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Taskforce established following Ettalong fire

A police taskforce has been established following a fire at a tobacconist store in Memorial Ave, Ettalong, in the early hours of Friday, August 9.

Strike Force Fortrose, comprising detectives from Brisbane Water Police and the State Crime Command Financial Crimes – Arson Squad, will investigate the fire.

Emergency services were called to Memorial Ave, following reports of a fire just after 1.30am on August 9.

Fire and Rescue NSW attended and extinguished the blaze in about 90 minutes.

The Umina Station 340 reported it received multiple calls at 1:44am "to a commercial building alight within a multi-unit shopping complex at Ettalong".

"With the assistance of two aerial fire-fighting appliances and a quick initial fire attack, the blaze

was kept to the tobacco shop and units behind, stopping the fire spreading to the adjoining retail shops."

Police reported that the fire was deliberately lit and that no other properties were damaged in the incident.

They said that the shop was under construction and had had its windows broken in an alleged break and enter the previous day.

Memorial Ave was blocked off and adjoining shops remained closed for the day.

The crime scene was examined by specialist police.

Following inquiries, they said they would like to speak to two men who were seen entering the property, one carrying a jerry can, before running from the scene.

Police appealed for information from the community.

Ettalong Diggers asked patrons to enter its carpark by going along Broken Bay Rd, turning down the Esplanade and then entering via

Memorial Ave.

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch said: "The events experienced in Ettalong are extremely concerning and destruction such as this has no place in our community.

"I thank our emergency responders for their actions in ensuring that this blaze was quickly contained, without physical injury to anyone.

"I encourage community members to contact police should they have any information."

NSW Police issued a statement on Friday, saying inquiries continued into the motive for the fire and other damage.

As investigations continue, anyone with information which might assist the investigation is asked to contact Brisbane Water Police or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

SOURCE:
Media release, 9 Aug 2024
Media unit, NSW Police

Library system offline for upgrade

Computer systems at libraries on the Peninsula will be unavailable for a week from Thursday for a software upgrade.

According to a website post by Central Coast Council, the new Polaris will offer improved services and a better experience for both our staff and library members.

While the system is offline, the libraries will remain open with regular hours, and be available to borrow library materials.

No due dates will fall between Saturday, August 17, and Wednesday, September 4.

Members who access eResources and Library@yourtime can continue to use these services

as usual.

New features will include easy and powerful searching, suggestions and improved accessibility.

Library staff are being trained in the new system.

SOURCE:
Website, 13 Aug 2024
Library Services, Central Coast Council

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Peninsula News: A voluntary activity

Peninsula News is as much a community activity as it is a community service.

Our fortnightly voluntary non-profit community newspaper is produced by members of our community as a service to our community.

It relies on voluntary participation, ranging from submitting material through to being an active part of the production team. No-one is paid. Volunteering can range from spending an hour or two through to taking responsibility for a role within the production team. Training is provided.

Volunteers are currently needed to help with fundraising and sponsorship, news gathering, and sub-editing collected material into news style.

Other available roles include

that of photographer and picture editor, online production manager and bookkeeper.

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Mark Snell, 9 Nov 2023

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At its heart, Peninsula News is a community effort.

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

The newspaper aims to be accessible to the community - both through making its columns accessible to community groups and by having copies available in accessible locations, including through its website.

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

Locality

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

To qualify for publication, articles must have specific relevance to the Peninsula. For example, they must be about activities or events happening on the Peninsula or be organised by or involving Peninsula people.

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

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

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

Readability

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

Contributions to the paper are edited to consistent standards of readability. Guidelines are available for intending contributors.

All items will be dated. They must contain the name of the author to whom the contribution may be attributed, with their first name spelled out, along with their suburb or organisation. Anonymous contributions will not be accepted.

Forum letters

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

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

Contributors are asked to keep their contributions to the matter at hand, and to

focus on the issues and not abuse or insult others.

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

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We try to be as accurate as possible. However, mistakes can still slip through.

If you believe we have got something wrong, whether an error of fact or interpretation, we ask that you write to us by email with details for publication. These corrections may appear as Forum letters or as news items and should conform to our requirements for news and Forum contributions.

Source lines

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

It should not be assumed that the article is a verbatim reproduction of the source. Similarly, it should not be assumed that any reporter listed is necessarily responsible for writing the whole news item. Source lines are not by-lines.

Often articles come from a number of sources. They are edited for readability and reader interest and given different headings, and consequently can be expressed quite differently from the source material.

Peninsula News usually receives its information in three ways: It is sent to us by someone wanting to promote their activities; it is sent to us in response to our inquiries; or it comes from a newsletter or other document to which we have access.

Sometimes we may interview a person or report what they said at a meeting.

The following descriptions are used:

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

CWA branch receives donated ingredients

The Umina Beach branch of the Country Women's Association is making cakes to donate to Mary Mac's Place in Woy Woy for its clients who need a helping hand.

The branch has been helped with a donation of ingredients from the Rotary Club of Brisbane Water, presented by Rotarian Ms Cherie Simpson.

"It was such a fabulous gesture, the community working together," said branch publicity officer Ms Margy Logan.

"If any organisation or individual would like to donate they can bring it to the hall on Wednesday



mornings or leave it with Madeline at Stephensons Real Estate in West St."

SOURCE:
 Social media, 5 Aug 2024
 Margy Logan, CWA Umina Beach

Tiny stick library starts for dogs

Dog-lovers in Ettalong have started a "tiny library" of sticks for their dogs next to the Tiny Book Library on The Esplanade at the end of Picnic Pde.

Checking up on their Tiny Library, members of the Rotary Club of Brisbane Water found the container with sticks for dogs.

"It works on the same principle as the book library," said Rotary newsletter editor Ms Di Bartok.

"Borrow a stick, then return it if possible."

Ms Bartok said the tiny book library was well-patronised, with a

good turnover of books evident.

"We were pleased to see that books had been taken since last we checked, leaving room for more, which is a good thing.

"The idea of a street library is that people take a book, then bring it back and take another.

"There always seems to be a good selection of fiction and non-fiction.

"It is not so good to see books crammed in where people obviously have just dumped books."

SOURCE:
 Newsletter, 11 Aug 2024
 Di Bartok, Rotary Brisbane Water



August rainfall tracks on average

Rainfall this month is on track to reach the August average of 66mm.

A total of 36mm had fallen on the Peninsula by last Friday, August 16, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

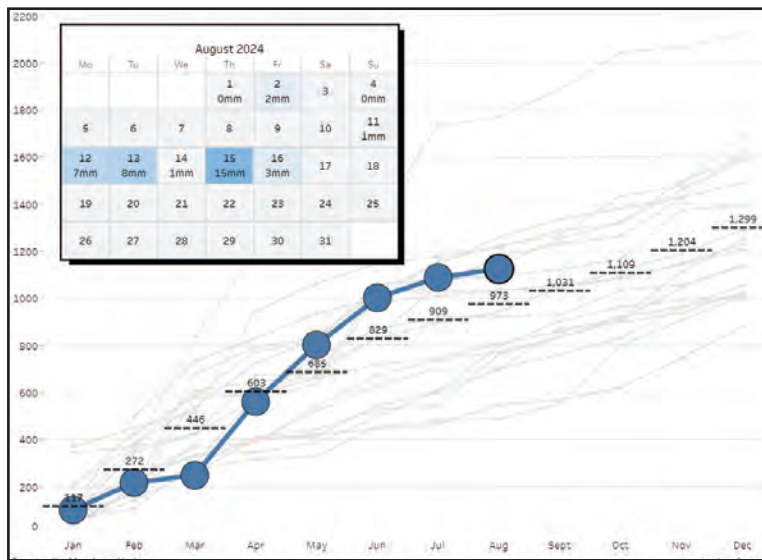
Most of the rain fell on three days.

A fall of 14.5mm was recorded on August 15.

Falls of 7.1mm and 8.0mm were recorded on August 13 and 14 respectively.

A total of 1121.9mm has fallen so far this year, which is 16.4 per cent more than the average at the end of the August of 964mm.

More details, including daily figures dating back 20 years, are available online at <http://bit.ly/PNRainfall>



SOURCE:
 Spreadsheet, 16 Aug 2024
 Jim Morrison, Umina

TIDE TIMES and Heights	Mon, Aug 19	Thu, Aug 22	Sun, Aug 25	Wed, Aug 28	Sat, Aug 31
	0242 0.09	0445 0.04	0022 0.91	0405 0.63	0129 0.14
	0815 0.81	1028 1.00	0644 0.14	0928 0.28	0716 0.73
	1358 0.10	1639 0.07	1258 1.07	1615 1.05	1244 0.23
	2024 1.30	2243 1.17	1943 0.20	2342 0.19	1906 1.07
AT ETTALONG	Tue, Aug 20	Fri, Aug 23	Mon, Aug 26	Thu, Aug 29	Sun, Sep 1
	0324 0.05	0524 0.06	0120 0.77	0529 0.64	0207 0.13
	0859 0.88	1115 1.04	0729 0.20	1040 0.29	0755 0.78
	1452 0.07	1735 0.11	1358 1.07	1722 1.06	1331 0.19
	2111 1.30	2330 1.04	2102 0.23		1946 1.07
AT ETTALONG	Wed, Aug 21	Sat, Aug 24	Tue, Aug 27	Fri, Aug 30	Mon, Sep 2
	0405 0.04	0603 0.09	0233 0.67	0041 0.16	0240 0.13
	0943 0.95	1204 1.06	0822 0.25	0630 0.69	0829 0.81
	1545 0.05	1834 0.15	1505 1.06	1147 0.26	1412 0.16
	2157 1.26		2227 0.22	1818 1.07	2021 1.07

Gosford West ward attracts 20 candidates

The election of three councillors for Gosford West ward of Central Coast Council will be contested by 20 candidates.

Six groups of three candidates and two single candidates have nominated for the ward.

The six groups have identified themselves as Lawrie McKinna's Team Central Coast, Central Coast New Independents, Ratepayers' Choice, Liberal Party, Labor Party and Coasties who Care.

The Team Central Coast team is led by Gosford chef Mr Daniel Abou-Chedid, with Mr Paul Chapman and Mr Neil Ferguson as running mates.

Central Coast New Independents are led by former Central Coast mayor Ms Jane Smith, with running mates Ms and Ms Lisa Wriley.

The Ratepayers' Choice group is led by council financial watchdog Mr Kevin Brooks, with running mates Mr Stephen Sizer and Ms Lee Erlin.

The Liberal Party ticket is led by Mr Trent McWaide, with running mates Mr Alan Pappas and Ms Kylie Lowbridge.

The Labor Party ticket is led by former Senator Ms Belinda Neal, with running mates Mr Alan McArdle and Mr Mark Ellis.

The Coasties who care group is led by Kariong Sacred Lands campaigner Ms Lisa Bellamy, with running mates Ms Sarah Blakeway and Ms Tegan Mulqueeny.

The two ungrouped candidates are Mr Julian Richards and Mr Andrew Baker.

SOURCE:
Website, 16 Aug 2024
NSW Electoral Commission

All six groups to attend candidates' forum

Speakers from each of the six groups of council candidates for election in Gosford West Ward have booked to attend a candidates' forum to be held by the Peninsula Residents Association this week.

One ungrouped candidate is also expected to attend.

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

It will provide the opportunity to hear from the local candidates for the upcoming council elections,

said association vice-president Mr Julian Bowker.

"Those attending will have the chance to ask questions on how they will represent our area," he said.

"The event is free to attend and all are welcome."

The association has already received a large number of bookings and online registration is recommended to reserve a seat at <https://events.humanitix.com/councillor-candidates-forum>.

SOURCE:
Social media, 16 Aug 2024
Peninsula Residents Association

Important to buy in your own community - Tesch

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has spoken of the importance of local residents buying their own home in their own community.

"I want to see the students that I taught live and thrive in our community, and not be priced out of the region where they grew up," she said.

She said she wanted them to be

able to buy their first home, living with security and dignity, without having to move elsewhere to afford a home."

Promoting the State's First Home Buyers Assistance Program, Ms Tesch said: "Housing affordability is an ongoing issue for our community."

SOURCE:
Media release, 7 Aug 2024
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

Council blitz leaves Patonga locals feeling alienated

Central Coast Council has placed "derelict vehicle" notices on small fishing boats, a Central Coast Outrigger Canoe Club boat, dinghies and commuter boats at Patonga used by residents and commercial fishermen.

"An officer from Central Coast Council came to Patonga with orange derelict motor vehicle stickers and placed one on every single boat on Patonga Beach," said commercial fisherman Mr Rolf Norington.

"This has created the impression that Central Coast Council is intent upon kicking the locals off Patonga Beach and possibly out of Patonga altogether."

Some residents feared the council was attempting to change the culture and village ambience of Patonga to make it a crowded tourist destination and parking station with no space for locals.

"Some locals feel that the attitude of Central Coast Council is to treat Patonga like a carpark for the ferries and the locals can get out," said Mr Norington.

"The placing of derelict vehicle stickers on all of the boats on the beach was also just after a major weather event where the Ettalong ferry had to be diverted and local commercial fishers had placed their net boats and dinghies up out of harm's way.

"This has also given the impression that Central Coast Council has no idea what actually goes on in Patonga."

Mr Norington said: "Patonga has always been known as a historical fishing village with a traditional and closely knit local community which has welcomed visitors, having a lovely caravan park and more recently a hotel.

"The boat ramp, which was recently upgraded by Central Coast Council, resulting in less parking availability, is busy on weekends and holidays as well as local businesses.

"Parking availability is always an issue at these times.

"As the locals know, the Ettalong Ferry is diverted to Patonga in times of bad weather and sea conditions or when depth problems exist in the entrance to Brisbane



Waters.

"Public parking in Patonga is usually completely taken up by 6am on weekdays and Saturdays by ferry commuters at these times, so no parking is available for anyone else, locals or visitors."

Central Coast Council staff met at Patonga last week with some fishermen and local residents on the beach.

Mr Norington said the dialogue was productive "with some distinction finally made between derelict boats and boats in use".

He said council was intent upon removing small derelict boats.

It is understood that the outrigger canoe club was told by the council that it took the action to identify who the boat owners were.

"Unfortunately unlike cars we are unable to ascertain who the owners are due to a lack of registration."

The canoes were clearly labelled but council staff failed to contact the club.

The club was also told the council would not be taking any action to remove the outrigger club canoes.

It was also told: "Council has received complaints from local residents about the growing number of dilapidated boats on the beach that are not owned by members of the Patonga community.

"The number of dilapidated boats has been increasing over the years."

However, it appears it is a large unregistered derelict commercial barge which drifted onto Patonga beach that is at the root of the problem.

SOURCE:
Media release, 12 Aug 2024
Rolf Norington, Woy Woy
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Planning

Festival application proposes rangers manage parking

A development application for this year's Brisbane Water Oyster Festival proposes that Central Coast Council rangers manage parking outside the event site at Lions Park, Woy Woy, on November 7.

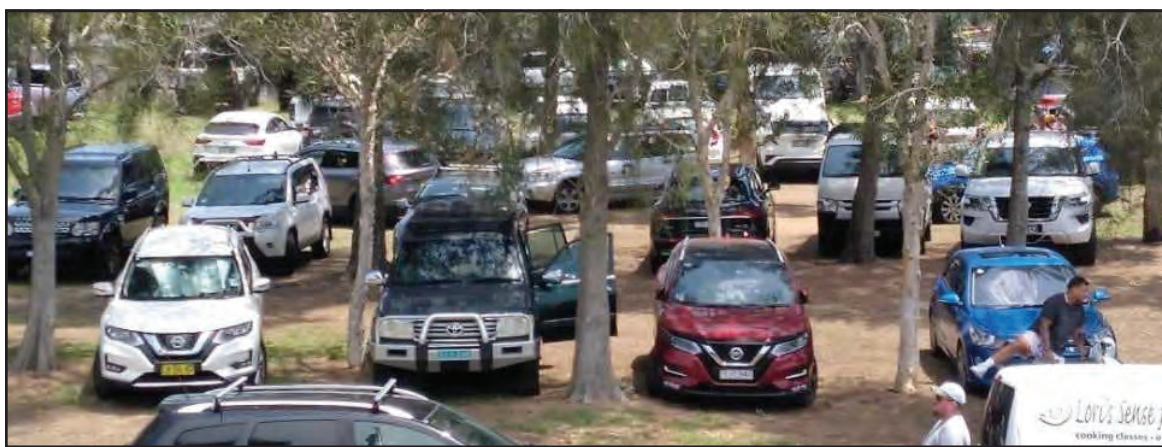
Complaints were made following last year's festival that a large numbers of cars were parked illegally on the council reserve located on the corner of Brick Wharf and North Burge Rd opposite the venue.

The traffic management plan submitted with the development application for this year's festival lists four traffic "control measures".

Stall holders and vendors would be "advised as to their responsibility" in relation to parking.

"Rangers are responsible for non compliant parking and regulatory enforcement".

There would be "temporary no parking signage installed during event" and "pre-event information advising the best parking locations for patrons".



The plan contains lists "all staff", "contractors", "event organiser" and "rangers" as being "responsible", but does not identify precisely who is responsible for what.

There are few additional details as to where, when and how the "control measures" are to be carried out.

Earlier this year, council staff said in response to complaints: "It was conveyed to the organisers after last year's event that this area is not to be used as an overflow car for patrons".

park and that will be considered when an application is lodged to host this year's event.

"Options that have been put forward to alleviate your concerns involve extra ranger patrols, and sandstone blocks."

"Our special events team will

be able to make a more informed decision on this once the application is lodged with the appropriate traffic management plans."

The application has now been lodged by the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce.

It states: "The event is to be

held on November 10 from 10 am to 4 pm and includes activities both within the existing reserve and car park and on the adjoining street (ie: the northern end of North Burge Road) "

This year's application provides more information than last year.

In addition to the application's Statement of Environmental Effects and Risk Management Plan, there is a "proposed site plan" showing the placement of all the different elements of the event, an Environmental Management Plan and a Traffic Management Plan.

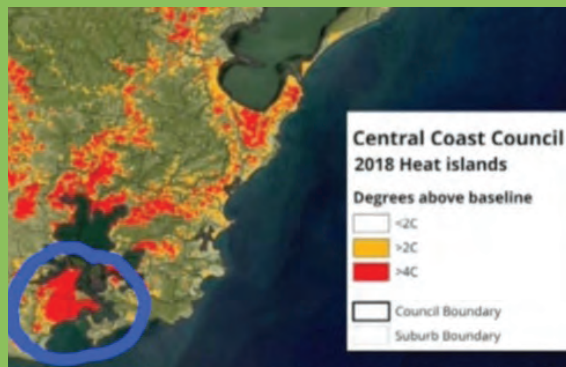
The application is currently on exhibition and open for written submissions until September 6.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 18 Aug 2024
DA/1033/2024, Central Coast Council

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Duplexes front 'side' boundary

An application for a "proposed residential duplex at 34 Wallaby St, Blackwall" has been submitted to Central Coast Council, with the frontages to Commonwealth Ave on the corner block.

The application prepared by Raybal Constructions states: "The site is of rectangular shape and has a total site area of 561 square metres with a site street frontage of 11 metres, sloping with a fall of approximately 0.5 metres from front to rear of property."

"Neither Wallaby St or Commonwealth Ave to the front or side of the property has any kerb or guttering."

"The site is situated within a residential area and the area is zoned R2: Low Density Residential under the Central Coast Local

Environmental Plan 2022."

The western boundary is the long side of the property on Commonwealth Ave.

The property fronts Wallaby St to the north and an unnamed laneway at the rear.

The physical frontages of the two proposed units and their individual driveways are on Commonwealth Ave.

Calculations on the drawings indicate that the landscaped area is 234.44 square metres or 42 per cent of the site and a gross floor area of 257.28 square metres giving a floor space ratio of 0.46:1.

The application provides compliance tables for the main planning requirements of the Local Environment Plan but only for some of the requirements of the Development Control Plan.

The application refers to the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979, and states "the provisions contained in a DCP are to provide guidance and to be flexibly applied (Section 3.42)".

"Non-compliance can be addressed through alternative solutions or addressing how a proposal otherwise meets the objectives of the DCP or section."

A 1.4 m masonry fence is proposed for the northern boundary and 1.2 m masonry fence at the western boundary

From the site plan, it appears that six trees are to be removed, including one street tree which conflicts with the proposed driveway for Unit 1.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 18 Aug 2024
DA/1106/2024, Central Coast Council



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Tree group praises shopping centre planting

The Grow Urban Shade Trees group has praised Lone Pine Plaza for the success of its carpark vegetation.

"Lone Pine Plaza is looking summer-ready," the group said in a social media post.

"Just look at that climate

resilience."

Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid commented: "Green infrastructure makes all the difference."

SOURCE:
Social media, 3 Aug 2024
Grow Urban Shade Trees

Rare plants suffer second setback

Two rare native plants have been slashed to the ground in maintenance work by the National Parks and Wildlife Service in Brisbane Water National Park near Warrah Trig.

This is the second setback in just over a year for the plants of the endangered species *astrotricha crassifolia*, sometimes called the thick-leaf star-hair.

The two plants were burnt the ground in a hazard reduction burn in July last year.

The species is believed to exist in just two small patches near

Sydney, one being at Warrah Trig, and their numbers were said to be declining.

The plants were just showing signs of regrowing from their roots, when they were slashed.

A number of yellow roadside posts warn of "threatened species" in the area.

It appears that one of the warning posts at the end of the protected area was removed and not replaced after the track reconstruction and subsequent hazard reduction burn.

Prior to last year's burn, the National Parks and Wildlife Service

said the hazard reduction burn would help to protect *astrotricha crassifolia*.

"Monitoring of the *astrotricha crassifolia* population, since 2018, revealed a substantial decline in the population, due to crowding-out by other vegetation.

"Following the burn, these declining patches of *astrotricha crassifolia* are expected to respond positively."

However, it was not clear that burning the vulnerable plants themselves was intentional.

SOURCE:
Photograph, 9 Aug 2024
Mark Snell, Peninsula News



Burned - July 2023



Regrowth - May 2024



Slashed - August 2024

Government agencies fail to act on drifting barge

The failure of Federal and State government agencies to take responsibility for a drifting derelict mooring barge is at the root of action being taken against Patonga residents by Central Coast Council, according to local commercial fisherman Mr Rolf Norington.

This failure has left an expensive problem in the lap of the Council, he said.

"The barge, an unregistered commercial vessel, first evaded detection by the federally-run Australian Maritime Safety Authority," said Mr Norington.

"Some years ago AMSA took responsibility for all commercial vessels in NSW which were originally on the NSW Maritime database, including every commercial vessel at Patonga.

"The authority enforced new rules and restrictions on registered commercial operators with spot checks, while turning a blind eye to non-compliant commercial vessels which were never on their database.

"This barge is an example of one of those undetected vessels.

"The barge drifted into Patonga Beach, miraculously missing all of the moored vessels and causing no marine accidents or collisions.

"For some time, it stalled on the edge of the high water mark.

"Numerous reports were made to officers of the state run NSW Maritime, with confirmation from them at the time that the owner of the barge would be contacted and the barge would be removed.

"Two NSW Maritime officers

were spotted a few weeks later at Patonga putting a pink maritime derelict notice on the barge. They never returned.

"Over the following weeks after weather events, larger waves pushed the barge further up the beach above the high water mark, where it no longer remained the so-called responsibility of NSW Maritime.

"Further reports of the derelict craft from locals were then directed to Central Coast Council."

It was these reports that apparently led to derelict vehicle notices being placed on all boats on Patonga Beach and on the Patonga Creek foreshore.

Mr Norington said: "Meanwhile, the derelict barge remains up on the beach after months, where it currently serves as a seat for beachgoers and unfortunately a playground for children who need to be better supervised.

"Will this structure be removed?"

Mr Norington said the derelict barge had still not been dealt with.

"This drifting hazard should never have ended up becoming the problem of Patonga.

"The situation with the derelict barge has not changed.

"The barge itself is large and incredibly heavy, made of steel, and the job of removing it on the land is immense and will cost many thousands of dollars.

"It still can float and could be taken away on a very high tide in calm conditions by the relevant marine authorities.

"The situation is ongoing."

SOURCE:
Media release, 12 Aug 2024
Rolf Norington, Woy Woy

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A legacy to be remembered

Captain John Highton, a man whose life was defined by his passion for the sea and his dedication to his community, passed away last month at the age of 66, leaving behind a legacy that will be remembered for generations.

A quiet achiever and reluctant to take the credit for his efforts, Captain Highton's vision for "transport for the public" on the NSW Central Coast was nothing short of transformative.

He had been diligently working toward establishing a domestic waterbus network to support shoreline communities across Brisbane Water, the Tuggerah Lakes, and Lake Macquarie.

Born with an innate love for the ocean, Captain Highton moved to Umina Beach as a teenager in 1974.

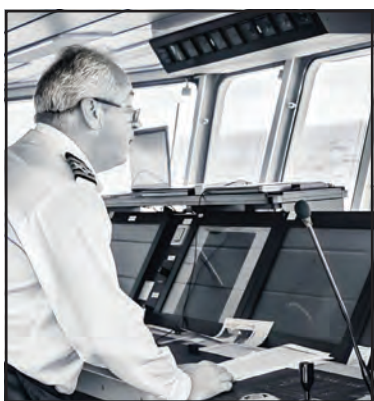
His early passion for surfing ignited a lifelong relationship with the sea.

In a career that saw him become master of the CSIRO research vessel Investigator, his expertise in maritime matters was unparalleled, making him an invaluable resource for anyone seeking to understand the complexities of life at sea.

His extensive regional knowledge, combined with his talent for listening, made him a cherished figure within the community.

But Captain Highton's influence extended far beyond the sea.

In 2017, he and his wife Mata took the initiative and began revitalisation of a neglected corner of Woy Woy, where he opened an



antique shop and she established the much-loved cafe 19 The Boulevard.

Their combined efforts brought new life and opportunities to the area, creating a welcoming space for locals and visitors alike.

Mata, a social sciences graduate from the University of Newcastle, was not only his partner in business but also in community service, bringing her own dedication and insight to their endeavours.

Captain John Highton is survived by his devoted wife, their three adult children, and a community that will forever cherish his memory.

His legacy of maritime knowledge, kindness, and unyielding community spirit will continue to inspire all who had the privilege of knowing him.

We echo the mariner's blessing: Fair winds and following seas, Captain John Highton.

You will be dearly missed, but your spirit will forever guide us.

SOURCE:
Email, 16 Aug 2024
Sasha Kanthan, Erina

Do your part, and the world saves itself

According to an old Native American legend, one day there was a big fire in the forest.

All the animals fled in terror in all directions, because it was a very violent fire.

Suddenly, the jaguar saw a hummingbird pass over his head, but in the opposite direction.

The hummingbird flew towards the fire.

Whatever happened, he wouldn't stop.

Moments later, the jaguar saw him pass again, this time in the same direction as the jaguar was walking.

He could observe this coming and going, until he decided to ask the bird about it, because it seemed bizarre behaviour.

"What are you doing, hummingbird?" he asked.

"I am going to the lake," he answered.

"I drink water with my beak and throw it on the fire to extinguish it."

The jaguar laughed: "Are you crazy?"

"Do you really think that you can put out that big fire on your own with your very small beak?"

"No," said the hummingbird.

"I know I can't.

"But the forest is my home. It feeds me. It shelters me and my family. I am very grateful for that.

"And I help the forest grow by pollinating its flowers. I am part of her and the forest is part of me.

"I know I can't put out the fire, but I must do my part."

At that moment, the forest spirits, who listened to the hummingbird, were moved by the

bird and its devotion to the forest.

Miraculously they sent a torrential downpour, which put an end to the great fire.

The Native American grandmothers would occasionally tell this story to their grandchildren, and conclude: "Do you want to attract miracles into your life?"

"Do your part.

"You have no responsibility to save the world or find the solutions to all problems—but to attend to your particular personal corner of the universe.

"As each person does that, the world saves itself."

This is why the reserve at 23 Memorial Ave, Blackwall, matters.

We, the friends of Gindang (meaning "possum") Reserve, know that we can't individually bring back critically endangered species from the brink of extinction.

Most of the animals native to the Peninsula disappeared long ago.

However, in Gindang Reserve we have the possums, the microbats, the tawny frogmouths, the crested pigeons, the magpies, the kookaburras, the boobook owl, the brush turkeys, the lizards, the antechinus, and the occasional exhausted migratory bird.

And, well, they come and go.

Nobody can say for sure how many of which species are in residence at any given time.

What we do know is that if this sanctuary is taken away, they will have nowhere to go.

This refuge, this sanctuary, this reserve is small, some say insignificant.

However, we just have to focus on what is close to us, what is most precious to us, and what is most dear, no matter how small ... and we will win.

SOURCE:
Email, 14 Aug 2024
Jane Hendy, Blackwall

Hearing about health issues

Peninsula folks may not know it but air they breathe is polluted from the coal-fired power stations at Lake Macquarie.

The noxious gases and particulate matter from the Erarang and Vales Point stations is blown south as far as the Sydney basin, according to Future Sooner, an environmental defenders' group.

The group will hold a Citizen's Inquiry at the Halekulani Bowling Club, Budgewoi, at 1pm on Sunday, August 25.

The aim of the group is to hear stories from Central Coast

residents about health issues they have suffered such as cancer, asthma and other respiratory illness, or other health problems associated with pollution from coal-fired power stations.

If you would like to tell your story, you can do so in person or by a written submission: futuresoonersw@gmail.com.

For more information ring 0424 890 455 or email Future Sooner local member: gill_boehringer@hotmail.com.

SOURCE:
Email, 15 Aug 2024
Gill Boehringer, Woy Woy

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I just wanted to say thank you for publishing the article about my author talk.

There were 40 people in attendance, including Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch who popped in unannounced to open the talk.

The talk was well received as I covered not only the story but the context of Malta (history, culture, food and landscape) and how it influenced how I wrote the story.

About 90 per cent of attendees said they booked or came because of the article in Peninsula News.

Thank you very much for your support.

SOURCE:
Email, 7 Aug 2024
Sean Richardson, Umina

Aboriginal Culture Appreciation Community is hosting national treasure

Bob Pankhurst Saturday 24 August

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Yvette Pritchard, Woy Woy



Irene celebrates 100th birthday with her husband

A resident of a Umina aged care facility has celebrated her 100th birthday on Tuesday, August 6, with her husband of 76 years.

Ms Irene Keen celebrated her birthday at Peninsula Village with husband Mr Neville Keen, as well as her friends and her family, who

travelled from Melbourne.

They shared a cup of tea or coffee and "delicious treats" for the celebration.

Ms Keen received flowers, cards and a special cake for morning tea.

SOURCE:
Social media, 6 Aug 2024
Colin Osborne, Peninsula Villages

Cap in Hand at folk club

The next concert of the Troubadour Folk Club will feature the duo Cap in Hand and singer-songwriter Craig Sinclair.

It will be held from 7pm on Saturday, August 24, at the Everglades Country Club.

Club president Mr Michael Fine described the night as featuring "two incredible string bands, with finger-style guitars, gorgeous fiddle, double bass, a mandocello and fabulous vocal harmonies".

He said the Cap in Hand duo of Nigel "Muddy" Walters and Dave "Fingers" Spira shared a love of the subtle tones and contrasting dynamics of a wide variety of acoustic instruments.

He said they blended these

to produce an enchanting mix of songs and tunes.

He said Craig Sinclair was bred in the open expanses of Western Australia.

"He delighted audiences across the state for years with his homespun songs, beautifully delivered harmonies and acoustic textures.

"He plays some great self-composed numbers along with classic blues and folk with soul from around the globe.

Further details, performance videos and booking details are available on the Troubadour Folk website at www.troubadour.org.au.

SOURCE:
Media release, 10 Aug 2024
Michael Fine, Troubadour Folk Club



The Pearl Beach Arboretum has officially opened its new verandah pavilion at its annual anniversary picnic yesterday, Sunday, August 18.

Three bands booked for Oyster Festival

Three bands have been booked for the Brisbane Water Oyster Festival to be held on Sunday, November 10, at Lions Park, North Burge Rd, Woy Woy.

Freddy Aguilera and the Ipanema Band will play live on stage from 10am to 12:30pm.

Belinda Adams and the Soultraders will be on the main stage from 1pm to 4pm.

There will also be a roaming mariachi band.

SOURCE:
Social media, 4 Aug 2024
Brisbane Water Oyster Festival



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Your candidates for **Gosford West Ward**



Jane Smith

Jane has lived on the Central Coast for over 34 years. She is a part-time teacher however started her career in IT. Jane has been active in community organisations for over 24 years and has served on a range of Boards and community committees. Jane has been a Mayor and councillor.

Jane is committed to a Council that is open and transparent. Jane is concerned that poor planning is leading to congested roads and poor amenity. We want planning that ensures delivery of infrastructure, protects our quality of life, local character and the places we love.



Alison Wade

Alison is a down-to-earth person who lives with her three kelpie dogs. She focuses on teaching students all about the environment we live in, here on the Central Coast.

Alison is a 6th generation rural landowner giving her volumes of knowledge about the area she lives in. When not teaching, she is assisting the community through her role as Captain of her local rural fire brigade.



Lisa Wriley

Lisa has been involved with Kariong Eco Garden since it started nearly 20 years ago. She loves composting and worms, and is passionate about zero waste, zero emissions and connecting with nature. She has worked as an Environmental Educator on the Central Coast since 2000.

Lisa is inspired by the words of The Lorax "unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better it's not." (Dr Seuss)

The Election is on Saturday
14 September 2024

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- ◇ Working with the local communities to identify priorities for improving local roads, drainage and footpaths
- ◇ Protecting our COSS lands, open space and the places we love - urban reserves, the bushland, waterways and beaches
- ◇ Creating new local jobs, supporting existing and new sustainable industries
- ◇ Working with local communities to better understand and prepare for the impacts of climate change and extreme weather events
- ◇ Providing efficient and cost effective waste and recycling services
- ◇ Protecting our drinking water catchments and agricultural lands

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HERE'S ANOTHER DATE FOR YOUR BUSY DIARY!
Thursday, 29th August 2024

The Central Coast branch of ABC Friends will be hosting a morning with

SCOTT LEVI

our ABC Central Coast local radio presenter

The event will take place
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 (parking behind the hotel in Brougham Street)

Scott's talk will include a Q&A session.



Scott will speak about local journalism and matters of interest to Central Coast residents. He will explain how these issues are reported on by ABC local radio, and discuss how they have resonated with the local community as we lead up to the Central Coast council elections on the 14th September 2024.

This is a pre-booked event with limited seating.

Tickets are **FREE** however bookings **must** be made. To reserve your seat(s), please book via the following link:

<https://events.humanitix.com/abc-friends-central-coast-event-featuring-scott-levi-from-abc-local>

Please note: lunch and drinks will be at your own expense.

If staying on for lunch, please advise us by contacting Ross, so that we can inform the Elanora Hotel of numbers.

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Ratepayers' Choice advocates No vote

Ratepayers' Choice candidates will advocate for a no vote in the council referendum for a reduction in ward numbers.

Lead Candidate for Gosford West Mr Kevin Brooks said: "I have served on two UK Councils with 55 and 33 Councillors respectively, and I can see no logical reason why a reduction from 15 to 9 Councillors would lead to better governance.

"Even with the current 15 councillors, Central Coast is already the fourth most under-represented council in NSW.

"If we go down to nine, we will be by some distance the most under-represented council with one

councillor per 38,700 residents.

"We would be almost 50 per cent more under-represented than Blacktown in second place with its one councillor per 26,600 residents.

"When I served as a councillor in the UK, I typically served wards of about 6000 residents.

"We held ward surgeries on Saturday mornings where residents could ask for help, and we had time to see everybody who came.

"We shouldn't forget that councils are monopoly suppliers of public services.

"Those who receive poor service, or feel they have been treated unjustly or that the system

is letting them down, sometimes have nowhere else to turn but to an elected representative.

"There will be too few councillors to adequately meet this need if councillor numbers are reduced further.

"That may not suit some Council senior managers who may not like councillors raising such concerns, but it will be in the interest of the local community.

"Perhaps it is no surprise the only people that have been pushing this expensive referendum are senior bureaucrats within the council."

SOURCE:
 Media release, 5 Aug 2024
 Kevin Brooks, Ratepayers Choice

Belinda Neal leads Labor in Gosford West

The Labor Party has nominated former Senator and Member of Parliament Ms Belinda Neal as its lead candidate in Gosford West ward for the Central Coast Council elections.

Her running mates are Mr Adam McArdle and Mr Mark Ellis.

The Local Labor Team has nominated a full complement of three candidates in each of the Council's five wards.

Ms Neal said the team would

focus on the cost of living, the Coastal Open Space System, a "core services guarantee" and "ensuring infrastructure keeps up with development".

She said she would apply her extensive experience to ensure the financial sustainability of the council, so ratepayers were not left paying the bill.

"The community is entitled to expect that the council is well run and not accumulating debt.

"We will ensure the administration is accountable.

"We also feel strongly about protecting our unique coastal environment and extending our Coastal Open Space System."

She said the "core services guarantee" would include roads, drainage, sporting fields and childcare.

"We are all excited to be returning democracy to the Coast and will be putting the needs of residents first."

SOURCE:
 Media release, 13 Aug 2024
 Belinda Neal, Central Coast Local Labor Team

Group aim: 'representatives not politicians'

"We will be representatives not politicians," according to Ms Lisa Bellamy, lead candidate of the Coasties Who Care group standing for Gosford West ward in the Central Coast Council elections on September 14.

She said the group comprised Ms Sarah Blakeway and Ms Tegan Mulqueeny, "local women passionate about the Central Coast and ensuring transparency in local government".

The group aimed to promote a thriving and sustainable local economy by putting locals first, she said.

Ms Bellamy said she was a long-time resident of the Central Coast with three children all born in Gosford Hospital.

She said her mother lived on the Peninsula.

An accountant, she said she served as finance manager for the University of Newcastle.

In March 2023, she ran for the NSW State Elections in the seat of Gosford, "achieving impressive



results for a newcomer".

As the president of the Kariang Progress Association and a Wires wildlife rescuer, Lisa described herself as "a passionate advocate for the local community and our precious and irreplaceable bushland".

Ms Bellamy said "We need good people in council, people who will listen to locals and represent community needs, not their developer mates, or party politics.

"We are running in Gosford

West ward which includes the Peninsula.

"Due to its location and with over 40,000 residents, the Peninsula is a unique part of the Coast with its own identity and requirements.

"In an ideal world, it should probably have its own local Council.

"We believe in local solutions for local issues and there are a few things we have been hearing from Peninsula residents that they'd like their new councillors to focus on.

"Number one is listening, closely followed by fixing the roads, protecting the natural environment, bringing back a Town Hall, assisting community groups who care for the elderly and most vulnerable in the area, and providing a more efficient transport service.

"These are just a few of the issues we know are facing the Peninsula and we will keep listening to what Peninsula residents want their councillors to focus on."

SOURCE:
 Social media, 12 Aug 2024
 Coasties Who Care

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ACF Questionnaire: Council Elections

BEFORE YOU VOTE ON SEPTEMBER 14

Ask your candidates these questions

Climate Change

1. With climate change increasing, how will you address the urban heat island impacts on our towns and villages?
2. Do you support a strong climate change policy that has more actions than motherhood statements?
3. How will you address the carbon reduction requirements of council to reach net zero by 2030?

Conservation zoning

1. Do you support the protection and funding of the Coastal Open Space System. Would you expand the COSS network?
2. State conservation zoning C2 Environmental Protection seeks to protect areas of high environmental value. Recently there has been movement to rezone C2 lands. Do you support the rezoning of C2 lands?

Urban infrastructure

1. Do you support the expansion of bicycle lanes and more efficient regular public transport?
2. Park lands are an essential part of our community. Will you fight for the protection of pocket parks and play areas?
3. Would you remove the shark nets from Ocean Beach?
4. Council has a policy of being a nuclear-free zone. Will you vote to keep the Central Coast nuclear-free?

The Australian Conservation Foundation is a national environment organisation.

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ACF Community Central Coast

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Council officially completes recreation precinct

Central Coast Council has officially completed its "Peninsula Recreation and Active Lifestyle Precinct" at Umina, including the new regional skate park and BMX tracks.

Council's Administrator Mr Rik Hart was joined by Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid and members of the Umina Community Group for the opening.

Mr Hart said the new regional skatepark was designed for a broad range of wheeled sports and riding abilities, with a unique advanced deep bowl, mini beginner bowl and street elements.

"The new BMX tracks have a high-quality asphalt finish surface for range of abilities and wheels.

"A full-size basketball has been installed with flood lights.

"A new play area has two colourful bouldering climbing units."

New park furniture, shelters and a water refill station had been installed, with pathways and landscaping.

"Two new sports amenities buildings at Umina Oval offer significantly-improved facilities to service local rugby, soccer and cricket sporting groups."

A new futsal court had been installed at Umina Tennis Courts with building improvements.

He said the project was funded by the Australian Government with \$8.25 million from the Community Development Grants Program, \$1.55 million from Central Coast Council and a \$50,000 contribution from Umina Community Group.

SOURCE:
Social media, 6 Aug 2024
Central Coast Council



Teddy bears donated for ambulances

The Umina Beach branch of the Country Women's Association has made a donation of comfort toys to Woy Woy ambulance station.

"We donated 46 teddies," said publicity officer Ms Margy Logan. Two ambulance officers from

the Woy Woy received them from the branch last Wednesday, August 14.

"The bears were made and stuffed with love by our members," said Ms Logan.

"We were also able to donate some beautiful bunnies made

by a non-member friend of our president.

"We hope that they are a comfort to anyone needing a ride in an ambulance.

SOURCE:
Social media, 14 Aug 2024
Margy Logan, CWA Umina Beach

Burst water main delays traffic

Traffic delays were experienced on Brisbane Water Dr, Woy Woy, on Thursday and Friday, August 8 and 9, after a minor accident at Koolewong, followed by a burst water main at The Boulevard and reports of a "telegraph pole down".

Traffic delays in both directions on August 8 were initially due to a motor vehicle crash on Brisbane Water Dr at Koolewong.

However, a burst water main near The Boulevard at Woy Woy soon became the main cause of southbound delays into Woy Woy.

By 3:45pm, repairs to water

main and telegraph pole were under way and continued into the evening.

It was suggested light vehicles consider using Woy Woy Rd to avoid lengthy delays.

Utility crews remained on the scene the following day conducting repairs on Brisbane Water

Road at Woy Woy, near the Boulevard.

"Alternating (stop/slow) traffic conditions" were in place to allow motorists to pass in one direction at a time.

The work was completed by the evening.

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

Peninsula News addresses Rotary club

Peninsula News editor Mr Mark Snell has spoken at the Rotary Club of Umina Beach following the publication of the 600th issue of the newspaper.

Club publicity officer Mr Pat Lewis said Mr Snell, who works in the IT industry, had a background in journalism and started the Peninsula News in 1999, over 25 years ago.

"He has voluntarily been its editor ever since," Mr Lewis said.

"Today, through 10,000 weekly copies, it continues to build

community on the Peninsula by keeping us fully informed of all of the wonderful and important local events occurring.

"Mark is currently appealing for volunteers to assist in this important facility."

Mr Lewis said Mr Snell addressed the meeting with great commitment and passion, and was presented with a certificate of appreciation by club president Mr Dave Tanare.

SOURCE:
Social media, 14 Aug 2024
Pat Lewis, Rotary Club of Umina Beach

Parents asked to be considerate

Ettalong Public School has asked parents to be considerate of the school's neighbours when dropping off students or parking for school events.

"Some of our neighbours have reached out to say that in the past week or so, some cars have been parked in driveways or across driveways," said principal Ms Jodie Campbell.

"One caller unfortunately missed a medical appointment."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 13 Aug 2024
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong Public School

Your local Labor team will get things done for the Peninsula

Your Gosford West ward local Labor team

Your local Labor team will help you with the cost of living by keeping council service fees down.

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Your local Labor team will deliver a core services guarantee securing quality roads, drainage, sporting fields and childcare.

Your local Labor team will ensure infrastructure keeps up with development.



Mark Ellis - Belinda Neal - Adam McArdle

Authorised on behalf of your local Labor team by Belinda Neal, Taylor St, Woy Woy Bay

Education



Student inquiry leads to Rotary donation

An inquiry by a Year 5 Ettalong Public School student at a Rotary Club stall at the Words on the Waves Writers' Festival has resulted in a donation of books valued at \$720 to the school.

The student had asked about joining the club and helping in its work.

Despite being too young to join, his contact led to discussions between the school and the club.

"Ms Cherie Simpson from Rotary Brisbane Water attended our assembly on Friday, August 3, to present their donation," said school principal Ms Jodie Campbell.

"Rotary Brisbane Water donated additional sets of the Year 5 texts Bright New World and Dry as Dry as there was currently only one copy per class.

"The unit has a large focus on the imagery so having multiple copies for the students to browse through will allow students to engage with the beautifully illustrated, environmental concepts at their own pace.

"Ettalong Public School is appreciative of Rotary's support of our local students and we look forward to keeping the partnership going."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 13 Aug 2024
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong Public School

School to hold book swap

Umina Beach Public School students will be participating in a book swap on Monday, September 2.

"We are promoting reading and recycling by asking students to share a book that they love but no longer need and are willing to donate to other students," said the school's teacher librarian Ms Melisa Deas.

"Students will be asked to bring one or two appropriate and clean second-hand books into the library on their library day.

"Students can then select a book for themselves to take home and keep."

In addition, for Indigenous Literacy Day, students will have the opportunity to wear mufti in red, yellow, black, blue, green and white (the colours of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island flags) on Thursday, September 5.

"We will be asking students to consider donating a gold coin on this day."

Donations will be forwarded to buy children's books for remote indigenous communities.

SOURCE:
Social media, 12 Aug 2024
Umina Beach Public School



Students experienced some spectacular effects at the Great Big Science Show at Ettalong Public School on Wednesday, August 14, to celebrate National Science Week.

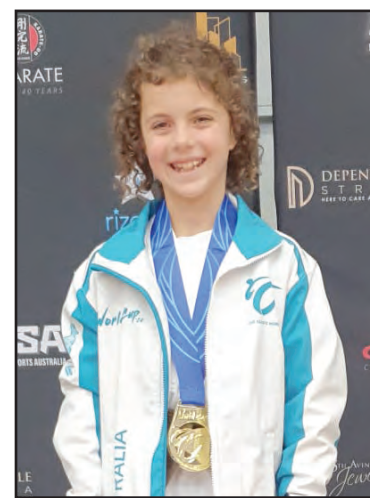
Heidi wins gold in karate world cup

Nine-year-old St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School student Heidi Higson has won gold in her division of the GKR Karate World Cup.

The Karate World Cup was held at Olympic Park Sydney over the weekend of August 10 and 11.

An Ettalong resident, Heidi won her medal in the 8-9 years kumite division for third kyu and above, a combined male and female division.

SOURCE:
Media release, 13 Aug 2024
Lisa Higson, Ettalong



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Umina United defeat Woongarra in emotional memorial round

Umina United Women's Premier League team played Woongarra in the Aurelia Haynes Memorial Round at Umina Oval on Sunday, August 11.

The game was played in memory of Umina player Aurelia Haynes who died in her sleep in the early hours of Tuesday, July 30, at the age of 19.

Aurelia was a member of Umina's Women's Premier League squad and joined the club at the start of this season after stints playing in Sydney and in the Canberra United Academy.

Despite winning 4-2, Umina coach Michael Penn said: "This game, as anticipated, was an emotional time for us.

"I would personally like to thank Central Coast Football for their arrangement of the memorial WPL round and Woongarra players for the flowers.

"I would also like to thank the Umina club committee members,



players and supporters for their compassionate support and assistance to the team during this time."

Umina began the game on the front foot by taking the game to the visitors, but conceded goals against the run of play.

The Wildcats, with a through ball for Kelly Hogan, scored the opening goal and put Woongarra 1-0 up.

For the next 20 minutes, Woongarra dominated

possession, continuing to threaten the Umina goal.

Woongarra found their second goal with Kelly Hogan finding the back of the net.

With only five minutes remaining on the clock before half time, Umina got on a late roll and scored to go into half time 2-1 down.

For the majority of the second half, Woongarra came second to the ball.

Umina came out with more desire to win the small battles and two quick goals saw the score turn around to 3-2 in favour of the E-Gals.

With roughly 10 minutes left to play, some great attacking play and a switch from the right to left saw Umina score the fourth goal of the day.

The 4-2 victory saw a hattrick to Kate Styles and a goal to Hannah Batten.

Match official was Peter Hall.

SOURCE:
Social media, 13 Aug 2024
Umina United



Tour de Central Coast winner gets yellow jersey

The Central Coast Bicycle User Group presented the winner of its Tour de Central Coast with its "prestigious maillot jaune" (yellow jersey) on Sunday, August 11.

The winner was Andrew Elliston. He and eight others were

presented with their awards at an informal ceremony at The Entrance.

Woy Woy was a venue for several stages of the Tour.

SOURCE:
Social media, 11 Aug 2024
CCBUG

Netball coaches announced

Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association has announced the coaches for its junior and senior representative teams for next year.

Head coach of the 12s is Kylie Rayner with assistant coach Nicola Stone.

Head coach of the 13s is Donah Elliott with assistant coach Chelsea Barnes.

Head coach of the 14s is Zoe Wilson with assistant coach Tiah

Santarossa.

Head coach of the 15s is Brittany Thompson.

Head coach of the 17s is Derek Wolfenden.

Head coach of the Opens is Sandy Watts.

Assistant coaches for the 15s, 17s and Opens are yet to be announced.

SOURCE:
Social media, 9 Aug 2024
Woy Woy Peninsula
Netball Association

Seven rescue tubes installed on unpatrolled beaches

Seven "rescue tubes" have been installed on unpatrolled Peninsula beaches.

They have been installed at Ettalong Beach, at Ettalong Point, adjacent to the Esplanade at Ettalong, at Kiddies' Corner in Umina, at the north and south ends of Pearl Beach and at Patonga.

Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club has advised: "We can't emphasise enough that if you are

not a strong swimmer, these will not make you one.

"Please don't enter the water if you're not capable.

"But if you are, grabbing this before you go in could save two lives.

"Instructions for use are on the tube box.

"The beach is for everyone and we want everyone to be safe.

"Please always swim in a safe

area.

"Even calm waters can be deceiving with rips and strong currents.

"Remember to always call 000 in an emergency."

The rescue tubes were installed by Surf Life Saving Central Coast, funded by a Central Coast Council community grant.

SOURCE:
Social media, 13 Aug 2024
Ocean Beach SLSC

WHAT'S ON at ETTALONG BOWLING CLUB

Celebrate Father's Day at the Alfresco Brasserie on Sunday September 1st. Enjoy a Meat Feast for only \$99.00 and share a delicious meal with your loved ones. Treat your Dad to a well-deserved day of relaxation, great food and let us take care of lunch or dinner. Book now and make it a day to remember! Phone: 4341 0944

Hungry for a feast? Come down to Harry's Restaurant at Ettalong Bowling Club for our All You Can Eat Buffet on Thursday nights! Enjoy unlimited servings of delicious dishes from pan fried dumplings for starters, roast dinners, traditional Chinese dishes, chips for the little ones and a huge assortment of desserts including a chocolate fountain with marshmallows & fruit. Discounted prices for club members. It's a deal you won't want to miss!

Grab your friends and family and join us for a night of indulgence at Harry's Restaurant. See you there! Bookings recommended Phone: 4344 6655

Tickets are selling fast..... for our Dirty Dicks Dinner Show on Saturday 2nd November so be quick to get you and your friends a spot to this not to be missed event. Tickets available through reception or through trybookings link - scan to book.



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Sport



Life savers help swimmers during surfing holiday

Two Umina surf life savers have gone to the assistance of swimmers in difficulty during their holiday in Thailand.

Marli and Shane Hoyland went surfing during their holiday.

While out surfing, Marli, an under-15 Umina Surf Life Saving Club member, heard a woman calling for help.

She paddled to a rip that was pulling the English woman out to sea.

Marli also spotted the woman's father in distress.

A jet ski eventually came to assist him, asking Marli to keep a girl safe on her board until they returned.

Meanwhile, Shane, an age manager and bronze medallion patrol member at Umina, helped the girl's two brothers caught in the rip, bringing them back to shore.

SOURCE:
Social media, 12 Aug 2024
Umina Surf Life Saving Club

Terrigal to play Avoca in rugby union grand final

Terrigal will play Avoca Beach in the Central Coast Rugby Union grand finals in both Premier 1 and Premier 2 divisions, following the preliminary finals played at Woy Woy on Saturday, August 17.

In President's Cup, the grand final will be between The Lakes and Terrigal, and the Women's 12s grand final will be between Avoca Beach and Lake Macquarie.

The grand final games will be

played at the stadium in Gosford.

In Saturday's preliminary finals at Woy Woy, Avoca Beach defeated Warnervale in both Premier 1 and Premier 2 divisions.

In Premier 1, Avoca Beach won 18-17, while Avoca's win in Premier 2 was 36-31.

In President's Cup, Terrigal defeated Kariong 27-12 and Lake Macquarie defeated Terrigal 43-24 in Women's 12s.

SOURCE:
Media release, 18 Aug 2024
Larry Thomson, CCRU

Phil plays in winning Senior Blues team

Phil Westcott was selected to play for New South Wales Senior Blues played over three days from August 5 to 7 at St John's Park Bowling Club.

The inaugural event was keenly contested between New South Wales and Victoria with the seniors giving a great exhibition of top class bowling.

After being locked up after the first two tests (Blues 57 Victoria 49 then Blues 43 Victoria 59) the third test was the decider.

The Blues came out strongly and dominated the tie breaker eventually winning 72-52.

Phil Westcott played solidly for the Blues.



"I am proud to have represented Ettalong Bowling Club and New South Wales in this prestigious event," he said.

SOURCE:
Media release, 8 Aug 2024
Kerry Watkins, Ettalong Bowling Club

Mollie Murphy wins State Rotary award

Umina Surf Life Saving Club's director of lifesaving Mollie Murphy has been recognised by the Rotary Districts of NSW at their annual Rotary Emergency Service Community Awards.

The Central Coast lifesaver of 13 years was awarded the top gong in the Surf Life Saving NSW category not only for her dedication and leadership on the front lines but her work behind the scenes as well.

"These awards are the only time all emergency services personnel, both paid and volunteer, are

recognised in a combined awards program," said Surf Life Saving NSW director of lifesaving Mr Joel Wiseman

"It is a community-nominated award which reflects the reputation and esteem in which the finalists are held by their local communities."

Mollie had championed several programs within the Umina surf club, including pink and rainbow patrols, skin checks and youth development opportunities to build future club leaders, he said.

Mollie was named ahead of nominees from Lower North Coast, the Tweed and Nowra-Culburra surf clubs.



SOURCE:
Media release, 12 Aug 2024
Surf Life Saving NSW

Regional champions win mixed pairs

Karen Croker and Darren Morrison defeated Gary Frost and Tess Koutsellis in the Ettalong Bowling Club's Mixed Pairs final on Saturday, August 10.

Karen won the Central Coast Regional Senior Singles final just a couple of days earlier, on Wednesday, August 7.

Darren had won the Central Coast Region Open Singles championship the previous weekend.

Another Ettalong player, Tracy Wible, won the State Region Singles on August 7.

SOURCE:
Social media, 10 Aug 2024
Ettalong Eagles



Longest-serving cricket player dies

The man who was the longest-serving player and a life member of Woy Woy Cricket Club has died at the age of 88 on Wednesday, August 14.

Scoring more than 10,000 runs, Mr Bobby Hook was the most prolific run-scorer for the club, which was a predecessor of the Southern Spirit Cricket Club.

Woy Woy lawyer Mr Paul Tonkin announced his death: "Unfortunately, Bobby was caught out last night on the boundary for 88.

"After a great knock on his home strip playing comfortable, he didn't

quite get enough on a short one.

"Family are very proud of his knock.

"Vale Bobby."

In its social media post, Southern Spirit Cricket Club said: "An integral member of the Woy Woy Cricket Club, Bob received the Australian Sports Medal for his contribution to local cricket.

"He was awarded his cherished number 8 cap issued by the Australian Cricket Board, upon being selected in the inaugural Australian Over-70s team playing an Ashes Series against England."

SOURCE:
Social media, 15 Aug 2024
Southern Spirit Cricket Club



Bowling clubs hold memorial day

Umina Beach Men's and Women's Bowling Clubs held their annual Memorial Day on Sunday, August 4.

The day was held "to remember those members who had passed away," said men's club secretary Mr Peter Springett.

The Umina Beach women's club committee organised the afternoon, arranging teams and conducting the afternoon proceedings, he said.

A total of 30 players plus visitors

attended.

The men's committee invited past bowlers who could no longer bowl to acknowledge their past achievements and support of the club.

"Past president Ian Jarratt welcomed Brian Burrows, Brian Broderick, Alan Casey, Ross McIntyre."

Apologies were received from several past members, who were unable to attend.

"There were some fond

memories and tales discussed around the table over a couple of drinks," said Mr Springett.

"Rex Hunt conducted a memorial service for the many members who had passed on in previous years and lit a candle in their memory.

"The afternoon bowls and pleasant weather conditions made the afternoon an enjoyable day for those in attendance."

SOURCE:
Social media, 12 Aug 2024
Peter Springett, UBMBC