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Who isn't a fan of The Big Red Truck?

Have you ever had a close look at a NSW Rural Fire Service heavy wildfire tanker?

The public was invited to the Peninsula Recreational Precinct on Saturday, September 16, for a viewing.

Volunteer firefighters from the Pearl Beach brigade conducted tours of "Pearl Beach 1" as part of Get Ready Weekend.

"With the coming bushfire season, and the forecast for warmer and drier weather with higher than average bushfire risks, the time to prepare for bushfire is now," the brigade told visitors.

SOURCE:
Social media, 14 Sep 2023
Pearl Beach Brigade, NSW RFS

Varroa mite detection reported at Blackwall

A new varroa mite infection has been reported at Blackwall by the NSW Department of Primary Industries on Tuesday, September 5.

The Peninsula is already within an eradication emergency (red) zone.

The detection was reported on the same day as detections at Cuttabri and Vineyard.

The department said the detection at Cuttabri, west of Narrabri, was a result of tracing activities by the department.

"The detection at Vineyard was reported after a beekeeper undertook a mandatory 16-week alcohol wash," according to deputy incident controller Dr Shannon Mulholland.

However, he did not explain the

origin of Blackwall infection, which came at a time when high numbers of European honey bees were present in local gardens.

Peninsula News asked what was being done about the high numbers of honey bees on the Peninsula.

A statement provided by the department did not give a direct answer.

It referred to "specially-constructed feeder stations to target wild European honey bees only" with a second fipronil program having started on March 8 and still "currently happening".

"A noticeable decrease in localised wild European honey bee numbers can be typically observed within weeks of activation."

It stated: "The removal of wild European Honey Bees from Red

Zones is not an instantaneous process and involves several factors including program initiation date, location and dispersal of feeder stations, existing European honey bee populations and interaction, staffing and resourcing availability, competing floral and seasonal resources and existing management priorities."

In his media release, Dr Mulholland said the department "remains focused on tracing and will begin surveillance efforts within five kilometres of the new infested premises".

"The goal National Varroa Mite Response remains to eradicate the introduced pest from Australia."

SOURCE:
Media release, 5 Sep 2023
Shannon Mulholland, NSW DPI
Media statement, 13 Sep 2023
Sim Madigan, NSW DPI

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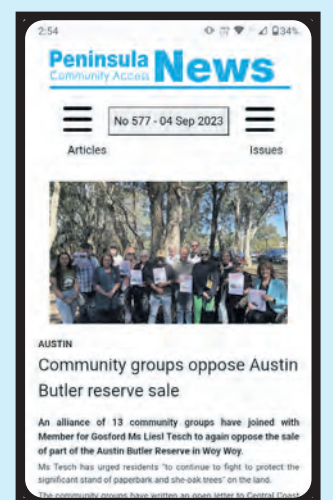
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It includes icons to allow articles to be shared on social media and by email, and has links to enable readers to phone or email their contributions to us.

Find it at <http://peninsula.news/mobile> or scan the QR code.

Mark Snell, 6 Aug 2023



Channel dredging to finish this week

Dredging of the Ettalong Channel is expected to be completed this week.

Hydrographic studies will now be completed ahead of the reopening of the channel, according to Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

She said the work would take about a week, during which time ferry operator Palm Beach Ferries will undertake crew training along the channel.

"It is anticipated that ferry services will recommence on

Monday, September 25, ahead of the upcoming long weekend.

"The resumption of these ferry services will be welcome news for people of the Peninsula, many of whom rely on the channel to access work and school, as well as essential services."

She said that, despite the breakdown of the Faucon dredge, a new dredge was promptly brought in and works completed with all haste.

"Locals are all too aware that dredging of the channel has been

an ongoing issue and I've called upon the NSW Government to properly dredge the channel since I was elected in 2017.

"With these dredging works now complete, I will continue to campaign for a long-term, ongoing plan for dredging works - a 10-year plan for maintenance dredging of the entire Ettalong Channel.

"I look forward to getting out on the ferry for the long weekend," she said.

SOURCE:
Media release, 15 Sep 2023
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

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

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.

The following policies and guidelines are designed to support the aims and standards of the newspaper.

Locality

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

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.

The newspaper is not regional or national in nature, so regional or national issues will not be canvassed except as they affect the Peninsula.

Regional sports will only be covered from the perspective of Peninsula clubs. Regional plans will only be aired in the context of their ramifications for the Peninsula.

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

Readability

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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The Forum section provides the opportunity for readers to express their views on any aspect of Peninsula community life, with the aim of reflecting the community's diversity of opinion.

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

contributions to the matter at hand, and to focus on the issues and not abuse or insult others.

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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Peninsula News includes "source lines" at the end of each article which aim to provide readers with information about where and how we came across the information, so that they might judge for themselves the veracity of what they are reading.

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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Media Release - unsolicited contributions.
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Forum contributions may be: **Email** if sent electronically and **Letter** if written on paper.

Learn to knit and crochet

Children aged six to 12 will be able to learn to knit and crochet in a school holiday activity at Umina Beach Library from 10am to 12pm next Monday, September 25.

The Umina Beach Knitting Group will provide instruction for knitting and crocheting and will give a spinning demonstration.

The activity is free, with all materials provided.

Places are limited and bookings are required.

Children must be supervised by an adult throughout the activity.

For further information, phone 4304 7333.

SOURCE:
 Website, 13 Sep 2023
 Library Services, Central Coast Council

Plumbing for women

The Umina Community Group will run a do-it-yourself plumbing workshop for women next Sunday, September 24.

Participants in the workshop will be shown how to change a tap washer and how to stop a leaking cistern.

They will be told what questions to ask a plumber.

It will be hosted by Benchworks U Fix It.

Benchworks founder Ms Jenn Rochford started the project,

originally aiming at providing a safe place for women who had experienced domestic violence, but due to popular demand, the workshops are now open to all women.

"Women are often lower income earners, time poor, have less access to resources, are mums and/or single mums," she said.

Cost is \$5 and spaces are limited.

SOURCE:
 Social media, 6 Sep 2023
 Umina Community Group

Marine Rescue award

Central Coast Marine Rescue has presented one of its members with a service award.

Mr Matt Sims was given an award for five years of service at a recent mess meeting.

SOURCE:
 Social media, 9 Sep 2023
 Marine Rescue Central Coast



Paper quilling

A free "paper quilling" workshop will be held at Umina Beach Library as a school holiday activity from 10:30am to 12pm on Tuesday, October 3.

Workshop participants will "create shapes and pictures by rolling strips of colourful paper to create your own work of art".

The workshop is designed for young people aged 10 to 14 years.

Bookings are required for the free ticketed activity.

For further information, phone 4350 1578, 4350 5333 or 4323 8942.

SOURCE:
 Website, 13 Sep 2023
 Library Services, Central Coast Council

Dried mixed fruit wanted

The Umina Beach branch of the Country Women's Association is asking the community for donations of dried mixed fruit.

"This will enable our cooks to make Christmas cakes and puddings to be donated to Mary Mac's Place for its Christmas Dinner this year," said branch

publicity officer Ms Margy Logan. "They can be dropped at the hall any Wednesday morning.

Ms Logan said donations could be made immediately "as the cooks can make them in advance".

The branch hopes to make up to 20 cakes and 20 puddings.

SOURCE:
 Media release, 13 Sep 2023
 Margy Logan, CWA Umina Beach

Only 7.7mm of rain in two weeks

Only 7.7mm of rain has fallen on the Peninsula in the first two weeks of September, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

Most of the rain (7.5mm) was recorded over two days, September 8 and 9.

The average rainfall for the month is 68mm.

The cumulative total for the year to date is 553.6mm.

The average at the end of August is 987mm and at the end of September is 1055mm.

SOURCE:
 Spreadsheet, 15 Sep 2023
 Jim Morrison, Umina



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Decisions soon on after-hours GPs and Urgent Care

The Hunter New England and Central Coast Primary Health Network has confirmed that “announcements regarding both the Woy Woy After Hours Medical Service and the Commonwealth Urgent Care Clinics are imminent”.

“The Network is engaged in active discussions with Dr Paul Duff about after hours GP services, which have been in place at Woy Woy for many decades.

“We acknowledge the contributions the Service has made to the health and wellbeing of the Peninsula communities, particularly the contribution and ongoing dedication of Dr Duff.

“Residents of the Central Coast and Peninsula area will not be left without access to extended hours, bulk-billed health care when it’s urgent.”

After hours medical service director Dr Duff said: “I don’t think the urgent care centres are undermining our efforts.

“Their raison d’être seems to be to take the pressure off hospital accident and emergency departments.

“I don’t see them as direct competition or an alternative to GP after hours.

“For a start, they will mostly be operating in the daytime and not overnight, so if anything they will

be trying to recruit GPs away from one day job to the next, rather than asking them to work extra hours.

“They will be open weekends, it’s true, so I guess they will be open Saturday afternoons and Sundays, which covers some of the time we currently do.

“But they won’t be open overnight and they won’t be open after 8pm.”

Dr Duff said that if the after-hours clinic closed, so would its telephone service, “which currently charges \$35 to speak to a GP at 3 o’clock in the morning”.

“I’m sure they won’t be offering anything like that.”

Dr Duff said the challenge now was to recruit GPs for the service.

“I am asking them to give up some of their precious personal time to help out with our service,” he said.

He said he was asking them to make a small sacrifice for the community benefit.

“I’m not asking for a lot of time, and I’m offering to pay them as generously as I can.

“Most of these doctors can quite happily make ends meet by sticking to their day job.”

He said he was asking them to return, in a small way, to a culture that was reminiscent of the GP tradition of the last century.

SOURCE:
Media statement, 15 Sep 2023
Rebecca Brennan, HNECC PHN



Women march to protect ‘sacred lands’

Women’s march convened by four groups calling for the preservation of the Kariong Sacred Lands converged on the office of Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch on Friday, September 8.

The groups called on her to support for protection of the land from a 70-house development proposed by Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council.

The groups involved were the Coast Environmental Alliance, the Indigenous Party of Australia, the Central Coast Animal Justice Party and the Central Coast Environmental Advocacy Committee.

Environmental Alliance organiser Ms Emma French said: “We had a great turn out of passionate women from diverse backgrounds who all share one

common vision, to protect and care for our precious wilderness areas on the Central Coast.

“We are hoping by coming together as women to appeal to our State Member.

“We might inspire Liesl to support protecting Kariong Sacred Lands over the wants and need of a private land developer.”

She said, if successful, the proposed development would see the houses built on culturally and ecologically sensitive land zoned C2 by the Government; the highest environmental protection private land can receive.

Darkinjung/Yuin elder Aunty Colleen Fuller said: “It was heartening to see such an amazing line up of inspirational women speaking at the event.

“As someone with cultural ties to the Central Coast, to know that we have the support of the broader

community makes me feel hopeful for the future.

“If the Darkinjung Land Council is able to rezone and bulldoze this part of Kariong Sacred Lands with threatened species, endangered wetlands and cultural heritage, literally nowhere is safe.”

Advocacy committee spokesperson Ms Lisa Bellamy of Kariong said: “We can’t solve the problems of today using the same thinking that created them.

“Surely, with everything we know about the need for green spaces, for the planet’s health, and our own wellbeing, we can find creative solutions to address the need for housing instead of doing what we have always done and carve our way through more bushland.”

SOURCE
Media release, 12 Sep 2023
Emma French, Coast Environmental Alliance

CWA recycles banners

The Woy Woy branch of the Country Women’s Association has helped recycle banners from last year’s Coastal Twist Festival as tote bags and bunting for this year’s Fair Day.

“Our sewing machines hummed for a few weeks to make 180 tote bags and bunting,” said president-elect Ms Margy Ure.

“It was a pleasure and an honour to recycle last year’s banners.

“We are once again proud to be involved with this year’s Fair day on Sunday, October 1.

“We will be yarn bombing with



lots of flair and colour with many treats and crafts for sale at our market stall.”

SOURCE:
Social media, 6 Sep 2023.
Margy Ure, CWA Woy Woy

Clean-up in Woy Woy Bay nets 440kg

North Gosford Learning Centre students joined Clean4Shore in Woy Woy Bay last Thursday morning, September 14.

The students removed 13 full bags of rubbish from 600 metres of foreshore close to the Woy Woy railway station, according to co-ordinator Mr Graham Johnston.

They removed an old squatter’s campsite and a 16-foot derelict fibreglass vessel that had drifted into the mangroves south of the station.

Treated pine, marine seats, plastic drums and buckets were also loaded on board with an old car wreck identified as needing removal.

The vessel was towed back to



Gosford Sailing Club then “flipped” into the barge for an offload of 440kg at Woy Woy tip.

SOURCE:
Social media, 14 Sep 2023
Graham Johnston, Clean4shore

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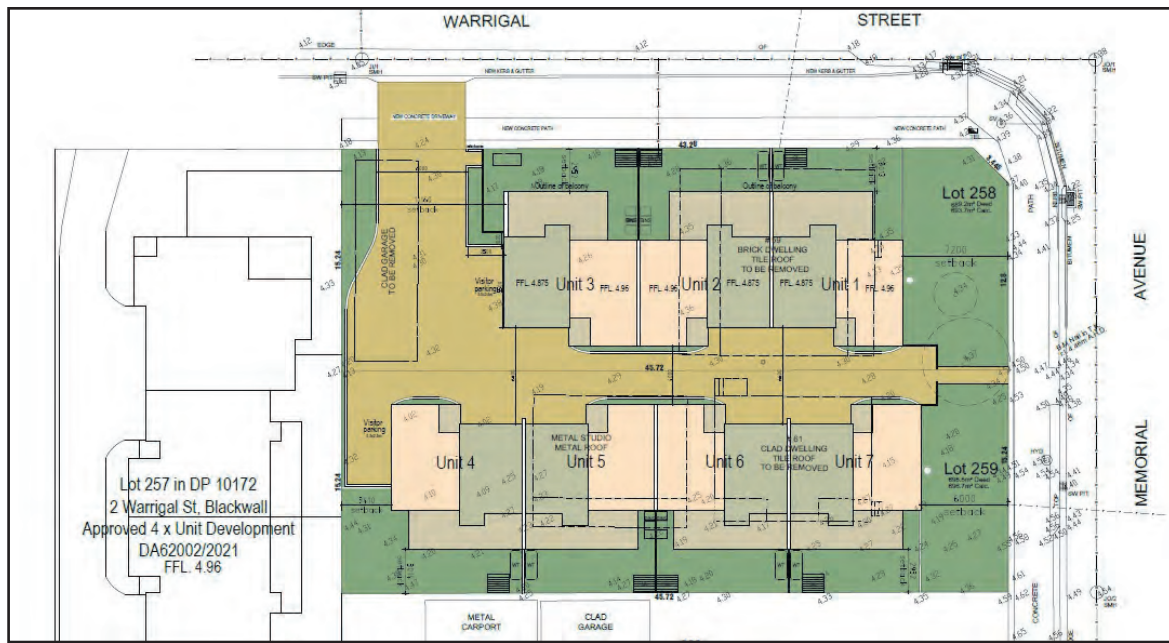
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Planning



Application received for seven two-bedroom dwellings

Central Coast Council has received an application for a multi-dwelling development of seven two-bedroom dwellings at 59-61 Memorial Ave, Blackwall.

The application explains this is a second to develop the site: "On 19 July 2023, DA/4258/2022 for a Multi Dwelling Housing Development consisting of eight dwellings was withdrawn due to several concerns of the development, largely vehicular access being obtained from Memorial Ave which is a classified road."

The previous application for the site with an area 1390.4 square metres included 702.09 square metres of landscaping and 525.45 square metres of deep soil.

The revised application provides access Warrigal St, with a consequent loss of one dwelling, an increase of 100 square metres of driveway and a loss of 200 square metres of landscaping.

Nevertheless, the application remains non-compliant with planning provisions.

The application requests a reduction in front setback from 7.5 metres, varying to as little as 6.0 metres.

It is unclear whether Transport for NSW would agree to non-compliant setbacks on a classified road.

The proposed rear setback of

3.41 metres is non-compliant with the requirement of 4.5 metres.

It also proposes siting of private open spaces in front courtyards which not permitted under the applicable planning provisions.

The proposal provides less than the required 11 resident car spaces, providing only seven.

The application argues for the reduced number of resident car parks on the basis that the existing rules are inconsistent.

It also argues that the small units would typically accommodate one or two people who would have "several alternative transport options".

"There are a number of pedestrian crossings along Ocean View Rd allowing for a safe connection to nearby bus stops and to local shops and entertainment within comfortable walking distance (less than 50m) of the site."

The application also admits the proposal is not compliant with solar access requirements.

"On June 21, units 4 - 7 do not receive 50 per cent of the required principal private open space to receive at least three hours of unobstructed sunlight access between 9am and 3pm."

The application argues that the intent of the planning provisions is satisfied.

It states that "the subject building on the southern side of

the site has been purposefully designed to established the living areas and an adjoining 14 square metre balcony for units 4 - 7 as apartment style that allows the occupants to receive solar access within this area and living area during the winter months."

The application argues: "Given the consistency of the proposal to that of the established medium density pattern of development in the area and the absence of adverse environmental impacts and positive social or economic impacts the application is worthy of approval."

Written submissions from the public will be received until October 9.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 17 Sep 2023
DA1715/2023, Central Coast Council

Planning Panel withdraws permission to speak

Opponents of the sale of the Austin Butler reserve have been refused the opportunity to address the Local Planning Panel about the associated Planning Proposal.

Initially, told they may address the Panel, the permission was later withdrawn.

The Panel appears to have the power to hear community submissions but chose not to.

Mr Julian Bowker from the Peninsula Residents' Association and Woy Woy resident Mr Mark Ellis from the Australian Conservation Foundation Central Coast branch were originally granted permission to speak.

However, before the meeting, Panel secretary Ms Lisa Martin advised them: "Upon further review of the item you wish to speak against, unfortunately Item 4.1 is not part of the Public meeting, therefore we are unable to process your Request to Speak at this time."

The Panel has not responded to a request by Mr Ellis to call a "public briefing meeting" which may be held "if the matter before the Panel attracts significant community interest".

People who wrote letters to the Panel were told after the meeting that the Panel was "just advisory" and was not decision-making.

They were told to apply to speak at the council's Public Forum, which has a limit of two speakers on any one topic.

It appears that at least twice this number of people either requested to speak or made a submission to

the Panel.

The reply from the Panel stated: "The Panel's role in regard to Planning Proposals is to provide Council with advice, however Council is the decision-maker for them, not the Panel."

"The Panel has therefore asked me to provide a copy of your email to Council to assist it in its consideration of the matter."

"I understand a report on the matter is expected to be included on the Agenda for the Council's Ordinary Meeting on Tuesday 26 September 2023, which is an opportunity for members of the public to address any concerns to Council, through the Public Forum."

"To be able to speak on this matter, you will need to complete a 'Request to Speak Form' which needs to be submitted by 10am on the day of the Council meeting."

"Further information regarding the Public Forum process, including permitted number of speakers is available in the Public Forum Policy."

"Should the matter progress, I am advised that you would also have another opportunity to have your say after the Department of Planning and Environment has reviewed any prepared Planning Proposal and approved same for progression in the rezoning process, at which time it would be opened for consultation and exhibition."

The minutes of the Panel meeting are not expected to be published until later this week.

SOURCE:
Local Planning Panel agenda 4.1, 14 Sep 2023

Arboretum seeks change to verandah

The Crommelin Native Arboretum at Pearl Beach has applied to Central Coast Council to modify a 2018 development approval for a verandah on its "Crommelin Cottage" meeting room and storage shed.

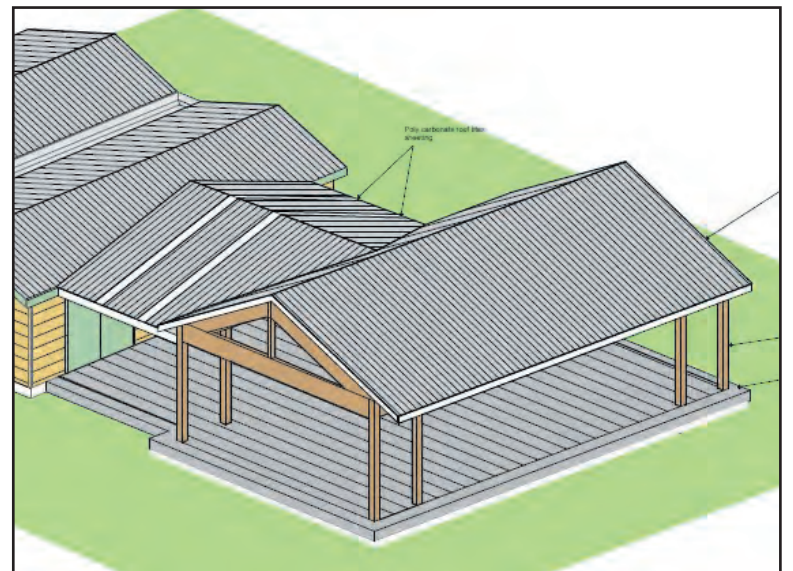
The proposed verandah design provides for the Arboretum to be "increasingly focussed on environmental education and community activities such as nature therapy".

The existing verandah of about 30 square metres was built in 1986 and "is very low and dark during the winter months", according to the application.

"It is also showing signs of decay."

"While it was proposed to rebuild the verandah in 2018, and development approval was obtained, the verandah rebuild did not proceed because of concerns about its appearance."

The application is for a new verandah design of about 70 square metres "will accommodate 30 people in workshop mode and 50 in theatre mode".



The new design would also lift the clearance height from 1.9 metres to 2.4 metres.

The proposed new verandah would be constructed on concrete footings with timber and steel superstructure.

The roof would be corrugated colorbond to match that on the existing cottage.

The application states the floor finish is still being considered but it is likely to be bushfire resistant

HardieDeck on a concrete slab.

It is proposed to give the verandah-pavilion structure a raised floor allowing equitable access into and out of the "cottage" with a small threshold ramp to allow equitable access into the whole facility.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 14 Sep 2023
DA/50912/2016/A, Central Coast Council

Key strategies unavailable

A number of key council strategies relevant to the Peninsula and the decision about the future of the Austin Butler Reserve have been unavailable on the Central Coast Council website, according to residents wanting to prepare submissions.

The strategies which have been unavailable include the Greener Places Strategy, the Woy Woy Peninsula Floodplain Risk Management Plan, the Local Strategic Planning Statement and

the Biodiversity Strategy.

A number of unrelated strategies have also been unavailable.

Residents have reported that attempts to download the strategies either report a server error or start to download but stall and do not complete.

Links to the council's strategies and plans are listed on the council website at <https://www.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/council/forms-and-publications/strategies-plans-and-masterplans>.

SOURCE:
Website, 15 Sep 2023
Strategies plans and masterplans, Central Coast Council

Panel told Peninsula review is not planned

Central Coast Council's strategic planning manager Ms Shannon Turkington appears to confirmed to the Local Planning Panel that the Council has no immediate plan to undertake a strategic planning review of the Peninsula.

A strategic planning review of the Peninsula is listed for adoption before the end of this year in the Council's current Delivery Plan.

Ms Turkington was asked by Local Planning Panel chair Ms Donna Rygate about progress on a recommendation made by the Panel in November that "Central Coast Council consider conducting a strategic planning review of the planning controls, development provisions and character statements for Umina, Woy Woy and Ettalong."

It stated the review should "ensure there is consistency between the relevant controls, provisions and character statements applicable to each locality, and a clear direction and expectation on the desired future character of these suburbs".

The recommendation was raised by Woy Woy resident Mr Frank Wiffen in an address to the Panel at its meeting last Thursday, September 14.

Ms Turkington told the Panel: "Council does have an adopted

Greener Places Strategy and my understanding is that looking at the planning controls is an action of that strategy.

"At the moment the council's priority is the review of our local strategy planning statement and we are looking at a number of actions across strategies as part of that process but that review of that strategy is not due to be completed until 2025, so it'll be undertaken as part of that process."

Panel member Mr Grant Christmas said: "I think the issue that Mr Wiffen raised was, and I think I sat on this particular panel, there was a recommendation in relation to some DA's that ... the broader planning controls in that area needed to be looked at. I think that's the issue that Mr Wiffen's raising if I'm not mistaken."

Ms Turkington said: "Yeah, we haven't commenced that process yet."

"We are undertaking a lot of strategic planning this year with the adoption of our local housing strategy, employment land strategy, integrated transport strategy and the local strategic planning statement."

"Once we have finished that work we will get on to looking at specific planning controls for areas."

SOURCE:
Local Planning Panel
item 5, 14 Sep 2023

Rail could get worse before it gets better

Interruptions to rail services could get worse before they get better it seems, as the State Government ramps up rail repairs.

"The problems with our rail network are the outcome of a long-term lack of repairs, and the low priority given to those repairs under the former Government," said Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

"The Rail Repair Plan, an accelerated maintenance program

announced last month, will improve passenger experiences by building a more reliable, resilient rail network.

"We know that maintenance can mean delays and real impacts to peoples' day-to-day lives," she said.

"I'm confident that people appreciate that these works are necessary for a more resilient and reliable network, so they can confidently get to work, to school, visit loved ones, and attend to other social matters."

She said maintenance work was being prioritised during existing trackwork windows; on weekends, weeknights, during school holidays, or during weekday diversions when fewer people travel.

The repair plan included the completion of almost 440 kilometres of rail grinding and rail resurfacing, and 103 electrical backlog inspections, she said.

SOURCE:
Media release, 8 Sep 2023
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

Help wanted to find missing plaque

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy is asking for help to find a historical brass directional plaque that has gone missing from the Mt Ettalong lookout.

The plaque was installed by the club 72 years ago and pointed to local landmarks.

"It's a piece of our history," said club president Mr Trevor Walker.

The club had recently organised to clean it.

"We were saddened to see the recent graffiti on it," said Mr Walker.

"When we organised to clean it, it was gone."

"If you find it, please drop in to Woy Woy Police station, no questions asked."

SOURCE:
Social media, 2 Sep 2023
Trevor Walker, Rotary Woy Woy



Council seeks views on strategic plans

Central Coast Council is seeking community feedback about its Community Strategic Plan and the Local Strategic Planning Statement.

Council Administrator Mr Rik Hart said the two documents "represent the highest level of strategic planning undertaken by a local council".

He said they were developed on behalf of the community, "so it's important they represent a wide range of views", he said.

"Council plays a leadership role in initiating and developing the CSP, but it is not solely responsible for its implementation."

"Everyone can contribute to delivery of our community vision, including our partners in state government and non-government agencies, businesses and community groups, and individual members of the community."

"We want to ... make sure that the next iteration of these important guiding documents still aligns with what the community would like to see for the future of the Central Coast."

"This survey is the first step in our engagement program and will provide us with meaningful data to help gauge what's important to our

community."

Further consultation will be undertaken via community workshops and public exhibition of the draft documents in early 2025.

Council planning director Dr Alice Howe said the Council wanted to hear from all community members "about their lived experiences, values, perceptions and desires for the Central Coast region".

She said the Community Strategic Plan "provides the Central Coast community's vision for the region and describes the key objectives we can all work towards to achieve that vision over the next 10 years".

She said the Local Strategic Planning Statement "frames the future land use direction for the Central Coast over the next 20 years".

"Together the CSP and LSPS help guide delivery of the social, environmental and economic aspirations of the community."

Details are available on the council website <https://www.yourvoiceourcoast.com/CSPandLSPS>.

Feedback will be accepted until Monday, October 16.

SOURCE:
Media release, 13 Sep 2023
Rik Hart, Central Coast Council

Renewed appeal for missing woman

Brisbane Water Police District have renewed their appeal for help to find missing person Ms Susan Chiddy.

"We are issuing a renewed appeal for public assistance to locate a woman missing from the Woy Woy area," they said in a social media post.

Ms Chiddy, 62, was last seen leaving a home on The Boulevard, Woy Woy, about 10am on Friday, August 4.

Unable to be located since, Susan was reported missing to officers attached to Brisbane Water Police District, who commenced inquiries into her whereabouts.

Police and family hold concerns for her welfare.

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.

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

SOURCE:
Social media, 13 Sep 2023
Brisbane Water Police District

Fundraising day for Mary Mac's Place

Mary Mac's Place is holding a fundraising day on September 30 at the Ettalong Bowling Club.

The day will include live entertainment and pop-up stalls by local breweries, wineries and distillery vendors.

There will be a children's jumping castle, games and food stalls, including a barbecue and hot dog stall.

All proceeds from the day will be donated to Mary Mac's Place.

"We support over 100 people a day, all free and our program is non-funded," said Mary Mac's project worker Ms Sally Baker.

"We rely solely on our community support with donations."

"Please come down and support our amazing program."

SOURCE:
Social media, 13 Sep 2023
Sally Baker, Mary Mac's Place

Demolition order issued for Empire Bay Marina

Central Coast Council has issued the NSW Crown Lands agency with a demolition order for the Empire Bay Marina building.

"Due to safety risks, Council has issued Crown Lands with a demolition order for the Empire Bay Marina," according to an unattributed media release, presumably issued on the authority of Council general manager Mr David Farmer.

The decision was made following an approach to Council by Crown Lands.

Crown Lands raised "the dilapidated nature of the boatshed structure and the potential safety risks to people who have been, and might continue to, access the boatshed and associated wharfs/jetties, even though the site is closed to public access", Mr Farmer said.

"The demolition order includes conditions to address both environmental and heritage considerations associated with demolition."

SOURCE:
Media release, 8 Sep 2023
David Farmer, Central Coast Council

Forum

Please get behind Dr Duff

I am writing this as I am very concerned about what is happening to the After Hours Service at Woy Woy Hospital.

They are not out of the woods yet even though a promise has been made for funding.

The After Hours Service is run by local GPs who give up their own time of an evening or weekend to make sure we do not need to travel to Gosford for treatment.

The service has not had any increase in funding from the Government for years now and cannot keep delivering to the community on the current budget.

I wrote to Dr Gordon Reid MP but am still waiting on a response.

The service urgently needs extra funding to stay viable and meet the needs of the community.

On top of this there is a shortage of local GP's who are not willing to help staff the service along with Dr Paul Duff.

Dr Paul Duff is doing everything humanly possible to keep this service going but he cannot do this single-handedly.

He needs a big response from all GPs practising on the Peninsula to lessen his own workload and do what is best for the community.

It should not be on the shoulders

of one good man to service the whole Peninsula.

We need a group effort to make this work and we need the help of the Government and other GPs to jump on board to save this vital service.

If this vital service closes we are all at risk next time we get sick.

Pensioners live week to week and cannot afford the travel to Gosford in an emergency.

The parking prices at Gosford Hospital and long wait times also makes it impossible for some residents.

Please get behind Dr Paul Duff and try to save this vital after hours service as it is vital for the health and well being of our residents.

If we can get more GPs on board to service this Centre there will be less of a burden on others to keep it going.

With doctors retiring and some leaving the Peninsula we really need to put a plan in motion to make it easier for GPs to run this service.

Let us all get behind Dr Paul Duff and help him keep this vital service going.

SOURCE:
Email, 6 Sep 2023
Joanne Roberts, Blackwall

Fourth attempt in 10 years to sell off open space

How long does the community need to fight to protect its community land and playgrounds?

The Peninsula news edition 284 in February 2012 documents the removal of the playground from Austin Butler reserve and the promise not to sell it.

Fast forward four years and the Council put the playgrounds back up for sale.

Peninsula News edition 403 reported the first Administrator Mr Ian Reynolds rejected the proposed strategy to sell the parks and reserves on the Peninsula.

He said Council had listened to the community who had shown "a desire to save their reserve but also expressed affection for them".

He also stated at the council meeting in 2016 that "environmental assets in the community are important to them, and they love them."

Nothing has changed in 2023.

The community still loves the environmental assets of the green space and trees in Austin Butler reserve.

And for the fourth time in 10

years, the council still under administration continues to push the sell off agenda of recreational open space.

When will the bureaucrats in council understand green Infrastructure is more important than concrete and a balanced budget in an increasingly urbanised world?

As global temperatures continue to rise, mitigating the consequences of a concentrated humanity becomes all the more urgent.

Urban planners and designers should be more aware of ecological planning and design in managing increasing urban heat island impacts, especially on the Woy Woy Peninsula.

The Council, in moving forward with the reclassification of Lot 9 Austin Butler, sent the planning proposal to the Local Planning Panel, for the Panel to discuss the proposal behind closed doors and reject community members requests to speak against the proposal.

A request was made by the Australian Conservation

Foundation Central Coast group for a "public briefing meeting" which the Panel can hold to hear submissions in a public forum about items with considerable interest and to meet with key stakeholders to discuss unresolved issues.

The Austin Butler reclassification has considerable community interest and has galvanised the community of the Woy Woy Peninsula to reject any reclassification, rezoning or Gateway proposal and yet the community is being ignored.

No response was received to our request and the Panel has sent its secret advice back to the Council under administration.

The Administrator needs to follow Mr Reynolds' lead and listen to the community and withdraw any proposal to reclassify and sell off Austin Butler.

Please email and phone the Administrator to tell him to save Austin Butler's trees and green space, and that you want him to withdraw it from the bulk reclassification.

SOURCE:
Email, 17 Sep 2023
Mark Ellis, Woy Woy

Is the sale of council land in Woy Woy's town centre to advance the interests of stakeholders and the Woolworths Group the ultimate criticism of bio-banking?

I refer to Administrator Hart's option: the destruction of vegetation to finance a bio-banking scheme on the Peninsula.

Bio-offset unlikely to be done in a hurry

Will this proposal have the same council interest as the urban greening strategy, which is awaiting action from 2018, and the climate change policy, awaiting action from 2015?

This new bio-offset scheme will be a council-conceived plan, also actioned by the council.

Where are the case study examples of the urban greening policy?

Are there any details available or is this information strictly confidential?

All the advice from Administrator Hart at the last council meeting was theoretical and all the details

have been deferred to sometime in the future.

I believe this will certainly be later than next year's local government elections, as Mr Hart concentrates on the Gosford Waterfront development and preparing council's administration for the inevitable scrutiny after his

departure. Woolworths Group has again stated it has "no detailed plans".

Is this comment true, considering Woolworths is the main tenant in Peninsula Plaza, with acknowledged issues regarding the operation of the outlet.

Woolworths has been generic in drafting its response to the editor.

SOURCE:
Letter, 6 Sep 2023
Norm Harris, Umina

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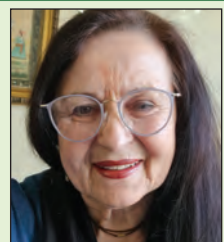
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Fair Day is at heart of Coastal Twist

The Coastie Carnie Fair Day is one of three free events being held on the Peninsula as part of the Coastal Twist Festival, which runs from Tuesday, September 26, to Monday, October 2.

The Fair Day at Umina's Recreation Precinct from 10am to 5pm on Sunday, October 1, is billed as the Festival centrepiece.

"The Fair Day is the biggest and most colourful all-ages event of the festival," said creative director Ms Glitta Supernova.

"Everyone from everywhere is invited to the absolute beating heart of the Coastal Twist Festival.

"A free vibrant and fun day, our Coastie Carnie Fair Day is where absolutely everyone from near and afar come together to celebrate

humanity and connection in a fun and culturally rich day of art, entertainment, food, shopping and pets with a mass outdoor picnic.

"Our last Coastie Carnie Fair Day saw over 9000 locals and visitors hit the Peninsula Recreation Precinct.

"Come along and soak up the atmosphere in an all-day rainbow of visible inclusion across abilities, ages, genders, cultures and mindsets.

"Bring your mate, hang a blanket with your family, shop our bespoke makers market or come dance your buns off.

"Get amongst it and register today for the infamous Puparazzi Pooch Parade."

The other two free events to be held on the Peninsula are an open

mic poetry night in Woy Woy and a youth dance at Umina.

Paid activities on the Peninsula include Drag Bingo at Ettalong Diggers Club on Wednesday, September 27, Love Club Superstars Cabaret at the Naughty Noodle Fun Haus in Ettalong on Friday, September 29, a Clubercise Family Workout and a Bauhaus Spellbound Dance Party both at the Fun Haus on Saturday, September 30, and a Short Shorts Film Arvo at the Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club on Sunday, October 1.

Further information about the festival can be found on the festival website <https://coastaltwist.org.au/>

SOURCE:
Website, 15 Sep 2023
Glitta Supernova, Coastal Twist Festival



Americana theme at next Troubadour concert

"Americana with a perfect twist" will be the theme of the Troubadour Folk Club concert next Saturday night.

The concert will feature the finger-picking blues and soulful mouth harp of Rory Ellis and Christian Marsh at the concert at 7pm at Everglades Country Club in Woy Woy.

They will be supported by the Night Owls, originally from Queensland, now based on the Central Coast, said folk club president Mr Michael Fine.

"Rory Ellis has toured extensively throughout Australia, mainland Europe and the UK and has recorded 10 studio albums, to national and international acclaim.

"When you hear him picking out tunes on the resonator blues guitar and sing with his unforgettably deep soulful voice, you would be forgiven for totally disbelieving that he once sang opera.

"It shows in the quality and presentation of this entertaining,

highly acclaimed singer songwriter.

"Rory is joined on stage by his long-time friend and virtuoso harmonica player Christian Marsh.

"Christian is a world renowned master of the chromatic and diatonic harmonica, and has been a long-term Central Coast resident.

"He has won the Gold Harmonica Awards in Tamworth three times, and has featured on many high profile Australian and International artists' albums and stages."

Mr Fine said the pair would be supported by the Night Owls a trio of Stewart Porter, Jeannie Kay and Geoff Wright, playing a mix of Bluegrass, Country and Folk.

"Multi instrumentalists, they make their music with guitar, harmonica, mandolin, dobro and banjo and combine great musicianship, vocals and harmonies to provide entertaining, foot tapping music."

SOURCE:
Media release, 14 Sep 2023
Michael Fine, Troubadour Folk Club

Youth dance at Mingaletta

A Magical Tricksters youth dance for 12 to 17 year olds will be held at Mingaletta from 5pm to 10pm on Friday, September 29, as part of the Coastal Twist Festival.

It will be the fourth dance party run by the Young Authentic And Social program of the Naughty Noodle Fun Haus, and will have themes of Bewitched, Enchantment and Illusion.

"Get your magic tricks ready, conjure up your inner strength, and let's party," said festival creative director Ms Glitta Supernova.

"With performance, magical music to dance to, new friendships and free make-up transformations, you won't want to miss this."

Performers will include DJ Rachel Maria Cox, connoisseur of the sing-along; MC Fox Pflueger, performance art drag thing; Tynga

Williams, high kicks and back flips; Jazida, cabaret lightning rod and MiniB, proof that gender is an illusion.

Ms Supernova said: "Youth workers are available if you want to have a chat and to make sure everyone has a safe and supported experience.

"Trained First Aid and Mental Health First Aid will be available."

She said strict rules would ensure the event was drug, smoke and alcohol-free.

All volunteers and staff would ensure compliance with child safety laws and checks.

A chill-out space would be accessible away from the dance floor.

Mingaletta is located at 6 Sydney Ave, Umina.

SOURCE:
Website, 15 Sep 2023
Glitta Supernova, Coastal Twist Festival

Pride Poetry at Woy Woy

A free Pride Poetry night will be held in Woy Woy on Wednesday, September 27, as part of the Coastal Twist Festival.

"Pride Poetry is a wholesome community gathering of creative, courageous, and quirky queer folks and allies, who come together to share a love for poetry," said festival creative director Ms Glitta Supernova.

"Your regular local hosts Liz and EJ invite everyone to come and share their own poems, read something they love or to just be there to connect with others."

The event will run from 6pm to 10:30pm at the Link and Pin cafe in Railway St, Woy Woy.

SOURCE:
Website, 15 Sep 2023
Glitta Supernova, Coastal Twist Festival

WHAT'S ON at ETTALONG BOWLING CLUB

Ettalong Bowling Club is excited to host SPRING FEST on the Green - Saturday 30th September from 12pm - 5pm.

Proceeds from the days event will be donated to MARY MACS PLACE - WOY WOY. Mary Macs does an amazing job servicing the Peninsula to help out our local community who are doing it tough. The volunteers work tirelessly to provide meals and services five days a week and will be selling some delicious food from the BBQ stall on the day.

A family friendly day out with games, jumping castle and snow cone, popcorn and fairy floss stalls for the little ones. For the bigger kids, we are providing pop up stalls from our local breweries, wineries and distillery vendors. Live entertainment, raffles, giveaways a visit from Triple MMM roadies.

This is an event not to be missed..... Save the date and get your friends and family at the Bowlo on Saturday 30th September to support local.

Drink tickets will be available to purchase from reception or on the Green from 11am and can be redeem at any of the pop up vendors

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Choir donates to Elsie's Retreat

Woy Woy's Frantastics Choir has donated \$500 to Elsie's Retreat at Gosford Public Hospital.

The choir is now taking bookings for 2024, said choir director Ms Fran Kendall.

"The one-hour program consists of easy-listening music sung in harmony, interspersed with solos and skits.

"A short hilarious melodrama can be included on request.

"A small donation or refreshments after the performance are appreciated.

"New members are always welcome."

Further information is available online at www.frantastics.org.

SOURCE:
Media release, 5 Sep 2023
Fran Kendall, Frantastics Choir



Rotary club to fund sewing Ugandan workshop

The Rotary Club of Brisbane Water will provide a grant to set up a sewing workshop at the Divine Mercy Primary School it supports in Uganda.

"The new sewing room will provide tailoring lessons for students in grades four to seven," said club president Ms Sue O'Neill.

"We have engaged local mums to produce school uniforms."

The club has secured a Rotary District grant for the project, which will cover the wage of a skilled tailoring teacher as well as several machines, fabric and other resources needed, Ms O'Neill said.

"This will be a valuable training centre to teach skills to students as well as local woman."

Students and women who have completed the course will be provided with a government-approved Certificate of Attainment in Tailoring, she said.

"Students become proficient through making a series of samplers."

They would learn to "sew straight lines and overlocking by making sanitary shields, liners and a drawstring bag".

They would make an unlined tote bag, a lined shopping bag and a purse with zip, as well as practice making collars, sleeves, buttonholes, waistbands and pleating, Ms O'Neill said.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 16 Sep 2023
Di Bartok, Rotary Brisbane Water

First concert 'with a rock vibe' at Pearl Beach arboretum

The Pearl Beach Arboretum will host its "first concert with a rock vibe" when The Beatles Rebooted performs at 2:30pm on Saturday, October 7.

Presented by the Arboretum together with the Pearl Beach Progress Association, the event will raise money for the two non-profit organisations.

"These community-based organisations rely on revenue from events and activities to manage overheads and upkeep," said progress association publicity officer Ms Lynne Lillico.

"While we have had music events in the Pearl Beach Arboretum since 1995, this is the first concert with a rock vibe.

"This concert will provide two and a half hours of entertainment by a popular Beatles tribute band in a relaxing bushland setting.

"All the favourites will be performed, from the psychedelia of Strawberry Fields and Come



Together to the haunting beauty of Yesterday and Eleanor Rigby."

The first half of the show will feature songs from their rock n roll Twist and Shout cavern days.

After intermission, the songs will include I am The Walrus, She's Leaving Home, Hello Goodbye, and Here Comes the Sun, with a live string section.

Patrons were encouraged to bring a chair, rug, picnic and drinks, said Ms Lillico.

Parking will be available near the tennis courts, accessed via Tourmaline Ave, with a donation to the local fire brigade.

Tickets cost \$45 per adult and \$25 per child, plus a booking fee:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/beatles-rebooted-at-the-arboretum-tickets-629038329577>.

SOURCE:
Media release, 11 Sep 2023
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association

New food pantry opens in Woy Woy

A new food pantry opening in Woy Woy will "work alongside" the Seventh Day Adventist food pantry and Mary Mac's Place "to meet increasing demand and to provide greater access", according to its chief executive officer.

"We provide free food as well as low cost groceries twice a week, so between all of us we are meeting the needs of community," said Ms Vivian Muraahi of Community Support and Outreach Services Central Coast.

"There's no competition.

"We are an unfunded food pantry service and at opposite sides of Woy Woy."

Ms Muraahi said the new service opened on September 4 and was located in the Yaringaa building next to Meals on Wheels in John Hoare Close, Woy Woy, near the Peninsula Community Centre.

She said the Narara-based service had been operating in Gosford and Narara for more than 50 years.

As well as the food pantry, the



Peninsula service would operate a no-interest loans scheme, a financial counselling service, an energy assistance program and an "intensive youth life skills" program.

"The People's Pantry offers low-cost groceries including pantry items, frozen foods, personal care items, bread, fruit and vegetables," said Ms Muraahi.

"It is open to the public every Monday and Wednesday from 11:30am to 2:30pm.

"Membership is free and open to all.

"However, people coming to the People's Pantry for the first time must be willing to complete a

customer consent form."

She said the service welcomed pantry donations Monday to Thursday between 10am and 3pm.

Ms Muraahi said the service was "actively seeking volunteers to join the team in Woy Woy" to help run the service.

"There are many ways to get involved, and you don't need a special skill set to make a meaningful impact."

She said training and support was provided for volunteers.

For further information, call the service on 4329 4477.

SOURCE:
Media release, 12 Sep 2023
Vivian Muraahi, Community SOS

Flash Festival to be held next weekend

Woy Woy Little Theatre will hold its Flash Festival with four sessions over September 22-24.

The Festival has six short plays and all are performed at each session.

Those attending may vote on the People's Pick Award for best play.

The Commuter written by Trudi Slaven will be directed by Sebastian Yule.

Clear As Mud by Sally Bartley will be directed by Nicky Prescott.

Panic by Rupert Rae will be directed by Kelli Ward.

Not On The List by Jenna Arnold will be directed by Michael Sheather.

The New Messiah of Woy Woy by Peter Rodgers will be directed by Gordon Crawford.

Shedding Light by Andrew Thomson will be directed by Sasha Shapievsk.

"We received over 20 script

submissions this year and once again the standard of submissions was high," said Mr Graham Vale.

"The Sunday matinee includes the awards ceremony afterward so it always sells out first."

All bookings and payments may be made online.

For further information, phone 4344 4737.

SOURCE:
Media release, 4 Sep 2023
Graham Vale, Woy Woy Little Theatre

Mingaletta holiday activities

Mingaletta will hold a school holiday program for children aged five to 13 from Monday, September 25, to Friday, September 29.

The free activities will include Rock Painting at Mingaletta from 2:30pm to 4:30pm on the Monday.

Cultural craft will be held onsite on the Tuesday from 1:30pm to

3:30pm.

Junior tennis lessons and a free sausage sizzle will be held off-site between 10:30am and 12:30pm from the Wednesday to the Friday.

For further information and registration forms, phone 4342 7515.

SOURCE:
Social media, 4 Sep 2023
Dianne O'Brien, Mingaletta ATSC

Pat Hutch retires after 30 years

A member of the staff of a local aged care facility has retired after more than 30 years of service.

She is Ms Pat Hutch, a member of the Peninsula Village's Leisure and Lifestyle Team.

"Pat has had a huge impact on the lives of our residents, staff and friends here at Peninsula Villages," said chief executive Mr Colin Osborne.

"She is a valued member of our

team and we will miss her greatly.

"Pat has always been a dedicated and passionate employee.

"She has a gift for making people feel welcome and appreciated.

"She will be remembered for her warm smile and her commitment to making Peninsula Villages a special place to live."

SOURCE:

**Social media, 8 Sep 2023
Colin Osborne, Peninsula Villages**



'Girls' raise \$29,500 for Cancer Council

A "Hollywood Glitz and Glamour" fundraiser attended by 300 women has raised \$29,500 for the Central Coast branch of the Cancer Council.

The event was held by the Peninsula group of Girls Just Wanna Have Fun NSW.

Central Coast Peninsula held on Saturday, September 9, in the Ettalong Diggers Club ballroom.

"We are thrilled to have again

provided significant sponsorship, by way of ClubGrants, to ensure 100 per cent of every \$95 ticket sold, would go to their chosen beneficiary," said Diggers Club community manager Ms Kim Cole.

"The monies raised will stay here on the Central Coast to benefit and support local women with cancer, and their families."

SOURCE:

**Social media, 12 Sep 2023
Kim Cole, Ettalong Diggers**

Stalls raise money for stroke recovery

Two stalls run by the Woy Woy Stroke Recovery Club earlier this month have raised \$500 for the group.

The stalls were held at Everglades Country Club on Wednesday, September 6, and at Peninsula Plaza, Woy Woy, on the Thursday, September 7, to coincide with Stroke Awareness Week from September 4 to 10.

A donated gift voucher allowed the club to buy goods for a hamper which was raffled to help cover running costs.

"We made over \$500 selling pens and raffle tickets, and gave out free information on stroke," said club secretary Ms Lynette Elario.

"The club is a not-for-profit



organisation helping members and their families who have suffered stroke.

"We are a social club run by volunteers.

"We meet on the second

Tuesday of the month at Everglades Country Club."

SOURCE:

**Media release, 15 Sep 2023
Lynette Elario, Woy Woy Stroke Recovery Club**

Maintenance staff become 'fish whisperers'

Two members of the maintenance staff at a local aged care facility have become known as "fish whisperers".

Mr Greg Smith and Mr Renee Gomez are maintenance staff at Peninsula Village.

"They are known for their many skills, but they're also fish whisperers," said chief executive Mr Colin Osborne.

They are pictured feeding the fish in the Pam Palmer House fish pond with resident Mr Arthur Moore.

"These three are a real team, and they love taking care of our



community," said Mr Osborne.

"We're so grateful for their hard work and dedication."

SOURCE:

**Social media, 11 Sep 2023
Colin Osborne, Peninsula Villages**

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Education



Head Start program to be held from October 18

Ettalong Public School will hold its Head Start program for next year's kindergarten students every Wednesday from October 18.

Group 1 begins on Wednesday 18 October and Group 2 begins on Wednesday 25 October.

"It's not too late for your little one to join us," said principal Ms Jodie Campbell.

"If you haven't booked in for

a session or would like more information about enrolling your child for kindergarten in 2024 please contact our office on 4341 3655.

"We can't wait to meet all our new kindergarten students for 2024 at our Head Start program next term."

SOURCE:

**Social media, 9 Sep 2023
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong Public School**

College wins four Minister's Awards

Brisbane Water Secondary College has won four awards at the NSW Education Minister's and Secretary's Awards for excellence at Sydney Town Hall on Tuesday, September 5.

They were among 165 awards presented to NSW public school teachers, students, employees and parents at the Awards.

College captain Charli Grant received an award for "excellence

in student achievement".

Teacher Mr Andy Westerhoff received an award for "excellence in teaching".

Woy Woy campus principal Ms Rebecca Cooper received an award for "excellent service".

The college itself received an award for "excellence in school achievement".

The awards aimed to celebrate "the best of public schooling, outstanding achievement of

individuals and breakthrough school initiatives centred around literacy, numeracy, science, student well-being and community partnerships".

"We have an amazing team and a great student community," said Ms Cooper.

"The awards and acknowledgment are ours to share."

SOURCE:

**Social media, 5 Sep 2023
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy**



Year 6 students return from Canberra visit

Year 6 students from Umina Beach Public School have returned from an activity-packed two-day visit to Canberra.

The students visited Mt Ainsley, the National Gallery and Regatta Point on Tuesday, September 12.

The day included a visit to Parliament House where they saw Prime Minister Mr Anthony Albanese and watched some Senate speeches and voting.

Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid, a former Umina student, took time out to talking with students and answer their questions.

After a quick dinner, they then visited the National Dinosaur Museum.

On Wednesday, September 13, they toured embassies, participated in parliamentary role

plays, learned about electoral processes and visited old Parliament House.

They orienteered at the National Arboretum and visited the National Art Gallery.

After dinner, they spent two hours at Questacon.

School principal Ms Karen Wardlaw reported the trip involved "82 students, 22 kilometres walked, 356 meals provided, over 20 venues, innumerable loo stops, no students lost, negligible hours of sleep but literally thousands of smiles throughout the last three days".

"Our kids have been marvellous: engaged, well mannered, curious and respectful learners."

SOURCE:

**Social media, 12 Sep 2023
Karen Wardlaw, Umina Beach Public School**

Primary school ethics teachers wanted

Residents with a spare hour or two in their week are being encouraged to volunteer as a primary ethics teacher.

The demand for ethics teachers was high and more volunteers were needed, said Primary Ethics area manager Ms Cemine Sezgin.

She said voluntary ethics teachers got a lot out of the role, and contributed to the richness of students' lives.

She gave the example of Ms Jo Gardner who she said had learnt about Primary Ethics through Peninsula News and had been teaching at Woy Woy Public School since.

"She was motivated by a sense of wanting to give back, having a connection with the young generation and providing an option for parents who don't want their children to participate in religious

education.

"Jo says she has found joy, amusement and all the intangible benefits of volunteering along the way."

Ms Sezgin said Ms Gardner had always had an interest in ethics and had heard Simon Longstaff of the Ethics Centre speak on a number of occasions.

She said that Ms Gardner had found the free training workshop with Primary Ethics "a wonderful experience" and that she had "learnt so much for myself about ethics and philosophy".

Ms Gardner teaches two classes a week.

She said it took her about an hour to prepare for each, reading carefully through the lesson script which is supplied to her by Primary Ethics.

"The best part of being an ethics

teacher is the children," said Ms Gardner.

"I am exposed to their wonder in life.

"I like seeing the kids thinking and then coming up with ideas.

"Their talkative natures with great explaining of their thoughts, sometimes a bit convoluted but always considered and revealing their willingness to think about ethical issues."

Ms Gardner said she would encourage anyone with a spare hour or two in their week to volunteer as an ethics teacher.

No previous teaching experience is needed.

More information is available at the website primaryethics.com.au/ volunteer

SOURCE:

**Media release, 11 Sep 2023
Cemine Sezgin, Primary Ethics**

Students attend cyber day in Newcastle

Year 11 BWSC Woy Woy students with a passion for IT and cyber attended a "Big Day In" 2023 at Newcastle University on Wednesday, August 30.

They heard talks from keynote speakers from the Australian Signals Directorate, the Woolworths Group and Microsoft.

"Students learned about what these organisations are doing in the tech space, and what they are looking for in new hires," said campus principal Ms Rebecca Cooper.

They also heard of opportunities to participate in work experience, internships and other pathways



into the Cyber and IT sector.

"Students also had opportunities to network with industry stakeholders at their expo stalls

and learn further insights to how to get a foot in the door."

SOURCE:

**Social media, 5 Sep 2023
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy**

Trivia night for Raad family

Woy Woy campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College will hold a trivia night for the Raad family at 6pm tonight, Monday, September 18, at the campus hall.

"The Raad family have recently lost their home in a house fire," said campus principal Ms Rebecca Cooper.

The night will include the canteen and a sausage sizzle, live music, a meat raffle and other competitions.

Entry will cost \$10 per person, payable via website or at the door.

SOURCE:

**Social media, 8 Sep 2023
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy**



Phone win

A student at Woy Woy campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College has won a phone for her good attendance record.

Sarah Johnston-Paterson is pictured receiving the phone from Woy Woy campus principal Ms Rebecca Cooper.

SOURCE:

**Social media, 5 Sep 2023
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy**

Rugby club to hold annual general meeting

Woy Woy Rugby Club will hold its annual general meeting at 1pm on Sunday, October 8.

"As a club, we need many people helping behind the scenes to make everything work," said club secretary Mr Phil Burgess.

"The more who help, the smaller the burden on everyone.

"Helping as a volunteer can either be a way of sharing your experience and wisdom or an opportunity to expand your current skill-set and enhance your career aspirations.

"As we want to be successful on the field, we need to be successful off the field."

The meeting will elect president, secretary, assistant secretary, treasurer and assistant treasurer, as well as seniors president, seniors registrar, juniors president, juniors secretary and junior

registrar.

"We welcome club members to be involved on our committee," said Mr Burgess.

"While some current holders of these roles will re-apply for their roles there will still be others left vacant.

"The remaining senior club roles will be decided after nominations have been made on the first committee meeting after the annual meeting."

These roles include first grade coach, first grade manager, second grade coach, second grade manager, Ladies coach and Ladies manager.

"For juniors, the junior president confirms coaches and manager for the teams.

For further information, phone Mr Burgess on 0435 814 412.

SOURCE:
Social media, 12 Sep 2023
Phil Burgess, Woy Woy Rugby Club

Soccer presentations in October

Woy Woy Football Club will hold its junior soccer presentation on Sunday, October 15, and its senior presentation on Saturday, October 21, at Ettalong Diggers.

The junior presentation will be held between 10am and 12pm from Mini Roos Teams Under-5s to Under-11s.

Lunch provided for players between 12pm and 2pm with a disco with "Bop till you Drop".

Junior teams from Under-12s to Under-16s will have their presentation between 2.30pm and 4.30pm.

The senior presentation night will be held from 6pm on Saturday, October 21.

Those attending have been asked to confirm their attendance by ticket purchase online and to specify any dietary requirements.

For further information, email secretary@woywoyfootball.org.au.

SOURCE:
Social media, 14 Sep 2023
Woy Woy Football Club



Everglades men play Major Pairs final

The Everglades Men's Major Pairs final was played last Saturday, September 16, on a warm spring afternoon.

The team of Kevin Hughes and Peter Page (19) defeated Garry Anderson and Vince Chand (15).

"The championship has been contested over several weeks," said assistant secretary Mr Grant Ireland.

"Each match consisted of a 2/2/2/2 format over 21 ends."

The next event on the

Everglades Men's Bowls Calendar is the Major Triples which will start on Saturday, September 23.

A sponsored Open Gender Triples game will start on Tuesday, October 17.

For more information, phone the Everglades Bowls Office on 4341 1089 or email bowls@evergladesc.com.au.

SOURCE:
Media release, 17 Sep 2023
Grant Ireland, Everglades Men's Bowls

Bicycle group reverses 'boomerang' ride

The Central Coast Bicycle User Group has reversed its normal "boomerang" ride from Woy Woy to Gosford for its ride tomorrow, Tuesday, September 19.

The two-hour ride will start at the Eat Street Cafe on the Gosford Waterfront, come to Woy Woy and return.

The ride is described as an easy ride along the shared path to Woy

Woy and back, about 25km in total.

A coffee break will be held somewhere in Gosford or in Woy Woy.

Riders are asked to arrive at least five minutes before start time to sign on.

For further information, phone ride leader Graham on 0481 467 867.

SOURCE:
Social media, 11 Sep 2023
Alan Corven, CCBC

Touch trials at Rogers Park

Peninsula Junior Touch is seeking expressions of interest for the 2023-24 Junior Representative Season.

Trials will be held in Rogers Park over three Sundays in October.

On Sunday, October 8, trials will be held for 10 Girls, 14 Girls and 14 Boys from 8:30-10am.

Trials will be held for 16 Girls from 9-10:30am and for 16 Boys from 3-4:30pm.

On Sunday, October 15, trials will be held for 10 Boys from 3-5pm and for 12 Girls from 3-4:30pm.

Trials will be held for 12 Boys from 9-10:30am on Sunday, October 22.

SOURCE:
Social media, 12 Sep 2023
Peninsula Junior Touch



Soccer grand final win for Southern 45A team

The 45A soccer team from Southern and Ettalong United Football Club has won its grand final.

The side had a 3-0 win over Barnstoneworth United Football

Club Central Coast played at the Gosford Stadium.

SOURCE:
Social media, 9 Sep 2023
Southern and Ettalong United Football Club

Interest sought in netball development squad

Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association is seeking interest in its 11s development squad.

The purpose of the 11s training development squad is to improve the players netball skills and to give young players a taste of what representative netball is like for the following year.

The development squad trains once a week on top of their normal club training.

The squad will represent Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association at carnivals throughout the 2024 representative season.

There will be an 11s Development Squad information session held early in 2024 prior to training commencing.

For further information, email wwpna@bigpond.com

SOURCE:
Social media, 16 Sep 2023.
Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association

Business house bowls competition planned

The Ettalong Bowling Club will be holding a Business House Bowls Competition over Thursday nights in November and December.

The cost will be \$60 for each triples team, with prizes offered.

Nomination forms are available

at the club.

For further information, phone Darren Morrison on 4341 1910 or email darren@ettalongbowlingclub.net.

Entries close on November 6.
SOURCE:
Media release, 12 Sep 2023
Ken Dixon, Ettalong Bowling Club

Bowling club raises \$1000 on RUOK Day

Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club held its RUOK Day Event on Thursday, September 14.

"What a sensational event it was too," said club secretary Mr Peter Springett.

"Sunshine, 52 bowlers mostly wearing yellow shirts and lots of fun for this very important event.

The event was co-ordinated and run by club welfare officer Rex A E Hunt, with help from Steve Stead, Robin Hill and Don Stephens.

The day raised \$1000 for RUOK Men's Health through an auction and raffles.

SOURCE:
Social media, 15 Sep 2023
Peter Springett, UBMBC



Sport



Southern Spirit wins trial match

The Southern Spirit cricket team has won its trial match against Waratah-Mayfield Cricket Club last Saturday, September 16.

Top batsmen were Liam O'Farrell 74 and Jaylen Johnston

65. Best bowlers were Lachlan Corke and Daniel Friend with figures of 2/16.

SOURCE:
Social media, 16 Sep 2023
Southern Spirit Cricket Club

Surf club raises \$9350 in 24-hour row

Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club has raised more than \$9350 for mental health.

The money was raised through a Gotcha4Life 24-hour row for mental fitness over the weekend of September 9 and 10.

Supporters included Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid and Member for Gosford Ms Liesl

Tesch MP who encouraged the participants and also clocked up a few kilometres on the rower themselves.

It is still possible to donate to the cause at <https://24hourrow.com.au/t/oceanbeachslsc>.

SOURCE:
Social media,
Ocean Beach SLSC



Rotary club raises almost \$7000 at charity golf day

The Rotary Club of Brisbane Water held its annual Charity Golf Day was held at Everglades on Monday, September 4.

"The day raised \$6,855.15 for cancer research and local youth projects," said club president Mr Mitchell Gordon.

"Organiser Mark Simpson treated players to cake and champagne on arrival, as well as a few surprises on the course.

"Lunch, raffles and speeches rounded off a great morning of friendly competition."

More than 20 teams took part. Pictured on the day were Ms Margaret Simpson, Ms Jennifer Brown, Ms Sue Huntley, Mr Mitchell Gordon, Ms Jayne Mote, Ms Lillias Bovell and Mr Peter Mote.

SOURCE:
Social media, 4 Sep 2023
Mitchell Gordon, Rotary
Brisbane Water

Super-size bridge field for AGM Pairs

The Brisbane Water Bridge Club conducted its annual AGM Pairs competition after the annual general meeting on Monday, September 11.

"A super-size field fronted the judges with some surprising results," said new president Mr Jim Routledge.

"Possibly the biggest result was the successful defence of their title by Elaine and Peter Hume.

"To win one red point event is hard enough but to front up again next year is almost unknown."

North-South results were:

1 Peter Hume, Elaine Hume 334.9 (62.01 per cent), 0.60 red points.

2 Christine Hadaway, Ann Snow 321.1 (59.47), 0.42.

3 Judy Wulff, David Adams 307.4 (56.93), 0.30.

4 Pamela Lumby, Carol Long 277.1 (51.32), 0.20.

5 Julie Teague, Laurie Powell 274.3 (50.80), 0.15.

6 Cheryl Pearse, Jenni Murray 267.8 (49.59), 0.12.

7 Jacqueline Wilson, Jenny Buckley 265.9 (49.24).

8 Meg McGregor, Hilary Owen 263.5 (48.79).

9 Dieter Mucharsky, Bob Lowry 254.9 (47.20).

10 Stuart Clark, Pete Talty 231.2 (42.82).

11 Kerry-Anne Durrant, Carolyn Girdwood 220.2 (40.77).

12 Rohan Creasey, Maria Rose 216.2 (40.04).

East-West results were:



1 Jaan Oitmaa, Sylvia Foster 340.9 (63.13 per cent), 0.60 red points.

2 Martin Johnson, Chris Hasemore 340.5 (63.05), 0.42.

3 Hope Tomlinson, Barry Foster 332.6 (61.59), 0.30.

4 Caroline Nichols, Graham Woof 318.5 (58.98), 0.20.

5 Karen Ody, Jim Routledge 299.3 (55.43), 0.15.

6 Carolynne Mucharsky, Blair Glass 279.2 (51.70).

7 Jan Davis, Lorraine Lindsay 274.1 (50.76).

8 Carolyn Harper, Marilyn Reid 251.6 (46.58).

9 Jenny Poole, Josephine Howie 197.7 (36.61).

10 Maureen Lockwood, Fiona Galea 191.3 (35.43).

11 Annie Creasey, Julie Barker 144.4 (26.75).

Pictured are north-south winners Peter and Elaine Hume and east-west winners Jaan Oitmaa and Sylvia Foster.

SOURCE:
Social media, 13 Sep 2023
Jim Routledge, Brisbane
Water Bridge Club



New executive elected at bridge club

The Brisbane Water Bridge Club held its annual general meeting on Monday, September 11, and elected a new executive and committee for the next 12 months.

Retiring president Ms Sylvia Foster's annual report highlighted the difficulties faced as the club emerged from Covid.

She thanked the past committee and the members for their continued support and participation

over the past 12 months.

She wished the club continued success and promised the new Committee her on-going support.

The new executive elected was president Mr Jim Routledge, vice-president Ms Christine Hadaway, secretary Ms Ann Snow and treasurer Mr David Adams.

Elected to the committee were Mr Jaan Oitmaa, Mr Chris Hasemore, Mr Steve Anderson and Ms Jenny Buckley.

Mr Jorgen Boettiger was

appointed auditor.

New president Mr Routledge thanked the members for their support and said he was looking forward to the challenge of the next year.

He also thanked all those volunteers for agreeing to continue their work which kept the club functioning so well.

SOURCE:
Social media, 13 Sep 2023
Jim Routledge, Brisbane
Water Bridge Club

Most surf club members sign up again

Most members of Umina Beach Surf Life Saving Club signed up for their Nippers, Youth, Open or Masters age groups at the club's open day on Sunday, September 10.

"It was a long day but very, very rewarding," said committee member Mr Mike Begg.

Attractions on the day included face painting, ice machines, a Guess the Lollies jar, surf life saving demonstrations, and education.

SOURCE:
Media statement, 11 Sep 2023
Mike Begg, UB SLSC

