 7 Jul 2023
DA1125/2023, Central Coast Council

Brickwharf Rd decision shows benefits of submissions, says PRA

The Local Planning Panel's recent rejection of a non-compliant three-storey residential flat proposal at 75 Brickwharf Rd, Woy Woy, was evidence of the benefit of community submissions on planning proposals, according to the Peninsula Residents' Association.

Council planners had recommended approval of the proposal.

However, the Panel agreed with many of the problems identified in submissions, said association secretary Ms Jen Wilder.

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

The planning panel only gets to consider development applications when 10 or more unique submissions are made about them, said Ms Wilder.

"The advantages of having the Panel consider the applications are

more than just weighing Council recommendations and community submissions.

"A panel hearing also gives the Panel the opportunity to make an independent assessment of the proposal.

"In this case, it said that rear access over a council carpark had not been shown to be legally possible.

"This was not considered in the original application, in the council assessment or in any of the submissions."

Ms Wilder said the Residents' Association was planning to facilitate a workshop on Sunday, August 27, that would help residents better understand the planning rules and processes, and possibly make submissions about development applications."

For more information, see the association's website at peninsularesidents.org.au, which also has a link to its facebook page.

SOURCE:
Media release, 8 Jul 2023
Jen Wilder, PRA

Residents encouraged to request missing landscape plans

Residents of Pearl Beach have been encouraged to request landscape plans if they are not displayed with development applications on exhibition on the Central Coast Council's planning portal.

"Landscape plans, where submitted with any application, should form part of the application documentation available during the notification period," Council administrator Mr Rik Hart has told the Pearl Beach Progress Association.

"If the Association notices an application on public notification where landscape plans are not available, please contact the assessing officer who can ensure they are available, where such plans have been lodged."

In a letter to the association, Mr Hart said: "All development applications are assessed in accordance with the required legislative framework, including the relevant provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act.

"The Act requires the consideration of the likely impacts

of any development including impacts on both the natural and built environments.

"This includes the impact of vegetation and tree removal proposal as part of any development.

"The Central Coast Development Control Plan provides specific provision for the character of Pearl Beach and the impact of any development on this character is also a consideration," he said.

SOURCE:
Website, 6 Jul 2023
Pearl Beach Progress Association

Planning Panel calls on council to involve it in appeals

The Local Planning Panel has called on Central Coast Council include it in appeals to the Land and Environment Court against its decisions.

The item which led to the Panel's resolution was a "case law update", discussed behind closed doors at its June 22 meeting.

However, the resolution implies that the Council has not previously involved the Panel.

It also implies that the Council could proceed to conciliation in Court on development applications where council staff had previously recommended approval, without consulting the Panel.

"The Panel confirmed that it should have the opportunity to provide instructions on any appeals against Panel decisions, that Council should monitor the progress of all appeals, and that Council should come back to the Panel for further instructions if matters do not proceed as expected," the Panel resolved.

The Panel also "requested Council to ensure that each assessment report contains a conclusion which explains the rationale for Council's recommendation(s) in a manner informed by the lessons from this case".

It "requested Council to come back to the Panel with a revised template recommendation for Clause 4.6 matters".

The case involved was Denny v Optus Mobile Pty Ltd [2023] NSWLEC 27, in which the court upheld an appeal against the approval of a mobile phone tower in Wards Hill Rd, Killcare.

The Court found that the Planning Panel did not provide sufficient reasons for its decision and that it failed to consider bushfire provisions of the Act.

The court found that clause 4.6 of the Local Environment Plan "required the Panel to look at all the

objectives of the height of buildings development standard and all the objectives of the E4 Environmental Living Zone in order to reach the necessary satisfaction".

"The Panel refers to relevant objectives which are not identified.

"This language does not reflect the test under clause 4.6(4)(a) (ii) suggesting the necessary satisfaction could not have been reached in compliance with clause 4.6."

In an online report about the case, Shaw Reynolds Lawyers noted: "All three respondents (the Planning Panel, Optus Mobile and Council) filed 'submitting

appearances', meaning that the respondents did not actively take part in defending their position and did not put forward any submissions."

Council staff had recommended to the Panel that it "note the case law update and recommendations following the recent decision of the Land and Environment Court in Denny v Optus Mobile Pty Ltd [2023] NSWLEC 27".

The Council staff recommendations have not been disclosed.

SOURCE:
Local Planning Panel agenda 2.1, 13 Jul 2023

Community bank branch celebrates franchise model

With bank branches closing across the Peninsula, the Community Bank at Ettalong is celebrating the 25th anniversary of its community-owned bank franchise model designed to maintain a local bank branch.

Bendigo Bank started its community bank model in 1998, with branches at Rupanyup and Minyip in Victoria.

The model was introduced to restore face-to-face banking services to towns where the last of the major banks were closing their services.

The Ettalong branch started on April 5, 2005.

Community Bank Ettalong Beach chair Mr Mick Gage said it was also a "profit-with-a-purpose model which sees a majority of the profits directed back into the community".

He said that, in its time, the Ettalong branch had returned \$1.36 million in sponsorships and grants to the community, including to organisations such as the

PCYC, Umina Community Group and local surf clubs.

He said the branch's success was due to the support of its customers, its staff and its local shareholders and the "hard work and dedication" of its "passionate locally-based directors".

"We would like to congratulate Bendigo Bank and Community Bank Rupanyup and Minyip on their 25th anniversary.

"The important steps they took made it possible for communities like ours and many others to take charge of our future."

Bendigo Bank managing director Ms Marnie Baker said: "Bendigo Bank's vision is to be Australia's bank of choice and our purpose is to feed into the prosperity of our customers and their communities."

The bank currently had a network of more than 300 branches nationally with \$20 billion in loans and \$31.3 billion in deposits, she said.

SOURCE:
Media release, 27 Jun 2023
Bruce Croft, Community Bank Ettalong Beach



Local funds build Cambodian home

Money raised on the Peninsula has built a new home for a Cambodian family of five.

Local resident Mr John Orme and his sister Jenny have been involved with the charity Choice Family Australia for many years, raising funds for school improvements and to assist with medical expenses.

"A few months back Ross Wright, the founder of Choice, asked if we could assist the family of five who were residing in a tin shed on a dirt floor," he said.

"When it rained, the rats would seek shelter and then the snakes would follow, so hammocks were the only sleeping options.

"Choice looks after two villages

in the Kandor province, about an hour north of Phnom Penh.

"The villages have no running water or electricity so the community is very impoverished," he said.

Mr Orme said they kicked off a raffle with all prizes donated by the community.

"Tickets were on sale at both Woy Woy hotels and money was also raised thanks to the Ettalong bowlers at Ettalong Bowlo, and Cambodian business owners in Woy Woy, Ettalong and Umina.

"Coming up several hundred dollars short, we were helped over the line with donations from Ettalong Bowling Club and their social fishing club.

"The house in Cambodia is now complete thanks to volunteer

workers.

"It is only six metres by three metres and it has living quarters downstairs and sleeping upstairs.

"Made with a concrete base and brick veneer and colourbond structure, it has greatly improved the quality of life of the parents and their three children, aged 2, 7 and 9."

Mr Orme said the house has a plaque on it, stating it was funded by the Woy Woy Peninsula community.

Solar power for the house is still needed.

Donations can be made to Choice Family Australia, NAB BSB 095910 Account 856471420.

SOURCE:
Media release, 26 Jun 2023
Ken Dixon, Woy Woy



Wanted on Wednesday

Umina Community Group is seeking more volunteers for its Wednesday morning dune care sessions.

The group's South St Dune care volunteers have been removing the invasive vine Cape ivy (*delairea odorata*), a fast growing environmental weed that can form dense carpets on the ground and smother shrubs and trees.

It has been found on the dune between Trafalgar Ave and South St, and can readily spread via seeds or small fragments of roots and stems.

The group has advised anyone finding it in their garden to remove it.

SOURCE:
Social media, 29 Jun 2023
Umina Community Group

Australian film for Pearl Beach matinee

The 2004 Australian film The Oyster Farmer will feature at a Sunday Movie Matinee at Pearl Beach Memorial Hall at 2pm on Sunday, July 23.

The film, set on the Hawkesbury River, is about a 24-year-old man who runs away and finds a job with eighth generation oyster farmers.

It is written and directed by Anna Reeves, produced by Anthony Buckley and Piers Tempest and stars Alex O'Laughlin and Diana

Glenn.

Mr Buckley will attend the screening to "present the film and engage in conversation".

The afternoon is organised by the Pearl Beach Progress Association, with tickets at \$20 including "a welcome drink" and refreshments.

Association publicity officer Ms Lynne Lillico said Mr Buckley has produced a number of award-winning films including Caddie in

1975, a winner of 14 awards, The Irishman, The Night The Prowler, The Killing of Angel Street, Kitty and the Bagman, and Bliss.

The film is not suitable for children under 15 years old.

Bookings may be made on 4344 2319 or through the association website at www.pearlbeachprogress.org.au.

SOURCE:
Media release, 23 Jun 2023
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association

Getting started with eBooks?

A workshop about "Getting started with eBooks" will be held at Umina Beach Library at 2pm on Wednesday, August 2.

The session will cover how to read eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines using the Library's eBook platforms, Libby and BorrowBox.

Bookings are required and may be made online, at any library branch or phone 4304 7015.

Those attending may bring their own device, or use a tablet supplied for the session.

SOURCE:
Website, 3 Jul 2023
Library Services, Central Coast Council

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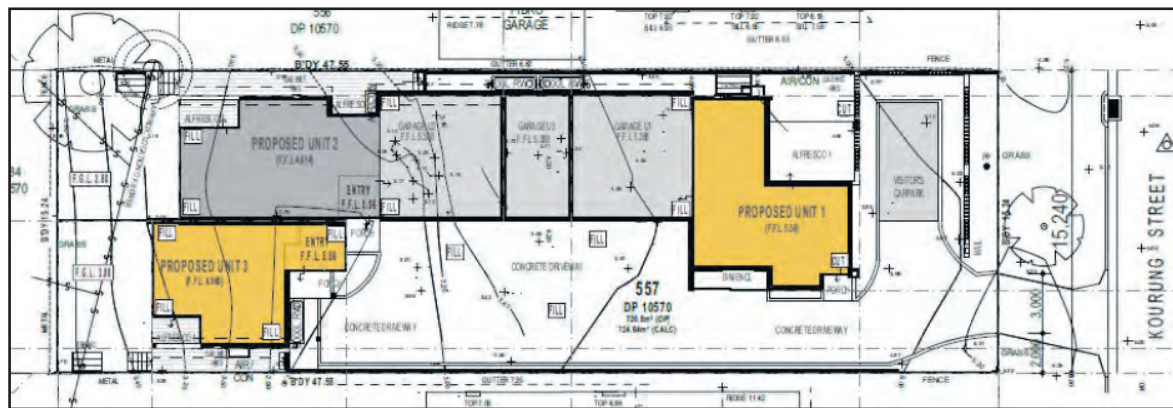
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Planning



Three-unit proposal supported despite non-compliance

An application for a three-unit multi-dwelling development at 36 Kourung St, Ettalong, will be heard by the Local Planning Panel on Thursday, July 13.

The proposed development, with an estimated value of \$1.16 million, has been recommended for approval by Council staff.

The application is non-compliant with front setback, street tree and retaining wall requirements.

A proposed front setback of 7.020 metres is a 1.43 metre or 17 per cent variation on the 8.45 metre requirement, being the average of the nearest two dwellings.

Retaining walls are up to 2.46 metres, when the requirement is that they be less than 0.600 metre below existing ground level.

Only one street tree replacement is proposed, where two are required per 15 metre frontage.

The council assessment claims that, nevertheless, the application

complies with planning objectives.

The council staff report states that 15 submissions were received, with 11 being unique submissions four being duplicate submissions.

"Matters raised in public submissions, including parking, tree removal, overshadow, private open space, setbacks and amenity impacts," the report stated.

It says the applicant was asked to address issues in relation to visitor parking, setbacks, private open space and street trees.

"Following further discussions with the applicant, a set of amended plans were received on 17 May 2023."

The amended plans provided an additional visitor parking

space in the front setback of the development, surrounded by landscaping.

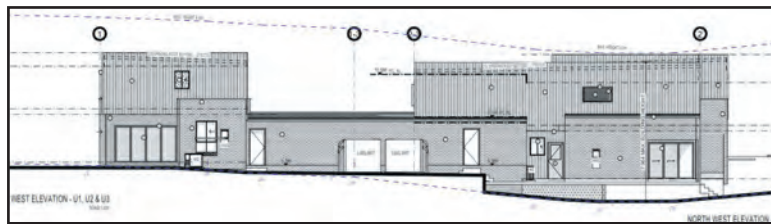
They increased front, rear and side setbacks.

They re-configuration of Unit 1 to remove private open space behind the front setback and remove the bedroom from the ground floor.

An updated arborist report addressed the removal of a street tree within the proposed driveway.

"Given the change to the plans were minor and resulted in a marginally reduced scheme with no greater or additional impacts the plans were not re-notified."

SOURCE:
Local Planning Panel agenda 3.1, 15 Jul 2023



Panel approves application involving council staff member

Local Planning Panel has approved a development application for land owned by a council staff member at 2 MacArthur Parade, Woy Woy, despite non-compliance with requirements for rear and side setbacks, and for solar access.

Rear setback was 70 per cent less than specified in the planning provisions, Eastern side setback was 50 per cent less, and sunlight access was 68.75 per cent less.

Approval was recommended by council planners.

The Panel resolved to grant consent for "Alterations and additions to existing dwelling,

including attached secondary dwelling, subject to the conditions detailed in the schedule attached to the report and as amended by Council's supplementary memo of 21 June 2023, and having regard to the matters for consideration detailed in Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979".

Reasons given were that the proposal satisfied the provisions of the relevant controls and that any potential environment impact is addressed by the proposed conditions of consent.

The Panel's decision was unanimous.

SOURCE:
Local Planning Panel minutes item 3.1, 22 Jun 2023

Forum

Action on flooding? It won't happen

I understand why the council involves stakeholders in discussions.

It is to avoid confusion with the glut of conflicting documents.

Did anyone expect more than "minor updates" to the Way Woy Flood Plain Management Study and Plan (Peninsula News, June 26)?

With 40,000 residents living on

the Peninsula, tackling this matter will require a huge commitment from the council.

It won't happen.

It is almost five years since the Woy Woy Bowling Club proposal was rejected by the Joint Regional Planning Panel due to flood levels.

What actions has the council taken to address tidal inundation in the vicinity of the proposal?

At a recent Land and Environment Court conciliation meeting on the Peninsula, I advised the Commissioner that the council has not updated its climate change advice since March 2015.

Is this the action of a council that accepts the problem of flooding?

Or does it indicate the council will defer all necessary action to a time when it will hand-off all responsibility to residents and claim it does not have the resources and staff to assist those facing upheaval?

Emergency evacuation drills will be a waste of resources as the development density increases.

The emergency plan will need to be updated annually.

What will be the council's education message?

Will it be transparent or will it focus on more development and platitudes?

It is no surprise the Plan "recommends further feasibility assessment".

The council will not want to tackle the filling of low lying areas.

Contention exists between filling individual landholdings recommended in this Plan and regional filling and levees, suggested in the Brisbane Water Foreshore Flood Management Study.

Confusion is assured.

SOURCE:
Letter, 29 Jun 2023
Norm Harris, Umina

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Provider calls for more aged care funding

The chief executive of a Woy Woy aged care provider has called for more funding for aged care, despite a "recent significant boost to funding".

Blue Wave Living chief executive Mr Matt Downie said the funding boost would support the publicly-announced 15 per cent wage increase for selected care staff and was welcomed.

"On review, there seems to be little left over to cover additional cost increases, including an additional 5.75 per cent wage increase for all staff, and other significant cost increases which the sector is facing.

"Certainly a lot more needs to be done on the funding front to ensure we have a sustainable high quality aged care system to

support services nationally."

Mr Downie said a recent industry financial performance report had been released, which showed that residential aged care continued to be significantly financially challenged.

"Two thirds of our industry is now operating at a loss, which is simply unsustainable," he said.

"Nationally, for the first nine months of the financial year, the sector has sustained a loss amounting to \$850 million."

He said this was "reflective of a funding system which has not kept pace over the years with increases in costs in delivering residential aged care in Australia".

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 30 Jun 2023
Matt Downie, Blue Wave Living

No objection to tourist map, but...

Central Coast Council has no objection to a stylised tourist map being placed on the Pearl Parade amenities building at Pearl Beach, according to administrator Mr Rik Hart.

However, that would be "subject to certain conditions, including approval of design content and manufacturing of the sign", he has said in a letter to the Pearl Beach

Progress Association.

He said the association's proposed map design would be subject to "collaboration across Council's infrastructure services and marketing and tourism team" to assess the proposal.

He said council officers would be in contact with the association to discuss the proposal in further detail.

SOURCE:
Website, 6 Jul 2023
Pearl Beach Progress Association



Club's oldest member attends changeover

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy celebrated its committee changeover on Friday, June 23.

Among those to attend was the club's oldest member, a past

president and former Peninsula pharmacist Mr Bruce Judd, now in his early 90s.

SOURCE:
Social media, 25 Jun 2023
Rotary Woy Woy

Weekend of training for Marine Rescue

Marine Rescue Central Coast held a weekend for training on July 1 and 2.

New members came to the base for their induction on the Saturday morning.

Rescue Vessel Central Coast 22 needed to be launched as it was on its trailer after recently having a service.

Central Coast 22 and Rescue Water Crafts Central Coast 10 rendezvoused at Koolewong.

They did a quick patrol down Woy Woy channel and back to the base via Paddy's channel.

After lunch, they did a vessel explosion scenario with a "person" in the water.

CC10 and CC21 responded to the "incident".

The person in the water was pulled from the water via CC10 and then transferred to CC21 so the boat crew could do first aid on the patient.

CC10 then went back to the distressed vessel and found that one of the crew on board had a laceration on their arm.

The patient was transferred to the RWC and then taken over to CC21 so the crew could also attend to their injury.

On Sunday morning CC21, CC22 and CC10 went out into Broken Bay for some more training.

The swell was around 1.5 to



2 metres so it was perfect for practicing throwing a heaving line and then towing a vessel back into Brisbane Water.

Both boat crews had a turn of doing this.

Then they involved CC10. The operator took the towline from the rescue vessel and passed it to the crew of the distressed vessel.

Once it was attached the tow commenced.

After lunch some of the boat crew went through their marine drills.

Once they returned to base, a call came through on VHF-16 for a vessel that had some engine problems.

It was reported that the outboard

was overheating and the skipper didn't want to risk doing any more damage.

CC10 and CC22 were tasked to assist.

CC10 was on scene first and advised the crew of CC22 of the vessel's location.

Once CC22 was on the scene, CC10 took to towline from the rescue vessel to the distressed vessel and attached the towline.

CC22 then towed the vessel back to Gosford ramp.

By that time it was time to retrieve CC10 and wash it down, and also refuel the vessels and give them a good clean.

SOURCE:
Social media, 3 Jul 2023
Marine Rescue Central Coast

Students do 30 push-ups every lesson

Year 10 students in both Male and Female Athlete classes at Brisbane Water Secondary College have participated in the nationwide Push-Up Challenge, over the last month.

"Students in both classes had to complete 3144 push-ups in 23 days," said campus principal Ms Rebecca Cooper.

"Every lesson students had to complete 30 push-ups."

Ms Cooper said that 3144 was the number of lives lost to suicide in Australia in 2021.

The Challenge helped "shine a light on the alarming prevalence of suicide in our country".

"All students were eager every lesson to complete the challenge as they all felt better physically, mentally, and socially, and were doing the challenge to raise awareness around prevention and early intervention of depression, anxiety, and suicide," she said.

SOURCE:
Social media, 30 Jun 2023
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy.



'Vibe manager' visits local schools

Central Coast Mariners' "vibe manager" Andy Bernal has visited two Peninsula schools on Tuesday, June 27.

Umina Beach Public School had a visit from the ex-Socceroo player, who brought with him the A-League Championship Trophy.

Students had an opportunity to hear about the Mariners' 6-1 grand final win and to ask him some questions.

All students had a grade photo with the trophy.

"There were plenty of smiles and a lot of cheering," said principal Ms Karen Wardlaw.

He also visited Woy Woy South Public School.

"The school was a sea of yellow and blue in support of one of the Mariners," said principal Mr Matt Barr.

"We asked questions, took photos and touched the trophy.

"The excitement was intense."

SOURCE:
Social media, 28 Jun 2023
Umina Beach Public School.
Photo: Hayley O'Brien



Health

Aunty Di wins award for dedication to service

Mingaletta's Aunty Di O'Brien is one of five people who have been inducted into the Hunter New England and Central Coast Primary Health Network Dedication to Service Hall of Fame.

The citation stated: "Aunty Di (Dianne) O'Brien was taken at birth from her aboriginal mother as part of the Stolen Generation.

Not discovering her heritage until her 30s, Aunty Di has taken her trauma and life experience and turned it into a story of strength, resilience, compassion and determination.

"Aunty Di is a well-respected leader not only within the aboriginal community, but beyond. She has been selfless in her advocacy for First Nations health and wellness for over 50 years.

"Aunty Di has worked for Central Coast Primary Care for over 12 years and was a key influencer in establishing the Mingaletta Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation at Umina.

"She spent many years prior as an aboriginal health worker across various parts of regional NSW.

"She is tireless in her work for the community, both indigenous and non-indigenous, and has been instrumental in shaping Aunty Jean's Program and reconciliation actions within Central Coast Primary Care.

"Aunty Di has been recognised by various government departments for her tireless service and is the celebrated author of the book Daughter of the River Country, a memoir recounting her story of her life in three parts - Lost, Searching and Found."

Network chief executive Mr Richard Nankervis that, as a peer-nominated award, the inductees were well respected by peers and patients and actively participated in the community and professional bodies.

"They have displayed outstanding dedication to providing quality primary care over the course of their career," he said.

The Dedication to Service Awards were presented at the 2023 Quality Care and Innovation Awards held Friday, June 23, at Newcastle City Hall.

SOURCE:
Media release, 26 Jun 2023
Richard Nankervis, HNECCPHN



BreastScreen bus leaves again

The BreastScreen "bus" has ended another season on the grounds of the Country

Women's Association hall at Woy Woy.

A prime mover collected it early one morning as the sun began to

glisten over Brisbane Water.

SOURCE:
Social media, 27 Jun 2023
CWA Woy Woy Branch



Umina health service wins Patients First Award

A Umina health service has won the Patients First Award in the Hunter, New England and Central Coast Primary Care Quality and Innovation Awards on

Umina Podiatry was presented with the award by the Primary Health Network on Friday, June 23, at Newcastle City Hall.

Umina Podiatry owner Mr Dwight Bilson started Podiatry On The Street after meeting a Health on the Streets team.

The service brings podiatry to people experiencing homelessness, and works alongside the Health on the Streets team.

"The collaboration draws people to use both services, along with

the opportunity to provide donated footwear to those that need it," said Network chief executive Mr Richard Nankervis.

"The innovative use of cloud-based practice management and clinical information systems allows for timely reporting to associated medical practitioners, and often referral into mainstream services.

"The Patients First Award is awarded to healthcare organisations and service providers that put people and communities first in their practice.

"They demonstrate engagement strategies to support best practice outcomes for the centre, the community, and their patients."

SOURCE:
Media release, 26 Jun 2023
Richard Nankervis, HNECCPHN

The first residents will move into new extensions at a Woy Woy aged care home this month.

The new extension at Blue Wave Living, which will be part of the new Beachside House, has taken 15 months to complete.

"We look forward to welcoming the first new residents into one of our newly-completed extensions," said chief executive Mr Matt Downie.

"This is a small but notable step

as we begin transitioning towards a true household model of care with the built environment, coupled with our on-going high standards of clinical care and extensive activities we are known for.

"Initially we are just opening up one section in the north east corner of our site, as works continue on the western side to complete a more significant stage.

"Once the current works on the western side is complete, we will then be able to officially open our

first true 'household', which will be a fully-completed wing known as Aqua House.

"We anticipate works being completed in September, with an opening following certification in October.

"Following on from this, we will be inviting existing residents within The Shores southern wings, to relocate into one of the new bedrooms."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 30 Jun 2023
Matt Downie, Blue Wave Living

Ready to get back in the pool

Aged care home staff in Woy Woy completed hydrotherapy pool safety training last week.

"We can't wait to get back in the pool with our residents," said Blue Wave Living chief executive Mr Matt Downie.

SOURCE:
Social media, 4 Jul 2023
Matt Downie, BlueWave Living



Review included positive feedback

An accreditation review of a Woy Woy aged care home has found that it has met all the required standards.

"We are extremely pleased that there was also a lot of positive feedback included in the report," said Blue Waver Living chief executive Mr Matt Downie.

"It is a wonderful reflection of the high quality standard of care we continue to provide for our elders living here."

He this was due to the staff "doing everything in working towards our high standards".

He said that this month they would be joined by "the first cohort

of our overseas trained staff, to provide much needed support".

"The additional resource will allow us to comfortably grow as we open up new wings and spaces flowing on from our building works."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 30 Jun 2023
Matt Downie, Blue Wave Living

Actors sought to fill two lead roles in October

Woy Woy Little Theatre has advertised for actors to fill two lead roles for its October-November production of "Don't Dress for Dinner".

The play is a French farce "complete with five doors", said director Ms Penny Dilworth.

"It will be a knee slapping end to the year after two mystery-whodunnits."

The theatre is looking for men to take the roles of Bernard, aged

30-55 and a bit of a schemer, and of Robert, about the same age, Bernard's best friend and Jacqueline's lover. "He tries to please all but is caught in the middle."

Anyone interested in the roles was asked to email Ms Dilworth at pennyld6@gmail.com.

SOURCE:
Social media, 28 Jun 2023
Penny Dilworth, Woy Woy Little Theatre



Festival seeks administrative volunteer

The Coastal Twist Festival is seeking an administrative support volunteer to "contribute to day-to-day functions of the upcoming Coastal Twist Festival and the ongoing magic of the Naughty Noodle Fun Haus".

"This role would work for someone looking to get more experience in administration, particularly with a focus on working with arts, culture, LGBTIQ, First Nations, all ages and abilities or someone who is an expert looking to get their hand back in one day

a week," said creative director Ms Glitta Supernova.

"The ideal volunteer will possess strong administrative skills, knowledge of Microsoft Office, be able to work independently as well as part of a team, while having good attention to detail, be able to operate multiple systems for data entry and feel confident speaking over the phone to a range of culturally diverse people.

For further information, email: admin@naughtynoodle.com.au.

SOURCE:
Social media, 29 Jun 2023
Glitta Supernova, Coastal Twist Festival

Double-header at next folk club concert

The next concert of the Troubadour Folk Club will be a double-header concert and will be held on a Friday evening at the Everglades Country Club in Woy Woy.

The concert will feature Sydney-based Kejafi and Tasmania's Marcus Sturrock and will start at 7pm on Friday, July 21.

"Kejafi's music stems from their love of traditional folk tunes and songs that celebrate the deep cultural connections between Australia and Scotland," said folk club secretary Ms MaryAnne Howland.

"Their music re-imagines older tunes and songs to the modern era, some of which have strongly

influenced folk music in Australia.

"They also bring beautifully composed original material that keeps the living tradition of folk music alive and thriving."

Ms Howland said that Marcus Sturrock includes singing, vocal scatting in harmony with his guitar notes and instrumental performances, along with story telling, often related to fascinating people he's met on his world concert tours.

"As one of the known pioneers of intricate guitar body percussion, Marcus occasionally incorporates percussive beats on the guitar's body while playing," she said.

She said people had described his style as "emotively weaving

folk, funk, jazz, Middle Eastern, Celtic, flamenco and more with technical ease, diverse percussive beats on the guitar's body, while simultaneously playing melody, harmony, and scatting; a stand-out, innovative composer".

Tickets are available through the club's website at <http://www.troubadour.org.au> for \$25 or \$20. "There is a discount for those who are unable to pay the standard prices."

With inquiries, call MaryAnne on 0407 917 117.

Limited tickets will be available at the door.

SOURCE:
Media release, 4 Jul 2023
MaryAnne Howland, Troubadour Folk Club



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Education

Reverse Mufti Day raises money for charity

Umina Beach Public School has held a Reverse Mufti Day to raise money for charity on its last day of term, Friday, June 30.

The fundraiser, which asked for a gold coin donation, was aimed to support local kids in need through the We Care Connect organisation, said principal Ms Karen Wardlaw.

A total of \$300 was raised.

Instead of wearing traditional "mufti", students were encouraged to wear their uniform backwards or inside out.

Ms Wardlaw said the idea arose because, for some families, finding something other than normal

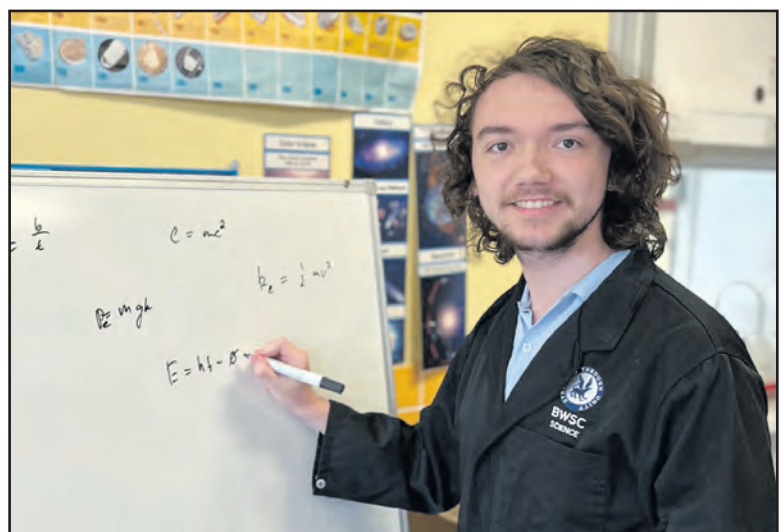
school uniform that was clean and acceptable to wear could bring more stress than smiles, or more embarrassment than excitement.

"This way, we can still enjoy the last day of term and have a little fun, while remembering and supporting others in our community who may need a little extra assistance at this time of the year.

"We're grateful to our parents who suggested this 'reverse mufti' idea.

"It captures the heart of our school," she said.

SOURCE:
Social media, 30 Jun 2023
Umina Beach Public School



Jack Edmunds wins Excelsior Award

The science faculty at Woy Woy campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College has announced the winner of its Excelsior Award.

He is Jack Edmunds.

"Jack's remarkable accomplishments in the realms of physics, chemistry and biology have earned him this exceptional honour," said campus principal Ms Rebecca Cooper.

"His dedication and unwavering passion for scientific inquiry has propelled him to excel in all three disciplines, showing a profound understanding of fundamental

concepts and a flair for creative application.

"With outstanding academic performance and an insatiable curiosity, Jack has become an invaluable asset to the college's scientific community.

"He serves as a beacon of inspiration and shining example for all junior scientists.

"Let's celebrate Jack's phenomenal achievements and applaud his remarkable contributions to the world of science."

SOURCE:
Social media, 30 Jun 2023
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy

Bishop leads mass for school's 100th anniversary

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School celebrated its 100th anniversary on June 22 with a mass led by Bishop Anthony Randazzo of the Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay.

Approximately 750 people, including students, attended the school's centenary celebrations at Dulkara Rd in Woy Woy.

The day opened with an acknowledgement of country and principal's address, followed by the formal mass celebration.

There was a band performance, memorabilia, photo displays, speeches in the school's library, and a catered lunch for all in attendance.

St John the Baptist Church was

first used as a school in 1922.

Celebrations have occurred since last year, culminating in the official mass and celebration.

Students were also invited to dress up as 100-year-olds on the last day of school last Friday, to celebrate the school's 100th birthday.

"We are filled with gratitude and pride after the 100 years' celebration," said school principal Ms Nicole Davies.

"Our deepest appreciation goes to the countless number of teachers, principals, nuns, staff, parishioners, parents, students, and families that have played a role in shaping the thriving school you see today.

"We know in our hearts St John the Baptist will stand strong in the

Woy Woy Peninsula community well into the future."

Parent and Parish Community member Ms Jane Rutherford said: "It was an honour to be a part of today's celebrations.

"It sure brought back some memories for many of the teachers, principals, students and parents who were in attendance, who have helped shape this strong school community over the past 100 years."

More information about the school's history can be found at its website at <https://www.sjbwwdbb.catholic.edu.au/100years/>

The school is currently open for enrolments across all grades.

SOURCE:
Media release, 27 Jun 2023
Kate Long, SJB Catholic Primary School



Dressing up as 100-year-olds

Woy Woy Public School will hold a disco on the first Wednesday of term three, July 19, to raise money to buy "decodable" readers for the school.

It will be held in the school grounds between 4:45pm and 6pm for Preschool to Year 2 and between 6:15pm and 7:30pm for Years 3-6.

Tickets will cost \$5, which may be pre-paid via the Flexischools

app or paid at the door.

A sausage sizzle and drink will also be available for \$5 by online pre-order only.

Dressing up is encouraged but not mandatory, but nothing covering the face and no props will be allowed.

Volunteers are needed to help run the event.

SOURCE:
Social media, 30 Jun 2023
Dan Betts, Woy Woy Public School

All students and staff at St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School in Woy Woy were invited to dress up as 100-year-olds in honour of the school's centenary

The "day of fun" included working in cross-grade groups

across a series of indoor and outdoor activities.

Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid stopped by.

The day was topped off with Teacher versus Student Touch Footy games.

"What a brilliant way to celebrate

and end this remarkable school term," said principal Ms Nicole Davies.

"Thanks for the efforts of everyone involved."

SOURCE:
Social media, 29 Jun 2023
Nicole Davies, SJB Catholic Primary School



Winter bridge teams championship

Brisbane Water Bridge Club's annual winter teams championship was conducted this year in a revised format and attracted a strong field including many former winners.

The teams format gave all players a better chance of collecting some red points.

The leaders after the first round were Team Fane with 33 points after a decisive win.

They were less fortunate in Round 2 surrendering the lead to Team Lindsay, who continued on their winning way to retain their lead going into Round 4.

They had a handy lead of 16 points over the eventual winners.

Director Peter Hume was kept busy all day with a slight computer glitch.

The club's Super Congress will be held over the weekend of July 22 and 23, with pairs on Saturday and teams on Sunday.

Results were:

1 Barry Foster, Hope Tomlinson,

Martin Johnson, Chris Hasemore 59.75 VPs (4-0-0 W-D-L), 0.64 red points.

2 Lorraine Lindsay, Richard Carter, Wendy Mitchell, Dorothy Berzins 56.4 (4-0-0), 0.64.

3 Jim Routledge, Karen Ody, Sylvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa 53.34 (2-1-1), 0.40.

4 Jorgen Boettiger, Deborah Guthrie, Julie Teague, Joan Walsh 44.55 (2-0-2), 0.32.

5 Felicity Fane, Heather Brown, Peter Hume, Elaine Hume 40.88 (1-1-2), 0.24

6 Christine Hadaway, Chris Hannan, Robin Vaughan, Ed Vaughan 35.17 (2-0-2), 0.32.

7 Susan McCall, Judy Wulff, David Adams, Pamela Joseph 32.91 (1-0-3), 0.16.

8 Edith Marshall, Hilary Owen, Marcelle Goslin, Frankie Craven 32.41 (1-0-3), 0.16.

9 Kerry-Anne Durrant, Carolyn Girdwood, Jennifer Tebb, Irene Irvine 4.55 (0-0-4).

SOURCE:

**Website, 5 Jul 2023
Brisbane Water Bridge Club**

Third loss at home for SEU

Southern-Ettalong suffered their third loss of the soccer season on Sunday, July 2, when they went down to a brave and resilient East Gosford side 2-1.

All the defeats have been at their home at James Brown Oval.

Following a disappointing result against Killarney last week, East Gosford were determined to come out this week and get a result against a top-four club.

The Rams lost 3-0 in the first encounter when finding their feet in the Premier League.

This time they started the game like they meant business, dominating the first half and the scoreboard reflected that.

After a turnover by the home side 15 minutes into the game, Lucas Dominello was put through,

rounding the keeper to make it 1-0.

East Gosford continued to press and work hard until a long ball was put through by the opposition.

The keeper came out to clear and collided with the Southern striker, resulting in the East Gosford keeper being bought off with badly bruised shins.

This didn't deter the Rams as they continued to press and a great ball low into the box saw Ciaran Simmons brought down and a penalty awarded to the visitors.

Southern's keeper Alex Wardle saved well but only managed to parry the ball back to David McKellar who missed the penalty but made no mistake with the rebound, doubling East Gosford's lead to 2-0.

Southern's Jack Ellwood received his marching orders for

incurring a second yellow card 10 minutes into the second half and Southern's challenge became that bit harder.

But despite being down to 10 men, for the last 35 minutes, the Southern-Ettalong side played their best football.

A switch in attack from Jacob Lepre to Wyatt Elliott who played a well-timed pass to Charlie Polson who finished well to reduce the score to 2-1.

Despite more chances and a huge cry for their own penalty, Southern couldn't come up with an equalizer as East Gosford held out to take all three points back to Hylton Moore.

Match official was Damien Bury.

**SOURCE:
Media release, 3 Jul 2023
Central Coast Football**

Terrigal wins in scrappy soccer match

Terrigal travelled to Austin Butler Oval to take all three Premier League points in a scrappy game of soccer on Saturday, July 1, winning 3-1 against a struggling Woy Woy outfit.

Woy Woy remains last on the club championship ladder after 12 rounds.

After a good performance in their first-round clash, this reverse match was a chance for Woy Woy to prove they were good enough to challenge for the win.

Coming from playing at Plum Park last week, Terrigal were slow to get used to the field and physicality in the game.

After missing a few good early chances, Terrigal were caught

out early in the game after a long diagonal ball in and a counterattack found their number 9 as Jayke Brown chipped over a hesitant Ferragamo to give the home side a one-goal lead.

Woy Woy's lead then sparked Terrigal to lift another gear.

They found the equaliser shortly after a scrappy contest in the box fell to Aidan Bastick who fired home from close range to take the game to level terms at the break.

Terrigal started the second half the way they finished the first, in control of the contest and applying constant pressure to Woy Woy.

Terrigal eventually took the lead from another set-piece corner, when Angus Missen flicked the ball on from the front post for captain

Jai McNamara to head home to give his side their first lead of the day.

Terrigal continued to create chances and midway through the second half Stu Adams scored a superb strike from 30 yards out into the top corner to give them some breathing room at 3-1.

This gave Pete Edwards a chance to make some substitutions and bring on some youngsters for their First Grade debut this year as they saw out the remainder of the fixture to claim their seventh win of the season and move into third place on the ladder.

Match official was Gerrod Young.

**SOURCE:
Media release, 3 Jul 2023
Central Coast Football**

A one-sided match

Woy Woy and Warnervale clashed at Woy Woy Oval in round 12 of Central Coast Rugby Union played on Saturday, July 8.

Warnervale ran out winners by 129 points to nil, with 21 tries in a totally one-sided match.

They scored tries consistently for the entire 80 minutes and Woy Woy, despite their effort, were

unable to stop their progress.

Warnervale led by 62 points to nil at halftime, and then went on to score a further 67 points in the second half.

Best efforts for Woy Woy came from winger Mitieli Tamani, centre Ulysses Fotofili and prop Tim Cook.

SOURCE:

**Media release, 8 Jul 2023
Larry Thomson, CCRU**

Gosfords run out winners

Woy Woy and Gosford clashed at Woy Woy Oval in round 11 of Central Coast Rugby Union competition on Saturday, July 1.

The one-sided contest saw Gosford run out winners by 114 points to nil.

"Gosford controlled this match from start to finish," said Rugby Union publicity officer Mr Larry Thomson.

"They led by 55 points to nil at the halftime break and then posted

a further 59 points in the second half to take the victory.

"Woy Woy had no answer to the Gosford attack.

"Gosford crossed for 18 tries, of which Nathan Brown posted five tries and three conversions for a total of 31 personal points.

"Woy Woy was best-served by centre Hugh Fotofili, hooker Tim Cook and No.8 Max Edwards."

SOURCE:

**Media release, 1 Jul 2023
Larry Thomson, CCRU**



IRB championships at Ocean Beach

Caves Beach and Kiama Downs surf life saving clubs dominated the leaderboard of the 2023 NSW IRB championships held at Ocean Beach over the weekend.

Caves Beach topped the board

on 185 points with 12 first places, 11 seconds and five third places.

Kiama Downs won 119 points with 12 first places, four seconds and four thirds.

Next highest point-scorer was South Maroubra with 54 points, with three second places and six

third places.

The Inflatable Rescue Boat championship was held from Friday to Sunday, July 7-9, and involved 17 clubs from up and down the NSW coast.

**SOURCE:
Media release, 7 Jul 2023
SLS NSW**

Sport

Umina E-Gals win 4-0 against Kincumber

A clinical start from Umina's E-Gals against a resilient Kincumber side saw Umina claim their sixth soccer win of the year, 4-0, in Women's Premier League.

Umina opened the scoring directly from a corner as Hayley Fulwood swung the ball into the box and the opposition keeper attempted to keep it out but failed to get enough glove on the ball as it trailed into the back of the net.

The E-gals then quickly doubled their lead after a pass by Karla Nichols through to Kiara Kelly saw Kelly take one touch around the keeper and finish into an empty net for her first goal of the season.

To finish off a quick flurry of goals, Bella DeMeyer tried to slip a ball through to a teammate which was intercepted and rebounded off a Kincumber player which veteran

striker Kate Styles swept up and finished one-on-one to give her side a 3-0 lead inside 20 minutes.

A more determined and focused Kincumber side came out of the break for the second period as the Roos looked to salvage anything from this game against the defending champions.

Despite having some success, the Roos couldn't find the back of the net as Umina grabbed their fourth and final goal of the day, securing all three points in the process.

A neat little play around the box saw Kiara Kelly lay it off to Chelsea Campbell who drilled the ball into the right side of the goal from outside the 18-yard box.

Match official was Con Pantos.

SOURCE:

Media release, 3 Jul 2023
Central Coast Football



Handicap Pairs championship final played at Umina

The Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club played its Handicap Pairs Championship final in sunny, breezy conditions on Saturday, July 8.

The final was played by Graham Kenney and Rob Merrill against Vern Hanna and Mitch Douglas.

"It was a great game, in difficult gusty conditions," said club secretary Mr Peter Springett.

Graham and Rob defeated "a very gallant" Vern and Mitch, 27 - 7.

SOURCE:

Social media, 8 Jul 2023
Peter Springett, UBMBC

Terrigal women have clinical win

Women's Premier League leaders Terrigal were clinical in their 9-0 win at Duffys Oval on Sunday, July 2, against a depleted Southern-Ettalong side.

To their credit, Southern-Ettalong never gave up until the final whistle.

From the get-go, Terrigal showed their attacking flair, with wingback Abbie Kitchener finding the back of the net just four minutes in.

This was followed quickly by striker Indiana Moyes, who scored a first-time volley off the back of a perfectly placed cross from wingback Rachel Darby in the sixth minute of the game.

Another shot was saved by Lioness keeper Morgan Ross before another found the back of the net, making it three for the home side at the 15-minute mark.

Terrigal continued to break down a disciplined Southern-Ettalong defensive unit, who played a high line making it difficult for Terrigal to

build up in the centre of the park.

Terrigal made use of their pacy attacking players, often getting in behind and on goal.

On many occasions, Terrigal were denied by Morgan Ross who was outstanding between the sticks for the full 90 minutes.

As Terrigal settled into a dominant display of possession-based football, Terrigal had made it five as the half-time break approached.

The second half played out in a similar fashion, and with Southern-Ettalong battling a numbers game with injuries.

They found it difficult to keep Terrigal out of their defensive third.

Terrigal had made it to seven by the 65-minute mark and, with two more goals in the 77th and 86th minute, brought the result to 9-0 for the home side.

Match official was Stephen Wrightson.

SOURCE:

Media release, 3 Jul 2023
Central Coast Football

Four life members awarded by surf club

Umina Surf Life Saving Club has awarded life membership to four of its members at its 63rd annual general meeting on June 18.

They were Steve Murphy, Rick Boylan, Rob McLeod and Tom Magurran.

The life memberships were awarded for their continuous contribution, dedication and service in driving the success and development of the club and its members over the many years they have been involved.

SOURCE:

Social media, 18 Jun 2023
Umina Surf Life Saving Club



Tour de Central Coast is just over the half way mark

Central Coast Bicycle User Group is just over the half way mark in its Tour de Central Coast series of rides, with 16 stages completed.

"It's a close field and with double points this month anyone can still win," said organiser Mr Alan Corven.

He said the top six riders were Scott Field 13, David Glover 11, Gerrit Hagan 10, Andrew Trappit 6, Ian Cuthbertson 6, Sam Ghali 6 and Andrew Stauber 6.

The club has had two rides in the past week and another two in

the coming week.

The "Around the Peninsula" stage was held on Thursday, July 6, from 8am to 10am, starting at Woy Woy Fishermen's Wharf

A Brisbane Water Loop ride took place on Saturday, July 8.

It started at Woy Woy Fishermen's Wharf at 7am.

The medium average-paced three-hour 47km ride was described as "a relaxed paced ride around Brisbane Waters, starting and ending at Woy Woy".

The next ride will be held from Fishermen's Wharf to Gosford and return at 8am on Thursday, July

13.

The easy ride along the shared path to Gosford and back, about 25 kilometres in total, is expected to take 2.5 hours.

On Sunday, July 16, a six-hour ride will be held from Woy Woy to Cowan and return.

The medium-hard 95 kilometre ride takes riders "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 (Kariiong, Mooney-

Calga, Pie in The Sky, Mt.White and Mooney-Somersby)," said rider 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."

Riders will have coffee at Pie in the Sky cafe at the half way point, or at the Estuary or The Old Road cafe or Saddles Mount White on the way back.

Mr Corven said there was a pick-up option at Kariiong at the bus stop after the Shell service station about 40 minutes after the ride start time.

Riders could opt-out at Brooklyn for a train home if required making it about 50kms, he said.

"Otherwise it's call a friend for pickup."

Riders should bring water, snacks and money for coffee or a drink.

They should arrive at least five minutes before start time for the rides "to say hi and to sign on".

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

SOURCE:

Social media, 5 Jul 2023
Alan Corven, CCBUG