



First Rotary Exchange student since Covid

The Rotary Club of Umina Beach has partnered with the Rotary Club of Gosford to jointly host a Rotary Exchange student for the first time since the program was suspended due to Covid.

“Justin Cuennett has recently arrived from Switzerland and will spend the next 12 months here,” said Umina club publicity officer Mr Pat Lewis.

“He will attend St Edwards High School in East Gosford and live for three months at a time with two families from each club.

“We look forward to sharing stories and good time with during his stay.”

Justin is pictured with his initial host parents, Mr Robert Meyer and Ms Wendy Meyer.

Four other young people also



attended the meeting: Exchange student Dominic Hall who spent 2020 in Slovakia, next year's Exchange students Hannah Steventon and Reece Vergara, and archer Holly Parker.

“All remarkable young people,” said Mr Lewis.

SOURCE:

Social media, 29 Jul 2023
Rotary Club of Umina Beach

After-hours medical service faces closure

The Woy Woy After Hours Medical Service, which has been providing GP services weeknights and weekends to the local community for over 50 years, is facing imminent closure.

Medical Service director Dr Paul Duff said that, unless funding can be found, the service which sees around 3000 patients a year will have to close on Thursday, September 7.

“We did hear that some sort of interim offer to allow us to stay open a couple of extra weeks was on the table, but no one has confirmed this and we don't know if the amount is enough to keep the doors open.

“As a result, we were forced to give all our staff notice that we will be closing on September 7.

“It is almost impossible to work out who in fact is making this decision about our funding.

“We keep on being told to expect an answer but the most recent excuse we have received was that someone involved in the decision making process from the federal department was on leave.”

“A big part of the problem is that we are not dealing with the Federal Government directly but rather via Coast and Country Primary Care via the Hunter New England Central Coast Primary Health Network with the Department of Health at the end of the chain of Chinese whispers.”

Last week Federal Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid told Peninsula News he had “made urgent representations to Federal Health Minister Mr Mark Butler, and underscored the importance of this vital service for our community”.

He said he had also been in



touch with the regional Primary Health Network and was awaiting a full update on the future of the Woy Woy After Hours Service.

Dr Reid said, as an emergency doctor at Wyong Hospital, he understood the consequences of the service discontinuing.

He said that was why he had raised this matter urgently with the appropriate stakeholders.

Dr Duff said the non-profit After Hours Medical Service, run by community-minded doctors, was able to offer services not available elsewhere.

“We see many patients who say they can't get in to see other GPs at all.

“We see many from practices which are not accessible after hours or where patients have to wait a week or more to see a GP.”

He said the service was able to respond within an hour or so, “compared to the eight- to 12-hour wait they might expect at Gosford Hospital's Accident and Emergency”.

Among the “more immediate and urgent problems” seen by the service were “lacerations, embedded fish hooks, pieces of metal stuck in peoples eyes,

pneumonias, chest pain consistent with blood clots and heart disease, bites and children in pain from infections and injuries”.

“All of these people we usually see within an hour or so.

“The service almost universally continues to bulk bill,” he said.

Dr Duff said the funding bodies had been aware for at least 12 months that the service was unsustainable without further support.

“Providing after hours care has always been regarded as a vital part of what GPs do but it has never been profitable.

“For decades, our not-for-profit service has been dependent on government funding, a dependency that has become greater and greater as the Medicare rebate has fallen further and further behind the cost of providing the service,” said Dr Duff, who has co-ordinated the service for the last 25 years.

He said the service had cut back to be the leanest possible.

“Even so, a reduction in our funding a couple of years ago has meant the service has been going backwards, only surviving by eating into contingency savings built up over many years.

“The funding being offered is not increasing at all and with the sky rocketing costs of insurances, software licences, and wages we have no chance of making ends meet.”

Without increased funding, the service will close at the end of September.

“I think we will be missed,” said Dr Duff.

SOURCE:

Media release, 25 Jul 2023
Paul Duff, Woy Woy After Hours Medical Service
Media statement, 31 Jul 2023
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson

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However, in the meantime, we have created a new website so that people can read Peninsula News on their phones.

Written by editor Mr Mark Snell, the website features flyout side-panel menus allowing access to all articles in the current issues as well as access to previous issues.

It includes icons to allow articles to be shared on social media and by email, and has

links to enable readers to phone or email their contributions to us.

It also allows the current print edition to be downloaded as a PDF, which readers may print on their own printers.

The mobile website can be found at <http://peninsula.news/mobile> or scan the QR code here.

Mark Snell, 6 Aug 2023



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

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

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

Contributors are asked to keep their

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

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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.

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Men's Shed makes beehive roofs

The Umina Men's Shed has made new roofs for the native beehives at the Cromellin Native Arboretum in Pearl Beach.

The Men's Shed has also painted several of the hives.

Men's Shed member Mr Harvey McDougal presented the roofs to the Arboretum.

"We look forward to installing them when we separate the hives in the spring," said Arboretum secretary Ms Mary Knaggs.

SOURCE:
 Website, 21 Jul 2023
 Pearl Beach Arboretum



Volunteers wanted

Mary Mac's Place is looking for volunteers.

They are wanted from 7am to 1pm Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays and experience in cooking for large numbers required.

The role would suit a person who gets joy out of helping people.

Anyone interested can drop in at Mary Mac's Place at 100 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, or phone 0428 122 136.

SOURCE:
 Social media, 31 Jul 2023
 Mary Mac's Place



Rotary coffee meeting

The Rotary Club of Brisbane Water recently held a coffee meeting at Ettalong Diggers on Thursday, with seven members attending.

Pictured are co-president Mr Mitchell Gordon, immediate past

president Ms Cherie Simpson, public image director Ms Di Bartok and the club's co-founder Mr Peter Mote.

SOURCE:
 Social media, 30 Jul 2023
 Mitchell Gordon, otagary
 Brisbane Water

Services for older people

An information session about services for older people will be held at Woy Woy library at 12:30pm on Wednesday, September 6.

Presented jointly by Wesley Mission and Services Australia information will be provided about local aged care providers, additional community services and how to access appropriate services.

No bookings are required. With inquiries, phone 4304 7555.

SOURCE:
 Website, 31 Jul 2023
 Library services, Central
 Coast Council

Only four days with rain in dry July

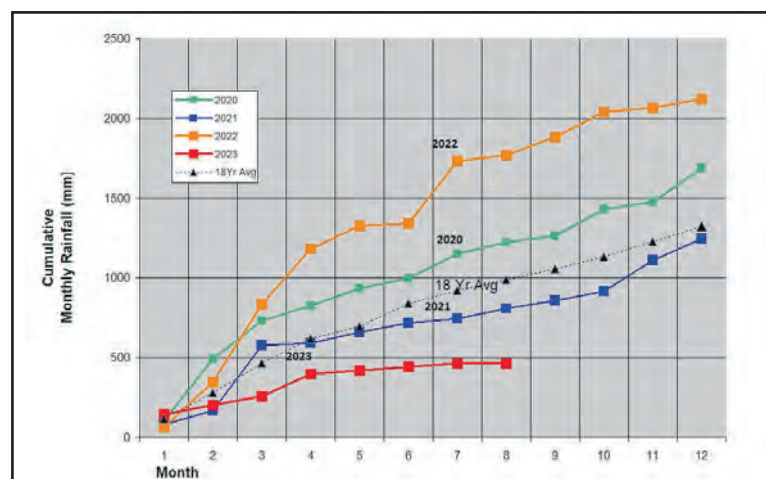
Rain fell on the Peninsula on only four days last month for a total of 21.5mm, around one quarter of the July average of 82mm.

Of the total, 11.0mm was recorded on July 24, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

Another 5.0mm was recorded on July 17, and the remaining 5.5mm was recorded over July 4 and 5.

Last month was the second driest July in 19 years, with only July 2017 recording less at 2.5mm.

The cumulative total rainfall to the end of July was 464.3mm, slightly more than half of the



average figure of 922mm. **SOURCE:** Spreadsheet, 4 Jul 2023 Jim Morrison, Umina

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Woy Woy businesses eligible for facade grants

Businesses in Woy Woy will be eligible this year for grants of up to \$5000 from Central Coast Council to improve their facades.

Applications for the Facade Improvement Support program open on Friday, September 1.

The program aims to provide businesses and commercial property owners with the opportunity to gain help to enhance their building facades and to improve accessibility.

Council director Ms Melanie Smith said the support program piloted in November last year was a success and would now include Woy Woy which was previously ineligible.

"Last year we saw 35 businesses and commercial property owners apply for support through this program, with 30 of these applications recommended.

"This program aims to support local businesses, enhance their offering and accessibility to assist with the revitalisation of our local town centres.

"By improving shopfront

accessibility and aesthetics, we hope this will support local businesses in attracting visitors to spend locally and contribute to our economy.

"The dollar-for-dollar matched funding is provided for the cost of works, labour, and materials to a maximum value of \$5000 per property in eligible town centres.

"This year's program will open with \$150,000 in available funding.

"Project ideas don't have to be costly to make a large impact.

"Ideas can be big or small and can include, painting, signage, updated awnings, and installation of access ramps."

Applications will be received until midnight on 30 September 2023.

Registration for information sessions, the funding guidelines and applications are all available online on the Facade Improvement Support Program page at centralcoast.nsw.gov.au.

SOURCE:
Media release, 1 Aug 2023
Melanie Smith, Central Coast Council



Rotarians drive across Australia for children's charity

Umina Beach Rotarians Mr Ian Johnson, Mr Wayne Dowdle and Mr Mel Dodds are driving a 40-year-old ute across Australia to raise money for the children's charity The Variety Club.

The three members of the Rotary Club of Umina Beach

are taking part in the Bathurst to Batavia Big Bash in car 911, competing as the Rotary Old Boys.

The Bash left Bathurst last week on August 3 and will follow a 5500km route to Geraldton WA, where it is expected to arrive next Sunday, August 14.

The club has been raising funds with pledges currently totalling

more than \$13,000 but is wanting more.

Tax deductible donations by individuals or businesses can be made online at <https://fundraise.varietynswact.org.au/fundraisers/Johnsonian/btobbash23>.

SOURCE:
Media release, 28 Jul 2023
Pat Lewis, Rotary Umina Beach

Vietnam memorial day to be held at Ettalong

A service will be held to commemorate the battle of Long Tan and Vietnam Veterans Day at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at the Ettalong waterfront on Sunday, August 20.

Organised by the Vietnam Veterans' Peacekeepers' and Peacemaker's Association Central Coast Sub Branch and starting at 11am, the service will feature the

Brisbane Water Brass Band and cadets from 25ACU Erina.

The service also marks the 50th anniversary of the end of Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War in 1973.

This was the first time Australians were able to see images from the Vietnam War on their television screens in their homes.

SOURCE:
Media release, 3 Aug 2023
Lorraine Scott, VVPPAACCC

Registration opens for oyster-eating competition

Registration has opened for the oyster-eating competition at the Brisbane Water Oyster Festival in November.

The competition challenges entrants to eat as many oysters as possible in 30 seconds.

The competition is free to enter, but places is are limited.

Register your interest now for this competition online at <https://forms.gle/esjyDXzq2MSTAYou7>

SOURCE:
Social media, 27 Jul 2023
Brisbane Water Oyster Festival

Quick thinking suppresses kitchen fire

Quick thinking by a local 13-year-old has prevented a kitchen fire from escalating past the kitchen.

Umina firefighters said that by using a blanket on the oil fire, and not water, was critical in preventing the fire from spreading.

They suggested adopting a practice of "keep looking when cooking".

SOURCE:
Social media, 25 Jul 2023
Station 340 Umina, Fire and Rescue NSW



Cemetery team talks about memorial trees

Information about new memorial trees at Koolewong will be provided this morning at Woy Woy library by the council's cemeteries team.

On the eve of Dying to Know Day, the Central Coast Council team will tell how these trees work to remember people who have died and the story behind why they

were developed.

The team will also answer questions about the processes of applying for a memorial, cemetery information and council's role in managing them, as well as how to make an appointment with the team.

Dying to Know Day is described as an annual campaign that

"empowers adult Australians to be strong self-advocates for their own personal planning when it comes to their future".

For further information, phone 4350 5108 or email cemeteries@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au.

SOURCE:
Website, 31 Jul 2023
Library services, Central Coast Council

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Two-storey multi-dwelling proposal for Britannia St

An application has been lodged with Central Coast Council to build a two-storey multi-dwelling development, with three dwellings at 10 Britannia St, Umina.

The application prepared by Clark Dowdle and Associates states that "The dwelling construction would utilise reinforced concrete slab footings, timber roof rafters with colorbond roof sheeting, aluminium framed windows and mixture of external cladding."

Six off-street car parking spaces would be provided including one visitor's space.

The proposal does not comply with front setback requirements.

This should be an average of adjoining property setbacks which is 6.7 metres but this proposal seeks a variation to include a front porch with a 5.77 front setback.

The application argues: "Meeting the 'average of adjoining' is somewhat unreasonable in terms of a multi-dwelling development to have the same setback as a single dwelling houses that were erected 30 years ago.

"Since this time, higher density housing has been established in the medium density zone that has established a six metre front setback (per GDCP 2013).

"This is demonstrated in the more recent development that has occurred directly across the road at 3 Britannia and 7 Britannia.

"It is anticipated that future multi-dwelling development would occur in the street and that variations the average of adjoining requirements will be sought to allow smaller and more affordable housing stock to



be established on similar sides lots."

The application is accompanied by a written variation request, requesting a variation to the front setback.

The proposal also "requires removal" of an apparently healthy street tree to make way for the driveway which will be located on the left (eastern) side of the development.

This has already provoked one opposing submission from a member of the public.

There is a four per cent variation requested to the requirement for unbroken lengths of wall not to exceed 10 metres in length and three metres in height.

The application claims the proposed multi-dwelling housing development is consistent with the objectives, planning strategies and controls applicable to the site.

"The creation of an additional allotment and dwelling-house would not result in any adverse environmental, amenity, social or economic impacts to the site and surrounding area."

The exhibited plans appear to show a "North Point" that is out by more than seven degrees, while the correct azimuth is annotated on the site boundaries of the same drawing.

The computer software that generated the shadow diagrams appears to have used the false North Point, so would also be incorrect.

The application is currently open for written submissions from the public.

The closing date for submissions is August 25.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 5 Aug 2023
DA1336/2023, Central Coast Council

Refusal recommended for dual occupancy

Council planners have recommended refusal of an application for development of a dual occupancy at 23 Bangalow St, Ettalong, which will be considered at the Local Planning Panel meeting on Thursday, August 10.

The application is for a two-storey dual occupancy with three bedrooms per unit.

Each unit would have two bedrooms at ground level and a master bedroom on the first floor.

They would feature a ground level living area, front courtyards and first floor decks, a roof-top terrace for each unit, and two two-car garages off the rear laneway.

"The application is required to be referred to the Local Planning Panel as a result of the number of submissions received during the notification period," the associated report states.

"Twenty-one submissions were received."

The report said that the application was amended throughout the assessment process.

The application originally proposed a floor space ratio of 0.59:1, a 11.8 per cent variation to the maximum of 0.5:1, which would also have triggered referral to the Panel.

However, the application was amended to reduce the proposed

floor space ratio to 0.54:1.

The report stated the "key issues" included the non-compliant floor space ratio, and non-compliance with other planning provisions.

These included provisions for setbacks, deep soil, waste, private open space and solar access.

Public submissions and matters raised in them were listed as a key issue.

Another key issue was "insufficient information" about "swept paths" and clearances required for access, preliminary engineering plans and landscape plans.

A number of reasons were given in the council planning assessment to refuse the application.

These included that: "The proposal is not consistent with the R1 zone objective of the Central Coast Local Environmental Plan 2022.

"The proposal has not demonstrated that it pays adequate regards to the environmental constraints of the site or that it can adequately mitigate its impacts.

"The proposal has not demonstrated that it exhibits best practice design given its floor space ratio, setback non-compliances, solar access and amenity issues."

SOURCE:
Local Planning Panel
agenda 3.2, 10 Aug 2023
DA/1776/2022, Central
Coast Council

Application seeks changes to 2017 development approval

An application to amend a 2017 development approval for 55 Kourung St, Ettalong, has been submitted to Central Coast Council.

The original approval altered an existing dwelling and included a new one-storey addition, which formed part of the original dwelling.

The amendment would change the development into a two-storey dwelling.

It would change internal layouts, windows and doors, and cladding to suit the new two-storey arrangements.

A carport is proposed to be located at the rear of the property.

Other changes include a rear deck, an entry deck and awning structure, and an adjustable louvre roof system to the north side of the dwelling.

The application does not admit to any non-compliance with planning provisions arising from the changes to the original application.

It concludes: "The proposed residence has been designed



with the minimisation of impact upon the environment, subject site, neighbouring sites and neighbourhood in general being a central aim.

"The design also takes advantage of cross ventilation and solar access to heat and cool the dwelling.

"The proposed design creates

an interesting aspect from street view with the choice of materials, louvres and sliding doors, deck areas and also the roof design."

The proposal is currently on public exhibition and available for written submissions.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 6 Aug 2023
DA52473/2017/A, Central
Coast Council

Everglades upgrade proposal to go to planning panel

A proposal to replace the Pro shop, bowls office and amenities at the Everglades Country Club at a cost of \$550,000 will go before the Local Planning Panel for its decision on Thursday, August 10.

The application was referred to the Local Planning Panel as a result of 11 unique submissions being received during the notification period.

Central Coast Council planners have recommended approval, subject to conditions.

The report stated the key issues were matters raised in public submissions, including noise, notification, and trading hours.

The proposed development seeks approval to demolish the existing cart and bag storage sheds and existing green keepers' sheds.

It seeks approval for a new golf pro shop with larger cart and bag storage areas, and a new bowls office and amenities.

The current operating hours of the pro shop and locker rooms are currently Monday to Sunday 6am till 6pm.

"The proposed development seeks a reconfiguration of the existing facilities and are not considered in themselves to generate additional car parking requirements," the assessment states.

"The proposed development includes an additional 190 square metres of floor area, which, would require an additional 19 parking spaces.

"However, the current parking arrangements are considered sufficient, on the basis that the proposal aims to replace outdated facilities with similar facilities and the new facilities are unlikely to generate additional parking demand.

"The use of the golf course and pro shop is considered complimentary to the use of the registered club on the site and peak periods of use generally do not overlap.

"There is significant capacity within the existing parking provided on site (211 spaces)."

SOURCE:
Local Planning Panel
agenda 3.3, 10 Aug 2023
DA/2501/2022, Central
Coast Council



Awards for supporting Lions fundraising over 10 years

Two local businesses have received community service awards from the Lions Club of the Woy Woy Peninsula.

The awards acknowledged their support of Lions fundraising efforts over the past 10 years.

The club has raised well over \$10,000 a year in this time, from activities such as its monthly car boot sales, its annual tea cosy expo and sales of Christmas cakes and puddings.

"The funds raised have enabled our club to keep supporting the local organisations that need our donations to continue their great work in the community," said secretary Mr Greg Head.

He said sales of Lions Christmas Cakes and Puddings had totalled \$100,000 over the 10 years and more than a quarter of these had been sold through two local pharmacies, Lance Clarke Amcal Chemist Woy Woy and McPhee Pharmacy Ettalong.

Together, the two businesses have sold over \$27,000 of these, without taking commission.

The club's "Christmas cake chairman", Mr Ian Taylor, presented the Lions Australia Awards to Mr Stephen McPhee of McPhee Pharmacy Ettalong and to Ms Vicki Duffy representing Lance Clarke Amcal Chemist Woy Woy at the club's recent changeover dinner.

He said the awards were "in

appreciation of the great support we have received year after year".

Donations from the club have been instrumental in establishing Riding for the Disabled locally and the renal unit at Gosford Hospital.

"We have also donated to Elsie's Retreat at Gosford Hospital and to two local young children who needed special equipment to help them and their parents lead a more sustainable life."

The club has also supported the local surf clubs, Rural Fire Service brigades, the Men's Shed and other charity groups.

SOURCE:
Media release, 2 Aug 2023
Greg Head, Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club

Woman goes missing twice in a week

A 62-year-old woman from Woy Woy has gone missing from Woy Woy twice in a week.

Ms Susan Chiddy first went missing on Monday, July 31, and was located safe and well on Wednesday, August 2.

"Following a public appeal for assistance and an extensive coordinated land search, police and Rural Fire Service on trail bikes located the woman about 10.30am on the Daleys Point walking track, Killcare.

"She was assessed by NSW Ambulance paramedics and taken to Gosford Hospital in a stable condition."

However, on Friday morning, August 4, she was again reported missing.

She was last seen leaving a home on The Boulevard, Woy Woy, about 10am, and was unable to be located since, according to NSW Police.

"Police and family hold concerns for her welfare," they said.

"She is described as being of caucasian appearance, 170-175cm tall, with a thin build, and grey bob style hair.



"She was last seen wearing grey track pants, a beige jumper, white socks and white slides with blue stripes.

"Susan is known to frequent the Woy Woy, Blackwall, Empire Bay and Killcare areas."

Anyone with information of her whereabouts is urged to contact Gosford Police Station or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

SOURCE:
Social media, 5 Aug 2023
Brisbane Water Police District

Saturday inspection times

Acres for sale

Invitation Saturday: 10.00-10.30am

32 Brittany Street, Kariong \$1,500,000 (no offers)

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237 Ocean View Road, Ettalong Beach

Unit 107	2 Bedrooms + 2 + 2	\$1,045,000
Unit 112	2 Bedrooms + 2 + 2 + massive courtyard/store	\$1,282,000
Unit 207	1 Bedroom + 1 + 1	\$779,000
Unit 209	1 Bedroom + 1 + 1	\$775,000
Unit 302	2 Bedroom + 2 + 1	\$1,120,000
Unit 309	1 Bedroom + 1 + 1	\$780,000
Unit 314	2 Bedrooms + 2 + 2 + store	\$1,268,000
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'Run for The Voice' ends at Ettalong

Ultra-marathon runner Mr Pat Farmer is running through the Central Coast on Monday, August 21, finishing at 4pm on the Ettalong foreshore.

The run is part of his round-Australia 14,400-kilometre Run for The Voice which will finish at Uluru in October.

Mr Farmer, the former Federal Liberal Member for the southern Sydney seat of Macarthur, in support for constitutional recognition of First Nations people and an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament, according to Member for Robertson

Dr Gordon Reid.

"As a proud Central Coast resident, Pat is passionate about improving the outcomes for First Nations' communities," said Dr Reid.

"This is why he supports constitutional recognition by establishing an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament."

Dr Gordon Reid MP, is encouraging community involvement: "Let's get behind Pat and give him the welcome he deserves.

"I look forward to a big welcome

party on Ettalong foreshore and I am hoping as many people as possible can be a part of this historic run."

Dr Reid said locals could get involved by running with Pat as he travelled through the Central Coast.

For further information, call Dr Reid's office on 4322 2400 or email Gordon.Reid.MP@aph.gov.au

Information on Pat's Run for The Voice is available online at <https://www.runforthevoice.com/>

SOURCE:
Media release, 1 Aug 2023
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson

Coastal Twist shop window comp opens

Coastal Twist Festival organisers have opened their annual shop window display competition ahead of the festival in September.

They are wanting "shopfront windows with your very best rainbow and sparkles or your interpretation of this year's festival theme - Inclusion Means You".

The competition runs for the duration of the festival from Monday, September 25, to Monday, October 2.

Prizes include a \$1500 regional radio package, a \$760 newspaper

advertising package and a \$500 signage package.

"Our shopfront window display competition is a fabulous way to show your support and join as a community, making the streets come alive with colour and festive flair," said festival director Ms Glitta Supernova.

Previous Coastal Twist Festival shopfront winners included Life Line Woy Woy, Big Boys Pizza, Link and Pin, and Paws on the Coast.

Registrations are open online at www.coastaltwist.org.au/ shopfront.

The Coastal Twist Festival is described as seven days of "surprises, playful and profound fun and learnings" with gender and sexually diverse arts and culture from across the region.

Ms Supernova said that last year the festival attracted more than 9500 people with half being tourists.

The full schedule of events is also available on the festival website.

SOURCE:
Media release, 1 Aug 2023
Glitta Supernova, Coastal Twist Festival

Planning

Proposal to double Booker Bay child care centre capacity

An application has been made to expand a childcare centre at 97-99 Booker Bay Rd to almost double its capacity from 67 to 126 children.

The work which is costed at \$1,055,850 includes extensive alterations to the existing building and will also include construction of a new two-storey building at 2 Davis St connected to the southern side of the existing child care centre.

The application does not comply with planning requirements for car parking or setbacks.



Planning provisions require 37 car spaces, but only 26 are provided, a shortfall of 11 spaces.

Setbacks of as little as 918mm are proposed, where planning

provisions require setbacks of 3.0 metres.

The application was prepared by Tim Shelley Planning for the Belong Early Childhood Centre.

The total gross floor area of the expanded development would be 855 square metres, comprised of 556 square metres on the ground floor and 299 square metres on the

first floor.

The application says that the proposal addresses "the significant shortfall and overwhelming demand for childcare services in the Booker Bay area".

It claims the existing centre has a waiting list of over 700 families.

Objections have been received from local residents worried about the scale of the development, and problems with noise and traffic.

The application is currently open for public submissions, closing on August 11.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 5 Aug 2023
DA1317/2023, Central Coast Council

Central Coast Council has refused an application for a dual occupancy at 17 Britannia St, Umina.

The council gave eight reasons for refusal, including one with 16 parts.

It stated that the proposed development was inconsistent with land use zone objectives, as the proposal was not compatible with the desired future character of the established residential area and did not "promote best design practice regarding the subject site constraints".

It said the proposed development failed to comply with Clause 4.1B of the Gosford Local Environmental Plan 2014.

"The applicant's Clause 4.6 written request to vary the minimum lot size for dual occupancy development standard has not adequately demonstrated that compliance with the standard is unreasonable or unnecessary in

Council gives list of reasons for refusal

the circumstances of the case.

"The applicant's Clause 4.6 written request to vary the minimum lot size for dual occupancy development standard has not adequately addressed the matters required by Clause 4.6(3) b) as sufficient environmental planning grounds, specific to the development on the site, have not been provided to justify the variation."

The council's determination stated: "The proposed development is not in the public interest because it is inconsistent with the objective of the particular standard.

"This is on the basis that it fails to comply with certain development standards."

It said the proposed development failed to comply with the development control plan in 16 respects.

These included failing to comply with building envelope requirements, not meeting minimum rear setback for garages, failing to suitably level the site to minimise fill within setback areas, failing to retain visually prominent vegetation within the street reserve.

It had not met the minimum garage parking space dimensions, had failed to suitably design the development for garages to be setback one metre behind the outermost walls of the building to minimise the visual dominance of garages on any building elevation,

and had failed to retain sight lines for rear courtyards due to the inadequate setback of the rear garage.

It had not provided a single driveway crossover.

It had failed to provide sufficient private open space area with compliant dimensions for unit 2 and had not been designed to allow adequate sunlight to internal living areas for unit 2.

It had failed to provide a suitable street address for the rear dwelling and compliant fencing along the rear boundary.

It had not been designed to provide adequately articulated walls.

It had failed to provide at least 25% of the site area as a deep

soil area and had failed to provide adequate internal storage area.

It had failed to demonstrate adequate manoeuvrability for cars entering the rear double garage.

The determination stated: "The proposed development is considered unsatisfactory with regard to site suitability as the design and layout does not reasonably respond to the site constraints and the site cannot suitably accommodate the proposed bulk and scale, resulting in adverse impacts to the subject site and adjoining locality.

"For the reasons stated above including not being compatible with the constraints of the site, ... it is considered that the proposed development is not in the public interest."

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 13 Jul 2023.
DA/1346/2022, Central Coast Council.

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Medicare changes 'unlikely to help after-hours service'

Federal government changes to the "bulk-billing incentive" and plans for a "southern" Central Coast Medicare Urgent Care Clinic are unlikely to help the Woy Woy After Hours Medical Service, according to director Dr Paul Duff.

These possibilities were mentioned by Federal Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid in a statement to Peninsula News supporting the continuation of the Woy Woy after-hours medical service.

Dr Reid said he would continue to advocate on behalf of his community for greater healthcare services for the Central Coast.

"The Federal Albanese Labor Government is investing a record \$3.4 billion into Medicare to triple the bulk billing incentive.

"This will enable more people to see a bulk billed doctor.

"Additionally, the Central Coast will be receiving two Medicare Urgent Care Clinics, one in the north and one in the south.

"These clinics will be bulk billed, open seven days a week, and with extended operating hours."

Dr Duff said the increase in

the bulk-billing incentive would not help the Woy Woy after-hours service.

"At this time, the only Medicare item for which the bulk bill incentive increase will apply universally is item 23.

"This does not apply to after hours care.

"The government is attaching big strings to this incentive, making it apply, in many circumstances, to patients registered to a practice under My Medicare.

"After hours services, by their nature, can't have registered patients and so will be excluded from much of the bulk bill incentive increase."

Dr Duff said the service had looked at the opportunity to become an urgent care centre.

"The service did not express interest in running an urgent care centre, in part because of the experience we have had with the funding of our service over the last 20 years," he said.

"We could not see how we could make such a centre viable, in large part because we couldn't see where the GPs to man the service would come from."

Dr Duff said the Woy Woy After Hours Medical Service was

established in 1972 when Woy Woy Hospital first opened.

"It's a cooperative of local GPs who take turns to staff evening and weekend clinics and be on call overnight.

"In a General Practice landscape where bulk billing is becoming less common, the service almost universally continues to bulk bill.

"We don't pretend to provide the continuity of care you would get from your usual GP," Dr Duff said.

"As a cooperative, we don't want to compete with GPs in the area and don't try to offer many of the services that they do, like specialist referrals, pathology or xray requests or long-term prescriptions.

"The vital service that we do offer is to ensure that the people of the Peninsula can be looked after when they can't see their usual GP or would otherwise have to resort to the long drive and extended wait times of Gosford Hospital Accident and Emergency."

SOURCE:
Media statement, 31 Jul 2023
Paul Duff, Woy Woy After Hours Medical Service
Media statement, 31 Jul 2023
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson



Deaf residents inspire others to learn Auslan

Two deaf residents at a Umina aged care facility are inspiring others to learn Auslan.

Peninsula Village residents Ms Jan Morley and Ms Maureen Stewart, 86 and 87, met at the age of eight at the New South Wales Institution for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind.

They have been close friends ever since and moved to Peninsula Village to be together and support one another.

The two women started running weekly sign language classes at the Central Coast aged care facility for other residents and staff.

"We love using Auslan," said Ms Stewart.

"It's our way of communicating and it's a beautiful language."

"We're so happy that staff and other residents are learning Auslan too," said Ms Morley.

"It means that we can communicate with them better and

they can understand us."

The two women were born deaf and grew up in a world where sign language was not widely accepted.

They both faced challenges in their education and in their personal lives, but they have always been determined to live independent and fulfilling lives.

Staff members at Peninsula Villages, including lifestyle manager Ms Linda Segrott, lifestyle advocate Ms Karen Evans, and care worker Ms LeeAnn Medina, were inspired by the women's determination and their love of Auslan.

They decided to attend the sign language classes so that they could better communicate with residents who were hard of hearing.

Deaf Connect has now joined Jan and Maureen in running the classes.

SOURCE:
Social media, 28 Jul 2023
Colin Osborne, Peninsula Villages

Aged Care Employee Day celebrated for whole week

A Woy Woy aged care home is celebrating Aged Care Employee Day for the whole week.

Today, Monday, August 7, is the day the industry specifically recognises the invaluable work all our aged care staff undertake in residential aged care.

"BlueWave Living will be undertaking activities through the full week from Monday to thank and recognise our wonderful staff," said chief executive Mr Matt Downie.

Next Monday will see new

overseas staff officially commence.

"They will add much-needed additional support to our team of dedicated staff and allow us to continue to grow and expand as we bring additional beds on-line.

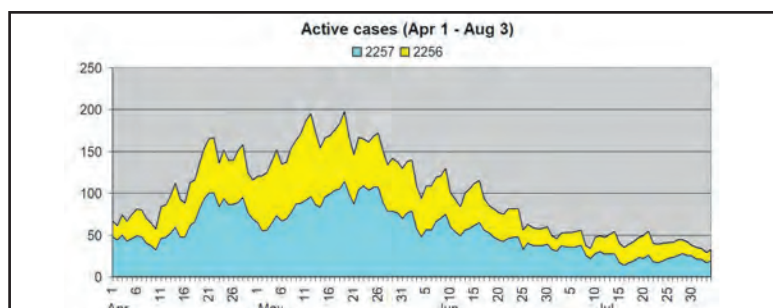
"While we continue to recruit at a local level, and this will be on-going, there is a significant shortage of available staff to work in our sector, which continues to place pressure on all providers of residential aged care.

"The initiative BlueWave Living has undertaken to support the intake of some qualified overseas

workforce enables us to ensure we have the resources to open up new additional rooms over the coming months and years, and to avoid decreasing capacity which is the step some other providers have had to take.

"Staffing resource challenges, coupled with finance pressures in our current high inflation environment continue to remain significant concerns for our industry as a whole," he said.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 1 Aug 2023
Matt Downie, Blue Wave Living



Coronavirus numbers

The Peninsula has reported its lowest number of active coronavirus cases since December 2021.

Total number of active cases for the Peninsula dropped to 29 on Wednesday, August 2, with just 12 cases in the 2256 postcode area

and 17 in the 2257 postcode area.

This is down from a total of 55 on Thursday, July 21, just two weeks previously, and is less than 0.1 per cent of the Peninsula's population.

SOURCE:
Website, 4 Aug 2023
Covid-19 cases, Data NSW

Quilts donated to Elsie's Retreat

The Woy Woy branch of the Country Women's Association has donated a number of patchwork quilts to Elsie's Retreat Project.

"It warms our hearts to continue to make and hand over these quilts for the palliative care ward at Gosford Hospital," said branch president Ms Jane Bowtell.

SOURCE:
Social media, 1 Aug 2023
Jane Bowtell, CWA Woy Woy



Flower arranging workshops held regularly

The flower arranging workshops are held regularly at a Umina aged care facility.

They are a weekly event at Don Leggett House at Peninsula Village.

"They give residents a chance to get creative and brighten up their rooms with beautiful blooms," said

chief executive Mr Colin Osborne.

"The workshops are run by the facility's leisure and lifestyle team who provide all the materials and help residents create their own masterpieces."

SOURCE:
Social media, 25 Jul 2023
Colin Osborne, Peninsula Villages



New ambulance station is almost finished

Some readers may have noticed that the new Woy Woy Ambulance Station which has been under construction for a number of months next to Woy Woy Hospital in Ocean Beach Road appears to be almost finished.

I enquired about the opening date and received an email from the Rural Ambulance Infrastructure Reconfiguration Program on 25 July saying: "Final touches are being made and the station will move into operational commissioning phase followed by operations.

"A date is not yet confirmed for the official opening of the

ambulance station."

If anyone is interested in being invited to the official opening, they can contact the program by phone at 9978 5933 or by email at hirair@health.nsw.gov.au.

Full details on the new station, including an artist's impression photo, can be found at <https://www.mylcalambulance.health.nsw.gov.au/projects/construction/woy-woy>.

I would be interested to know what other readers think about the external appearance of the new station, especially considering its prominent position on the edge of the Peninsula's main thoroughfare.

SOURCE:

Email, 28 Jul 2023
Tim Slocum, Umina Beach

When a promise is not a promise

I was more than disappointed to read that the Minns Government has back-flipped on its commitment to have free parking at Gosford Hospital.

I, like many others I am sure, took this promise into serious consideration when contemplating who to vote for.

Like many of us I am not getting any younger and the knowledge that Gosford Hospital is there is a comfort both for myself and for

those who I wish to visit.

With the many ways that government's find to waste money, is this pittance really going to break the budget?

I am wondering now if this "promise" was made with crossed-fingers behind the back or just a sheer lack of research, which would have quickly proven that we are neither rural nor regional.

Either way it was made by someone who really couldn't care less: "Tell 'em anything to get their

vote."

The final insult is to say that the hospital is close to public transport and the CBD.

I just wonder if David Harris has ever walked from Gosford railway station to the hospital via Coronary Hill (aka Faunce St W).

If you aren't feeling crook when you started out, you certainly are when you eventually collapse on the front door step.

SOURCE:

Email, 4 Aug 2023
Laurie Powell, Woy Woy

Has estuary health changed since 2001?

Well done to the Clean4Shore team and the many volunteers for its Landcare award on July 2, as reported in Peninsula News (July 24).

Has waste generation and collection reduced since 2001?

I refer to the Project 12 Committee report on Litter Booms and Litter Traps April-June 2001.

This report quotes the weight of waste removed from the various local government sites, including Brickwharf Rd, Woy Woy.

It would be of interest for the Central Coast Council to

provide an overview of waste as it impacts on the health of the estuary, and what actions are proposed to improve the estuary's health, especially considering the proposed development of the Gosford waterfront. The Project 12 report was a Gosford City Council agenda item EL006 on July 31, 2001.

Waste collection now includes many more categories than the seven assessed in the Council report.

A pressure/state/response report is certainly of interest for

residents as the estuary changes due to development.

I am confident the Brisbane Water estuary and the marine environment are both in an improved condition due to the actions of Clean4Shore.

Again, well done to the team and volunteers.

Of special note in the citation is citizenship training for students which emphasises one of the many positives of the program.

SOURCE:

Letter, 28 Jul 2023
Norm Harris, Umina

Planning process deprives residents of sunlight

Alas for the Peninsula!

Fate, developers and the council seem to have combined and conspired here to deprive many residents of reasonable levels of sunlight access.

If you live within an R1 Zone with a side boundary facing north and adjoining another property, then the chances are your property is either badly overshadowed or will become overshadowed at some point in the future.

A trawl of the NSW Planning Portal reveals that the area comprising Blackwall, Ettalong Beach and Umina Beach contains a vast area of R1-zoned land, probably the largest single R1 area on the Central Coast.

Zone R1 allows virtually any form of residential building to be built on it, as long as it complies with the height requirements.

This includes dual occupancy, multi dwellings and residential flats, all two storeys high, allowed to be built close to the boundary.

When it comes to the amount of overshadowing that the council allows over an adjoining property one would think that they would be keen to see that existing residents don't get "shafted".

However this is not borne out by the casual way that solar access is measured, or is not measured, in the building assessment process.

It seems to be treated as a matter of opinion, not scientific fact.

The exact area of shading or solar access that an area will

receive is never quantified on drawings.

It is quite common for development applications to exaggerate the amount of solar access and underrate shadowing.

Sometimes the drawings are obviously wrong.

There is an example on public exhibition right now at 10 Britannia St, Umina, where the north point on the drawings is not actually pointing north. It's 7.2 degrees off.

This has happened before on previous applications.

Between 8am and 9am on June 21, the sun only traverses through 11.51 deg. Therefore 7.2 degrees represents about 37 minutes.

This error means that the shadow diagram submitted for 9am actually depicts the shadowing at 8:23am.

The other two diagrams for this application are similarly incorrect.

Applicants routinely claim that the private open space and internal living areas of both the proposal and the adjoining property will receive at least 50 per cent sun for three hours between 9am and 3pm on June 21.

Council assessors apparently take this statement at face value.

A prime example of this was 36 Kourong St, Ettalong.

There the applicant managed to convince the council planner and the Local Planning Panel, at a public hearing, that contrary to demonstrable scientific fact the sun would somehow shine around the corner of the building and give

the Unit 3 private open space the requisite amount of solar access.

An elevation in the plans described as "south west" was also a misrepresentation, with the actual elevation being 38 degrees away from south west and only seven degrees away from south, serving to add to the inaccuracy and confusion.

The fact that these assertions were made in public proves that the people making them were confident that the system would back them up.

And it did.

What chance has the ordinary resident got to fight predatory development applications in the face of this kind of united front?

It's quite laughable that politicians claim that ensconced residents are holding back housing approvals and their rights need to be curtailed even further.

The provision of three shadow diagrams depicting shadowing at 9am, 12pm and 3pm on June 21st is all the planning provisions of the Development Control Plan require and even that is only for development applications of two storeys and above.

These are often small-scale shadow diagrams, if they are not missing from public exhibition altogether.

They are somehow meant to enable interested members of the public, including local residents, to assess whether private open space and living areas will receive three hours of 50 per cent sunlight

over the course of the day.

Of course, they do no such thing.

They give a rough idea at best. They are merely an indication.

Why is something as important as solar access treated in such a casual manner?

It hasn't happened by chance.

Looking back at the Gosford DCP (2013) as amended in August 2017, we find more detailed and stringent requirements for documenting the amounts of shadowing and solar access.

The amount of internal sunlight for instance was to be shown by overlays on the floor plan using solar azimuth.

As for the main shadowing diagrams, they were to be supplied for at least 9am, 12pm and 3pm (and "at least" was underlined).

The "dumbing down" of the solar access clauses were introduced with the current Central Coast DCP (2022).

Among them is a clause that implies that existing adjoining properties are to blame, if they haven't been designed to be overshadowed.

The changes seem to have one obvious underlying purpose - to expedite approvals.

In doing so, the new provisions have sacrificed accuracy and made it much more likely that neighbouring residents and home buyers will be short-changed in one of the most obvious measures of livability, access to sunlight.

The planning processes

seem willing to ignore scientific fact, planning objectives, and community well-being and liveability when they don't align with some unspoken doctrine, vested interest or outcome.

The Peninsula Residents Association, of which I am a member, attempts to do something about this.

We monitor current development applications and often make submissions where we believe developments are trying to take unfair advantage of the process and the community.

To this end, some of us speak at Local Planning Panel meetings and Land and Environment conciliation conferences.

The rules of the DCP should be a compact between the council and the community and bind the council in the way that it assesses applications as much as it binds developers and the rest of the community.

At the moment there is an almost insane clamour for more "housing", no matter what form it takes.

We don't believe that such politically-motivated fervour should allow developers to virtually hijack the planning process and such fundamental democratic principles as "the rule of law".

Information about the residents' association and its policies are available on its website and social media page.

SOURCE:

Email, 6 Aug 2023
Frank Wiffen, Woy Woy

Service NSW introduces Quiet Hour

The Service NSW centre at Woy Woy has introduced a Quiet Hour from 10am-11am every Tuesday morning.

Quiet Hour is designed to provide a more calming and supportive environment for those people who have who have sound and light sensitivities, according to Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

Music and ticket announcements

will be quieter and lighting will be reduced.

Customers will be asked to put their mobile phones on silent mode and minimise conversations with other customers during that time.

“For people who require limited distractions, such as autistic people, Quiet Hour will allow them to complete their driver’s knowledge test and access other services in a quieter, calmer

environment.”

About 60 per cent of transactions completed by people specifically attending Quiet Hour were for driver knowledge tests or other computer-based examinations.

Service NSW has provided disability awareness training for staff to assist customers living with disabilities and their carers.

SOURCE:

Media release, 2 Aug 2023
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford



Pre-school students join in National Tree Day planting

The Grow Urban Shade Trees group celebrated National Tree Day on Friday, July 28, at Guyangil Park with pre-school students planting native plants.

“The children from the Umina Child Care Centre in Australia Ave gathered together at Guyangil Park,” said group member Ms Deb Sunartha.

“They were dressed and ready for their celebration of National Tree Day.

“The Grow Urban Shade Trees team gave a little talk about the value of trees for wildlife and insects.

“The students were excited to be able to choose their own native plant and, with a little help and guidance, dug a hole, planted, mulched and watered their plants.

“Each student added their name to their planted native so that they may come back and visit with their family and friends watching it grow and flower.

“One of the aims of these National Tree Day events is to inspire Peninsula families to plant native plants in their garden, or native trees in their verge to enhance our local environment.”

SOURCE:

Media release, 31 Jul 2023
Debbie Sunartha, GUST

Everyone welcome at play readings

Woy Woy Little Theatre is holding play readings on the last Monday of the month at Peninsula Theatre in McMasters Rd, Woy Woy.

“Everyone is welcome and it’s a great way to get involved with Woy Woy Little Theatre,” said president Ms Christine Vale.

The play is “Let’s Kill Agatha Christie” by Anthony Hinds was read last Monday night, July 31.

In the play, Prudence wants to be the new Agatha Christie.

“Sadly, all her crime stories are disasters,” said Ms Vale.

“She decides the only way to write a foolproof plot is to stage a murder.

“She invites her three worst enemies for a weekend and gives them all a good reason to kill her.”



SOURCE:
Social media, 31 Jul 2023

Christine Vale, Woy Woy Little Theatre Inc

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Education

Students encouraged to speak publicly

Ettalong Public School is encouraging students to take part in a public speaking competition.

"This term all students from Kindergarten to Year 6 have the opportunity to take part in the Central Coast Primary Schools Public Speaking Competition," said school principal Ms Jodie Campbell.

"Information regarding the requirements for each stage will be sent in the coming days."

Parents wanting further information have been asked to contact their child's class teacher.

SOURCE:
Social media, 25 Jul 2023
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong Public School



Students 'take home the chocolates'

The students "took home the chocolates" in this year's staff and students three-on-three basketball competition at Woy Woy campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College.

No staff teams qualified through the draw stages and into the finals.

The 13 teams at the start of the term comprised a mixture of students and staff teams.

In the semi-finals, the Year 11 Boys team, The Saucy Stallions, defeated the Year 10 boys team, RBK, 33-2.

In the other semi-final, Year 12 Boys team, Frizzy Joe's, narrowly defeated the other Year 11 Boys team, The Three Wicked Wings, 12-11.

The Frizzy Joe's players, Kellan Marsden-Salmon, Joel Manton and Kaden Warner, started the grand final well with some sharp

three-point shooting, pushing out to a big lead.

The Saucy Stallions players, Kaiden Hessey, Brock Bucello and Harrison Drinan, fought back valiantly with some powerful isolation plays.

In the end, the Frizzy Joe's won by a narrow margin, defeating the Stallions 12-10.

SOURCE:
Social media, 24 Jul 2023
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy.

Skipping raises money for Heart Foundation

Woy Woy South Public School is raising money for the Heart Foundation through the "Jump Rope for Heart" fundraiser.

The school has 45 students online, logging eight hours of skipping, and raising \$1641 to date, according to principal Mr Matt Barr.

"It's great to see so many children practising their skipping and getting involved in the fundraising for the Heart Foundation," he said.

"These are amazing figures. Keep it up."

Mr Barr said it was not too late to sign children up online at www.jump rope.org.au/parents.

He said a skipping session for Kindergarten-Year 2 students came days after Year 3-6 skipping session.

The week's skipping challenge was Criss Cross.

"Keep an eye out for more challenges over the coming weeks."

SOURCE:
Social media, 31 Jul 2023
Matt Barr, Woy Woy South Public School



Team gets hands dirty

Members of the leadership team at Ettalong Public School got their hands dirty in celebration of Schools Tree Day last Friday.

"We love doing our bit for the environment," said principal Ms

Jodie Campbell. Central Coast Council donated 100 native plant and gloves.

SOURCE:
Social media, 31 Jul 2023
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong Public School

Banksias replanted in Melbourne Ave

A row of banksias on Melbourne Ave, Umina, is a step closer to recovery today with the replanting of several mature trees damaged by recent vandalism.

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch and Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid helped plant a mature banksia tree, one of several providing shade and shelter to classrooms and parents at school pickup.

Ms Tesch said: "It's a real delight to see these beautiful banksias on Melbourne Avenue recovering, thanks to the generosity of the school community, community groups like Grow Urban Shade Trees, The Men's Shed and numerous local businesses.

She said members of the wider school community had been caring



for the cluster of mature banksias on Melbourne Ave since their planting in 2020.

Three banksias were replanted at the school on Schools Tree Day.

Dr Reid said: "It is always a pleasure to visit my former primary

school, and it was great to help students, teachers, and parents, plant trees to mark National Tree Day for 2023."

SOURCE:
Media release, 31 Jul 2023
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

School hosts second rehearsal

The second rehearsal for the choral festival to be held in October was held at Ettalong Public School on Thursday, July 27.

Ettalong hosted 200 students from schools around the Central Coast.

"Students rehearsed the second half of their repertoire and have now learnt all 13 songs that they will perform in October," said principal Ms Jodie Campbell.

"The choir sounded simply angelic all together.

"A couple of students from



stage twp were even brave enough to audition for a solo part and had to sing into the mic.

SOURCE:
Social media, 28 Jul 2023
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong Public School.

Cricket training starts on Saturday

Southern Spirit Cricket Club will start training all senior players next Saturday, August 12, at Rogers Park.

Training will be followed by a barbecue and drinks.

New players of all ages are welcome, as well as returning players.

The club offers grades and formats to suit everyone, including

men's first and second grade, as well as grades four to eight, an over-40s masters competition and women's T20 for all ages and abilities.

Registration is online only, with new players receiving a playing shirt, a club shirt and cap.

All other clothing is available to order with registration.

Fees are \$380, with a

concession rate of \$250, and fees of \$150 for life members and \$100 for women.

Active Kids vouchers may be claimed at <https://bit.ly/3POlvV8>, with registrations taken at <https://bit.ly/3c66sUN>

With registration inquiries, phone Bec on 0404 017 897.

SOURCE:
Social media, 3 Aug 2023
Southern Spirit Cricket Club

Terrigal meets Woy Woy in rugby union

Terrigal and Woy Woy met at Woy Woy Oval for round 15 of Central Coast rugby union on Saturday, August 5.

Terrigal recorded a convincing victory over the home team by 86 points to five.

It was a most dominant performance by the visitors and

they controlled proceedings across the entire 80 minutes.

The first half saw some good rugby from both teams but it was Terrigal who went to the halftime break leading by 36 points to five.

They were already in control of the match even at that stage.

They were then able to continue

on and post a further 50 points in the second half.

Woy Woy was best served by No 8 Atticus Fotofili, who crossed for their lone try, fullback Ulysses Fotofili and the Stride brothers, Zac, Jazper and Max.

SOURCE:
Media release, 6 Aug 2023
Larry Thomson, CCRU



Sisters swim at national pool rescue event

Local swimming sisters Chloe and Julia Hall were selected to swim at the National Pool Rescue Championships held from August 4-6 at the Southport Aquatic Centre on

Queensland's Gold Coast.
Chloe swam for Umina Surf Life Saving Club, while Julia was part of the NSW team.

SOURCE:
Social media, 3 Aug 2023
Woy Woy Swim Club

Surf club offers bronze medallion course

Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club is holding a bronze medallion course from 9am on September 3.

The course aims to provide skills and knowledge related to surf awareness, aquatic rescue operations, radio operations, resuscitation, emergency care, spinal management, communication, teamwork and SLS patrol operations.

Expressions of interest for this course are being taken from interested members and those who wish to start their lifesaving journey.

To register, contact education@oceanbeachslsc.com.

SOURCE:
Social media, 31 Jul 2023
Ocean Beach SLSC

East Gosford 9-0 win over SEU

East Gosford has defeated Southern and Ettalong United 9-0 in round 18 of Women's Premier League soccer on Sunday, July 30.

It was the Rams' 10th win of the season. Kelly Hogan was unstoppable in front of goal, scoring five goals which takes her total of the year up to 19 goals.

Her teammate Kaya Vanderfield was also in fine form, scoring a brace to take her season goal tally to 17.

Stephanie Hansen and Karen Doutry took the other two goals.

With many first grade players unavailable for the game, seven reserve graders were part of the winning team.

Match official was Jeffrey Smith.

SOURCE:
Website, 31 Jul 2023
Central Coast Football

Bowling club to hold annual meeting

Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club will hold its annual general meeting at 10am on Sunday, August 20.

Registrations will start at 9:30am, with copies of the annual report and drink tickets available.

"All committee positions are open and we are looking for nominations," said club secretary Mr Peter Springett.

"We are especially seeking nominations for secretary (full training and support given), chairman of match, publicity officer (including newspapers, Facebook and members email) and selectors' sub-committee."

Positions to be elected include president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer.

Committee members to be elected are bowls secretary, assistant bowls secretary, chairman of match and committeeman.

Sub-committee members to be elected include match sub-committee (two), selectors sub-committee (three), publicity, media, fundraising and sponsorship sub-committee (four), welfare officer's sub-committee (two), bowls coaches sub-committee (two), umpires sub-committee (two) and social sub-committee (one).

Anyone interested was encouraged to speak with the secretary or any of the other current committee members.

SOURCE:
Social media, 30 Jul 2023
Peter Springett, UBMBC

Holly speaks of her archery

Umina student Holly Parker has told a combined meeting of the Rotary Clubs of Woy Woy and Umina Beach about her archery achievements.

Holly spoke of her performances as part of the Australian team in New Zealand and Oceania winning bronze medals in each of her events.

"She has also won first place in the Archery Australia's National and State Indoor Championships and is now the Under 16 Female Compound Bow National Indoor Archery Champion," said Umina club publicity officer Mr Pat Lewis.

"She continues to be ranked number one in NSW and, on a recent trip to Canberra, smashed the Under-16 record in field archery.

Rotarian Mr Rob Jennings is pictured thanking Holly for her presentation.

SOURCE:
Social media, 28 Jul 2023
Pat Lewis, Rotary Club of Umina Beach



Cross-country success

Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina campus student Savannah Glynn competed in the NSW Combined High School's state cross-country on Friday, July 21.

She came sixth in the state for combined schools and placed first overall out of all public schools' under-12 girls.

SOURCE:
Social media, 26 Jul 2023
Kerry O'Heir, BWSC Umina



Chosen as soccer coaches of the year

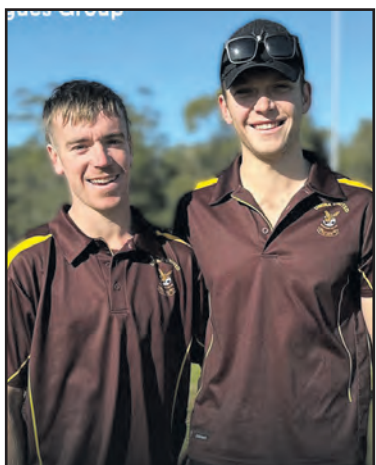
Umina United soccer coaches Dylan Pardey and Braedon Stokeld have been honoured as Central Coast Football's Coaches of the Year.

They each were presented with a \$200 voucher.

Their citation stated that the pair have "selflessly devoted their time and efforts to coach the Umina Eagles Under-11C team, showcasing exceptional mentoring skills and leaving a lasting impact on our young athletes".

"What sets Dylan and Braedon apart is their genuine love for the game, as they willingly invest their energy into coaching without any personal association with the team.

"Their unwavering commitment and dedication shine through as they consistently show up for practice twice a week and attend every Saturday game,



demonstrating their passion for soccer and their desire to contribute to the development of young players.

"One notable aspect of their coaching that deserves recognition is their age.

"At such a young age themselves, it is highly unusual for individuals in their early 20s to wholeheartedly volunteer their

time.

"This demonstrates their exceptional character and their commitment to making a difference in our community."

Stephen Troilio from Woy Woy Football Club was a runner-up and will share in a prize pool.

Woy Woy Football Club said that Stephen was an asset to the club, well deserving of the award.

"Stephen's achievements include being the current Junior Representative on our Committee, 2023 Coach of the U14Bs, our two all-age women's teams, AA1 and AA3s, as well as coordinating goal keeping training, and the cadet referee program.

"In his spare time, Stephen also assists with general committee duties such as working on the barbecue and ground set up."

SOURCE:
Social media, 26 Jul 2023
Umina United



Mixed pairs final was 'great game to watch'

The final of the Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club Mixed Pairs Championship was played on Sunday, July 30, in sunny but tricky conditions.

"It was much quicker playing towards the clubhouse, than it was away from it and the grass seemed to vary quite a bit," said club secretary Mr Peter Springett.

"Apart from that, it was a great game to watch.

"Tania Valli and Jazza Bates had won their way to the final by winning two earlier games by one shot and another on an extra end, so this was going to be a great test for them against Steff Heard and Mark Hogden.

"It was a great game to watch, with Tania and Jazza just coming out on top.

SOURCE:
Social media, 30 Jul 2023
Peter Springett, UBMB

SEU have 1-0 soccer win

A big crowd was in attendance on Saturday night, July 29, at James Brown Oval when Southern and Ettalong United hosted The Entrance in round 15 of Men's Premier League soccer.

Southern-Ettalong was the victor, 1-0, in a game with neither team having space or time on the ball and clear-cut chances were hard to come by.

In the first half, both sides had goals disallowed and Jacob Lepre

struck the post with a free kick, but it was a stalemate as both sides went to half time at 0-0.

The second half began with both sides knowing that one goal may decide the outcome.

It proved to be the case with 15 minutes gone into the second half when the pressure from Southern-Ettalong paid off with Jack Ellwood putting his side ahead 1-0 with a well-placed right-foot strike into the corner of the net.

Jacob Lepre again struck the woodwork, this time the crossbar,

with another free kick as Southern desperately tried to double their lead.

Overall, it was an entertaining game for the big home crowd who left in a good mood with the Lions triumphing 1-0 and now turning their attention to their mid-week scheduled game against Berkeley Vale.

Match official was Trent Dickeson.

SOURCE:
Website, 31 Jul 2023
Central Coast Football



Second soccer win of the year

Woy Woy has defeated Wyoming 5-0 in the Match of Round 15 of Men's Premier League soccer on Saturday, July 29, to claim their second win of the year and a vital three points in their attempt to avoid relegation.

Woy Woy started the contest confidently keeping the ball for long periods of time and putting the pressure on the opposition before Jack Arigho put a ball up to Nathan

Baker who cut back in finding Matt Jacobsen on the run who was overlapped by Brady Holmes to score the opening goal with a great finish.

Woy Woy continued to take charge of possession and confidence kept growing as the side was able to grab another goal to head into the break at halftime 2-0 up away from home.

The second half started the same with Woy Woy playing with plenty of urgency, disrupting any of

Wyoming's attempts to play while mounting plenty of pressure on the opposition goal every time Woy Woy got the ball.

Woy Woy continued to create opportunities and were clinical in front of goal, scoring another three goals in the second period to walk away 5-0 victors for their second win of the season.

Match official was Miles Allen-Scott.

SOURCE:
Website, 31 Jul 2023
Central Coast Football

Triples championship final played at Umina

The Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club played its Triples Championship final on Sunday, July 30.

The Final was between the team of John Hall (John N Kay), Lee Cribbs and Greg Shirley and the team of Don Stephens, Roger Twells and Colin Mew.

The Triples players endured the tricky conditions.

Greg's side seemed able to handle the conditions better than Colin's side in the early stages, jumping out to a 10-shot lead.

Colin's team adjusted and came back strongly, but Greg's lead just kept their noses in front, to win the championship.

SOURCE:
Social media, 30 Jul 2023
Peter Springett, UBMB

Umina United in match of the round in women's soccer

It was third-placed Kanwal playing fourth-placed Umina in the Match of Round 18 in Women's Premier League at Wadalba Sports Complex on an unusually hot Sunday, July 30.

With matches between these two sides always hotly contested, this game didn't disappoint, but Kanwal ran out 4-1 winners.

Kanwal started the game dominated the opening exchanges

without any reward.

Umina clawed their way into the game but also struggled to find that killer edge.

Kanwal opened the scoring after some enterprising link-up play between the front three found Maddi Dunlop at the far post who neatly tucked away the opportunity.

It wasn't long before that lead was doubled when Grace Heinemann finished well after Jordan Evans pounced on a Umina mistake.

Two quickly turned into three when the same two players combined again for Grace to score her second and Kanwal's third goal.

Umina, who were struggling to break down the Kanwal defence, then scored a smart goal after a Hayley Fulwood surge in the middle of the field played a through ball to Bella DeMeyer and Bella found the bottom right corner for the halftime score of 3-1.

Having come from 1-4 behind

against East Gosford to win the previous week, Umina knew they were still in the contest and came out with a renewed energy in the second half.

They dominated possession without really creating too many chances as the Kanwal defence held firm.

Kanwal nearly added goals via Jordan Evans and Hayls Ballard, only denied by a great save by the Umina goalkeeper.

Kanwal finally got a fourth when

Hayley Green latched onto a Skye Parkes free kick and rifled home the half-volley to finish the scoring.

Umina coach Steve Donaldson attributed the loss to "poor passes in our defence led to easy attacking play for Kanwal".

Match official was Darryn Eynhdhoven.

SOURCE:
Website, 31 Jul 2023
Central Coast Football