



Marine Rescue called after boat loses power

Marine Rescue Central Coast was called on the afternoon of Sunday, February 25, after a Umina Beach skipper found his seven metre boat had lost power.

The man, an experienced sailor in his late 50s, had just released the boat from its mooring off Ettalong Beach when it started drifting into shallow water.

The skipper then discovered all the electrics had failed, including radio communication.

He quickly got into a kayak, tied a rope to the boat and managed to tow the craft back to the mooring before alerting his wife on a mobile

phone, who then alerted Marine Rescue.

Marine Rescue dispatched their major rescue boat, CC 21, with two volunteer crew members soon arriving at the scene.

After ensuring the man was not injured and the vessel secured, they then towed the boat to the boat ramp at Koolewong.

Meanwhile, on the Monday morning, a 10-metre yacht ran aground on a sandbar at Hardys Bay, before the skipper and a member of the public managed to free the stricken vessel.

SOURCE:
Social media, 27 Feb 2024
Marine Rescue Central Coast
Photo: Chris Lowe

Publicly-funded home births start for Peninsula women

Peninsula women who have a low-risk pregnancy may now choose a publicly-funded homebirth, through a service operated by the Central Coast Local Health District.

Homebirth midwives with the service work in collaboration with the midwifery and medical team at Gosford Hospital.

Health District women's director Ms Lynelle Hill said the homebirth service provided women with more birth options.

"We've had many Central Coast women requesting a homebirth and I am delighted we can now offer this option," Ms Hill said.

"Many women who birth at

home report feeling empowered and have high levels of satisfaction with their overall maternity care."

She said the Health District had undertaken a comprehensive risk assessment to ensure the safe implementation of the publicly-funded homebirth service.

"Women who live no further than 45 minutes from Gosford Hospital and have no known complications can access this service," she said.

"Studies have shown that planned homebirth with known midwives is safe for low-risk pregnancies.

"If a woman chooses at any point in time not to proceed with a planned homebirth they can continue to access their care

through Gosford Hospital.

"If complications do arise for the woman or her baby, there are clear pathways in place for the woman, and her baby to be transferred to Gosford Hospital.

"Since we started offering the service at the end of last year, 12 women have successfully birthed in their own homes.

"These women have said how much they valued having this choice available to them."

For more information about the service, phone 0414 193 132 or email cclhd-homebirth@health.nsw.gov.au.

SOURCE:
Media Release, Friday,
1 March 2024.
Sharna Ryan, CCLHD

Mary Mac's needs your help, says Tesch

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch is asking residents to consider making donations of food and other items to Mary Mac's Place in Woy Woy.

She said demand for hampers from Mary Mac's Place for families and individuals doing it tough was stronger than ever.

"Donations of everyday food and personal care staples - tinned meats and fish, small and family-sized shampoos, conditioners and soaps, and single-serving milks - are much-needed hamper items," she said.

"For many disadvantaged

members of our community, the cupboards are almost bare.

"For some people in need, the food cupboards are entirely bare."

She said demand for food hampers had gone from 50 a week to 150 a week.

"Even some of the shelves in Mary Mac's own food pantry are also looking a little understocked.

"I encourage members of the community to drop off a bag of essential groceries to Mary Mac's.

"Even the simple act of donating some tinned fish could be a real help to a family making their kids' school sandwiches."

Mary Mac's provided social,

community and friendship opportunities for men, women, families, young people, the elderly and the socially and economically disadvantaged, she said.

Donations can be made at 100 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, opposite St John The Baptist Catholic Church.

She said Mary Mac's provided many kinds of support for the homeless, transient and disadvantaged - from a daily hot meal to shower and laundry facilities, as well as health, podiatry and hairdressing services.

Media release, 20 Feb 2024
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

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We have access to around only 20 of these, but need to find the issues we are missing.

While we are able to get microfiche scans from the State library for the others, the quality of these is poor - in many cases even the text is only just readable.

Do you have any copies of these early issues or know anyone who does?

We would like to borrow and copy them and return them to you.

We will create facsimiles of

these issues and upload them to our website to help preserve the Peninsula's historical record.

Please get in touch with us at editor@peninsula.news if you can help.

Mark Snell, 27 Feb 2024

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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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Umina CWA holds cooking day

The Umina Beach branch of the Country Women's Association held its cooking day on Saturday, February 24.

Member Ms Rikki McIntosh demonstrated a chicken dish with mushroom sauce.

Ms Celia O'Meara cooked a potato based quiche, as well as profiteroles.

Ms Pam Clifton made ratatouille and Ms Glenda Chapman arrived with butter and baguettes.

The branch watched a video demonstration of choux pastry by Martha Stewart.

Members then sat down to a French-inspired lunch.

SOURCE:
 Social media, 27 Feb 2024
 CWA Umina Beach



'Ettalong Eagle' in Variety NSW Bash

Retired business man Mr Barry Henson will drive Car 26 "Ettalong Eagle" in this year's Variety NSW Bash.

He will be accompanied by his son Shaun and long-time school friend Mr Kevin Jenkins.

This year, the car rally will start on May 19 and visit the towns of Gunnedah, Emmaville, Warwick, Yangan, Moodie, Roma, Begonia, St George, Mungindi, Moree, Mallowa, Mullaley, Tamworth, Duri, and Muswellbrook, finishing at

Newcastle on May 25.

The entrants who purchase and maintain their own vehicle are sponsored, with proceeds going to Variety - The Children's Charity to provide school equipment for students.

The cars are themed and must be at least 25 years old.

The major sponsors of Car 26 are Bendigo Community Bank Ettalong and Ettalong Bowling Club, each donating \$5000.

Mr Henson said: "This is a

fantastic fundraising event and particularly rewarding when you see the kids eyes when receiving their educational donations."

Donations may be placed in a barrel in the foyer of Ettalong Bowling Club or made online at <https://fundraise.varietynswact.org.au/fundraisers/car26ettalongeagle>

SOURCE:
 Media release, 22 Feb 2024
 Kerry Watkins, Bendigo Community Bank Ettalong

February rainfall was below average

February has finished with a monthly rainfall total of 115.6mm, 26 per cent below the 20-year average for the month.

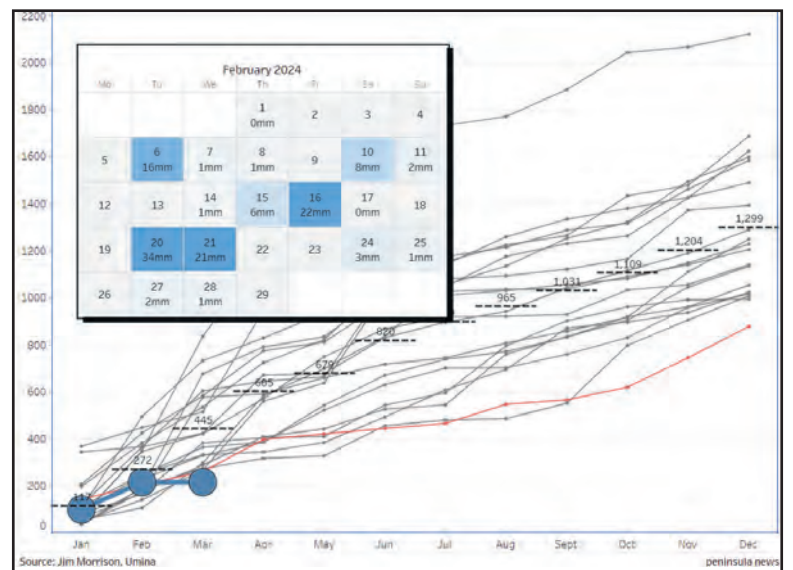
The February average is 157mm, according to Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

The highest daily rainfall was 33.8mm recorded on February 20.

The total at the end of February was 214.6mm, 22 per cent less than the average of 275mm.

For more details, including daily rainfall figures and yearly comparisons, see <http://bit.ly/PNRRainfall>

SOURCE:
 Spreadsheet, 1 Mar 2024
 Jim Morrison, Umina



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Reid says he has put 'Big Oil' on notice

Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid has said he has put on notice "The Big Oil Companies" operating on the Central Coast.

Dr Reid said: "Fuel sold in Wyong can be 20-30 cents cheaper than fuel sold at Umina Beach.

"Motorists should not have to travel to Wyong to buy cheap fuel.

"I have written directly to every oil company with service stations in the region and have asked them to explain why our region experiences higher fuel prices.

"To date, only two have responded and have blamed

international events for causing higher fuel prices."

The Federal Member of Parliament delivered a speech to the House of Representatives about "the ongoing issue of high fuel prices".

"My speech was about calling out this issue and putting on notice the Big Oil Companies for letting this happen.

Dr Reid said: "I will continue to apply pressure on the Big Oil Companies until our region is treated fairly and with respect."

SOURCE:
Media release, 21 Feb 2024
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson



Rotary club holds social Thursday

The Rotary Club of Brisbane Water held a social evening last Thursday, February 29.

"We look forward to the social evenings that happen when there is a fifth Thursday in the month," said club secretary Ms Di Bartok.

"Our evening meetings are on the first and third Thursdays, so that's usually twice a month.

"We could just let that extra Thursday in those long months slip away, but we like to have it as a social evening, usually at a member's place.

"It is a good time to have casual

chats about our lives, though of course we still talk about our club projects, though in a less formal way.

"Our last social evening was at the home of past president Ms Cherie Simpson and her husband Denis.

"As usual, there was plenty of food, and wine, provided by the hosts and members.

"Everyone brought a platter, to go with the chatter."

The club also has coffee mornings. Pictured recently were the club's environment rep Ms

Lillias Bovell, its youth director Ms Marion Cornish, president Ms Sue O'Neill, member Ms Heather Martin, vice-president Ms Marylyn Whitwell, past president Ms Cherie Simpson and public relations director Ms Di Bartok.

Anyone wanting to join the club, which has "purpose with fun", should contact membership director Ms Jayne Mote on 0405 714 289 or our secretary Ms Di Bartok on 0404 147 743.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 3 Mar 2024
Di Bartok, Rotary Brisbane Water



Easter fete at Patonga

The Patonga Easter Fete will be held on Easter Saturday, March 30, from 9am to 1pm.

It will be held at the Patonga Community Hall.

Stall inquiries should be directed to Amanda on 0488 400 053.

SOURCE:
Social media, 16 Feb 2024
Patonga Community Hall

Woman of Year certificate

Woy Woy Community Garden co-ordinator Ms Tania Haydn has been presented with a certificate by Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch for community service as a Gosford electorate Woman of the Year nominee.

The presentation co-incided with an announcement by the Community Garden that it had become an incorporated association in its own right.

It had previously operated under the auspices of the Peninsula Environment Group.

SOURCE:
Social media, 29 Feb 2024
Woy Woy Community Garden

Forum about rebuilding local democracy on the Central Coast

The Voices of Central Coast group will hold a public forum with expert speakers from 6.30-8.30pm this Wednesday, March 6, at Ourimbah.

Among the questions addressed will be: How can we rebuild effective local democracy on the Central Coast?

President Ms Barbara Wills said the group was non-partisan and wanted to improve democracy.

"This year is an important year for local democracy and the opportunity to have elected representatives returned to Central Coast Council," she said.

Speakers would include Mr Glenn Inglis, former general manager of Tamworth Council, and Professor Graham Sansom, adjunct professor with the UTS Institute of Public Policy and Governance.

In 2021, Professor Sansom published: "Not so Simple: the origins and implications of Central Coast Council's financial calamity".

Further information and registration is available online at: www.voicesofcentralcoast.org/ events

SOURCE:
Media release, 28 Feb 2024
Barbara Wills, VOCC

Brigades helps at vehicle accident

Pearl Beach Fire Brigade has helped at an accident involving a vehicle at a residence in Pearl Beach on Thursday, February 22.

A person was reported injured when a car rolled down a driveway dragging the person with it.

Called out by NSW Ambulance at 10:53am, the brigade joined Fire and Rescue NSW Station 340 Umina to assist with casualty handling.

"With paramedics providing patient care and treatment, our members secured and stabilised the vehicle," said brigade captain

Mr Lindsay Boyd. "They inspected the house to identify any significant structural damage, and assisted in transferring the patient to the ambulance.

"The patient was then transported to Umina Oval where they were loaded into an air ambulance to continue their journey to hospital for urgent care.

"Our crew remained at the property to clear up the debris and remove the vehicle from the building."

SOURCE:
Social media, 22 Feb 2024
Pearl Beach Brigade, NSW RFS

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Revised Broken Bay Rd plans placed on exhibition

Revised plans for a three-unit multi-dwelling development at 121 Broken Bay Rd, Ettalong, have been placed on exhibition for public comment.

The application was originally lodged in November 2022 and exhibited over the Christmas break from late December 2022 to early January 2023.

It received a large number of adverse submissions.

These included comments about vague and unsatisfactory detail about the fate of existing trees, especially street trees.

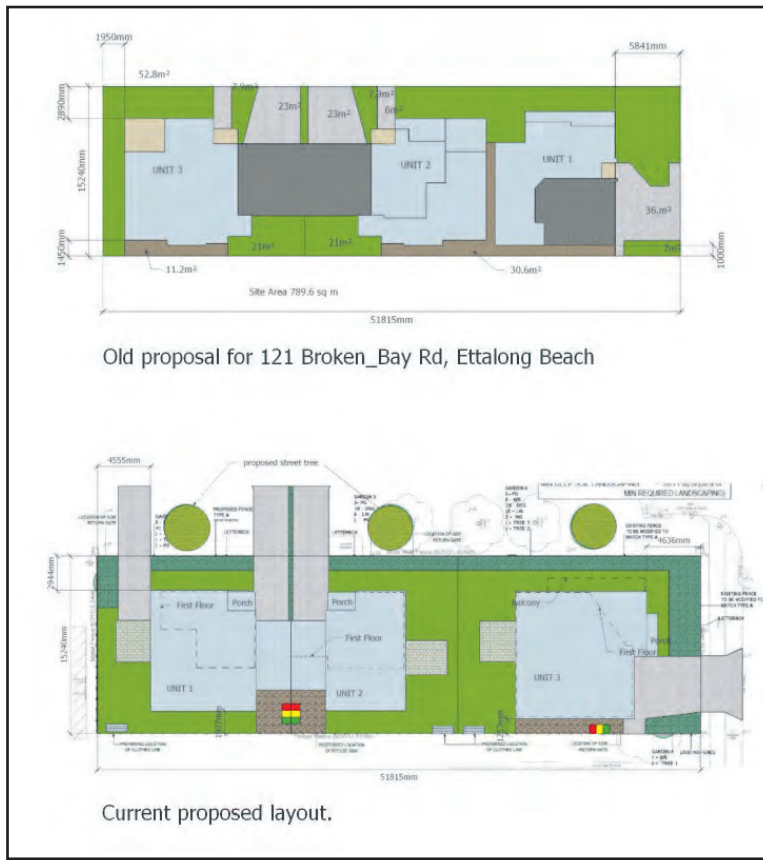
They claimed inadequate setbacks, undersized private open space areas, insufficient solar access and overshadowing of neighbouring open space.

Submissions also complained about the lack of shadow diagrams and landscaping plan.

In response to a "request for further information" from the council, the applicant has submitted amended drawings, consisting of plans and elevations, landscape plan and hourly shadow diagrams, a revised Basix certificate and a revised stormwater plan.

The new landscaping plan proposes a total of seven trees to be planted on site.

These to consist of three tuckeroos, three Chinese elms and one coastal banksia.



It is also proposed to plant three white cedars on the road reserve. The position for one of these appears to coincide with an existing street tree. The landscaping plan does not explicitly advise which, if any, existing trees are to be removed. It merely contains the note:

"Existing trees greater than eight metres in height within three metres of the proposed building or any trees within proposed driveway to be removed by owner prior to construction." There is also a document listing all the amendments that the applicant has made to satisfy the

Council request for information. The changes are not minor.

For instance, the number of garages separating Units 3 and 2 has been reduced from four to two.

This has saved about six metres which has been used to bolster the rear setback and thus private open space for all units.

The original application specified six off-street car parks to meet requirements.

However, the proposal now only appears to include off street parking for five cars including one visitor's car park.

The document, prepared by MHM Construction Group, states: "The required number of car parking spaces have been provided for residents and visitors as supported by the Traffic report prepared by Terrafic Pty Ltd dated 16.11.2023.

"We note that there is also opportunity for additional stacked parking spaces in front of garages, which is in addition to the parking spaces required."

The traffic report itself has not been included in the exhibited documents.

The overshadowing response states: "Plans have been updated to increase the side setback towards the southern boundary to reduce the shadow impact on the dwelling to the south of the subject site."

The response also indicates

that all units will now have private open space that is compliant in all respects and that side and rear setbacks will now be compliant, as will setbacks to the garages (5.5m).

The front setback, however, has been reduced from six metres in the original drawings to 4.5 metres.

The front setback is required to be a minimum of the average setback of adjoining property and street properties within 40m or 4.5 metres if there are no adjoining properties within 40 metres.

The calculated average front setback has not been provided in the exhibited documents.

The response states: "Area calculations are included in the set of plans on DA700 and DA701 to demonstrate compliance with the controls."

However these plans have not been exhibited and no figure for the new gross floor area appears to have been provided to verify compliance with the required floor space ratio of 0.5:1.

Finally the response document states: "The fencing has been adjusted as requested and opens up the streetscape."

DA/2041/2022 is open for written submissions from the public until March 15.

SOURCE:
DA tracker, 2 Mar 2024
DA/2041/2022, Central Coast Council

Application made for mesh jetty in Woy Woy Rd

An application has been made to "erect a new mesh jetty with landing" and to demolish "part of an encroaching building" at 85 Woy Woy Rd, Woy Woy.

The application prepared by Clarke Dowdle and Associates states: "The proposed development involves the erection of a 34.3 metre long meshed jetty, landing located along the foreshore boundary.

"The proposal also includes the demolition of an encroaching part of an old building.

"The jetty would be supported by piles to be positioned into the estuary bed during construction."

The application states: "It is evident that adjoining and further neighbouring properties have already developed their land beyond the mean high water mark and beyond in the case of approved private jetties.

"Given the previous foreshore development, public accessibility to the northern stretch of the foreshore is already difficult.

"The proposal would not impact on the public access (to) the foreshore.

"The site has been investigated by an ecologist with a report undertaken in relation to the inherent aspects of the site.

"The siting of the development

has taken into consideration the location of the seagrass (zostera capricorni) that was found to be in the vicinity of the site.

"The report concluded that the development would not be detrimental to the longevity of the recognized species and included recommendations to alleviate impacts to the site during construction.

"Due to the piles for the jetty being pile driven there would be no exposure of acid sulphate soils if present."

"All reports attached indicate that the site would be suitable for the proposed development. "NSW DPI and RMS have also provided

their approval to this development."

The application acknowledges that the "area of head" is not compliant with planning provisions, being 10.5 square metres where the maximum is nine square metres.

The application stated that the proposal was "commensurate with the character of the surrounding area".

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

Closing date for submissions has not been posted on the Council's website.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 3 Mar 2024
DA/75/2024, Central Coast Council

CEN calls for 'comprehensive' new LEP

The Community Environment Network is calling for the introduction of a "comprehensive Local Environment Plan ... promised ... as an outcome of council amalgamation almost eight years ago".

"We are urging the community to ask their Premier when they will be given a new, comprehensive Plan," said Network chair Mr Gary Chestnut.

"We need as many members of the community as possible to ask Premier Chris Minns if he will look at problems with our council's main planning instrument, the Central Coast Local Environmental Plan."

He said they should call for the suspension of the council's strategic planning powers until the Plan is fixed via a process that includes extensive community consultation.

"The Central Coast Local Government Area has been under administration since October 2020 and all sorts of inappropriate planning decisions have been made without community representation.

"Will the Premier take steps to stop further inappropriate planning proposals, State significant developments and inappropriate uses on conservation land?"

SOURCE:
Media release, 26 Feb 2024
Gary Chestnut, CEN

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Student reports on leadership weekend

The Rotary Club of Umina Beach has heard from a high school student it sponsored on a weekend with the Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment

Amelia Hayes gave an on-screen presentation, describing many of the games and the fun of the weekend, as well as the lessons she learned in team

building and communication.

Club president Mr Wayne Dowdle described it as “a wonderful presentation”.

He said the program provided a weekend of leadership and team building activities conducted by Rotary for young high school students.

SOURCE: Social media, 25 Feb 2024 Rotary Club of Umina Beach

Brigade says ‘drop in to training’

The Patonga Volunteer Rural Bush Fire Brigade is asking anyone interested in joining the brigade to drop in to training at the fire station on a Tuesday evening.

The crew did some navigation training, local familiarization and a search and rescue exercise on Tuesday, February 20.

The brigade simulated a search by tracing the route of “Sharon”, whose mobile had pinged at a few locations along a local fire trail.

Armed with first aid kit and maps, they forged their way into the bush, finding dropped gloves and thankfully an uninjured “Sharon”



close to one of the location spots.

They were then “treated to an amazing sunset”.

SOURCE: Social media, 21 Feb 2024 Patonga Volunteer Rural Bush Fire Brigade



Trainees are awarded certificates

Trainees at a local aged care facility have been awarded their Certificate III in Individual Support (Ageing).

The trainees are part of the Peninsula Villages Vocational

Trainee Program.

“We celebrated their success with a graduation ceremony last Thursday,” said chief executive Mr Colin Osborne.

Among the graduates were Ms

Sonia Daniels, Ms Stacey Watts, Ms Megan Winacott and Ms Louisa Unsworth.

SOURCE: Social media, 26 Feb 2024 Peninsula Villages

Vehicle fire contained in the early hours

Pearl Beach fire brigade were called out in the early hours of Wednesday, February 21, to a

vehicle fire on Patonga Dr.

After being called out at 3:14am in the morning, the crew arrived shortly after Fire and Rescue NSW Station 340 Umina firefighters, who had already made quick work extinguishing the vehicle fire.

The wet and cold conditions overnight were no fun for the volunteers, but did mean that the fire was easily contained to the vehicle, preventing its spread to

the surrounding bushland.

The quick response was said to be the result of a call to Triple Zero by members of the local community.

SOURCE: Social media, 21 Feb 2024 NSW RFS - Pearl Beach Brigade

Arts and crafts centre holds annual meeting

The Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre will hold its annual general meeting at 1pm on Wednesday, March 13, at the centre in Kitchener Park.

Members have been asked to attend to elect the centre’s management committee.

They have also been asked to consider joining the committee “to continue the effective running of the centre”.

A vacancy for treasurer currently exists.

The meeting was previously scheduled for the Monday.

SOURCE: Social media, 22 Feb 2024 EBACC

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Attention needed to ageing trees

I notice when walking and driving in our Peninsula Region, we have trees that are ageing.

Their heights present a dangerous threat to our lives as well as the additional bodily harm in the short or long term, and not forgetting the added damage to our properties, vehicles, and power lines whether or not there is wind.

Other locations, reporting loss of life and property damage from trees has given my concerns for such situations that could present themselves here on the Peninsula.

A recent report on the ABC on February 8 that a large tree branch fell on a woman sitting under a tree in Adelaide University Park, causing the loss of her life, with

no prevailing weather conditions and after an arborist had recently inspected the tree, confirms my added concerns for threatening trees.

Added to my concern is the recent weather experienced in Victoria on February 13, and for our Central Coast Council not to ignore here or anywhere on the Peninsula.

Our recent fierce electrical storm here late on Monday of this week adds concerns for such weather formations that appear out of nowhere.

I am sure our residents, visitors, and myself, agree trees have an integral part in the living environment with benefits for adding ambience to the surrounds.

These recent incidents and their

circumstances must surely draw readers' attention to Council for their duty of care and responsibility to the residents for their attention to trees in our parks, overhanging road routes and residential streets'.

I have not seen Council conducting remedial action for trees that are obviously prone to a domino effect particularly in Council parks, should a tree fall naturally or from any variable weather conditions.

Council's duty of care will enhance and reduce anxiety and stress to the residents.

It is a simple task of ongoing preventative remedial action for trees in our Peninsula region.

SOURCE:

Email, 22 Feb 2024

Bob Welch, Ettalong Beach

Medium-density proposal requires extensive revision

I think that Mark Ellis's letter ("Government plan to increase housing density is concerning", PN588) somewhat misrepresents the government's proposal for residential density changes in the state.

However, he is right to be concerned, since there is plenty to be concerned about.

It is highly desirable that some uniform standards be adopted for medium-density housing, instead of the mish-mash of unsustainable and, often, conflicting requirements that now exist in the state.

This is not to say that the present proposal is a good one.

As I have pointed out, it is a muddle of housing types, housing densities, housing heights, housing requirements and housing amenities that are arbitrary and confusing, and it omits factors that should be included, so it requires extensive revision.

This is particularly the case, since, it seems, the intention is that developments that comply with the new standards will automatically be approved.

Given that I have long advocated changing the law that deems a delayed project to have been refused to a system where a delayed project is deemed approved, I find it hard to quarrel with such a change.

However, it is completely dependent on whether the standards meet community requirements, and this is the point

that needs to be addressed when the proposal is being reviewed.

We can hardly rely on Council for a rational response, so community groups will have to organize and lobby the government or take whatever is thrust upon them when the changes are gazetted.

At present, we don't even know which areas will fall under the new regime.

The changes might have a small effect or they might be drastic in their impact, but who can tell?

It's possible that the concern about future flooding will override any consideration of increased density on the Peninsula, but who will make that decision?

The whole thing is hasty, bungled and poorly explained.

Woy Woy is just being caught up in a move that is primarily designed to deal with requirements in other places where the needs are different.

Bureaucratic neatness requires uniformity in the law, but one-size-fits-all solutions don't necessarily result on the best outcomes everywhere.

How are other parts of Central Coast responding to the proposal?

Why hasn't the Council organized information sessions and held precinct meetings to gauge community opinion on the matter?

As usual, it seems that "the public be damned" is the watchword of the day.

SOURCE:

Email, 28 Feb 2024

Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy

Closing the gate is the only option

The great man Allen Strom was, and still is, legendary.

In November 1989, Mr Strom had the foresight to comment on the future, referring to State Planning pundits deciding to make Gosford-Wyong part of the Sydney region, a decision made in 1968.

Target population was given at 500,000.

Since 1968, planning policies have been based on achieving this target.

The latest regional plan, and now rezoning proposals, will reduce the gap to the target population which will be achieved sooner than expected.

Mr Strom added this comment:

"The 20 years since 1968 has been too short for Gosford Council to catch-up with roads and drainage systems.

"Gung-ho development has exacerbated the problems."

If politicians and planners are serious about "closing the gate" at 500,000, then the next Regional Plan will need to begin the reduction of population growth.

And the matter of development density on the Peninsula can then be addressed with certainty.

Mr Strom's suspicions resurfaced in the introduction to the Central Coast Regional Plan 2036 with this comment on page four: "Safeguarding the environment is

paramount."

This is exactly opposite to the State Government's intentions for the local government area.

When Mr Peter Wilson was general manager of Gosford, he scoffed at the suggestion at a public meeting of closing the gate.

The wheel has turned full circle and now closing the gate is the only option.

Residents knew there were problems when Mr Wilson was in charge.

Peninsula residents have been forced to live with bureaucratic development tunnel vision.

SOURCE:

Letter, 22 Feb 2024

Norm Harris, Umina

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'Favourite baritone' returns to arboretum

Argentine-Australian baritone Jose Carbo will return to Opera in the Arboretum this year when it is staged at Pearl Beach on Saturday, March 23.

Organised by the Rotary Club of Woy Woy, the event is the club's major charity fund-raiser for the year.

Proceeds this year will go to the Central Coast Conservatorium strings scholarships, Umina Surf Life Saving Club, Pearl Beach Rural Fire Brigade and other Rotary projects.

Described by event organisers as "one of the most exciting operatic artists of his generation" and "our event's favourite baritone", Jose Carbo debuted two Verdi roles last year: the title role in Macbeth for both Opera Queensland and State Opera South Australia and Iago in Otello for West Australian Opera.

Most recently, he toured Australia with South Korean soprano Sumi Jo. Further information is available online at <https://www.operarotarywoywoy.org.au/>

SOURCE:
Social media, 6 Feb 2024
Rotary Woy Woy

Folk club holds mid-week concert

Folk-acoustic duo Winter-Wilson from Britain will be presenting a unique mid-week concert at the Troubadour Folk Club in Woy Woy on Thursday, March 14.

The concert with the "fabulous duo" was originally planned as a house concert, said Troubadour president Mr Michael Fine.

"Many more people want to attend than we can possibly fit into a home, so we've booked the community hall at the Holy Apostles Anglican Church, which has now reopened for concerts and other events during the week."



Mr Fine said the duo was in Australia as headline performers at a number of festivals.

"Just a few days before the Blue

Mountains Festival, they will be performing in Woy Woy, their only show on the Central Coast."

Mr Fine said they were regarded by many as the best folk duo to have come out of Britain for years. "Kip Winter sings with a rare and powerful clarity.

"She is accompanied by Dave Wilson, singer song-writer and superb guitar and banjo player."

Further details and performance videos are available on the Troubadour website: www.troubadour.org.au.

SOURCE:
Media release, 28 Feb 2024
Michael Fine, Troubadour Folk Club

Memory box

A session about creating a "memory box" will be held for people aged 50 and older at Woy Woy Library at 10am on Friday, March 15.

Memory boxes help people with dementia recall the past.

Participants will be shown how to use a Cricut machine.

All materials, including a list of suitable items to add to memory boxes, will be provided.

Bookings are essential and may be made at the library or by phone on 4304 7555.

The event is part of the NSW Seniors Festival program offered by Central Coast Council during March.

SOURCE:
Website, 28 Feb 2024
Library Services, Central Coast Council

Patchwork group shares projects

The Monday patchwork group at the Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre shared some finished projects on Monday, February 19.

Ms Gwynneth Weir brought in her bright quilt featuring Rachel daisy circles and brightly-coloured hand quilting.

Ms Sarah Vaughan showed her quilt featuring Kaffe Fassett prints in rich magenta tones.

Ms Cheryl Jones brought in two baby quilts. The first featured a jungle animal print, and the second brightly-printed stripes

SOURCE:
Social media, 25 Feb 2024
Penny Howard, EBACC



Storytime

A Grandparents' Storytime will be held at Umina Library at 10:30am on Tuesday, March 19.

Grandparents have been invited to visit a "special preschool Storytime with their little ones".

No bookings are required.

The event is part of the NSW Seniors Festival program offered by Central Coast Council. With inquiries, phone 4304 7333.

SOURCE:
Website, 28 Feb 2024
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Masonic Lodge closes after 102 years

The Peninsula's Masonic Lodge held its final meeting on February 26.

Lodge Morning Star closed in its 103rd year, as one of the Peninsula's longest continuous community-based service organisations.

As its final charitable act, it donated the \$6000 of funds remaining upon closing to Mary Mac's Place and Shirley's Shuttle.

A hand-over was held at Woy Woy Wharf, with Ms Barb Galvin from Shirley's Shuttle and Ms Sally Baker from Mary Mac's Place.

Pictured are Mr Steve Sullivan, Ms Galvin, Mr Geoff Bown, Ms Baker and Mr David Leabeater.

Lodge Morning Star was consecrated as Lodge Morning Star Temperance No 410 at Woy Woy on February 4, 1922, in the old Presbyterian Church Hall.

The charter was granted with the proviso that the Tyler made frequent patrols around the outside of the hall.

Due to the area being flood prone, the hall was built on stilts.

It was felt that there was a risk that intruders could hide beneath the hall and listen to the "secret" meetings.

In those early days, with no roads in or out of the district, no electricity or piped water, some original members travelled to meetings by small boat via the waterways.

To make this easier, meetings were organised on the Monday nearest the full moon, allowing the trip across open water to be made safer, travelling home by moonlight.

Rehearsal meetings were held in the produce store of one of the past masters, with bales of hay and bags of wheat used as furniture.

Lodge Morning Star moved into the Woy Woy Masonic Hall built by Mr Albert Josephson (in Railway St, opposite the station) in 1926.

In June 2005, it relocated to the Gosford Masonic Centre which was in William St until February 2016 when it moved to Mann St.

As it was originally established in Woy Woy, the lodge's charity work was focussed largely on the Peninsula.

From the beginning, Lodge Morning Star was inextricably involved in the development of the Peninsula.

It gave service to the community with members involved in local government, including as shire presidents and mayors.

Others were postmasters, fire fighters, bus company proprietors and owners of an assortment of businesses.

They included such men as Mr Charles J Staples, Mr Don Leggett, Mr Bill Bullion, Mr James Morris, Mr Rod Radford, Mr Arthur Young, Mr Hubert Charles (HC) Margin, Mr Albert Josephson, and Mr Eric and Mr Rupert Riley.

Members have long been heavily involved in the Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club, with some filling the role of president.

The lodge provided five shire presidents in the three shires which held oversight of the Peninsula over the past 100 years: Erina (until August 1928), Woy Woy (1928-46) and Gosford Shire (from 1947).

Three members captained the Woy Woy fire services from its inception in 1934 until the 1980s.

SOURCE:
Media release, 28 Feb 2024
Ray Benton, Lodge Morning Star Magazine, June 2022
Freemason, Freemasons NSW-ACT

Talk on energy-saving tips at Rotary

The Rotary Club of Brisbane Water will hear a talk on energy-saving tips for home or business at its meeting on Thursday this week, March 7.

Guest speaker for the meeting at the Ettalong Diggers Club will be Mr Sean Richardson from Umina Community Group, which recently held a workshop with energy-saving experts about saving money while reducing your carbon footprint.

Club secretary Ms Di Bartok said Mr Richardson would talk about the community group's "smart energy sessions", who the experts were, and hints he had picked up along the way.

"He also will be talking about Umina Community Group, which formed 10 years ago, and projects they have worked on, including dune care and lobbying Central Coast Council for community facilities."

After the group's recent session on Wednesday, February 21 (pictured), Mr Richardson told



Ms Bartok: "About a third of the attendees were interested in saving money in their homes and businesses and a third were concerned about their carbon footprint."

"People want to save energy but don't know where to start."

"Solar doesn't suit everyone, as I found when I couldn't put solar on my house."

"But there are other practical solutions people can use."

"Our sessions bring experts in the field to give those practical solutions."

Ms Bartok said: "To find out more, join us at 6.30pm for 7pm in the Diggers Ettalong function room."

"You'll find us a welcoming crowd."

For further information, contact our Ms Bartok on 0404 147 743.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 3 Mar 2024
Di Bartok, Rotary Brisbane Water



Community group cleans up Runway Park

PEG holds AGM

The Peninsula Environment Group will hold its annual general meeting at 11am on Saturday, March 16.

The meeting will take place in the Spike Milligan room at Woy Woy library.

All are welcome.

SOURCE:
Social media, 28 Feb 2024
Peninsula Environment Group

Umina Community Group members spent several hours during January weeding garden beds and cleaning up The Runway Park in Trafalgar Ave, Woy Woy.

They also arranged maintenance of the picnic furniture by the council staff.

The group welcomes volunteers.

SOURCE:
Social media, 28 Feb 2024
Umina Community Group

The Bays group committee has four new members

The Bays Community Group has four new committee members along with six continuing members following its annual general meeting on Wednesday, February 21.

Retiring president Ms Carolina Schuiling provided a summary of the year's activities which included some new events, such as a trivia evening, that had proved to be successful.

Treasurer Ms Shmonie Darmo presented the financial report and said that, while reserves were not large, the Bays Community Group was in a sound financial position for the year ahead.

It was hoped that the continuing support of the local community for fund-raising events would allow

this situation to continue.

Ms Schuiling and secretary Ms Marie Davies had decided not to stand for re-election.


Existing committee member Sam Bunyan agreed to be nominated for president and was elected unopposed.

Ms Rachel Gamble agreed to be nominated for secretary and was also elected unopposed.

Existing committee member Mr Vic Tysoe agreed to take on the role of vice-president.

Also elected to the committee were Ms Zoe Anderson, Ms Viv Cumbo, Ms Michelle Hopwood, Mr Tom Mangan, Mr John Scott and Mr Keith Weir.

SOURCE:
Media release, 2 Mar 2024
Gwynneth Weir, The Bays Community Group




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Parents urged to become familiar with new portal

Woy Woy Public School principal Ms Fiona Buckley has suggested parents peruse answers to common questions about the school's new "parents' portal".

They were designed to help parents become more familiar with the Sentral Finance software and all its benefits.

"The good news is that our migration across to Sentral Finance is now almost complete," she said.

"We thank you for your understanding and support for our School during this period of change with how payments are made to the school," she told parents.

"Being able to sign permission notes and make payments at the same time will be a very efficient way of handing your child's school finances.

Payment are now being taken through the new system.

SOURCE:
Social media, 26 Feb 2024
Fiona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School



Grant for \$20,000 barbecue kitchen

Umina Beach Public School has received \$20,000 from the Federal Labor Government's Stronger Communities Program to construct a new outdoor barbecue kitchen and yarn up space.

Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid MP has congratulated Umina Beach Public School on receiving this grant funding from the Australian Government.

"I know that once this project is complete, it will be a tremendous outdoor barbecue and learning area for the whole community to use.

Parents' and Citizen's Association vice-president Ms Nellie Feeney said: "The project will involve the installation of a large barbecue station, ample bench space and outdoor seating

and tables to provide maximum potential for school and community involvement in an inviting and inclusive space.

"The space will provide the opportunity for our students, and our wider community, to come together to participate in the preparation of food while gathering together to learn and share."

Aboriginal education resource teacher Ms Julia Morgan said: "The space will be alongside our Ngayaran room (Darkinjung for "meeting place"), where our aboriginal students and families are supported.

"The extension of this room with an outdoor space will enable our students to be connected to country and for families to come together with food to connect with elders and establish a feeling of

belonging with each other as a mob," Ms Morgan said.

Pictured are (front row) students Flynn Brewer, Amelia Callaghan, Jasmine Sunartha, Ruby Mahlberg, Mila Piddington and Levi Morgan. Behind them are Ms Feeney, P/C treasurer Ms Janette Taylor, Dr Reid, Ms Morgan and assistant principal Ms Kristy Nott.

The Australian Government's Stronger Communities Program provides not-for-profit organisations with grants from \$2500 to \$25,000 for small capital projects that deliver social benefits for local communities.

For more information, contact Dr Reid's office on 4322 2400 or email gordon.reid.mp@aph.gov.au.

SOURCE:
Media release, 26 Feb 2024
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson



Boys win basketball round

The open boys' basketball team from Woy Woy campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College has won its first round of Combined High Schools knockout competition.

The team defeated Erina High School by one point to move into the second round of the competition.

Max Miller was the team's most valued player.

SOURCE:
Social media, 28 Feb 2024
BWSC Woy Woy

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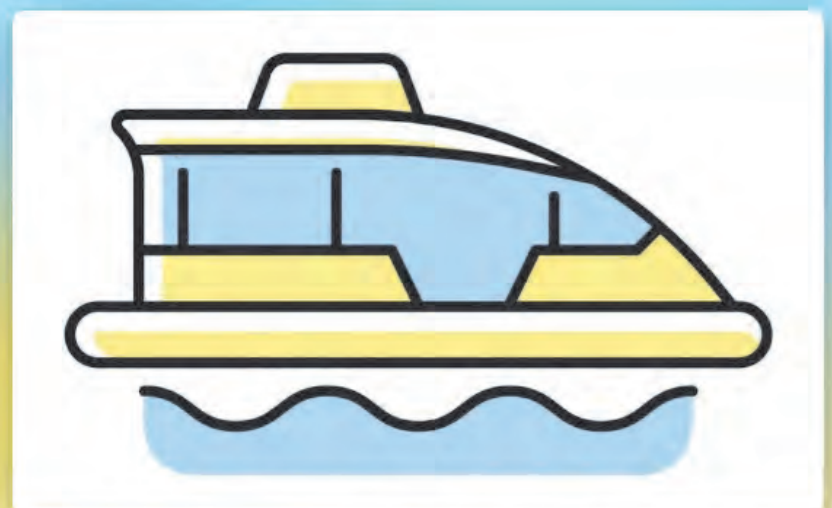
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Education



Refurbished laptops donated to local school students

Sydney Trains has donated 50 refurbished laptops to local school students.

Students were presented with their laptops on Thursday, February 22, at a ceremony at Mingaletta

in Umina by Sydney Trains chief executive Mr Matt Longland.

The computers went to students nominated by the Koorana Aboriginal Education Consultative Group.

Aunty Di O'Brien, other Mingaletta elders and Mingaletta chair Ms Tracey Burraston and treasurer Mr Mark Champley were also present on the day.

Brisbane Water Secondary

College Umina campus principal Ms Kerry Thomas reported: "Three very happy students here at BWSC Umina."

SOURCE:

Social media, 28 Feb 2024
Kerry Thomas, BWSC Umina



Boys volleyball team progresses

Brisbane Water Secondary College Open Boys volleyball team from Woy Woy campus travelled to play Girakool school in the first round of the Combined High Schools Steve Birt Memorial Knockout.

It was a close and competitive match.

Girakool took the first set out with a 21-19 win, but Brisbane Water came back in the second set to win 22-20 and then the decider set 15-12.



The team advances to round two.

SOURCE:

Social media, 22 Feb 2024
BWSC Woy Woy

Going on a principal hunt?

(I'm not scared)

Kindergarten students at Ettalong Public School studied Michael Rosen's book "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" recently.

It was then with great excitement that they embarked on a "principal hunt" around the school to find principal Ms Jodie Campbell.

Following clues which led to the office, canteen, garden and hall, the students eventually found Ms Campbell enjoying a book in the tunnel in the school playground.

SOURCE:

Social media, 27 Feb 2024
Ettalong Public School



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Ettalong Eagles play Major Minor night pairs

Ettalong Eagles Bowling Club has played its Major Minor night pairs competition.

First were Daniel Casey and Darren Morrison with eight wins and a score of 67.

Second were Steve Burchill and Ben Bourne with seven wins and 46.

Third were Ted Adams and Graham Maier with seven wins and 24.

Fourth were Brandon Fraser and Phil Westcott with six wins and 34.

Fifth were Chris Letherbarrow and Nathan Malloy with six wins and 33.

Sixth were Wade Dickens and Phil Metcalfe with six wins and 24.

Seventh were Peter Bowler and Tony Rogers with 5.5 wins and 17.

Eighth were Aidan Slattery and Brett Bowring with 5.5 wins and 10.

SOURCE:
Social media, 16 Feb 2024
Ettalong Eagles

Nominations wanted

The Peninsula Junior Touch Association will hold its annual general meeting at 7pm on Monday, April 15, at Ettalong Diggers Club.

Nominations are open for both executive and general committee positions.

Being an "even year", nominations are sought for president, secretary and representative Coordinator.

General committee positions include canteen coordinator, registrar, referee co-ordinator, grounds supervisor, sponsor co-ordinator, gear steward, social media co-ordinator and member protection information officer.

Expressions of interest close on Sunday, April 5.

For further information, email admin@peninsulajuniortouch.com.au.

SOURCE:
Social media, 29 Feb 2024
Peninsula Junior Touch

Charity bowlers raise \$1170

Ettalong Bowlers have raised \$1170 at their charity bowls day on Sunday, February 18.

"We had over 40 bowlers turn up for the day," said organiser Mr Ken Dixon.

"Weather was fine and surprisingly we had a large number of first time bowlers including four from Brisbane Water Bridge Club.

"Marie Woody brought some family and neighbours to enjoy the game of lawn bowls for the first time.

"Cold meat and salad was served up after the game."

Mr Dixon said Ken Robinson won the spider and the winning rink was Fred Kelly, Jen Hibbert and Jack Fitz.

The scotch was won by Amanda Pughe.

The \$1170 raised included a



donation of \$250 from the Bridges and Dewar families.

The money will go to help Central Coast Kids in Need.

The next charity bowls day will be held on Sunday, March 17.

Being St Patricks Day, all players will be encouraged to wear

green.
"The best dressed will win a prize," said Mr Dixon.

Pictured is the Orme family at the charity day: John, Cassandra and Peggie.

SOURCE:
Media release, 23 Feb 2024
Ken Dixon, Ettalong Charity Bowls

Netball association announces rep teams

The Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association has announced three of its 2024 representative teams.

The under-13s' team comprises Grace Blacker, Edie Bonnor, Aaliyah Farmer Dally, Alyssa Holden, Matilda Kennaway, Chloe Mills, Leila Oxenham, Phoebe Pardey, Bridie Riddle and Andie Schokman.

Training partner is Lara Skehan. Coach is Narelle Wilson and assistant coach Katie Newman.

The under-14s' team is Elisha Field, Ysobella Gale, Annabel Griffith, Tilly Henry, Winter Hill,

Erin Kearns, Indigo Long, Sienna Stevenson, Danika Szostak and Coco Wainiqolo.

Coaches are Brittany Thompson and Ros Ferguson.

The under-17s' team comprises Samantha Green, Jessica Hallcroft, Phoenix Henderson, Evie Marshall, Ella Mills, Jade Shannon, Jessica Skehan, Sasha Wolfenden and Ruby Wright.

Coaches are Zoe Wilson and Tiah Santarossa.

SOURCE:
Social media, 28 Feb 2024
Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association

Falconer blitzes college swimming carnival

Leading Peninsula swimmer Jacob Falconer has blitzed the Brisbane Water Secondary College swimming carnival on Wednesday, February 21.

He entered 10 races and broke the school record in every race.

His times were: 50m Freestyle 24.87, 100m Freestyle 55.07, 200m Freestyle 2:03, 50m Breaststroke 34.79, 100m Breaststroke 1:22, 50m Backstroke 29.54, 100m Backstroke 1:03, 50m Butterfly 27:59, 200m Medley 2:20, 4x50m Freestyle Relay 1:56.

SOURCE:
Social media, 21 Feb 2024
BWSC Woy Woy



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Whether you're dining in the Alfresco Brasserie or Harrys Restaurant or catching the latest live sports on the big screen, there's always something for the whole family at Ettalong Bowling Club.

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Live entertainment every weekend from Friday through to Sunday. Everyone's favourite Cool Kat - Errol will be performing on Easter Sunday in the main lounge from 2pm.

Easter is fast approaching so don't miss your chance to win yourself some Easter baskets and some character eggs for the kiddies. Our annual GIANT EASTER EGG RAFFLE will be held on Wednesday 27th March, tickets on sale from 12pm - drawn 6.15pm. Trivia will commence at 7pm just for this night.

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Sport

Volunteers needed for Little Aths

Woy Woy Peninsula Little Athletics association is seeking volunteers in a range of capacities.

Volunteers are wanted in diverse roles – from committee positions to “kid wranglers” and “field assistants”.

This follows the retirement of a number of volunteers “after years and years of dedication, way beyond their children’s participation in the club”.

“We only manage because of all the volunteers who run the show both behind the scenes and on the night,” said secretary Ms Zoe Brookes.

She said the association was looking for new recruits to fill roles which were varied in both capacity and commitment.

Among the roles sought are volunteers for competition night set up, competition night pack down, age managers, line markers, field

assistants, starters, place judges and computer operators for data and field results entry.

Catering roles include food preparation, food pick-up, barbecue chief and banana collectors.

Other roles include social media message responders, kid wranglers, photographers and helpers for “all the little jobs on the night that need to be done”.

Available committee roles included president, vice president, registrar, secretary, treasurer, canteen manager, uniform manager and officers for championships, results and records, coaches, social media, track management, first aid and equipment.

“We’ve got a spot for everyone.” For further information, email president@wwplac.com.au.

SOURCE:
Social media, 29 Feb 2024
Woy Woy Peninsula Little Athletics.



Ettalong women play Fours final

Ettalong Women’s Bowling Club played its Fours championship on Sunday, February 18.

The championship was played

between Judy King, Annette Jesaveluk, Lyn Ferguson and Sheena Black on one side and Pam Donnelly, Rhonda Keenan, Bev Foan and Marie Brailey on the

other. Judy King’s team was the victor 19-17.

SOURCE:
Social media, 18 Feb 2024
Ettalong Women’s BC



Bridge club holds Upside Down Pairs

Wendy Byrne and Robyn Vaughan have won this year’s Upside Down Pairs played on Tuesday, February 26, at the Brisbane Water Bridge Club.

The event aims gives inexperienced players the opportunity to play with higher level members, to improve their skills and to gain feedback on their progress.

A total of 13 novices attended the event.

Results were:

1 Robyn Vaughan, Wendy Byrne 141.0 (58.75 per cent), 0.42 green points.

2 Martin Johnson, Susan Ashley 137.0 (57.08), 0.25.

2 Donelle Foate, Marcelle Goslin 137.0 (57.08), 0.25.

4 Chris Hasemore, Annette Clarke 135.0 (56.25), 0.14.

5 Christine Hadaway, John Aldersley 134.0 (55.83), 0.11.

6 Jim Routledge, Elaine Hume 126.0 (52.50), 0.08.

7 Sylvia Foster, Graham Woof 117.0 (48.75).

7 Peter Hume, Bernadette Sandra 117.0 (48.75).

9 Barry Foster, Carolyn Girdwood 114.0 (47.50).

10 David Adams, Caroline Nichols 108.0 (45.00).

11 Ed Vaughan, Maureen Lockwood 105.0 (43.75).

12 Jaan Oitmaa, Fiona Galea 100.0 (41.67).

13 Lorraine Lindsay, John Sandra 89.0 (37.08).

SOURCE:
Social media, 27 Feb 2024
Brisbane Water Bridge Club

The Women’s Major Triples Championship was played at Everglades Bowling Club on Tuesday, February 6.

The team of Pat Bruce, Fay Boyd and Sandra Medhurst defeated Val Davey, Sue O’Connor and Elaine Vincent 15-10.

The game was described as “a thrilling game to watch” with “only one or two points separating the teams” throughout the game.

The Major Pairs Championship will be played this Thursday, March 7, with the Major Singles to be held in April.

SOURCE:
Media release, 28 Feb 2024
Fay Boyd, Ettalong Bowling Club



Umina Fours championship decided

The Umina Beach Women’s Bowling Club played its Fours Championship final on Tuesday, February 20.

Finalists were the team of Pat Neal, Jean Boardman, Lynn Kennedy and Leila Gilmour and the team of Denise Arnold, Barbara Shultz, Gail Hill and Lynne Gordon.

Leila Gordon’s team came out champions.

“The conditions were overcast, with threatening rain,” said men’s club secretary Mr Peter Springett.

“After only four ends, the rain came down and the players had to come off the green.”

The rain stopped and the game was able to continue at 1pm, he said.

“This was a great game of bowls, despite the wet green and very humid conditions, which got worse when the sun came out.

“With only a few ends to go Lynne’s side held a five- shot lead and looked like they might win an epic final.

“Leila’s side then won an end and threw a long jack.”



This resulted in several players being short as a result and Leila’s side picked up a valuable four shots, Mr Springett said.

“After 21 ends, the teams were 18-all, so had to play an extra end to decide the final.

“Leila’s side picked up one shot

to win the Fours Championship.” Pictured is the winning team of Leila Gilmour, Lynn Kennedy, Jean Boardman and Pat Neal.

SOURCE:
Social media, 20 Feb 2024
Peter Springett, UBMC
Photo: Lesley Swales

Women’s soccer coach wanted

Umina United Soccer Club is seeking a Women’s 18s coach.

The club is hoping that the Matildas’ 10-0 victory over Uzbekistan on February 28 will

inspire interest in the opportunity.

“Why not come and join us in Umina and be a part of our growing women’s program.”

SOURCE:
Social media, 29 Feb 2024
Umina United