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Visual art students have art camp during Vivid Festival

Brisbane Water Secondary College Year Nine Visual Art students have attended the Cockatoo Island/Wareamah Art Camp in Sydney over three days.

The camp coincided with the Vivid Festival.

Day one saw the students on trains and a ferry, exploring the island, having a Dark Past Tour, convict stories, lots of art making, and a movie night.

Students woke up on day two to capture the sunrise even in the freezing morning air.

After a hot breakfast, there was musical art, collaborative drawing games, a ferry to Circular Quay, walk to the Art Gallery of NSW, viewing the Archibald Prize exhibition, and after dinner the Vivid light displays.

After a hot breakfast on day three, the students packed their tents, took a ferry to Circular Quay, and visited the Museum of Contemporary Art.

Lunch was followed by a warm train ride home.

SOURCE:
Social media, 19 Jun 2024
BWSC Umina

Giving detail of \$700 million 'not practical', say Council staff

Central Coast Council staff have claimed that it is "not practical" for them to account for the detail of \$712.8 million of the Council's proposed budget for the coming year.

This amount is the Council's operational expense that makes up the two-thirds of the Council budget.

"It is not practical for the Operational Plan to detail all the operational activities undertaken," the staff commented in response to a submission by the Peninsula Residents' Association.

"Employees work across many varied activities, projects and corporate tasks, it would not be possible to accurately estimate the projected cost attributable to each action or project."

The staff are recommending that the draft Operational Plan and budget be adopted at the council meeting tomorrow night, Tuesday, June 25.

In its submission, the residents' association asked for the detail of the operational expense "be tabulated in a similar form to the capital works program".

It questioned how councillors and the community could control and assess the council's financial management without more detailed information.

"No details are shown of what activities more than two-thirds of the budget will go towards," the association said in its submission.

"At a fundamental level, this hardly qualifies for the common English meaning of the term Plan.

"Neither the document itself, nor its associated 'strategies', provide details of the activities, timeframes, costs or priorities associated with implementing the operational objectives, or detailed management and operational plans.

"The 'Plan' and the strategies all talk in general terms with no commitment to undertake or achieve anything in specific operational terms within the next 12 months – other than to spend \$712.8 million.

"There is no evidence within the document that there is any detailed plan for how this money will be spent.

"There is no evidence in the Plan that council staff have changed their ways since the Council's financial crisis and the subsequent public inquiry.

"Whether the staff or the councillors were to blame, or a combination of both, there is simply not the transparency or accessibility to relevant information for effective accountability that would avoid such a crisis arising again.

"Improvements are needed for it to provide an adequate basis for the public to make informed submissions and for councillors to make informed choices to control the council's activities and budgetary processes."

The Council staff response stated: "Budget requests are prioritised based on the funding available and relevant strategies.

"The budget process is overseen by the Responsible

Accounting Officer and the Executive Leadership Team to ensure it appropriately supports the delivery of the Operational Plan, while maintaining long-term financial sustainability.

"Council developed its budget by reference to the Long Term Financial Plan which reflects financial performance targets that support an operating and cash position that meet industry benchmarks.

"The Plan does provide the levels of service associated with operating activities, such as mowing, and roadworks.

"The delivery model and the associated resourcing requirements (staff or outside contractors) may vary for projects delivered when determining the most cost effective way to deliver or procure the relevant service.

"Accordingly, the employee costs budget published is based on the total full time equivalents across Council."

In response to a request to be responsive to local community needs and budget on that basis, Council staff stated: "Regarding operating activities, Council manages its limited budget from an overall local government area perspective and prioritises works based on risk and other relevant factors.

"Similar to other forms of taxation, rates revenue is applied across the local government area based on need and priority."

SOURCE:
Central Coast Council
agenda 2.3, 25 Jun 2024

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Mark Snell, 9 Nov 2023

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

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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.

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.

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Tips about entering cooking competitions

The Umina Beach branch of the Country Women's Association has heard some tips about entering cooking competitions.

The branch hosted a "How To" day for members on Saturday,

June 15. CWA State Cookery Chairperson Ms Ellice Shrader and competition judge Ms Denise Horden provided advice "about all the ways in which you can make a prize winning entry". "Audience members bought

along their creations - cakes and biscuits, jams and pickles - to be critiqued so that improvements could be made," said branch publicity officer Ms Margy Logan.

SOURCE:
 Media release, 15 Jun 2024
 Margy Logan, CWA Umina

Charity event supports women

A Charity Gala event will be held at Ettalong Bowling Club at 6:30pm on Saturday, July 13, to support women facing domestic violence and other hardships.

The event will be run by the Because We Care Boutique and will include a two-course meal, silent auctions, raffles and entertainment and dancing.

"This charity is in Glenning Valley and is part of the Iris Foundation, supporting women facing domestic violence or other hardships and adversity by helping them build resilience and improve their lives," said volunteer Ms Julie Watson.

"The Boutique, run by dedicated volunteers, provides suitable attire and accessories for women in the Hunter, Lake Macquarie,

and Central Coast regions for re-entering the workforce, work experience, court appearances, important appointments and homelessness."

Tickets are \$55 per person, available online at www.wbwn.org.au.

SOURCE:
 Media release, 12 Jun 2024
 Julie Watson, Because We Care Boutique

June rainfall already above average

The Peninsula had 30.8mm of rain in the fortnight to 9am on Friday, June 21.

This rainfall brought the total for the month to 164.2mm, 23.2mm more than the average of 141mm, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

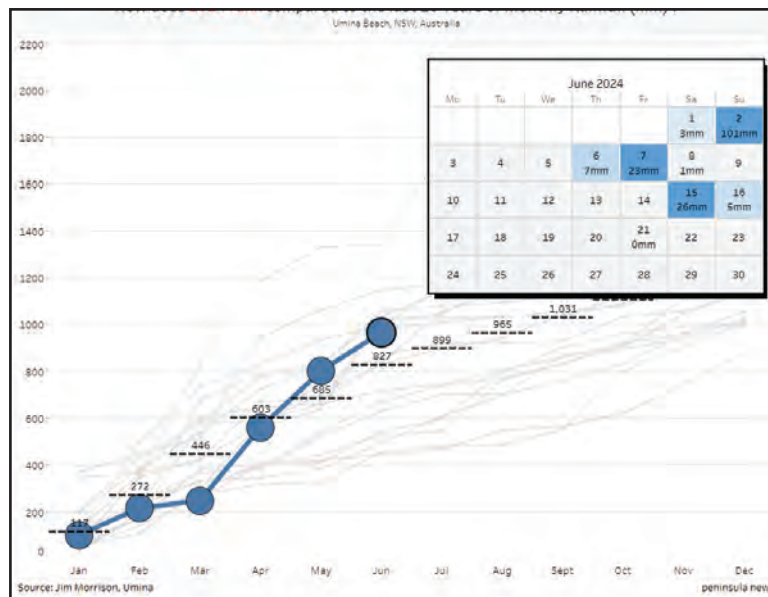
The rain came on two days: 26.0mm recorded on Saturday, June 15, and 4.8mm recorded the following day.

A total of 963.8mm of rain has fallen so far this year, 17.7 per cent more than the average mid-year total of 819mm.

The figure is also greater than the total rainfall last year of 876mm.

More details are available online at <http://bit.ly/PNRainfall>

SOURCE:
 Spreadsheet, 21 Jun 2024
 Jim Morrison, Umina



	Mon, Jun 24	Thu, Jun 27	Sun, Jun 30	Wed, Jul 3	Sat, Jul 6
TIDE	0458 0.15	0010 1.18	0307 0.93	0052 0.23	0336 0.15
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and	1555 0.20	1301 0.84	1600 1.04	1206 0.22	1430 0.21
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State Budget funds work on Blackwall Rd intersection

The State Budget will provide \$13.6 million for the Blackwall Rd and McMasters Rd intersection “to commence intersection improvement works”, according to Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

Umina Beach Public School has been singled out for support on the Peninsula, sharing in \$1.4 million with Central Mangrove Public School for “local school upgrades”.

It will also be funded as the site of a new public preschool.

Elsewhere in the Gosford electorate, “continued planning and design for the Gosford bypass” has been allocated \$3 million, “as part of \$40 million over four years”.

She said \$3.38 million would be spent for upgrades to social housing properties across the Gosford electorate.

Ms Tesch said: “This budget is a budget, which invests in our essential services while getting our state back on track.”

“The 2024-25 NSW Budget focuses on rebuilding the services that our community rely on most, including investments in our education infrastructure, upgrading our major roads, providing more homes and investing in our healthcare system.”

She highlighted a road safety budget of \$2.8 billion and \$3.3

billion for restoration works on flood-damaged roads.

She said \$6.6 billion would be spent to build 8400 new public homes and repair 33,500 public homes “in desperate need of repair”.

It would fund homelessness services and crisis accommodation and “deliver over 21,000 affordable and market homes across our state”.

A \$480.7 million Emergency Department Relief Package would “help avoid an estimated 290,000 visits to emergency departments each year,” Ms Tesch said.

She said a \$171.4 million expansion of the Healthdirect Single Front Door service was aimed at “saving 180,000 trips” to emergency departments each year.

A “bulk billing initiative” would implement new payroll tax rebates for contractor GPs at clinics that meet bulk-billing thresholds.

She said \$83.1 million would be spent over the next four years to retain TAFE teachers, \$17.1 million to train early childhood educators, and \$430 million on fee relief.

Job security would be provided for firefighters with an expenditure of \$189.5 million over four years.

SOURCE:
Media release, 18 Jun 2024
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

Council staff reject increased tree budget

Central Coast Council staff have rejected a submission to increase its budget for tree planting.

In dismissing the request, they have failed to reveal the amount within the operational budget for the coming year or give a commitment to a “level of service”.

Last year, Administrator Mr Rik Hart revealed the tree budget for the whole region was just \$45,000 out of an operational budget of around \$700 million.

The draft budget is recommended for approval tomorrow night, Tuesday, June 25.

The proposed capital works program of an additional \$300 million contains a \$200,000 project

for planting memorial trees at cemeteries, but no other tree planting project.

Responding to a submission calling for an increased tree planting budget, Council staff commented: “Tree planting allocation is made to replace dead or damaged trees in front of residents’ houses if requested and for new trees in front of residents’ houses when requested by the home owners.”

“While this funding may not meet the wants of all residents, it is prioritised to meet the highest priorities.”

SOURCE:
Central Coast Council
agenda 2.3, 25 Jun 2024



Federal Member visits Blackwall Reserve

Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid visited Blackwall Reserve at 23 Memorial Ave on Wednesday, June 12, at the invitation of residents wanting it retained as “community land”.

“This reserve is threatened with sell-off because it is currently

classified as operational land,” said organiser Ms Jane Hendy.

“Dr Reid has promised his support to the campaign to change the classification to community land.”

“This would enable it to remain in Council ownership for the benefit of the community.”

“The reserve is home to remnant Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland and several animal species, including microbats and tawny frogmouths.”

“It is also the site of an extensive midden.”

SOURCE:
Media release, 20 Jun 2024
Jane Hendy, Blackwall



Clean4Shore commended

Local marine clean-up project Clean4shore has been highly commended in the Coastcare category of the State Landcare Awards earlier this month.

Clean4shore has been a finalist in these bi-annual awards since 2013, winning the State Award in 2017 and the National Award in 2018.

“It is always good to be recognised,” said project co-ordinator Mr Graham “Jono” Johnston.

“However it is our army of volunteers that deserves the praise.”

Mr Johnston said that, last year, Clean4Shore conducted 122 field trips, with 761 volunteers completing 2625 voluntary hours to remove 62.14 tonne of rubbish.

“Our program during 2023 was active on the Hawkesbury River, Brisbane Water, Tuggerah Lakes, Lower Lake Macquarie, Hunter River and Port Stephens,” he said.

SOURCE:
Social media, 14 Jun 2024
Graham Johnston, Clean4shore

First Aid courses

A First Aid course and a course in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and automated external defibrillators will be held in the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall on Saturday, July 13, from 8.30am to 4pm.

The courses will be run by the NSW Surf Life Saving Training Academy.

The resuscitation and defibrillator course is a half-day course providing “life saving skills of resuscitation to protect your loved ones and friends”.

It will cost \$50. The First Aid course provides information about being a first responder in an accident, applying immediate and vital first aid.

It includes resuscitation and defibrillation and costs \$70.

For more information, phone Mr Richard Stewart on 0424 282 961 or email stewartwhale46@gmail.com.

SOURCE:
Social media, 18 Jun 2024
Pearl Beach Progress Association

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Alterations and additions sought for Mantra day spa

A development application has been lodged for “alterations and additions to the existing day spa within The Mantra, (51-54 The Esplanade,) Ettalong Beach, located on Level 1”.

“The site is pre-approved for a day spa and gym,” according to the application prepared by Jeslie Interiors.

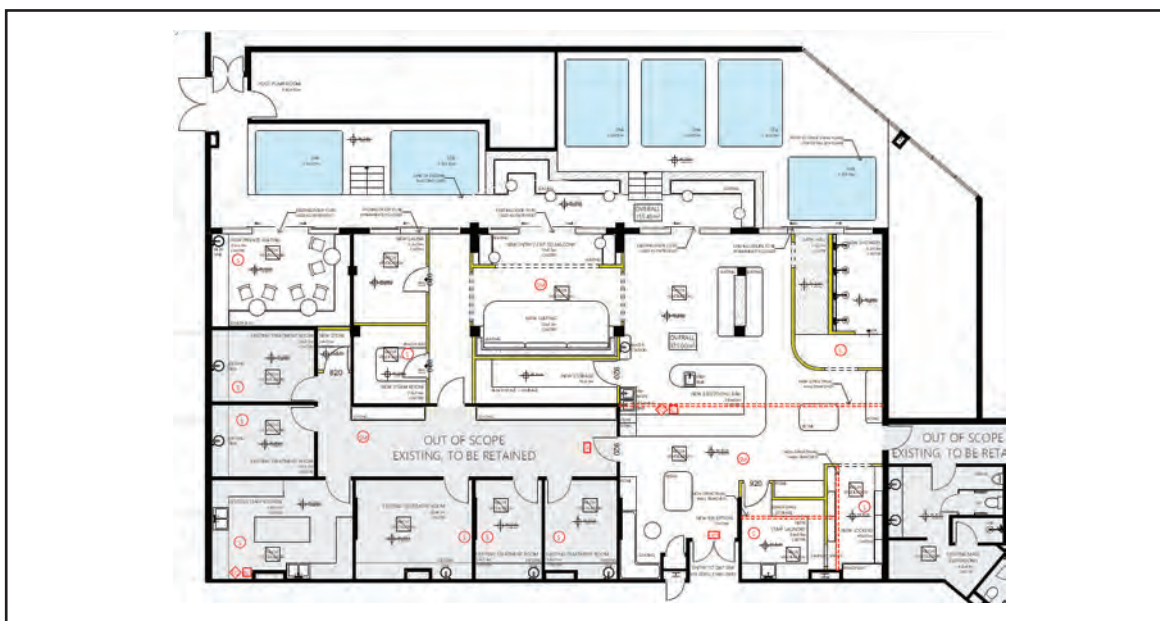
“The proposal seeks approval for alterations and additions to alter the site into a full day spa.”

The spa will be called “The Bathhouse” and have a staff of four.

The site is located on Level 1 of the Mantra hotel and is zoned E1 Local Centre.

Existing facilities which will remain as is are five treatment rooms, a staff kitchen, male bathrooms, female bathrooms and accessible bathrooms.

The alterations and additions will consist of “a reception-retail-sitting area, a staff laundry,



a locker room for customers, showers separate from the existing bathroom facilities, new seating areas throughout the space, sauna room, steam room, private seating suite, six new spas to balcony and new pump room to balcony”.

The Bath House will be closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays but will open from 9:30am on all other days of the week.

Closing times will be 6pm on Mondays and Thursdays, 7pm on Fridays and Saturdays and 3:30pm

on Sundays.

The times are yet to be approved by the Mantra.

According to an accompanying document, the Bathhouse will be a “Palm Springs-inspired Day Spa” providing: “Access to hydrotherapy

spas, sauna and steam room and beauty treatments including - hot stone massage, spa facial, aromatherapy massage, waxing (eyebrows, lip, chin), eyebrow tinting and spray tanning.”

The application states: “The proposed alterations and additions to the existing use Day Spa is permissible in the E1 Local Centre zone and is consistent with zoning objectives.”

It claims they are compliant with planning provisions.

“The proposed alterations and additions to the existing use day spa will not result in any adverse impact on the locality and can be comfortably accommodated on the site.”

The application is currently on public exhibition for written submissions.

The closing date for submissions has not been published on the council website.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 23 Jun 2024
DA/744/2024, Central Coast Council

Council staff respond to submissions

Central Coast Council staff have responded to a number of submissions about its draft Operational Plan about capital works on the Peninsula.

The submissions were received about the Woy Woy Waterfront project, and requests for renewal of Railway St, Woy Woy, for improvements to Rabaul Ave and about beach access at Ettalong.

No changes to the draft Operational Plan resulted from the submissions.

In relation to Woy Woy Waterfront Masterplan, the Council staff response was: “Council is currently engaging a designer to finalise the Masterplan, which includes upgrades to the swimming enclosure.

“The engagement was previously on Council’s website www.yourvoiceourcoast.com/woywoywaterfront, with the ‘final plans to consider community feedback and be placed on Council website’.”

In relation to the request for the renewal of Railway St, Woy Woy, to be included in road renewal scheme, the response was: “Council staff routinely inspect the road network and associated infrastructure with any defects identified, such as pot holes, scheduled for repairs in accordance with our current service levels and on a priority risk basis.

“As part of the Capital Works Program funding is allocated to undertake an extensive Road Renewal Program.

“This type of funding is designed to maintain and improve the condition of the road network by undertaking works such as crack sealing, road rehabilitation, resurfacing of the pavement, and

the like.

“These renewal works do not provide new infrastructure, such as kerb and gutter or footpaths, where they currently do not exist.

“Council uses an advanced Pavement Management System to prioritise road segments, select treatment options and develop the Road Renewal Program. Roads considered for inclusion in the Road Renewal Program are objectively assessed and prioritised via application of a range of technical criteria within our road pavement management system.

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

“The renewal of Railway Street has been assessed in-line with the above process with no renewal works identified within the next four years.

“Until such time as further road renewal works are warranted, Council staff will continue to routinely inspect the road pavement and schedule maintenance repair works, such as pothole repairs, as required.

“It is acknowledged that sections of Railway Street are not line marked and Council will review safety in Railway Street and if deemed warranted prepare a report for the provision of additional line marking for consideration and recommendation of the Local Traffic Committee.”

Council staff also rejected a request for a path along Rabaul Ave, Umina: “As part of the Capital Works Program funding is allocated to undertake an extensive Road Renewal Program.

“This type of funding is designed to maintain and improve the condition of the road network by undertaking works such as crack sealing, road rehabilitation,

resurfacing of the pavement, and the like.

“These renewal works do not provide new infrastructure, such as kerb and gutter or footpaths, where they currently do not exist.

“There are no plans to provide a footpath in Rabaul Ave at this time.”

Council staff also dismissed a request for “improved beach access” at Ettalong.

“The Lance Webb Reserve Seawall was constructed in 2012-13 and an assessment of its structural integrity was undertaken in 2016-17 finding that the wall is secure.

“The beach in this area is naturally receding due to tidal currents and waves and the wall has worked in stopping this process from occurring.

“The use of a groyne field was investigated however the visual impact of the groynes coupled with potentially significant end effects at the ferry wharf and beyond were such that the use of groynes was not pursued further.

“In order to maintain a sandy beach in this area over the medium to longer term, regular sand renourishment will be required.

“Beach erosion at Ettalong has been an issue for many generations and the beach has been renourished on several occasions over the past 100 years.

“The NSW Government is in the process of planning future maintenance dredging operations for the entrance reach to Brisbane Water and as part of this program, at Council’s request, are investigating the beneficial reuse of dredge spoil for beach renourishment at Ettalong and other sand foreshores.”

SOURCE:
Central Coast Council
agenda 2.3, 25 Jun 2024

Proposal to revoke Drainage Black Spots

Central Coast Council will decide tomorrow whether to revoke the Peninsula’s “Drainage Black Spots” policy, introduced by the former Gosford Council.

The policy restricts development in areas around Cogra Rd and Rothwell St, Woy Woy, and around Glenn and Shephard Sts, Umina.

Under the policy, an applicant is required to “provide the drainage works required to overcome the problem of any increased flow or problems caused by the increased flow as a result of the development proposal, to Council’s satisfaction, and prior to the determination of the application”.

Council staff have recommended the policy be revoked.

“The previous black-spot map for the Woy Woy Peninsula is now superseded by more up-to-date information,” they say in a report for the Council meeting.

The information includes “an



aerial laser survey ground level database and a flood study”. They said “development is assessed on its merits” in accordance with the Local Environment Plan and the Development Control Plan “without the need for this old policy”.

SOURCE:
Central Coast Council
agenda 2.13, 25 Jun 2024

Council asks for plan grant

Central Coast Council has applied for a grant “to undertake master planning” in four centres across the Coast, including Woy Woy and Ettalong “as areas for further investigation”.

“Council acknowledges the changes proposed by the NSW State Government for Woy Woy with the Transit Orientated Development and proposed Low and Mid-rise Housing reforms,”

according to council staff, writing in response to a submission to Council’s draft Operational Plan.

“If Council is successful in obtaining a grant, the work will commence in 2024-25 and will include a place-based analysis of the centres and a review of the development contribution plans across the Central Coast.”

The project is not listed explicitly in the Council budget.

SOURCE:
Central Coast Council
agenda 2.3, 25 Jun 2024

Reid tells Council to hurry up

Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid has called on the Central Coast Council to pick up the pace with federally-funded infrastructure projects.

The Central Coast Council has been slow to take up Commonwealth funding for infrastructure projects, he said.

"I have already secured funding from the Commonwealth Government to upgrade and renew local infrastructure.

"We have now passed the two-year mark since my election in May 2022, and in the first budget that was handed down by the new Federal Labor Government, funding for my commitments were budgeted for, and this funding has been transferred to the Central Coast Council.

"While some of these projects have commenced, overall, it has been a slow approach by Central Coast Council.

"Our community has waited long enough and Central Coast Council needs to prioritise these projects."

He said local roads projects, refurbishments to sporting facilities at Kariong, and the clubhouse at Frost Reserve, Kincumber, were examples.

"While I appreciate Council needs to follow its processes, I know that our community is frustrated at the slow-moving upgrades.

"The Commonwealth funding is there. I'm doing my job.

"The Council needs to action this work now."

SOURCE:
Media release, 20 Jun 2024
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson



Men's Shed hands back old keys

Umina Beach Men's Shed has formally "handed the keys back" after vacating its Birdwood Ave premises on Friday, June 14.

The Men's Shed "closed down all the usual workings" at Birdwood Ave in May after it received an "occupation certificate" for its new premises in Osborne Ave.

"Our very generous and accommodating landlords, Peninsula Village, were naturally very keen to at last recover the premises for Peninsula Village activity, having been super patient

and aware of all the delays that the new Shed project in Osborne Av was subjected to," said Shed committee member Mr Vic Brown.

He said a group of Shed members had worked five days a week to relocate all the equipment and supplies to Osborne Ave.

"A few of the lads met with representatives of Peninsula Village on Friday, June 14, and a short ceremony for the 'last closing of the gate' was held and the keys handed over with our sincere thanks," said Mr Brown.

"We are now busy with the

same team setting up and tidying our new Shed at Osborne Ave.

"We are hopeful that we will be able to open up on July 1 and for all the members to return to recommence work on their projects."

He said the "new atmospherics" would enhance members' connectivity and fellowship.

A date for the official opening would be announced soon.

SOURCE:
Media release, 17 Jun 2024
Vic Brown, Umina Beach Men's Shed

Ken Dixon receives OAM

A director of the Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club has been awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the King's Birthday Honours.

Mr Ken Dixon of Woy Woy received the honour for service to youth, and to the community of the Central Coast.

The citation acknowledges his role as vice-president of the bowling club board and as charity bowls co-ordinator and as a board member of the Community Bank in Ettalong from 2013-2019..

He is a director of Stewart House and its director of finance since 2013.

His sporting involvements have included being a life member of the Woy Woy Bowling Club and its Pelicans Fishing Club and a member of the executive of Woy Woy Cricket Club and its president from 1998-1999.

He has been a patron of Woy Woy Rugby Union and a fundraiser for the Peninsula-Woy Woy Euchre Club.

Before he retired, Mr Dixon was general manager of finance and administration for the Department of Education and Training from



2005-2009, and director of finance prior to that from 1989-2004.

He was a member of the executive board and management committee for the NSW Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions from 2008-2018.

He is a former member of the State Contracts Control Board, NSW.

He has also served as deputy chair of the NSW Public Sector Committee for CPA Australia.

SOURCE:
Website, 20 Jun 2024
The Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia

Sewing volunteers wanted

The Woy Woy branch of the Country Women's Association is seeking sewing volunteers.

A team from the branch has been making sanitary kits for Days for Girls.

Days For Girls is a not-for-profit organisation that raises funds to make washable, reusable sanitary care kits.

These are distributed to girls and women in need.

CWA branch member Ms Kerry

Butler, who is an avid sewer and patchworker, has headed the team which has made more than 200 sanitary kits in three months.

Ms Butler said she needed more sewing volunteers, with "a sewing machine and some time to spare".

"You don't have to be a CWA member to help."

For further information, give her a call on 0412 501 767.

SOURCE:
Social media, 14 Jun 2024
CWA Woy Woy



Garage sale likely to be annual event

A "monster garage sale" at Pearl Beach with 30 stalls has raised \$4200 for the Pearl Beach Progress Association.

The success of the association's second June Long Weekend Garage Sale seems to have ensured it will continue as an annual event.

Association publicity officer Ms Lynne Lilloco said that, for many years, the Association had run a variety of car boot sales, bric-a-

brac stores and pre-loved clothing sales at different times.

Last year, the Events and Fundraising Sub-committee reintroduced these as a garage sale on the June long weekend in the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall, said Ms Lilloco.

"It was a great success and this year we decided to hold it again," she said.

This year, 30 stalls manned by local residents were selling a variety of items including designer

clothes, household goods, homewares, kids games and a variety of interesting memorabilia.

The event included a raffle, a soup station and a barbecue.

Association president Ms Victoria Crawford thanked the organisers for a "wonderful event".

"It looks like an annual event," she said.

SOURCE:
Media release, 11 Jun 2024
Lynne Lilloco, Pearl Beach Progress Association

Forum

Thanks to the volunteers

Re. Front page of Peninsula News 11 June, I thank all volunteers for the publication.

We are becoming more selfish today: what do I want, rather than thinking of others.

I have done my share of volunteering work.

I am a life member of St. Huberts Residents Association and give limited donations to charities.

But at 96 years old and living at Peninsula Village nursing home, with limited mobility and no car, I am waiting for God to read my use-by date.

You refer to alcohol-free zones. Our road patrols test more drivers affected by drugs than alcohol.

Should we have drug-free and alcohol-free zones locally?

I agree with Norm Harris. Computers have replaced the public voice.

Computers are programmed to ask questions, not reason. They

replace employees but frustrate callers.

Demerge Central Coast Council. It increased the public servants, not reduced them. It is no longer local.

At the government meeting held at Central Coast Leagues Club I moved a motion that the ratepayers should be polled before proceeding. The chairman refused to put the motion to the meeting.

But Noosa Council was demerged from the Sunshine Merged Council after ratepayers approved by an overwhelming vote.

My son was mayor after the de-merge. It can be done. Put the Local back into Local Government.

I graduated from Sydney University in 1950 with First Class Honours in mechanical and electrical engineering, was born in Sydney, and am disappointed at recent trends.

SOURCE:
Email, 13 Jun 2024
Martin Wellington, Umina

No morning drop-off at LifeLine

I have recently received a parking fine in Chambers Place, as well as many other people, according from the staff at LifeLine Shop.

Some issues stand out: I parked I thought in 15 minute zone to drop off at LifeLine.

The little red sign at the top which I did not read says: Loading Zone 7 - 12 am.

Where can we park close to LifeLine?

Where is the camera taking the pictures? A nice little money earner this one.

Where else do we have cameras in Woy Woy?

I am letting off steam, but would like to warn other people.

SOURCE:
Email, 17 Jun 2024
Robynne McKellar, Umina

Two morning express services cut by stealth

The popular morning rail services Central Coast to Sydney have been drastically cut by the Minns Labor State Government.

Commuters now have a choice to catch a 5:10am or 5:57am service from Woy Woy - all stops to Hornsby.

Miss the 5:10am service and you're waiting 47 minutes for the next train.

The express services at 5:31am and 5:47am have been cut.

And it has been done in a sneaky way - the timetabled 5:47am services shows as still in service but is almost always cancelled -

inconveniencing commuters even further.

The impact is many commuters are late to work or have to leave 20 minutes earlier, making for longer days.

Travelling on a highly-crowded 5:57am service means potentially standing up for over one hour.

Residents are facing a longer commute, by an extra 10 minutes, due to the express service being cancelled.

What's Liesl Tesch's view on this?

SOURCE:
Email, 12 Jun 2024
Luke Chell, Woy Woy

Ms Tesch's office has passed on the following advice from Transport for NSW:

"No train services from Woy Woy have been permanently removed since the introduction of the current standard operating timetable in 2017.

"This timetable does not include a service departing Woy Woy at 5.31am.

"Since the beginning of April

this year, the 05:47am express service out of Woy Woy to Central (stopping at Hornsby) has run on time 75 percent of the time.

"When there are unplanned delays, reasons can include obstructions on the tracks, issues with the track infrastructure and delays to other trains using the track which can have flow on effects."

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Pervious land is needed to ease flooding

I refer to Jane Hendy's comment in Peninsula News, June 11, about keeping Memorial Ave land as open space.

Pervious land has significance to ease Peninsula flooding.

It is obvious the council has failed to adequately investigate this area and makes unacceptable decisions.

The Woy Woy Peninsula Flood Study 2010 comments on the limited open pervious ground for water to infiltrate or for vegetation to soak up water.

What area of "open pervious ground" on the Peninsula has been covered with development which will exacerbate future flooding?

There are other reasons for concern listed in the 2010 flood study, such as flat topography, high water table, modified creeks and housing layout.

Have the Peninsula Flood Studies been of any value or have they been produced for the purpose of nominating for local government awards?

SOURCE:
Letter, 14 Jun 2024
Norm Harris, Umina



'Office block' next to waterfront houses

It appears that Central Coast Council is now condoning the erection of an office block on Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, in the midst of the waterfront prime residential houses.

The structure is not in keeping with the surrounding properties as required by legislation.

Additionally, Council is failing to enforce environmental regulations by allowing a site hard coverage of some 99 per cent in the form

of an extensive concrete slab for parking.

Furthermore the existing old cottage on the site is still being used as holiday letting, notwithstanding the owner's undertaking to Council that such usage would cease.

Hopefully the incoming Council in September will be more efficient and take an active interest in this concerning situation.

SOURCE:
Email, 17 Jun 2024
Cliff Ventris, Woy Woy

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News



New life members at Marine Rescue

Marine Rescue Central Coast has recognised significant contributions of 20 of its members at its annual awards presentation evening, including two life memberships awarded and recognition for years of service.

Life memberships were awarded to Mr Ian Leafe and Mr Brendon Weston.

Unit commander Mr Ian Morrow said: "Ian Leafe joined the Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol in June 2005.

"During his career, Ian has served as the unit's training officer and administration officer and became a respected radio operator and watch officer assessor for the Sydney and Hunter-Central Coast regions.

"He has continuously provided General Boat Licence and PWC Licence training for Marine Rescue members and members of the public," said Mr Morrow.

He said: "Brendon Weston

joined the Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol in March 1999.

"On the creation of Marine Rescue NSW, Brendon was awarded recognition as a Marine Rescue watch officer and a Marine Rescue coxswain.

"He is a long-serving member who has always stood up to fulfil many roles in the unit over his career.

"He always makes positive contributions to the unit, MRNSW and the community," Mr Morrow said.

The National Medal for 25 years' service was presented to Mr Brent Malcolm and Mr Brendon Weston.

A 20 years' service pin was presented to Mr Greg Taylor, while the 10-Year Service Medal was awarded to Mr John Free, Mr Mal Ralston, Mr Duncan Coles and Mr Mike Watson.

Seven members were presented with the five years' service award: Mr Bob Gilbody, Mr Neville Shakeshaft, Mr Rob Zwart, Mr Doug Fitzgerald, Mr Matthew

Sims, Mr Steve Sai-Louis and Mr Dave Segart.

The Unit Commander's commendation award was presented to five members: Mr Andrew McKellar, Mr Max Landells, Mr Chris Hartcher, Mr Mark Luland and Mr Peter Alderton.

Unit Commander Ian Morrow gave special thanks to the supporters of MRNSW Central Coast, including Mike Watson of Boat Warehouse who has become the Unit's "maiden" Platinum Supporter, Ettalong Beach Hotel as Bronze Supporter and IAC Safety Services who have just recently made a substantial donation to the Unit.

The awards were presented at the Gosford RSL by Marine Rescue NSW Deputy Commissioner Darren Schott, Inspector Steve Raymond, as well as Member for Gosford Ms Leisl Tesch and Member for Terrigal Mr Adam Crouch.

SOURCE:
Media release, 12 Jun 2024
David Wicks, MRCC

Kim Cole celebrates 20 years at Ettalong Diggers

Ettalong Diggers' community and tourism manager Ms Kim Cole has celebrated 20 years at the Club.

As well as her role at the Diggers, Ms Cole is "a wonderfully helpful member of Rotary Brisbane Water", according to its secretary Ms Di Bartok.

"Kim has her hands full at Diggers, working between her office, the tourism desk and flying the club's flag in the community," said Ms Bartok.

"And yet, Kim is always there for her Rotary club, a dedicated member advising on projects and liaising with Diggers on joint events.

"Yet despite all the pressures, Kim always comes up smiling, ready to help when needed.

"Her wealth of local knowledge means she is an excellent advisor for visitors to the Peninsula who want to know what attractions to see and experience.

"Kim has drawn up a list of volunteers to sit in as tourism guides when she cannot be there.



"Rotary Brisbane Water provides some of those volunteers.

"Kim's life away from the club is just as busy. Married, Kim has two sons, four step-children and two step-grandchildren."

She was an asset to both Ettalong Diggers and Rotary Brisbane Water, said Ms Bartok.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 14 Jun 2024
Di Bartok, Rotary Brisbane Water



Brigade called out for backyard fire

The Pearl Beach fire brigade was called out for a report of a backyard fire in Patonga at 11:15am on Tuesday, June 17.

Unsure of how large the fire was, crews from Empire Bay Rural Fire Brigade and The Bays Rural Fire Brigade were also dispatched.

As Pearl Beach's crew arrived, it was found that a resident was undertaking some landscaping and renovation work, burning off the wood collected from the jobsite.

Being new to the area, they

were unaware of the Central Coast Council restrictions which prohibit burning off, even outside of the Bushfire Danger Period.

The additional crews who were not needed and were called off.

The Pearl Beach brigade then worked with the resident to help extinguish the fire, and to provide guidance on how the waste should be disposed of to ensure that they didn't run foul of Council regulations.

SOURCE:
Social media, 19 Jun 2024
Pearl Beach Brigade, NSW RFS

Reid supports appeal for Mary Macs

Federal Member for Robertson, Dr Gordon Reid is asking residents to support a winter appeal for non-perishable food for Mary Mac's Place in Woy Woy.

"Every year I support the Winter Appeal because it directly helps locals experiencing hardship," he said.

Last year, "a phenomenal 1588kg of donations" was received, he said.

"This year, with the community's support, we're hoping to reach 2000kg of donations."

He said the Wiseberry Foundation was again asking the community for non-perishable foods such as noodles, pasta, meal base sauces, soups, tinned tuna, long-life milk, and school snacks.

Donations are accepted at Wiseberry Peninsula in West St, Umina.

SOURCE:
Media release, 17 Jun 2024
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson



Planting day success at Guyangil Park

The Grow Urban Shade Trees group has held a successful planting day at Guyangil Park in Australia Avenue Umina Beach.

Organiser Ms Debbie Sunartha said 70 plants including wattles, mint bush, banksias, paper daisies, knobby rush and grevilleas were planted.

She said gardening could heighten so many sensory elements in children.

This was seen on the planting day as they explored the texture of the soil and the leaves, the scent of flowers, the feel of foliage and the visual beauty of nature.

"Guyangil was always designed to be a sensory park, so with the efforts of our young volunteers today, we look forward to more families coming to visit and watching their plants grow and thrive," Ms Sunartha said.

Volunteer Ms Mel Chandler said the park was "a forgotten space brought back to life, providing a pocket of native habitat and beauty for all locals - animal and human - to enjoy".

Anyone interested in helping maintain the park should email gust@peg.org.au.

SOURCE:
Media release, 16 Jun 2024
Debbie Sunartha, GUST



Men's group looks through vintage cameras

The men's group at a Umina aged care facility had the opportunity to look through a collection of vintage still and movie cameras last week.

A volunteer at Peninsula Village brought in his collection to show the group on Monday, June 17.

"The classic cameras were a hit, sparking fond memories," said

chief executive Mr Colin Osborne. "Many participants shared stories of owning similar models or reminiscing about their family's experiences with them.

"It truly became a captivating conversation piece, with history literally in the palm of their hands."

SOURCE:
Social media, 18 Jun 2024
Colin Osborne, Peninsula Villages

Aged care residents make mulled wine

Residents at a Woy Woy aged care home have taken to making mulled wine to fend off the winter chills.

Last week, several residents at Blue Wave Living attended a "Winter Warmer Wine-making" class.

They mixed a variety of spices including nutmeg, cinnamon, anise and cloves. They added them and honey, and even chamomile tea, to the wine before heating it to make a warming drink.

SOURCE:
Social media, 20 Jun 2024
BlueWave Living



Motorcyclist airlifted to Sydney

A motorcyclist was injured in a crash at the corner of Ryans and Connex Rds, Woy Woy, on Sunday, June 9.

The rider was transported by NSW Ambulance to Rogers Park, where he was met by a rescue helicopter.

From there, the patient was taken to Royal North Shore Hospital.

SOURCE:
Social media, 9 Jun 2024
NSW Central Coast Incident Alerts

Masks reintroduced at hospital

A local hospital introduced restrictions last week in response to "the recent rise in Covid-19, RSV and Influenza in our community".

"We have made the decision to implement short-term restrictions to reduce transmission risks," said chief executive Mr Stephen Johnston.

"To keep our patients, staff and visitors safe, we will be implementing the following precautions for all visitors, effective immediately.

"When coming in for surgery, clinics or to visit a patient, we ask that you wear a mask and that there be only two visitors per patient at any time.

"We also ask that only one carer or parent accompanies any patient when being admitted.

"When entering our facility we ask that you do not enter if you are experiencing fever, cough or a runny nose."

SOURCE:
Social media, 19 Jun 2024
Stephen Johnston, Brisbane Waters Private Hospital



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Education

New principal appointed for Woy Woy Public School

A new principal has been appointed for Woy Woy Public School.

She is Ms Sandy Knowles, who moves from a position of deputy principal at Terrigal Public School.

She will start at Woy Woy on Monday, July 22.

Education Department Brisbane Water Network director Ms Joanne Wilcher said the appointment was the result of a "full merit selection process".

"This has involved a five-person panel with myself as panel convenor as the director, along with staff, community, principal and AECG representatives.

"Ms Knowles brings to the school significant experience, most recently as the deputy principal of Terrigal Public School, including extensive periods of time as relieving principal at the school.

"I know that the Woy Woy Public School community will benefit greatly from her deep curriculum

and wellbeing knowledge, her educational leadership and vision, her capacity to develop staff and her interpersonal skills in establishing productive partnerships with parents and the broader school community.

"Ms Knowles is greatly looking forward to working in partnership with the staff, parents and community to ensure that Woy Woy Public School continues to provide excellent educational opportunities for all students."

Ms Wilcher acknowledged the "excellent leadership" of Mr Dan Betts at Woy Woy Public School, "leading the school with a clear and strong focus for improving the students' educational experiences, supported by a highly-engaged community and increased leadership capacity within the school".

SOURCE:
Social media, 20 Jun 2024
Woy Woy Public School



'Multimodal writing' lessons at Ettalong

Grade 5K at Ettalong Public School have been taking "multimodal writing" lessons.

The lessons combine traditional handwriting skills with typing practice.

"We team up to both write and type out weekly passages focusing on accuracy and speed when typing and letter formation and legibility when writing," said principal Ms Jodie Campbell.

SOURCE:
Social media, 19 Jun 2024
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong Public School

Goldilocks arrivals: not too early, not too late, just right

Ettalong Public School is expecting its students to have the judgement of Goldilocks.

It is asking them not to arrive too early, not to arrive too late, but to get their timing just right.

Students and parents have been told that students should not arrive before 8:30am and not after 8:50am.

"We have a large number of children who are arriving at school between 7:50am and 8:30am," said acting deputy principal Ms Jane Crawford.

"During this time teachers are busy preparing for class and attending meetings.

"Supervision does not commence until 8:30am.

"The YMCA provides before school care and can be contacted on 1300 009 679 or childcare@ymcansw.org.au."

On the other hand, she said:

"Classes commence at 8:55am. "Traffic is at its peak from 8:40am to 9am, so please allow plenty of time.

"Please aim to have children here by 8:50am."

Ms Crawford said arriving at school and class on time was "extremely important".

"It ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day," she said.

"It helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine.

"It gives students time to greet their friends before class.

"It reduces classroom disruption.

"Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents."

SOURCE:
Newsletter,
Jane Crawford, Ettalong Public School

Soccer dream

Brisbane Water Secondary College Year 12 student William Brett has left for England to chase his dreams of joining a soccer team there.

"William is an incredibly kind and thoughtful individual who has managed to balance his studies with a rigorous training schedule for the Newcastle League," said Woy Woy campus principal Ms Rebecca Cooper.

"He trains daily, drives up twice a week for team training, and still maintains high attendance and engagement at school.

"We're super proud of this determined individual who has remained persistent and humble as he strives to kick his goals."

SOURCE:
Social media, 17 Jun 2024.
BWSC Woy Woy



Boccia team is champion

Students from Woy Woy campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College have won the boccia regional championship.

They will now participate in the State championship.

Education Department Brisbane Water Network director Ms Jo Wilcher visited the school to award the students certificates for their

achievements. "This recognition is a testament to the team who has shown outstanding skill and dedication, making their way to the top through hard work and perseverance," said campus principal Ms Rebecca Cooper.

SOURCE:
Social media, 19 Jun 2024
BWSC Woy Woy

Big day for recorder group

Members of the Ettalong Public School recorder group have a big day today, Monday, June 24, culminating in a performance at the Sydney Opera House.

The day will start at 9am at Woy Woy Station and will not finish until after 9:30pm when the concert ends.

Students have been asked to wear their recorder t-shirts and black pants, black shoes and black socks, as well as a long sleeve black shirt under the recorder shirt to keep warm, as well as a warm

jumper or coat and a water bottle.

A dress rehearsal will start at 12.15pm and finish around 3.15pm.

Students may then be picked up by parents or may stay with teachers Mr Matt Boutland and Ms Alicia Kelly for dinner.

The group will re-assemble at 6.15pm to prepare for its performance and begin entering the Opera House.

After the concert, parents will be able to pick up their children at "the designated meeting point".

SOURCE:
Social media, 21 Jun 2024
Ettalong Public School



School band has a 'day out'

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School band students have participated in the Central Coast School Band Day Out on Tuesday, June 18.

"Band Day Out is a full-day

orchestral band workshop with Central Coast Conservatorium of music teachers followed by an inspiring afternoon performance," said school principal Ms Nicole Davies.

"This annual event offers primary-age band students the

opportunity to interact with other young musicians from schools across the Central Coast and to learn from some of the region's best teachers and conductors."

SOURCE:
Social media, 20 Jun 2024.
SJB Catholic Primary School

Rugby club celebrates 50th anniversary with gala dinner

Woy Woy Rugby Club will celebrate its 50th anniversary on Saturday, August 10, with a gala dinner.

President Mr Phil Burgess said it would pay tribute to the players, coaches and supporters who have contributed to the success of the Woy Woy Lions over the past five decades.

He said the evening's program would honour each of the five decades of the club's history.

Two major awards will be presented.

"The first will see the most valuable player from each decade named as the Player of the Decade for the 70s, 80s, 90s, Naughties and 2010s," he said.

"The second major award will

showcase the best Woy Woy rugby team of the past 50 years.

"A panel of expert judges will select and announce the Pride of the Pack.

"This will see the best of every team position from number 1 to number 15 along with the coach of the half century."

Mr Burgess said: "There have been thousands of players that have pulled on the red and white jersey for the Lions over the last 50 years with the club having first grade premierships in 1987, 1988 and 2014."

It is hoped that members of the club's original 1975 team along with its three-premiership winning first grade teams of 1987, 1988 and 2014 will attend.

"Woy Woy Rugby Club Management extends a warm invitation to past Lions senior and junior players, coaches, supporters, sponsors, and friends of Woy Woy Rugby to reunite and celebrate.

Limited edition merchandise, auctions and raffles will be available at the dinner, along with memorabilia displays and items of the past 50 years.

The Golden Anniversary Gala Dinner will be held at the Ettalong Diggers from 6:30pm to 11:30pm on Saturday, August 10.

Tickets cost \$75 per person and can be purchased at: <https://woywoyrugby.com.au/>

SOURCE:

Media release, 17 Jun 2024
Phil Burgess, Woy Woy Rugby Club



Charity event attracts 40 bowlers

The June charity bowls event at Ettalong Bowling Club attracted around 40 bowlers on Sunday, June 16.

A total of \$800 was raised for Central Coast Kids in Need.

Organiser Mr Ken Dixon said: "Master Chef Alf Cooper cooked us delicious hamburgers with all the trimmings.

"The Wednesday bowlers supplied the food and John Orme and family helped with the preparations.

"The Spider was won by Andrew Cardwell and the winning rink draw by Phil McWhirter, Greg Jones and NormTodd.

"Bob Powell won the patisserie voucher while Anne Dixon won the bourbon."



Representatives from Central Coast Kids in Need attended on the day.

SOURCE:

Media release, 17 Jun 2024
Ken Dixon, Ettalong Charity Bowls

Jacob Falconer qualifies for two national championships

Woy Woy swimmer Jacob Falconer has qualified to compete in two national swimming championships.

Captain of the Woy Woy Swim Club, he participated in the Surf Lifesaving NSW Pool Rescue Championships over June 14-16 at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre.

He competed in the Under-17 Male 200m Obstacles, 50m Manikin Carry, 50m Freestyle with Fins and 100m Rescue Medley to qualify for the Australian Pool

Rescue Championships to be held later this year on the Gold Coast.

Brisbane Water Secondary College has announced that the Woy Woy campus student has also been selected for the All Schools National Swimming Team.

This was the result of "years of dedication, training and sacrifice", said campus principal Ms Rebecca Cooper.

SOURCE:

Social media, 18 Jun 2024
Woy Woy Swim Club
Social media, 21 Jun 2024
BWSC Woy Woy

WHAT'S ON at ETTALONG BOWLING CLUB

We are excited to launch the T bone meal deal on Mondays at the Alfresco Brasserie, available for lunch & dinner. Purchase a T-bone meal and receive a free schooner of Tooheys, XXXX or Hahn beer or a free small glass of Morgan's Bay chardonnay or shiraz cabernet.

Blackboard specials are still available during the week, Monday – International Schnitzel, Tuesday – Angus Rump or Barramundi, Why Cook Wednesdays & Thursdays – Pizza & Pasta.

Ettalong Bowling Club is located in the heart of the Peninsula that offers a family friendly atmosphere and great value food and drinks. Offering Live Entertainment every Friday, Saturday and Sunday and don't forget to head down to one of the weekly raffles with loads of meat & seafood trays up for grabs.

Tickets are now on sale for the Naughty Numbers – Bingo with a Twist Event – Saturday 29th June from 7pm. Tickets \$20 from reception or through try bookings <https://www.trybooking.com/CPWXZ>

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Sport

NSW Rugby League lays charges after Woy Woy incident

NSW Rugby League will hear charges against five individuals under the NRL Code of Conduct policy following an incident at the Woy Woy vs Wyong game at Woy Woy Oval on Sunday, June 9.

"These charges encompass a range of serious offenses including acting in a manner exhibiting racial intolerance, contrary conduct, assault or aggressive behaviour, and the use of offensive language," Rugby League Central Coast chairman Mr Nathan Waugh said in a media release on Friday, June 14.

"The date for the hearings is yet to be determined.

"However those identified will not be allowed to participate in any form of rugby league activity and are not permitted to attend any ground at which our games are being played."

The board of Central Coast Rugby League announced on Wednesday, June 12, "a temporary ban on all spectators for the upcoming Round 9 fixture at Woy Woy Oval against the Terrigal-Wamberal Sharks", citing "the need for heightened security measures to ensure the safety and well-being of all participants".

"The safety of players, staff, and fans remains paramount," said Mr Waugh.

"All players and staff are reminded that they must carry their pass to access the ground during the fixture.

"This measure is implemented to maintain accountability and ensure that only authorised individuals are present within the premises."

Woy Woy failed to nominate teams for the round nine match on Sunday, June 16.

The match was forfeited.

After the NSW Rugby League intervention, Mr Waugh said the Central Coast board "reaffirms that racial vilification, abuse, and any form of violence have no place within our sport".

"We stand firm in our commitment to uphold the values of respect, inclusivity, and fair play.

"We commend the cooperation of both clubs involved in providing details to the NSWRL, enabling the identification of offenders.

"Their assistance underscores the collective determination within the rugby league community to address such misconduct swiftly and decisively.

"The Rugby League Central Coast board continues to closely monitor the situation and is exploring all available options to ensure that rugby league games on the Central Coast remain a safe and enjoyable experience for all participants and spectators alike."

SOURCE:
Media release, 14 Jun 2024
Nathan Waugh, RLCC



Former Olympian attends judo club

A judo coach who represented Australia in the 1972 Olympic Games as well as several world championships has visited Woy Woy Judo Club.

Sensei Barry Johnson attended

both junior and senior classes on Thursday, June 20, to share his knowledge with students.

SOURCE:
Social media, 21 Jun 2024
Woy Woy Judo Club



Handicap Pairs final played

The final of the Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club's Handicap Pairs Championship was played on Sunday, June 16.

It was played between the pair

of Glenn Simington and Greg Shirley and the pair of Ray Bourke and Jazza Bates.

"It was a high quality game, as you would expect, played in difficult conditions," said club secretary Mr Peter Springett.

"The Glenn Simington and Greg Shirley team eventually won the day, 26-16."

SOURCE:
Social media, 16 Jun 2024
Peter Springett, UBMCB

Ettalong to host State Open Pennant finals

Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club will host the Bowls NSW Grade 1 Open Pennant finals on Friday and over the weekend, June 28, 29 and 30.

The finals see the best players and teams in NSW battle for the coveted Grade 1 NSW Open State Flag.

The Bateau Bay Stingrays will be representing the Central Coast. The winner of the State finals

will go on to play for the Bowls Australia Grade 1 NSW Open State Flag.

Bowls Central Coast publicity officer Mr Peter Springett said having the event played at Ettalong was a big win for the Peninsula and a credit to the club.

SOURCE:
Media release, 12 Jun 2024
Peter Springett, Bowls Central Coast

Swimming excellence recognised

A number of Woy Woy Swim Club swimmers have achieved gold, silver, bronze and blue status in the Swimming Australia Junior Excellence program.

Gold recipients were: Callan Atherton, Kai Evans, Alexandra Hall, Reef Mueller, and Levi Sinclair.

Silver recipients were: Ruby Chad-Dufficy, Zoe De Vivo, Saige Graham, Zade Graham, Chloe Hall, Marli Hoyland, Jacob Kolln, Joanna Lei, Aimee Lockie, and Sadie Martin.

Bronze recipients were: Evie Bush, Phoebe Cox, Jetsun Dibley-McNamee, and Chloe McLennan.

Blue recipients were: Airlie Armstrong, Summer Bennett, Preston Bush, Lucas Carabjal, Grace Cox, Bailey Hankin, Chloe Hankin, Charlotte Hutchinson, Henry Low, Sophie Luland, Luciana Martin, Isabelle Sheppard, Charlotte Shoebridge, and Levi Skelly.

SOURCE:
Social media, 20 Jun 2024
Woy Woy Swim Club

Cycling group to hold Tour de Central Coast

Central Coast Bicycle User Group will hold a "Tour de Central Coast" from June 29 to July 21 to coincide with the Tour de France, with several stages including Woy Woy.

The group will award its yellow jersey on the basis of participation, rather than speed.

New rules have been introduced this year, based on feedback and lessons learnt from previous years, according to organiser Mr Alan Corven.

Each person can only win the Tour de Central Coast Championship, the yellow jersey, once in a lifetime.

"We like to share it around."

Committee members cannot win the Championship, but can win minor prizes.

Anyone can join the rides but only financial members can win prizes.

Points will be awarded for signing on and joining in TdCC logo rides during the Tour de Central Coast timeframe.

One point is awarded for each weekday ride and two points for weekend rides.

An extra point is awarded for wearing a Central Coast Bicycle User Group jersey or polo.

Where two or more riders have the same final points score, a countback on the number of previous 2024 rides with the group will determine the ultimate winner.

One of the first legs of the event will be from Gosford to Woy Woy on July 2.

It will start at the Eat Street Cafe on the Gosford Waterfront at 8am and is expected to take two hours..

Participants are asked to arrive at least five minutes before start time to say hello and sign on.

It is described as an easy ride along the shared path to Woy Woy and back, about 25kms in total.

For further information about Tour de Central Coast, call Alan on 0414 538 977.

SOURCE:
Social media, 17 Jun 2024
Central Coast Bicycle User Group

Crazy hair day

The Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association will take part in the annual Crazy Hair and Sock Day on Saturday, June 29.

Donations may be made online at <https://crazyhairnetball.raiselysite.com> or can be handed in as a gold coin donation on Saturday.

SOURCE:
Social media, 20 Jun 2024
Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association