



Ferry service diverted

Large swells in Broken Bay last week saw the Palm Beach ferry service diverted to Patonga.

With swells forecast, Palm Beach Ferries announced on Friday, July 26, that Monday's ferries would be operating to Patonga.

On Monday, customers were told the service would continue to operate to Patonga, due to more swells being forecast.

On Thursday, it was announced that the ferry would continue to divert to Patonga on Friday, but would resume normal services on Saturday, August 3.

SOURCE:
Social media, 1 Aug 2024
Fantasea Palm Beach Ferries
Photo: Mark Ellis

Memorial Ave reserve is 'under active consideration'

The future of council-owned land at 23 Memorial Ave, Blackwall, "is currently under active consideration by council staff".

Central Coast Council's acting director of planning and environment, Mr Matthew Corradin has told Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid: "I can confirm that this matter is currently under active consideration by council staff."

He was responding to representations made by Dr Reid on behalf of residents seeking to have the reserve retained and reclassified for community use.

Local residents have pointed to remnant vegetation, the flood-prone nature of the land, the presence of an aboriginal midden and the need for open space as being among the reasons to retain the reserve.

While indicating that there were no plans to reclassify the reserve, Mr Corradin did not close the door on the possibility.

"Council staff do consider all relevant aspects in relation to the purpose-use of Council-owned land including environmental and cultural heritage considerations, when proposing recommendations in relation to the fate of such land.

"To reclassify the land as proposed, and to identify the land in the planning scheme as part of Council's open space network, is a complex matter and would take a substantial period of time to come into effect.

"Both community consultation



(for the reclassification) and state government endorsement (for the necessary zoning change) will be involved.

"Council would need to balance competing views and interests in coming to a decision as to whether reclassification may be warranted."

Mr Corradin cited the need for affordable housing as a competing interest.

"There is a clear and present demand on the Central Coast for more housing and, in particular, more affordable housing.

"This land is well-located with good access to services and facilities and is zoned as being suitable for residential purposes.

"It is not currently zoned as being part of council's open space network, either for active recreation or alternatively as passive recreation and conservation."

The council has only just drafted an open space strategy, which is expected to be placed on exhibition for public comment this month.

The draft claims the Peninsula "planning district" which extends

to West Gosford has a 10 hectare "surplus" of recreation park land.

It also signals a review of the future of "pocket parks", stating: "22 parks are smaller than 1000 square metres and have been identified as non-conforming to a minimum functional area assessment".

The Woy Woy Floodplain Management Plan adopted by Council last year identified the low-lying area as a flooding hotspot.

The plan adopted a 10 per cent (one in 10 years) flood capacity for stormwater drainage on the Peninsula, down from the Australian standard of a one per cent (one in 100 years) capacity.

Excess floodwater would be handled by overland flow, and the plan recommended changes to planning provisions to accommodate this.

The council does not currently have a conservation management plan for the Peninsula's endangered bushland, Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland.

The council's consultation website, Your Voice Our Coast, lists consultations over the coming year in addition to the Open Space Strategy to include "conservation management plans", a "heritage development control plan" and "development control plans (flooding and coastal hazards)".

SOURCE:
Letter, 17 Jul 2024
Matthew Corradin, Central Coast Council

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Mark Snell, 4 Aug 2024

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Pharmacy assistant celebrates 30 years

A Umina pharmacy has celebrated 30 years of service of one of its pharmacy assistants with a visit from Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid.

Ms Di Matthews had a visit from Dr Reid at Chemist Outlet Umina last week along with a number of customers also present to celebrate the milestone.

Ms Matthews has been with the business through a change of ownership and a relocation.

When she started in the 1990s, it was a Soul Pattison chemist, run by Mr Bruce Bagley.

She had worked in pharmacies for more than 15 years prior to that.

Among her current customers are customers who she first met as children, who now bring in their own children.



"It was very clear by the number of locals who were present just how special and helpful you are," Dr Reid told Ms Matthews.

"You take the time and value everyone.

"Our community is a better

place with people like you in it."

She is pictured on the day with her husband and Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid.

SOURCE:
 Social media, 1 Aug 2024
 Dr. Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson

Roadworks announced for the Peninsula

Central Coast Council has announced road works on the Peninsula occurring over the week from last Wednesday, July 31.

Pothole works were announced for Pearl Beach.

Road grading works were announced for "various laneways" in Umina.

Roadside levelling, grading and general clean up were announced "in preparation for road pavement works" around the Peninsula: at Rickard St, Umina Beach; Waterloo and Watkin Aves, Woy Woy; Oak and Plane Sts, Blackwall; and Jacaranda Ave, Patonga.

SOURCE:
 Social media, 31 Jul 2024
 Central Coast Council

Craft stall donations

Donations are needed by the Wednesday Craft Group at the Uniting Church in Umina for its sales table on the day of the council elections in September.

Both new and unused items for the Market Day.

For further information, phone Bev on 0409 378 485.

SOURCE:
 Newsletter, 2 Aug 2024
 Broken Bay Uniting Church

July ends with above average rainfall

July has ended with a rainfall total of 86.4mm, 9.4 per cent above the month's average of 79mm.

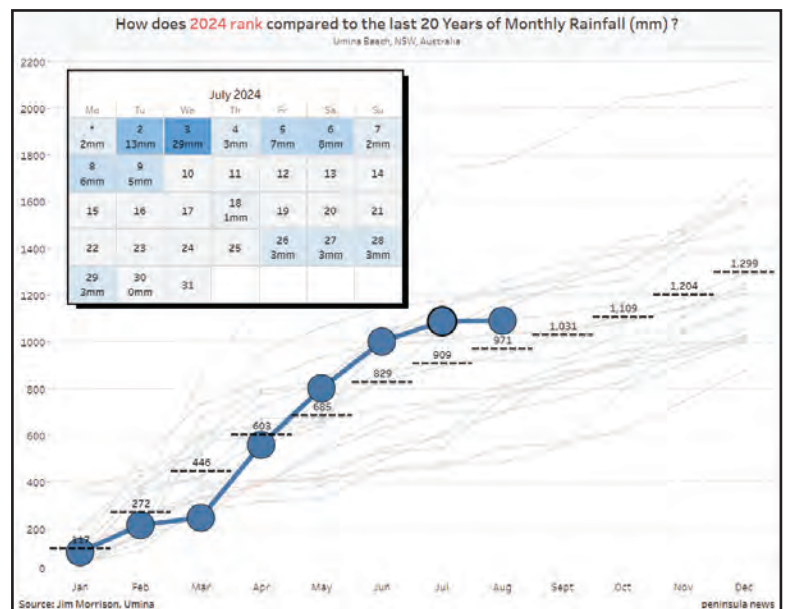
A total of 13mm in the last five days of the month brought the year's total at the end of July to 1085.9mm, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

This was 20.9 per cent above the average cumulative figure at the end of July of 898mm.

The first two days of August have seen falls totalling 2.4mm, with the August average being 66mm.

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

SOURCE:
 Spreadsheet, 2 Aug 2024
 Jim Morrison, Umina



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	2121 1.12	2300 0.96	1922 0.29	2309 0.29	1847 1.17
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Chamber backs council buying Woy Woy factory

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has backed a decision by Central Coast Council at its July meeting to buy factory units on the corner of Rawson and Ocean Beach Rds, Woy Woy.

The purchase will facilitate an upgrade of the intersection.

"This was a bold but prudent decision by the Council to acquire the old factories at 48 Ocean Beach Rd which were due to go to auction later this month," said Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales.

"Securing this property is vital as a construction site for the planned intersection upgrade which is due to commence in 2025.

"Without this property, the Federally-funded intersection works would be extremely difficult and more costly to undertake through the lack of immediate storage and operational space," he said.

"This decision comes despite the fact that Central Coast Council has yet to receive the \$32 million in Federal funds promised by the former Federal Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks and subsequently supported by the current Federal Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid.

"The Council has been forced

to purchase the property from ratepayers' funds in the expectation and hope that the Federal funds materialise," said Mr Wales.

"The Chamber has been repeatedly re-assured by Dr Reid that the funds are 'in the budget' for 2025 but this decision to purchase still carries an element of risk."

Mr Wales said the Chamber remained concerned not only about whether the funds would be forthcoming but whether the \$32 million would be sufficient to cover the expected cost of the major intersection works "considering that the budget estimates are already three years old".

"With the escalating cost of construction, the last thing we want to see is a shortfall in funding when works finally get underway.

"It would seem prudent that those costs be reviewed now bearing in mind the time delay in commencing works which would allow the Federal Government to make budget adjustments if required," said Mr Wales.

"We welcome the Council's decision which demonstrates its commitment to the project and the easing of traffic congestion at this crucial intersection on the long term".

SOURCE:
Media release, 25 Jul 2024
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce



Captain steps down after 35 years

Patonga Volunteer Rural Bush Fire Brigade captain Mr Mark "Zac" Zwan has stood down after more than 35 years of service.

Following the brigade's annual meeting on Tuesday, July 23, he "handed over the three stripes" on his epaulettes to new captain Mr Matt Hauser.

Mr Zwan joined the Rural Fire Service almost 50 years ago, in 1975.

He became captain of the brigade in 1989.

During his three decades as captain, he has aimed to create a highly-engaged and community-focused team, to instill a strong sense of shared responsibility for preparedness amongst the local community members.

Mr Zwan will continue as an active member of the brigade and will now support Mr Hauser as senior deputy captain.

The annual meeting also saw treasurer Ms Nicola Bergen stand down from the position she has held for nine years.

She will also remain a brigade member.

Ms Bergen joined the brigade 11 years ago.

In that time, she has held positions of secretary, welfare officer, call-out officer, community engagement officer, RFSA rep, caterer, along with making grant applications and being an active firefighter.

SOURCE:
Social media, 24 Jul 2024
Patonga Volunteer Rural Bush Fire Brigade

Draft strategy signals new review of pocket park future

Central Coast Council staff seem likely to have another attempt to get rid of pocket parks of the Peninsula.

The review would be the fourth in 10 years.

Previous attempts have stretched back 20 years.

The Council's draft Open Space Strategy, soon to be on exhibition for public comment, recommends "further-detailed investigation ... as to retention, improvement or alternative use" of parks less than 1000 square metres in size.

They would be "investigated and a future use determined" as part of the "Place Plan project" for the Peninsula.

It appears to be the only recommendation in the draft strategy for specific immediate action.

The draft strategy states: "Size is a critical qualitative criterion in considering whether a site is fit-for-purpose and has the capacity to accommodate use.

"Very small parks (often called 'pocket parks') have limited ability to accommodate recreation use and are inefficient to maintain.

"However some small parcels, especially those associated with linear open space can be useful as active transport linkages or use nodes along waterway corridors.

"They can also complement other public space such as squares

or plazas.

"Within the Central Coast, 22 parks are smaller than 1000 square metres and have been identified as non-conforming to a minimum functional area assessment.

"As part of Council's upcoming District Place Plan project, which will be completed for each Social Planning District, the long-term value of these parcels will be investigated and a future use determined.

"It may be that some of these sites could be improved or expanded to help address deficits where they are located in an area of low supply."

However, the strategy claims the Peninsula has a 10 hectare

surplus of "land for recreation park".

The draft strategy states that, for "local recreation parks", the "preferred minimum size" would be 0.5-1.0 hectares.

The shape would be rectangular with no boundary less than 20 metres in length.

Three quarters of the site would have to be "usable, free of hazards".

"For parks proposed to be less than 0.5 hectares, an absolute minimum usable area of 3000 square metres would be required."

This "main use area" should be free of regular flooding (i.e. above 10 per cent annual exceedance probably) with at least 10 per cent

of total area above two percent.

"No more than 10 per cent of the site should be impacted by constructed drains or stormwater treatment mechanisms.

"Detention and retention basins are generally not suitable for parkland.

"Multiple use open space solutions may be considered in some circumstances (eg infill development) providing all other performance criteria concerning safe and functional space can be met."

The strategy suggests one local park for every 1500 persons.

SOURCE:
Central Coast Council agenda item 2.3, 23 Jul 2024

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Dilapidated cottage to be replaced

A dilapidated single storey cottage attached to a newer two-storey structure at 14 Horsfield Rd, Horsfield Bay, would be rebuilt if a development application is approved.

The application states: "The existing dwelling consists of two structures which have been connected to form a single building.

"The original single storey cottage abuts a newer two-storey structure.

"Both are of lightweight construction, with a pitched steel-clad roof.

"There is a deck that is accessible from the living area of the two-storey dwelling, that extends over the roof of the single storey cottage.

"The single storey cottage is in a dilapidated condition with evidence of extensive water and termite damage.

"The rear wall of the cottage has been built over the rear boundary.

"A permissive occupancy agreement is in place for this encroachment.

"It is proposed to demolish the

existing structure and build the new addition 900mm inside the rear boundary."

At 48 square metres in area, the new addition would be only one square metre larger than the existing single storey structure.

The application claims the proposal complies with planning provisions apart from the rear setback, which should be three metres.

The application explains that "The rear setbacks of neighbouring dwellings to the public reserve are approximately 900mm.

"Therefore, the proposed additions will now be in keeping with the neighbouring dwellings."

The application also includes new windows to the existing dwelling and a new plunge pool to be located at the rear of the site."

The site is zoned R2 (low density residential) and is located in a bush fire prone area.

A bushfire assessment report prepared by Clarke Dowdle and Associates is included in the documents on exhibition.

The battleaxe-shaped site has an area is 461 square metres.

"Most properties enjoy large trees and significant areas of planting around the dwellings." There is no living area included in this new structure.

"The pool will be setback 900mm from the side and rear boundaries.

"A compliant pool barrier will be installed along the western edge of the pool leaving access for the occupants to the public reserve behind"

The application concludes: "The proposed development will greatly enhance the experience and amenity of the occupants but will not negatively impact the neighbours.

"The development will remove the impact that the existing structure has on the public reserve and create a more appealing aesthetic when viewed from this area."

The application is currently on public exhibition for written submissions.

The closing date has not been posted on the council website.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 4 Aug 2024
DA/850/2024, Central Coast Council

Peninsula has surplus of recreation land, strategy finds

The Peninsula has a surplus of almost 11 hectares of "land for recreational park" and a deficit of just on 21 hectares of "land for sport", according to Central Coast Council's draft Open Space Strategy.

However, it makes no specific recommendations to redress the balance.

The strategy prepared by Otium Planning Group uses the "Peninsula Planning District", which includes Point Clare and extends as far as West Gosford, as its planning basis.

"This Strategy has a focus on ensuring supply of open space for recreation and sport in response to population growth over the next 10 years."

It predicts the Peninsula's population will grow by less than 1200 people in the 10 years from 2021 to 2031, the second lowest growth rate in the region behind East Brisbane Water.

The Peninsula's planning district had a population of about 52,000 in 2021, of which the Peninsula itself had 39,000.

The strategy uses a 2.1 per cent population growth from 52,058 in 2021 to 53,175 in 2031, an increase of 1117 people as the basis for its assessment of the Peninsula's needs.

The strategy recommends a benchmark rate of 1.80 hectares per 1000 residents of "land for recreation parks" and 1.3 hectares per 1000 of "land for sport", for a figure 3.1 hectares for total open space.

The document says the Peninsula has 154.75 hectares of "total open space", which represented 2.97 hectares per 1000 residents in 2021 and 2.91 hectares per 1000 residents in 2031.

The document says that, of the total open space on the Peninsula, 106.59 hectares is parkland, representing a rate of 2.05 hectares per 1000 residents, well above the recommended benchmark of 1.80 hectares per 1000 residents.

On the other hand, it says there is 48.16 hectares is for sport, representing 0.93 hectares per 1000 residents, well below the benchmark of 1.3 hectares per 1000 residents.

The document does not have a map to show which areas of land on the Peninsula are designated as park and which for sport.

While "adopting a principle of no net loss of functional open space", the strategy makes no specific recommendations about how the imbalance would be addressed on the Peninsula.

However, its general

recommendations included "potential strategies to address the access deficit".

It suggested "identification of active transport links can improve access to open space".

"Development of 'green street' connections could provide enhanced walkability and connectivity."

It recommended "acquisition of additional land, or easements to increase the permeability of, or access to, existing parks" and "acquisition of land to provide new parks or to expand existing parks".

It suggested bushland and conservation areas could be "enhanced" with trails and picnic areas to "improve local outdoor recreation opportunities".

It also recommended "identification of other open space areas (such as school grounds, unused road corridors and buffers) that can be improved or enhanced as multiple purpose areas to provide local recreation opportunities".

While recognition is given in the strategy of the needs of an older population, community consultation was heavily skewed to those in the 35-49 years age group.

Almost half of the respondents to a community needs survey were in this age group.

On the Peninsula, the age group represents only 18 per cent of the population, while those aged over 50 make up close to half the population.

The strategy says an ageing population "means a likely increase in self-directed exercise and recreation such as walking and cycling.

"This places a greater focus on use of parks and beaches, active transport links with, and connectivity to, residential areas.

"Increased provision of a range of opportunities, programs and associated services will help to keep older residents healthy."

The strategy found that more than 85 per cent of Peninsula residents lived within 400 metres of open space for recreation and sport.

However, one in eight people did not have "walkable access" to any public open space – one of the highest figures in the region.

The strategy also found: "In some planning areas, there is a prevalence of regional sites which provide local access to recreation opportunities."

However, the draft does not address the converse situation where local access to recreation opportunities was reduced due to regional use.

SOURCE:
Central Coast Council agenda item 2.3, 23 Jul 2024

Proposal for primary and secondary houses

A development application has been submitted to build both a primary and a secondary single-storey house at 8 Birdwood Ave, Umina.

The site is currently vacant and has an area of 532 square metres.

A previous single-storey dwelling on the site has been demolished.

Vehicle access to the proposed main dwelling would be from Birdwood Ave.

However, the secondary dwelling would use an existing lane way at the rear for access.

The proposed primary residential dwelling would have three bedrooms, one with ensuite and walk in robe, and an open-plan living, dining and kitchen area with walk-in pantry.

It "features internal brick work walls for thermal mass".

It would include a garage, hallway, laundry, a "powder room" and main bathroom and external decks.

It would be rectangular in shape with living, dining and kitchen on the northern side.

The single storey design "fulfills the needs of the client and allows the entire primary dwelling to

remain on the same floor level".

The master bedroom would have a deck overlooking the back yard.

The house would have timber-framed walls with aluminium weatherboards and windows, and a metal pitched roof with skylights.

The living, dining and garage areas would have concrete floors, with the rest having timber flooring.

The secondary dwelling would have two bedrooms, living room, kitchen, laundry and bathroom as well as an entry deck, barbecue storage and car park.

It would be square in shape with the living, dining and kitchen located on the northern side of the dwelling.

The application proposes an absorption trench for drainage from both houses "due to there being no stormwater drainage installed by council".

"The Birdwood streetscape consists of a range of single-storey and two-storey dwellings," according to the application prepared by Papjo Pty Ltd trading as Aspect Z.

"Residential dwellings are generally of lightweight or masonry construction and typically of a single-storey arrangement."

"The design of the proposal has regard to the sites' relationship with adjoining and surrounding development.

"The height, size, bulk and scale of the proposed development is consistent with a number of other buildings within the immediate vicinity and would not unreasonably impact on adjoining properties, in respect of privacy, overshadowing and general overbearing impacts."

Apart from "minor" variations to the rear and front setbacks, the application claims compliance with planning provisions.

It states the front setback of 6.438 metres to the front deck does not comply, but does not state the setback required under the planning provisions.

Planning provisions allow a rear setback of 0.9 metres for half the width of the site and three metres for the rest.

The rear setback is proposed to be 0.9 metres for the entire width.

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

The council website does not provide a closing date.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 3 Aug 2024
DA/937/2024, Central Coast Council

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Residents receive strong response to forum

A strong response has been received by the Peninsula Residents' Association to its council candidates' forum for Gosford West Ward to be held on Thursday, August 22.

"Interest is high in the candidates forum, which is just over three weeks away," said association vice-president Mr Julian Bowker.

He said just over half of the free tickets had been booked already.

The forum will be held at the Everglades Country Club at 7pm on August 22.

He said: "With the local

elections to be held for the first time in years for the Central Coast on September 14, many of the candidates are new or unknown.

"The general public seem keen to get a chance to find out more and ask what these prospective councillors will do for the Peninsula."

Free tickets may be booked online through the association's website at <https://www.peninsularesidents.org.au/> or its facebook page.

SOURCE:
Media release, 3 Aug 2024
Julian Bowker, PRA



Exercise program at dementia cafe

The Rotary Club of Brisbane Water has added an exercise program for participants in its dementia cafe held in the CWA hall in Umina.

"Our Dementia Cafe sessions are always happy times but, recently, they became even more fun when physiotherapists from 6S Physio Ettalong joined us for some wonderful chair exercises," said Rotary club secretary Ms Di

Bartok.

"There's nothing like a professional exercise instructor to show seniors the right moves.

"And following the moves was also good exercise for the brain.

"The community-minded physios will be popping into our cafe once a month, teaching us moves that we can carry on with the rest of the time."

The "DCaf" meets from 10am to

noon on the first and third Mondays of the month.

Rotary Brisbane Water volunteers make and serve refreshments and chat to the clients.

For further information, contact Ms Cherie Simpson on 0425 222 778.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 29 Jul 2024
Di Bartok, Rotary Brisbane Water

More candidates register

Three women calling themselves "Coasties Who Care" will stand for Gosford West Ward in the Central Coast Council elections in September.

Ms Lisa Bellamy, Ms Sarah Blakeway and Ms Tegan Mulqueeney describe themselves as a group of independents who are not affiliated with any political party.

A third candidate has registered for Gosford West Ward for the Ratepayers' Choice group.

She is Ms Lee Erlin, who joins Mr Kevin Brooks and Mr Steven Sizer.

Gosford restaurateur Mr Daniel Abou-Chedid has registered for Gosford West Ward and has announced he will join Mr Lawrie McKinna's Team Central Coast group.

The group is not yet registered with the NSW Electoral Commission.

SOURCE:
Website, 2 Aug 2024
NSW Electoral Commission



Older Women's Network adds to its list

The Older Women's Network - Deepwater has added the Woy Woy Community Food Pantry to its list of recipients for food donations.

Network secretary Ms Jennifer Brown presented a \$500 cheque on July 18 to co-ordinator Mr David Bews to help restock pantry supplies.

"David has seen a big surge in demand in the area which can be attributed to increasing rents, mortgages and cost of living ever increasing price rises," said Ms Brown.

The Pantry is run at the Seventh Day Adventist Church at 83 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

"It has been running for more than years between 11:30am and 1:30pm on every second Friday.

"For \$15, anyone can come in

and get a box of non perishables, cereal, bag of fruit, bag of vegetables, bread rolls and frozen goods valued at \$150.

"On the alternate Fridays, they are running Second Bite food pantry which offers vegetables, bread, bread rolls and occasionally cakes and pastries for a \$5.

The church has also started a Hope and Meals Dinner at 6pm every Friday evening, where people can come for a nutritious meal, conversation and to spread hope and kindness.

Mr Jeffrey Law is team leader of this event.

Pictured are Mr Law (left) and Mr Bews (centre), with other members of the Food Pantry team.

SOURCE:
Media release, 22 Jul 2024
Jennifer Brown, OWN Deepwater

Local species planted at Paul St

The Paul St Reserve continues to benefit from a council Protection of the Environment Trust grant to the Grow Urban Shade Trees group for Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland species.

"Our latest addition is a beautiful melaleuca quinquenervia, a broad-leaved paperbark," said group member Ms Jen Wilder.

"A wide range of insects, birds and bats absolutely love these trees.

Some of the GUST team recently took the opportunity to have a "weed and feed" session in the reserve, with member Ms Lesley Harvey providing savoury muffins and warm tea.

SOURCE:
Social media, 29 Jul 2024
Jen Wilder, GUST

Bushcare

The Bays Bushcare Group is looking for more volunteers.

The council-aided group meets from 8:30am to 11:30am on the first or second Sunday of each month.

The group's current work site is the Elaroo Rd Reserve, part of Councils Open Space System.

For further information, phone Jill on 0417 477 970.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 27 Jul 2024
The Bays Community Group



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Authorised by Mark Ellis, Rothwell St, Woy Woy

DNA helps identify jawbone found at Umina Beach

A jawbone found on Umina Beach in June 2020 has been identified as belonging to 17-year-old Henry Coleman, who died in an accidental drowning in August 1980.

Police have revealed the identification during Missing Persons Week.

They have attributed the identification to "advancements in DNA technology".

Missing Persons Registry manager Detective Inspector Ritchie Sim said it was an example of the importance of public involvement in providing familial DNA to solve missing persons' cases, including unidentified remains.

"This investigation showcases the importance of DNA testing in missing person cases."

Woy Woy resident Ms Toyah Evans made the discovery on Thursday, June 11, 2020, while walking her dogs along the beach near Sydney Ave.

Ms Evans put the bone in a doggie bag before reporting it to Brisbane Water Police, who sent it to Newcastle Mortuary for examination where it was confirmed to be a human jawbone.

"Extensive traditional inquiries were made to establish identity without success," said DI Sim.

"ADNA profile from the bone was retrieved, with initial investigations determining the jawbone was that of a teenage male.

"Initial DNA analysis failed to identify any direct, familial or



genealogical matches."

He said that, in March last year, the Science and Technology Unit of the Police Forensic Evidence and Technical Services Command undertook "genetic genealogy".

"This combines new DNA analysis techniques and traditional genealogy to identify suspects and unknown remains using commercial DNA databases.

"Detectives, scientists, and analysts worked together to exclude two other cases and identified a genetic link to a possible living relative.

"A voluntary sample was obtained from the relative.

"Following further DNA analysis, the bone was confirmed to be that of Henry Coleman, who died aged 17, following an accidental drowning on the Central Coast in August 1980."

A coronial inquest was undertaken at the time, but it was not known that the bone was missing.

"The formal identification of the jawbone has now been referred to the Coroner.

"Without the amazing, combined work by our detectives, scientists and analysts, we never would have been able to return these remains to their resting place and find answers for Mr Coleman's family.

"The theme of this year's National Missing Persons Week is 'Always Searching' and this investigation is a fantastic example to show we never give up.

"This investigation has taken four years and we can't be happier with the result with the most rewarding part being, giving the news to Mr Coleman's family" DI Sim said.

He said DNA contributed to missing person investigations can not and will not be used in any criminal investigation.

"Missing persons are not criminal matters, and your DNA is not stored in any criminal or suspect data base.

"You can provide your DNA to commercial databases such as Gedmatch and Familytree DNA.

"This technology and capability now gives us the best opportunity yet," he said.

Missing Persons Week is an annual national campaign to showcase missing persons and unidentified bodies and human remains cases and raise awareness of the issues and impacts surrounding these incidents.

"If you have been reported as missing it means that someone is concerned about your safety and welfare.

"You should attend the nearest police station with identification so that Police can ascertain that you are safe and well.

"It is not a crime to go missing and Police will respect your privacy if you don't wish to disclose your location to your family."

SOURCE: Website, 28 Jul 2024 Ritchie Sim, NSW Police

Rotary club explores 'tiny homes village' idea

Members of the executive of the Rotary Club of Brisbane Water are exploring the potential of "a tiny homes village for displaced older women fleeing domestic violence".

The club's community service director Ms Jennifer Brown and secretary Ms Di Bartok recently visited a Tiny Homes Expo in Maitland.

"We were impressed by many of the designs of comfortable tiny homes that would suit single-person living, without compromising on style," Ms Bartok said.

"Jennifer, who is the driver of this project, was especially pleased with the flexibility of some of the designs and a willingness of those we spoke to in working to people's budgets.

"We feel that, when we get to the stage of seeking tiny homes, after securing land, we will be able to find the people to do the job."

SOURCE: Newsletter, 29 Jul 2024 Di Bartok, Rotary Brisbane Water

State groups oppose rezoning

The Total Environment Centre, National Parks Association of NSW, Better Planning Network, Great Eastern Ranges and Greater Sydney Landcare have joined calls to protect 300 hectares of prime conservation land on the Central Coast.

They have issued a joint statement opposing the rezoning of Coastal Open Space System scenic bushland reserves, proposed by Central Coast Council.

They have called on NSW Planning Minister Mr Paul Scully to refuse the planning proposal submitted by the council.

SOURCE: Media release, 30 Jul 2024 Gary Chestnut, CEN

Social tennis

The Pearl Beach Tennis and Bowls Club is seeking players for its Friday afternoon men's tennis group.

Games are played from 1pm until 3pm all year round.

The level is "Social" and all are welcome at a cost of \$6 per session.

For further information, call Vic on 0408 275 853.

SOURCE: Social media, 30 Jul 2024 Pearl Beach Tennis and Bowls

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Clubs mark 20 years of Red Shield Days

The Rotary Club of Umina Beach has met with the Rotary Club of Woy Woy in a joint meeting to celebrate 20 years of roadside collections on Red Shield Day for the Salvation Army.

The clubs were joined for this celebration by Salvation Army

officers, Commander Darryl Jobson of Gosford Police, and State Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

This year \$22,000 was collected over the weekend, taking the total for the last 20 years to more than \$250,000.

Captain Marco Lupis of the Salvation Army was the keynote

speaker and thanked both clubs for their outstanding efforts over the years.

Umina Rotary club president Mr Dave Tanare was thanked by Umina Corp officer Captain Lesley Newton.

SOURCE:
Social media, 23 Jul 2024
Rotary Umina Beach



Auxiliary sells craft to help hospital

Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary has announced it has raised \$2567 for the hospital.

Auxiliary members put their craft skills to work to raise money for equipment and services for

hospital patients.

They sold a variety of handmade items at a stall at the recent Tea Cosy expo held by the Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club in Umina.

The Auxiliary reported that their

craft work was eagerly snapped up by attendees and that they were pleased to be able to make the donation to the hospital.

SOURCE:
Social media, 15 Jul 2024
Central Coast Health

Rescued kilometres offshore

A jet ski operator whose jet ski lost power during a recreational outing off Lion Island on Saturday, July 27, has been rescued several kilometres offshore.

The Saratoga man, in his late 20s, called Marine Rescue Central Coast at its Point Clare base to advise of his difficulties.

He provided latitude and longitude coordinates, which enabled the rescue crew to track him down quickly.

“Even so, the outgoing tide caused the jet ski to drift several kilometres from its original position while Marine Rescue was carrying out the search,” said Marine Rescue member Mr Steven Constantine.

“The mission was again made easier by the jet ski owner carrying a torch, which was used to signal

the Marine Rescue boat as it approached.”

He said that being on a disabled vessel, at the mercy of the tide and wind, in the pitch black of night on the open sea was not a great place to be!

“Whenever you go out on the water, log on with Marine Rescue by using the free app, wear the right clothing and a lifejacket,” he said.

He recommended multiple communication methods including mobile phones and VHF radio.

“It’s also wise to take a torch and carry flares and other distress signalling equipment if you can,” he said.

Marine Rescue towed the disabled jet ski to Davistown.

SOURCE:
Media release, 28 Jul 2024
David Wicks, Marine Rescue Central Coast



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The Lone Sentinel

This is the winning poetry entry in the Pearl Beach Tree Day competition, written by Pearl Beach artist Mr Phillip Rich. It was submitted with a painting of the same name (above), which was runner-up in the artwork section.

Lone sentinel
Stretching limbs in comfort
No neighbours to squeeze and rob and steal
You are a lone sentinel
Clear views to distant places, far horizons.

Once you stood with cousins and friends
Indistinguishable in your sameness
Not seen for what you were
One of many blended things
A forest of trees.

Now you are surrounded by empty spaces
You look old and proud,
Healthy and alive with others gone
Free to grow wide and stretch and fill
A lone sentinel.

But alas, with time passed you now look out at nothing
Dry rank weeds replace pasture
No sheep now graze, no cattle either
Barren land, void of crop and life
Was this why the forest was cleared?

How long will you reign supreme?
Do I detect a dead limb or two?
Is age eating into dry sapless limbs?
Are some branches void of leaves?
Are your days numbered now?

What will remain when you are gone?
When dry dead limbs lie in dusty spaces
Bitter weeds claw at bare ground that once was shaded
Even ants and insects find no kitchen
A Barren place, gone, the splendour of the lone sentinel.

Phillip Rich, Pearl Beach

There's not much room for more trains

Re-reading Luke Chell's letter of June 24 about missing train services: There's not much room now on the Northern Line for increased services from Newcastle and the Central Coast.

The reason for that is a decision made by the then NSW government in 1952 to cancel quadruplication of the Northern Line between Strathfield and Hornsby on the advice of British train "experts" from London Transport.

(Having ripped up London's

tram system, they then advised the NSW government to rip up Sydney's tram system, but that's another story.)

As a result of this very short-sighted decision, that section of line is at capacity now.

Passenger and freight services have greatly increased since 1952, but that should have been foreseen.

The problem is that successive governments have put it in the "too hard" basket and done nothing about it.

Pressure for increased services

will come from people in the new high-rise developments between Strathfield and Meadowbank, but there's nowhere to put these needed extra trains.

Some Central Coast trains go along the North Shore Line but that line is also at capacity.

Until the NSW government bites the bullet and completes quadruplication of that section of line, there is no room for extra services for the Central Coast.

SOURCE:
Email, 24 Jul 2024
Bruce Stafford, Tascott

Are candidates prepared for the challenges?

Who will hold the balance of power after the council elections?

The councillors or senior council staff?

Even with best candidates elected on September 14, there will still be questions of who determines the future of the Local Government Area.

Are the candidates prepared

for the challenges ahead for councillors?

What issues will councillors be "allowed" to address?

This is certainly likely to be debated between senior council staff and councillors in the council chamber for some time.

Controversy is inevitable post election if the status quo is to be challenged.

Controversy has been a feature

of the amalgamation since day one.

Gosford Council's corporate restructure was opposed by senior council officers.

There is more at stake now for council staff.

There is skill involved in asking the right questions.

SOURCE:
Letter, 1 Aug 2024
Norm Harris, Umina

Arts

Ettalong watercolour tutor wins international awards

Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre watercolour tutor Ms Danni Liu has won two major awards in the 5th Annual Women in Watercolor International Competition.

The competition had more than 1970 entries from 62 countries.

Judges said the winners definitely represented the best of the best women watercolor artists.

Ms Liu won second prize in the landscape and water category in the for her painting Santorini.

She also won the animals and wildlife section of the Holbein Merchandise Award for her painting Koalas.

Another two of her paintings, in the portrait and in the flowers and still life categories, were among 154 honourable mentions.

SOURCE:
Social media, 24 Jul 2024
Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre



Frantastics Choir to perform in Woy Woy

The Frantastics Choir will perform for family and friends at 1 pm on Monday, August 19, at the Walter Baker Hall, at the corner of Blackwall and Victoria Rds, Woy Woy.

"The choir has worked hard under the guidance of Thayer Donaldson and Catherine Broady to present an entirely new repertoire," said director Ms Fran Kendall.

"It will be performed without

folders.

"Since all members are seniors, this is quite an achievement of which the choir is very proud."

Admission is \$10 which includes afternoon tea.

A raffle will be drawn with proceeds going to Elsie's Retreat.

Patrons are advised to arrive from 12:30 pm since the performance usually attracts a full house.

SOURCE:
Media release, 31 Jul 2024
Fran Kendall, Frantastics

Tree Day winners announced

The Environment Group of the Pearl Beach Progress Association together with the Pearl Beach Arboretum have announced the winners of their Tree Day community competition 2024.

The Best Artwork prize for 4-7 yearolds (\$30) was awarded to Orlando McMaster (aged 5) for Goanna in the Bush.

In the 8-16 years category \$50

prizes were awarded to Madison Mitchell (aged 12) for her poem Back to my Country, to Quinn van Dam (aged 10) for his artwork Sunset Silhouette, and to Harry Higson (aged 8) for his photo Treow.

In the over-16 category, \$125 prizes were awarded to Mr Phil Rich for his poem The Lone Sentinel, to Ms Meredith Ramsay for her photo Glisten, and to Martha Wells for

her artwork Myrtle Nouveau.

Arboretum secretary Ms Mary Knaggs said: "There were many wonderful entries from far and wide and we look forward to running the competition again next year."

The Pearl Beach Tree Day video is available at <https://youtu.be/vntHVjHb0IE>.

SOURCE:
Media release, 1 Aug 2024
Mary Knaggs, Pearl Beach Arboretum

Three receive health care awards

A local doctor and two members of the Rotary Club of Brisbane Water have received awards for their work in health care.

Woy Woy general practitioner Dr Paul Duff and Rotarian Ms Bobby Redman have both been inducted into the Dedication to Service Hall of Fame by the regional Primary Health Network for "outstanding dedication to providing quality primary care over the course of their career".

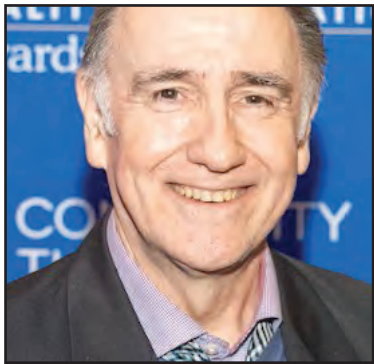
Rotarian Ms Sue Huntley has received international recognition, being named an "Elimination Champion" by the Coalition for Global Hepatitis Elimination for "her tireless advocacy and leadership in the fight against hepatitis B across the Asia Pacific region".

The Dedication to Service Hall of Fame induction was peer-nominated award, according to Health Network public relations manager Ms Rebecca Brennan.

Ms Brennan said: "Dr Paul Duff has dedicated his life to improving the health outcomes of the community, especially those living in the Woy Woy region."

"Paul has been a mentor to many including to new GPs by providing supervision, training, and advice."

"Paul is an extremely dedicated GP going above and beyond to improve patient care within his general practice and supports staff



to do the same both there and previously in the Woy Woy After Hours Medical Centre.

"His interest in providing primary care in the after-hours medical space is where he got great satisfaction from seeing individuals with many varied and sometimes quite complex medical issues."

Ms Brennan said fellow award recipient Ms Bobby Redman was a retired psychologist, who spent her working years helping people with disabilities.

"At age 66, Bobby was diagnosed with frontotemporal dementia."

"Bobby didn't let this slow her down. In fact, she threw herself into creating dementia awareness, participating in research projects and being an active member of multiple organisations."

"Bobby's dedication to dementia over the past 10 years has led to her holding several volunteer positions including chair of the Dementia Australia Advisory Committee and



board member of the Dementia Alliance International."

Ms Sue Huntley was recognised by the Coalition for Global Hepatitis Elimination for her contribution to the fight for global hepatitis elimination.

As founder and director of the Australian voluntary charity Hepatitis B Free, Ms Huntley, a clinical researcher with a background in nursing, was named for her tireless advocacy and leadership in the fight against hepatitis B across the Asia Pacific region.

"Nominees were required to have direct actions that have resulted in substantial and demonstrable improvements in hepatitis prevention, testing, care, and treatment in their country or community."

Website, 23 Jul 2024
Coalition for Global Hepatitis Elimination
Media release, 29 Jul 2024
Rebecca Brennan, HNECC PHN

Changes to board and management team

A Woy Woy aged care home has announced changes to its management team and to its board.

Blue Wave Living's longest serving employee, Ms Cathy Allen, will be retiring after nearly 30 years at the home

"Cathy has been a key member of our executive management team and will be greatly missed," said chief executive Mr Matt Downie.

BlueWave Living has recently appointed Ms Tracey Rosine to the executive management team as business manager.

"Tracey will be working closely with Cathy leading up to Cathy's retirement, ensuring a smooth transition."

"Tracey has a strong background in accounting and management, most recently working in a role in the community care and NDIS sector."

A new board member has also been appointed.

He is Mr Michael Swab, currently the acting general manager for Gosford and Woy Woy Hospital, Mr Downie said.

"Michael has a background as a pharmacist and working in acute care in senior management roles."

"Michael brings to our volunteer board additional clinical and business governance."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 1 Aug 2024
Matt Downie, Blue Wave Living

Hall closes for floor repairs

The Pearl Beach Memorial Hall will not be available for use while its floor is being refurbished between Monday, August 19, and Friday, August 30.

Local groups, including the singers, cinema club, pickle ball and the book club, will not be able to meet in the hall during this

time, said Pearl Beach Progress Association president Ms Victoria Crawford.

"Neither of course will our commercial hirers."

"With any questions, please contact me or Gary Phillips at vp2@pearlbeachprogress.org.au."

SOURCE:
Website, 19 Jul 2024
Victoria Crawford, Pearl Beach Progress Association



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Education

Students vote to change school house names

Students at Ettalong Public School have voted to change their school house names.

"In house meetings, they unanimously decided on animals that have some of the colours from our current house groups," said principal Ms Jodie Campbell.

"Voting was held in their current houses.

"We will be starting a competition for the design of the mascots for our houses.

"Entries are open to all students K-6 and the competition will close Friday, August 9.

"We will then hold voting in house groups for the final mascot designs.

"The colours of red, blue, yellow and green will remain the same.

"The chosen house mascots and names are: Biya (red-belly black snake), wylah (yellow-tail black cockatoo), djungar (blue-ring

octopus) and katukalung (green sea turtle).

"We are looking for creative designs and drawings that depict our newly-chosen animals for each of our houses."

Ms Campbell said: "Student voice is a crucial part of engagement across our school.

"We have two representatives in our Student Representative Council who specifically focus on ways to promote engagement.

"You will notice some changes throughout the school as a direct result of the work that they are doing.

"Things like more signage across our school and new handball courts are a direct result of their ideas."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 30 Jul 2024
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong Public School



Naidoc Day at college attracts 400 students

A Naidoc Day was held at Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy campus on Tuesday, July 30, for more than 400 First Nations students from across the Brisbane Water Learning Community.

It was reported to be a day filled with cultural pride, learning, and joy for students from Kindergarten to Year 12.

Highlights of the day included traditional dances and a grand corroboree performance and making indigenous head-dresses, showcasing creativity and tradition.

There was cultural art where students contributed to a beautiful indigenous artwork showing connections.

The artwork will make its way back to each school so it can be showcased as a mural.

SOURCE:
Social media, 1 Aug 2024
BWSC Woy Woy

Lylah wins gold in State under-10s cross country

Lylah Glynn from Umina Beach Public School has taken out first place in the under-10 girls NSW Primary Schools Cross Country Championships at Sydney Equestrian Centre at Horsley Park on Tuesday, July 23.

Lylah competed against 75 other 10-year-old girls from schools across NSW.

Lylah will now be part of the 2024 NSW Cross Country touring team which will compete at the 2024 School Sport Australia Cross Country Championships.

These will be held at Yarra Glen, Victoria, on August 21 and 23.

She will compete against the



top six girls from each state within Australia.

SOURCE:
Media release, 31 Jul 2024
Kentrelle Glynn, Umina

First week at Woy Woy 'a wonderful experience'

Woy Woy Public School's new principal Ms Sandy Knowles has described her first week at the school as "such a wonderful experience", getting to know students, staff, families and school procedures.

"I feel very privileged to be the principal of Woy Woy Public School," she said.

She said she had been able to visit most classrooms and see the amazing teaching and learning across the school.

"I am so impressed with the students' beautiful manners and the warm welcome I have received.

"I look forward to working in partnership with parents and carers and value open communication."



She said she was confident that, with their support, they could create a positive and inspiring educational experience for every child at Woy Woy Public School.

SOURCE:
Social media, 26 Jul 2024
Sandy Knowles, Woy Woy Public School

Bridget wins NSW junior girls tennis

Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy student Bridget Broome has won the 16s Junior Girls NSW Closed Country Tennis Championships held at Forster Tennis Club.

The competition spanned 10 days of intense daily tennis with multiple matches and events.

The event serves as a stepping stone to national and international tournaments, and to the ITF Junior Tour.

After winning the

championships, she was presented with the winner's trophy.

Her name will now be etched on the trophy, alongside winners dating back to the 1920s.

"We couldn't be prouder of Bridget's dedication, skill, and hard work," said campus principal Ms Rebecca Cooper.

"This accomplishment is a testament to her incredible talent and perseverance."

SOURCE:
Social media, 24 Jul 2024
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy



Grandparents turn out

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School had a good turn-out of grandparents for Grandparents' Day on Friday, July 26.

"The children loved having you for our heart-warming mass celebration and sharing their classroom spaces, craft and

school-work," said principal Ms Nicole Davies.

"Parents helped on the day and brought in plates of morning tea for our special guests to enjoy."

SOURCE:
Social media, 31 Jul 2024
Nicole Davies, SJB Catholic Primary School

Book Week

Woy Woy South Public School will celebrate Book Week this week with a Book Character Parade on Wednesday and a book fair from Monday to Thursday.

The book character parade will be held at 2pm on Wednesday, August 7, under the Years 3-6 Cola, next to the hall.

All students have been encouraged to dress up as a book character, and parents and carers have been invited to watch the parade.

A Scholastic book fair will be held before and after school and at lunchtime in the school library from Monday to Thursday, August 5 to 8.

It will be open to parents as well as students before and after school.

It will be open to students during lunchtime.

SOURCE:
Social media, 31 Jul 2024
Woy Woy South Public School



Rugby semi-finals played at Woy Woy

The minor semi-finals for Central Coast Rugby Union were played at Woy Woy on Saturday, August 3.

In the Premier 1 minor semi-final at Woy Woy Oval, Avoca Beach outlasted the Razorbacks to

run out victors by 22 points to 15.

The Premier 2 game saw Avoca Beach dominate the match right from the opening whistle.

Avoca Beach defeated the Razorbacks by 33 points to 15.

In President's Cup, Kariong defeated Warnervale by the narrow

margin of 21 points to 20.

The Women's 12s minor semi-final saw Terrigal defeat The Lakes by 29 points to five.

The major semi-finals will be played at Woy Woy Oval next Saturday, August 10.

At 11am, The Lakes will

play Terrigal in President's Cup competition.

At 12:25 pm in Women's 12s, Lake Macquarie will play Avoca Beach.

The Premier 2 major semi-final will be played at 1:35pm with Terrigal playing Warnervale.

The Premier 1 game will start at 3:15pm, also between Terrigal and Warnervale.

SOURCE:
Media release, 4 Aug 2024
Larry Thomson, CCRU



Tennis club is thanked for its holiday camps

Empire Bay Tennis Club has received a certificate of appreciation for holding school holiday camps recently which hosted a record number of children.

"We have been holding free school holidays tennis camp for kids from Mingaletta for about a year," said vice-president Mr Rod Lang.

"The day was a great success

with the kids, parents and volunteers all having a great time with lots of talent on display."

The tennis club was presented with a certificate by Aunty Di O'Brien from Mingaletta.

they hosted record numbers of children.

Pictured are Mr Lang with coach Ms Kerri Rae and Aunty Di.

Media release, 30 Jul 2024
Rod Lang, Empire Bay Tennis Club

PCYC starts new Kinder Gym program

The PCYC in Umina Beach has created a new Kinder Gym program this term.

The club is promoting Kinder Gym as "a fundamental movement program for children aged up to five years and their families".

"It is fun play-based learning.

"It will help grow their gross and fine motor skills, problem solving and spatial awareness."

The new class runs on Thursdays from 10am to 10:45am.

Call the club on 4344 7851 for more information.

SOURCE:
Social media, 30 Jul 2024
PCYC Umina Beach



Fishing club

The Club Umina Social Fishing Club is seeking new members.

The club meets on the third Sunday of the month at 3pm for an afternoon of weigh-ins, prizes for different categories.

With inquiries, call David at 0411 191 487.

SOURCE:
Social media, 18 Jul 2024
Club Umina



Mixed Pairs play in the sunshine

The final of the Umina Beach Bowling Club's Mixed Pairs competition was played in sunshine on Saturday, August 3.

The game saw the pair of Jean Harrison and Tony Potter play Katie Brown and Greg Shirley.

According to the many spectators that were watching, the final could have gone either way.

However, after 21 ends, it was Katie Brown and Greg Shirley who were victorious.

SOURCE:
Social media, 4 Aug 2024
Peter Springett, UBMBC



Major Pairs final comes down to last end

Everglades Women's Major Pairs Championship final was held on Thursday, July 25.

Maureen Jackson and Bev McFarlane played Kay McDonald and Sharyn Teasdale.

The score was even six times during the game including on the 20th end where the scores were 20-20 with only one end to be play. It was Kay McDonald and

Sharyn Teasdale who won the Major Pairs Final, 21-20

"It was an amazing game to watch with fantastic bowls played by all players," said Everglades women's bowls committee member Ms Vicki Redrup.

"A game to go down in the history books."

SOURCE:
Media release, 25 Jul 2024
Vicki Redrup, Everglades Women's Bowling Club

SEU defeats Kanwal 5-0 in match of the round

Southern and Ettalong United defeated Kanwal 5-0 in Premier League in the soccer "match of the round" on Saturday, July 27.

The clash between second and third-placed teams saw Southern, back playing at home for the first time in nine weeks.

They were looking to get the points in front of their local supporters who braved the cold.

Kanwal started the match well, but only eight minutes in, Southern defender Jack Jenkins advanced down the right of the field and clipped a ball over the Kanwal defence.

Southern's Brock Van Alderen latched on to the pass, drove into the box only to be taken out by the Kanwal defender and a penalty was awarded.

Set piece specialist Jacob Lepre calmly sent the Kanwal keeper Kurtis Mahon the wrong way and finished in the opposite corner for a 1-0 lead for the home side.

The game developed into a back-and-forth battle, with both sides putting some good passing sequences together, despite the tricky playing conditions.

Kanwal came very close to equalising in the 30th minute when a low cross from the Kanwal right side was initially dealt with by Southern goalkeeper Alex Wardle.

Received by the Kanwal left winger, Wardle made another superb close-range save.

Kanwal would pay for this missed chance just two minutes later, when young Southern attacker Jack Wilson evaded a few tackles and drove forward, only to be fouled 30 yards from goal.

From the resulting free kick, Lepre again showed the danger he possesses, curling a firm strike over Mahon and high into the net, doubling his team's lead and taking his personal tally for the season to 13 goals.

Kanwal came out of the sheds after half time determined to claw their way back into the game and

were making things difficult for the home defence.

Attacking down the flanks, the Bulls flighted multiple crosses which caused chaos in the Southern box, though each time the home defence and goal keeper were able to scramble the ball away.

Kanwal goal keeper Mahon also came up with some big moments, none bigger than at 65 minutes, when Southern captain Todd Balneaves curled a 60m long ball up and around the Kanwal defence.

Jack Ellwood fired his first-time strike towards goal from 10 yards, only for Mahon to make a brilliant block to keep the Bulls in the game.

It was Southern who managed to get the next goal in the 70th minute.

Alfie Martin managed to beat his opponent, drive to the byline and square the ball to young attacker Van Alderen, who made no mistake from two yards and gave the Lions a commanding 3-0 lead.

Five minutes later, Van Alderen had a great opportunity to get on the scoresheet again after a Balneaves long throw was flicked on by Ellwood, but Van Alderen could only direct his header onto the base of the far post.

Van Alderen did eventually add to his tally for the day 10 minutes from full time, when from a midfield throw-in, substitute Nathan Baker flicked the ball over the Bulls' defence to the speedy Van Alderen, who rounded the goalkeeper, to score his second of the day.

The scoring didn't end there. On 89 minutes, Southern were again able to break up a Kanwal attack at halfway and

Baker expertly dinked the ball past the onrushing keeper into the empty net to round out the goals for the day and send the local crowd home happy.

Match official was Jasper White.

SOURCE:
Website, 29 Jul 2024
Central Coast Football



Golf professional celebrates 25 years

The Everglades Country Club has celebrated 25 years of service by its head professional golf coach Mr Darren Chivas.

"Darren's commitment and

dedication over the years are truly admirable and make a significant difference everyday," said general manager Mr Ross Seabrook.

"Here's to many more years of success and fulfilment."

Pictured is club director Mr

Ian Cameron, golf committee vice-president Mr Steve Chay, Mr Chivas, golf captain Mr Dave Cornwall and Mr Seabrook.

SOURCE:
Social media, 25 Jul 2024
Ross Seabrook, Everglades

Mother-daughter win Major Minor Pairs

A mother and her 11-year-old daughter have won the final of the Major Minor Pairs at Ettalong Women's Bowling Club.

The game was played on Friday, June 26, by Tracy and Sienna Wiblen against Jennifer Rogers and Annette Jesaveluk.

Tracy and 11-year-old Sienna were the victors, 19-18, with both sides playing well.

SOURCE:
Social media, 26 Jul 2024
Ettalong Womens BC



Bridge club plays Upside Down Pairs

Brisbane Water Bridge Club played its Upside Down Pairs competition on Wednesday, July 31.

North-South results were:

1 Jacqueline Wilson, Wendy Byrne 246.3 (57.02 per cent), 0.30 green points.

2 Jim Routledge, Steve Anderson 244.5 (56.60), 0.21.

3 Jaan Oitmaa, Jude Hall 233.2 (53.97), 0.15.

4 David Bowerman, Rohan Creasey 222.2 (51.43), 0.10.

5 Adele Mills, Anne Birt 219.3 (50.77), 0.08.

6 John Aldersley, Caroline Nichols 216.7 (50.17).

7 Christine Hadaway, Graham Woof 208.9 (48.37).

8 Jenny Buckley, Marilyn Reid 203.8 (47.16).

9 Lorraine Lindsay, Qi Hasemore 196.3 (45.44).

10 Barry Foster, Carolyn Girdwood 170.3 (39.42).

East-West results were:

1 Ed Vaughan, Bob Lowry 253.1 (58.60 per cent), 0.30 green points.

2 Peter Hume, Beryl Lowry 247.4 (57.26), 0.21.

3 Donelle Foate, Bernard Davidson 239.8 (55.51), 0.15.

4 Robin Vaughan, John Sandra 227.3 (52.62), 0.10.

5 Edith Marshall, Kerry Anderson 219.9 (50.91).

6 Hope Tomlinson, Carolynne Mucharsky 210.5 (48.73).

7 Elaine Hume, Susan Ashley 196.4 (45.46).

8 Sylvia Foster, Ros Lunday 185.9 (43.03).

9 Chris Hasemore, Carolyn Harper 163.6 (37.88).

SOURCE:
Website, 1 Aug 2024
Brisbane Water Bridge Club

Vince wins Major Singles

Vince Chand has won the Everglades Major Singles Championship, played on Sunday, July 28.

Vince defeated Ken Young 25-20 in the final.

"The wind was blustering and caused havoc for the bowls to run their true line," said Everglades Bowling Club publicity officer Mr John McInnes.

"Vince took the early lead but Ken fought back and made it a close game under difficult conditions.

"Both players bowled great shots with the lead changing several times.

"Vince Chand is now the 2024-



25 Everglades Mens Major Singles Champion."

SOURCE:
Media release, 28 Jul 2024
John McInnes, Everglades Bowling Club

Pearl Beach experiments with pickleball

Pearl Beach Tennis and Recreation Club has been experimenting with pickleball to see if there's interest and to explore the practicalities.

The club has tried it in the Memorial Hall with the court marked out with masking tape.

The club also sourced a kit with

lines that can be laid down on the synthetic grass tennis courts, so the club is trying it there too.

The project is still being developed, with club members getting used to the scoring system, and practising new skills.

SOURCE:
Social media, 29 Jul 2024
Pearl Beach Tennis and Bowls

Bowls day raises \$685

The July Charity Bowls Day at Ettalong Bowling Clubs has raised \$685.

The monthly charity bowls day raises money for the Central Coast Kids in Need charity.

SOURCE:
Media release, 23 Jul 2024
Ken Dixon, Ettalong Bowling Club