



Woytopia 'best ever'

Yesterday's Woytopia festival was the "best ever", with more than 6000 people attending, according to organiser Mr Julian Bowker.

"We had great interest in the electric vehicles, and well-attended green talks, from building to energy efficiency.

"Only the first 80 lucky people were able to attend the over-subscribed native bee talk by Dr Tim Heard.

"The Roundabout Circus was centre stage pulling a crowd with their aerial performance.

"Food stalls were kept busy all day as the community enjoyed the wonderful Woy Woy South school grounds," he said.

SOURCE:
Media release, 13 Oct 2024
Julian Bowker, Woytopia

Application for five-storey foreshore development

An application has been lodged with Central Coast Council for a five-storey mixed use development on the Ettalong foreshore.

The application follows rezoning in February last year to increase the permitted height of buildings on the site at 43-46 The Esplanade, adjacent to the Atlantis building.

The development would include ground floor commercial space, 39 residential units and parking for 57 vehicles.

The site currently contains the Ettalong Beach Motel and a residence at the corner of Picnic Parade.

The development would be built in two "blocks".

The eastern block would contain 19 units, while the western block

would contain 20 blocks.

The application says the development "provides for new forms of mixed use development in the form of shop top housing and serviced apartments".

It states: "The subject site is in a relatively prominent position along The Esplanade and the corner of Picnic Parade.

"However, the proposal will not have any significant adverse visual impacts on the coastline due to its high degree of architectural treatment, articulation and boundary setbacks.

"The proposed bulk, height and scale of the building is consistent with the desired future character for the precinct which represents an area in transition with existing residential and commercial building stock being upgraded

and/or replaced with higher density residential and mixed-use development, particularly in the Ettalong Beach village precinct.

"Whilst the subject site is adjacent to the Ettalong Beach foreshore and foreshore reserve, it does not create excessive overshadowing, wind funnelling or loss of views from public access to these areas."

The application was prepared by Wales and Associates Urban Design Partners (Australia) on behalf of Parform Pty Ltd, Pinti Pty Ltd, Saltpepper Pty Ltd, John and Mark Moussa and Oxford Steel Pty Ltd.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 12 Oct 2024
DA/1283/2024, Central Coast Council

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Our 100th entirely voluntary issue

This is the 100th issue of Peninsula News that has been produced on an entirely voluntary basis.

We think that is quite an achievement and something to be proud of.

Our first entirely voluntary issue (#506) was produced four years ago, after a long-standing arrangement we had had with Central Coast Newspapers came to an end.

That issue reported the suspension of Central Coast Council "for three months".

This issue reports the return to an elected Central Coast Council.

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Mark Snell, 13 Oct 2024

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

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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.

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

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

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

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

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

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Newsletter or Report - published in print or online.
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CWA cooking competition was well attended

The cooking competition of the Umina Beach branch of the Country Women's Association was well attended on Friday, September 28.

The competition was judged by Ms Tracey Camburn.

Results were: Coconut Loaf: 1 Fiona Duckworth, 2 Jay-Marie Blue, 3 Celia O'Meara.

Moist Apricot Roll: 1 Celia O'Meara, 2 Ken Janson, 3 Rikki McIntosh.

Magic Bean Cake: 1 Lin Griffiths, 2 Tracy Wilson, 3 Lyn le Greca.

Peppermint Slice: 1 Lin Griffiths, 2 Ken Janson, 3 Tony Griffiths.

Coffee Sponge: 1 Rikki McIntosh, 2 Ken Janson, 3 Celia O'Meara.

Junior Section - Chocolate Butter Cake: 1 William McDonald, 2 Zoey Beale, 3 Nina Blennerhasset.

SOURCE:
 Social media, 28 Sep 2024
 CWA Umina Beach

'Food and Wine Fare'

Pearl Beach Food and Wine Fare will be presented by the Pearl Beach Progress Association from 10am to 4.30pm on Saturday, October 26.

The event is free and will be held in Pearl Beach Memorial Hall, 9 Diamond Rd, Pearl Beach.

"This year we welcome back well known favourites including award winning Little Creek Cheese, Hunter Olives, Sweet As chocolates, Natural Hive Honey, Enokido Miso, Spiralz Fermented Foods, For the Luv of Cakes and the Original Smoke and Spice Co.," said association publicity officer Ms Lynne Lillico.

"We have a Pearl Beach selection from local suppliers including Mountain Pride Eggs, Margin's Mushrooms, Crooked Creek savoury biscuits, and a selection of Burnt Honey produce.

"Wineries coming are Old Inn Road Winery, Millbrook Estate Winery and The Mulled Wine Co.

"Refreshments and light lunches will be available on the hall back deck at attractive prices..

"Proceeds go toward the upkeep and management of the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall."

Further information is available online at www.pearlbeachprogress.org.au.

SOURCE:
 Media release, 8 Oct 2024
 Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association

A sprinkling of rain almost every day

The first third of the month of October has had a sprinkling of rain almost every day.

However, this has amounted to a total of just 8.4mm, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

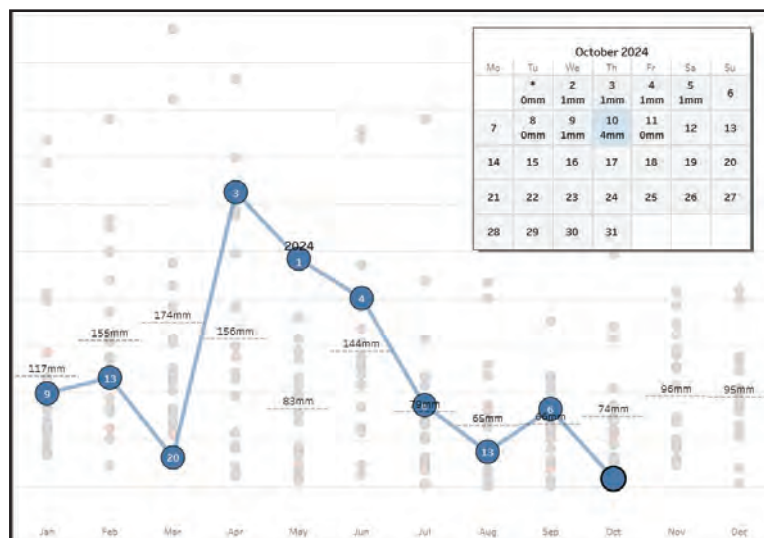
Only two days in the first 11 days, October 6 and 7, saw no rainfall recorded.

Just one day, Thursday, October 10, had more than one millimetre of rain, with 4.0mm recorded.

The 20-year average rainfall for October is 78mm.

The year-to-date total of 1213.6mm is 9.6 per cent above the end of October average of 1029mm, and 6.5 per cent below the annual average of 1298mm.

Further details, including daily



figures dating back 20 years, are available online at <http://bit.ly/PNRRainfall>.

SOURCE:
 Spreadsheet, 11 Oct 2024
 Jim Morrison, Umina

TIDE TIMES and Heights	Mon, Oct 14	Thu, Oct 17	Sun, Oct 20	Wed, Oct 23	Sat, Oct 26
	0057 0.18	0306 0.13	0504 0.19	0204 0.72	0542 0.75
	0646 0.88	0905 1.23	1121 1.35	0724 0.34	1104 0.39
	1234 0.26	1532 0.13	1822 0.15	1401 1.14	1717 0.95
	1857 1.18	2128 1.17		2140 0.22	
	Tue, Oct 15	Fri, Oct 18	Mon, Oct 21	Thu, Oct 24	Sun, Oct 27
	0143 0.15	0345 0.14	0000 0.89	0322 0.69	0021 0.21
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	1436 0.16	1724 0.13	1303 1.24	1615 0.99	1301 0.32
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Five former councillors elected to new Council

Five former councillors have been elected to the new Central Coast Council has, including three former mayors.

It has five Labor councillors, four Liberal councillors and three Team Central Coast (Team McKinna) councillors.

Only one other independent councillor was elected: anti-seawall campaigner Cr Corinne Lamont.

The council meeting last Tuesday, October 8, elected former Gosford mayor Cr Laurie McKinna as mayor and former Wyong mayor Cr Doug Eaton as deputy mayor.

The other former councillors elected were former Central Coast mayor Cr Jane Smith, previous Central Coast councillor Cr Kyle McGregor and former Gosford councillor Cr Belinda Neal.

In Gosford West ward, which

covers the Peninsula, Liberal Cr Trent McWaide, with 10,702 first preference votes, and Labor's Cr Neal, with 10,294 votes, each gained the quota needed for election on first preferences.

Cr Smith, with 4541 votes, was elected to the third position for the ward after 19 counts eliminated competitors.

The five Labor candidates elected to the council were Cr MacGregor, Cr Neal, Cr Margot Castles, Cr Sharon Walsh and Cr Helen Crowley.

The four Liberal candidates elected were Cr McWaide, Cr Jared Wright, Cr John McNamara and Cr Rachel Stanton.

The three Team Central Coast candidates elected were Cr McKinna, Cr Kyla Daniels and Cr John Moulard.

SOURCE:
Central Coast Council agenda 2.2, 8 Oct 2024

Norfolk Island pine kept for osprey

A diseased Norfolk Island pine will be retained after the local Grow Urban Shade Trees group discovered an osprey nesting at the top of it.

This tree will now be kept until the osprey has moved on.

"This is a small but important win when a tree has to be felled," said group member Ms Jen Wilder.

"This seemed like an excellent opportunity to remind residents to please hire qualified, competent and ethical arborists when requiring tree pruning or removals.

"Too often we are seeing unqualified contractors undertaking work or a lack of transparency in Arborist Reports from council.

"It is up to us as a community to protect our remaining, rare canopy cover and the wildlife that inhabit it.

"Ensure you ask the arborist you contract to check for wildlife.

"Ensure you ask them what their qualifications are and their attitude towards the environment.

"Employing a consulting arborist to undertake a five-yearly health check on any large trees on your block is a great way to gain some peace of mind while also addressing any issues as they



arise.

"Some trees can simply be 'staged', removing limbs and retaining the trunk, where it may be providing habitat," said Ms Wilder.

"As always, if you are concerned or uncertain about tree works occurring in the neighbourhood, we encourage you to call and email Council.

"If you suspect illegal works are taking place, please take photos of licence plates and the works occurring so that appropriate action can be taken by Council."

SOURCE:
Social media, 4 Oct 2024
Jen Wilder, GUST
Photo: Terry Galley

Rotary club founder Peter Mote dies

The Rotary Club of Brisbane Water's founding president Mr Peter Mote has died.

"Peter was known for his sweet-natured demeanour, his gentle English humour, his keen business head and his dedication to Rotary," said co-president Ms Marion Cornish.

"He really lived up to the Rotary creed of Service Above Self, always on the frontline of any project his club was doing.

"Peter and his wife Jayne formed Rotary Brisbane Water five years ago after they saw a need for another club on the Peninsula.

"Peter had been president of Woy Woy Rotary four times, assistant governor of the Sydney Rotary District three times and had two Paul Harris Fellow awards from Rotary International.

"In his working life, Peter was successful in the printing trade, starting as a compositor at North View Press near his home in Warwickshire England and rising to top global positions with Readers Digest, in England and Australia.

"Along the way, Peter gained a Bachelor of Science from London



University and an MBA from Western Sydney University.

"Peter was born on January 3 1944 in the spa town of Leamington in Warwickshire.

"He is survived by his wife Jayne, two children and six grandchildren.

"He will be missed deeply by all who knew him," Ms Cornish said.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 13 Oct 2024
Marion Cornish, Rotary Brisbane Water

RSL sub-branch seeks new age group

Woy Woy Ettalong Hardy's Bay RSL Sub-Branch is seeking new members.

The sub-branch is wanting to encourage people aged from 20 years old to the mid-50s to join, to bring in the latest conflict age group.

The sub-branch provides a personal service information, holds bi-monthly meetings and twice weekly coffee club catch ups.

The coffee mornings are held from 9:30am to 11:30am on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Ettalong Diggers Club.

All veterans from all campaigns and conflicts from all Commonwealth services are made welcome.

For further information, phone 4343 0120.

SOURCE:
Media release, 2 Oct 2024
Woy Woy Ettalong Hardy's Bay RSL sub-branch

Motor cruiser is 'first casualty' of season

A 30-foot motor cruiser became the first casualty of the start of the boating season when it ran into a sandbar south of Woy Woy in Brisbane Water on Sunday morning, October 6.

Four adults were aboard the vessel and set to enjoy a day cruising.

Marine Rescue Central Coast responded with rescue vessel PK20, discovering the distressed craft was firmly embedded in the sandbar and was unable to dislodge it.

It was decided the motor cruiser would need to wait until high tide when the boat would be easier to remove from the bar.

Other callouts were received over the long weekend, with engine troubles and running out of fuel being the main causes.

Marine Rescue Central Coast unit Commander Ian Morrow said these incidents could have



been avoided if boat owners had followed a series of easy safety checks before taking the boat out on the water.

"Always make sure you have enough fuel in the tank to get where you're going and make the return journey," said Mr Morrow, adding that boat owners should always ensure their engine is serviced regularly.

SOURCE:
Media release, 8 Oct 2024
David Wicks, Marine Rescue Central Coast

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Planning

Ettalong foreshore development to have 39 units

A mixed use development, with shop-top housing and ground level commercial space, has been proposed for 43-46 The Esplanade on the Ettalong Beach foreshore.

A development application received by Central Coast Council for "construction of a proposed five-storey mixed-use shop-top housing development, containing ground floor commercial floor space, 39 residential units and basement-ground level vehicle parking for 57 vehicles".

It includes "the demolition of the existing commercial and residential buildings" on the site – the Ettalong Beach Motel and a brick residence on the corner of Picnic Parade.

The site comprises lots 117 to 122 in DP10650 at Ettalong Beach, which have a total area of 3167.6 square metres.

"The sites will be amalgamated and subsequently strata titled on completion of the development," the application states.

The proposal consists of two blocks "A" and "B".

Block A (east) contains 19 units and Block B (west) contains 20.

According to the "unit mix" table on the drawings, two of the apartments are proposed to be one bedroom, 27 are two bedrooms, nine are three bedrooms and one has "four-plus" bedrooms.

However, the Basix Certificate submitted with the application claims there will be 32 units with two bedrooms and only four with three bedrooms.

The application states that the



proposal "provides for new forms of mixed use development in the form of shop top housing and serviced apartments", apparently inferring that at least some of the planned residential units will be serviced apartments.

The proposal is planned to be built in four phases.

Stage 1 is demolition. Stage 2 is excavation. Stage 3 is basement construction and Stage 4 is ground to roof construction.

The proposal does not comply with Council planning provisions for ground and first floor ceiling heights of four metres and 3.3 metres respectively.

Heights of 3.23 metres and 2.7 metres respectively are proposed.

The application states: "The commercial tenancy areas only require three metres floor to ceiling with matching three metre glass shopfronts wrapping all commercial spaces," adding that

this height is compliant with the State Apartment Design Guide.

In the case of the first floor "the floor to ceiling height at Level 1 is a minimum 2.7 metres in accordance with the requirements of the Apartment Design Guide".

"This allows 2.7 metres in all habitable areas and sufficient space for services and structural elements.

"This is consistent throughout the entire building."

The application states that only 28 units of the 39 (71.8 per cent) comply with the solar access planning requirements.

Compliance is claimed for the number of car parks provided, with 40 spaces provided for residential use and 17 for commercial, five of the parks being "accessible".

Also provided is parking for one motorcycle and storage for 13 bicycles.

Together with the Atlantis

building next door, shading of the beach area from mid-afternoon during the winter months will be considerable.

However, the application claims that "whilst the subject site is adjacent to the Ettalong Beach foreshore and foreshore reserve, it does not create excessive overshadowing, wind funnelling or loss of views from public access to these areas and is consistent with the concept plans provided as part of the original Planning Proposal" to rezone the site.

Commenting on the "desired character" of the area, the application states: "The proposed bulk, height and scale of the building is also consistent with the desired future character for the precinct which represents an area in transition with existing residential and commercial building stock being upgraded and/or replaced with higher density residential

and mixed-use development (particularly in the Ettalong Beach village precinct).

"The subject site is in a relatively prominent position along The Esplanade and the corner of Picnic Parade.

"However, the proposal will not have any significant adverse visual impacts on the coastline due to its high degree of architectural treatment, articulation and boundary setbacks.

"The design has been prepared in accordance with the provisions under Clause 5.55 Ettalong Beach of the Central Coast DCP 2022."

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

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

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 12 Oct 2024
DA/1283/2024, Central Coast Council

Permeable driveway is proposed for dual occupancy

A subdivided two-storey dual occupancy with a permeable driveway has been proposed for 45 Melbourne Ave, Umina.

An application has been submitted to Central Coast Council "to demolish all existing structures and construct a two-storey dual occupancy (attached) development with Torrens Title subdivision".

The application, prepared by D-Plan Urban Planning Consultants Pty Ltd, states that

the land is located on the western side of the road, between Hobart Ave and Carawa St, is rectangular in shape, with a frontage of 14.745 metres and a length of 40.235 metres, for a site area of 588 square metres.

A single storey clad dwelling with associated structures currently on the site will be demolished.

The two double-storey units will each contain three bedrooms and two bathrooms.

Each have front-facing balconies at first floor level "with

supporting columns effectively minimising the impact of the ground floor garage doors".

At the rear there are alfresco areas and private open space for each unit.

The application claims compliance with council planning provisions.

It describes the area as "a mixture of residential development, including single and two storey dwelling houses with interspersed dual occupancies and multi dwelling housing development;

contemporary and older style dwellings of various building materials; paved and unpaved nature strips with no particular street tree planting theme; predominately low-scale or no front fencing; and Club Umina and Umina Beach Public School located opposite the subject site".

The arborist's report, prepared by Accurate Tree Assessment, states that "Five trees are proposed for retention, although several will be subject to major encroachment caused by construction of the proposed driveway access."

"Four trees are proposed for removal in conjunction with the proposed development as they will be subject to major and unsustainable levels of encroachment.

"The construction of the proposed driveway utilises a permeable pavement solution within the tree protection zones of trees 2 *Angophora floribunda*, 3 and 4 *Jacaranda mimosifolia* to mitigate adverse impacts by allowing water percolation and gaseous exchange to and from the root zone."

Trees 5 *Jacaranda mimosifolia* and 8 *Melaleuca armillaris* would be removed, with compensatory replacement planting within the

landscaping of the site.

"Tree 6 *Buckinghamia celsissima* which is located on adjoining private property will be retained and protected by retention of the existing boundary fence."

"Tree 7 *Jacaranda mimosifolia* is retained and protected for the duration of the project, the establishment of a Tree Protection Zone covering the rear yard of the property and temporary fencing one metre from the rear of the proposed dwelling."

The application states that "Council's LEP/DCP requirements and good planning principles have been incorporated in the design, which has resulted in a high-quality development that will contribute positively to the built form of the locality by providing new affordable housing stock that successfully addresses the width, length and slope of the site."

It is currently on exhibition for public comment.

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

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 12 Oct 2024
DA/1121/2024, Central Coast Council

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Chamber welcomes new mayor and deputy

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has welcomed the election of Cr Laurie McKinna as the new mayor of Central Coast Council and the election of Cr Doug Eaton as deputy mayor.

"The Chamber congratulates Cr McKinna on his election in what appears to be the making of a very progressive Council", said Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales.

"It is extremely important that all councillors get behind and support the mayor and the new council to ensure that the city moves forward and continues down the path to financial stability".

"Nobody should be under any illusions that while the Council is in a better financial position than pre-administration, it still has a long way to go before the burden of higher rates relaxes", said Mr Wales.

"This new council, and indeed the new mayor, has a heavy burden to ensure that ratepayers are looked after and that basic services are maintained and infrastructure improved.

"High on the Peninsula Chamber's agenda is the upgrade of our local town centres and

ensuring that council supports Woy Woy as a designated Transport Orientated Development node", said Mr Wales.

"It is imperative that council support the State Government's move to improve housing supply in and around our town centres including affordable housing options.

"Therefore, it is crucial for the new council to accelerate its Place Plan process and review the planning controls and management structures in the Woy Woy town centre and encourage redevelopment in both Umina Beach and Ettalong Beach," said Mr Wales.

"Also high on our list is the abysmal state of our local roads.

"It is not acceptable to simply reseal sub-standard roads.

"The Council needs to invest in kerb and gutter, street drainage and footpaths on our key roads such as Rabaul St.

"The Chamber will be seeking an early meeting with Mayor McKinna with the view to securing commitments to Peninsula-based projects that deliver outcomes that promote business activity."

SOURCE:
Media release, 8 Oct 2024
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber President

First lottery win for Woy Woy woman

A Woy Woy woman who says she has "never even won a chook raffle" has had a \$100,000 lottery win.

After returning from an overseas holiday, she discovered she had won the prize in a Lucky Lotteries Super Jackpot draw while she was away.

"I only arrived home from holidays a couple of days ago, and when I was going through my mail, I noticed a letter from The Lott.

"The letter was telling me to check my tickets."

She said the win would make a big difference in her life.

"I'm a retiree and I could really use the money to get a bit more comfortable."

Her entry of one random number was purchased at Deepwater Plaza Newsagency.

SOURCE:
Media release, 10 Oct 2024
Eliza Wregg, The Lott

Christmas trivia night

The Bays Community Group will hold a Christmas trivia night at The Bays Community Hall at 7pm on Friday, November 22.

Prizes will be on offer and wine, beer and platters will be available to purchase.

Tickets are \$15 per person, with a 50 cent booking fee.

The event will raise funds for maintenance of the hall.

Tickets may be bought at <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1301998>

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 12 Oct 2024
The Bays Community Group



Work starts on new shed

Work has started on a replacement storage shed for the Peninsula Anglican Church's op shop at 151 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

Workers were pictured pouring the concrete slab for the new shed after the previous shed was

demolished following council approval for the work in July.

The new shed will replace a smaller fibro shed previously on the site.

SOURCE:
Social media, 4 Oct 2024
The Peninsula Anglican Parish

Small business support

Local businesses can access free, personalised support with business planning, marketing and cashflow at Woy Woy on Thursdays this month.

Service NSW offers the support in Deepwater Plaza on Thursdays, October 17 and 31, according to Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

"The Bureau provides free, ongoing personalised support, digital tools and tailored advisory to businesses year-round," she said.

"In Small Business Month, additional appointments are available to accommodate as many small businesses as possible."

SOURCE:
Media release, 8 Oct 2024
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford



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Thank You!

It was an honour to be elected to Central Coast Council at the local government elections held on 14 September 2024.

The lead up to an election is always a challenging time. I would like to thank my fellow candidates in the New Independents Team - Alison Wade and Lisa Wriley - and the team of supporters and volunteers that helped with the campaign.

I look forward to representing the interests of residents, ratepayers and the community of Gosford West Ward - and the Central Coast more broadly.



Our first council meeting—8 October 2024

As is often the case, the first meeting of a new Council can be a bit messy. It is the meeting where the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are elected. There is inevitable jostling for positions. Congratulations to Mayor Lawrie McKinna, elected for a two year term, and Deputy Mayor Doug Eaton, elected for a one year term.

A number of other items were also on the agenda for the first meeting - including delegations to the CEO, a schedule of Council meetings for the next 12 months and the Performance Improvement Order issued by the State government. On each of these items, I moved motions that were slightly different to the ones recommended by Council staff.

- **Delegations to the CEO** - although the recommendation was to just continue the current delegations, I felt that it was important that Councillors understood what those

delegations were. So I was pleased that Councillors supported my motion to defer this item until we had further details.

- **In terms of future Council meetings**, I am keen that some of those meetings are held in the southern end of the Council area to make it easier for local residents to attend those meetings. Although there was general support for this, Councillors deferred this matter to consider dates of future meetings.
- A **Performance Improvement Order** was issued by the Minister for Local Government, even before the Council was elected. This imposes a number of restrictions on the new Council - and effectively we would be trying to represent our communities with our hands tied behind our backs. A number of concerns have been raised about the validity of the PIO. I moved a motion, and was supported by my fellow Councillors, to seek independent and external legal advice about this matter.

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Forum

Late night flight noise

On Friday, October 11, I found out why I have some disrupted nights.

At 2am, I was awakened by an aeroplane flying overhead, clearly doing laps of the area.

The noise of the engine would fade a little, then get louder, then fade a little again, then get louder again.

This continued until I finally fell asleep again at 3.30am.

It wasn't a search and rescue helicopter.

And I checked the usual flight radar apps, and nothing was shown, leading me to believe that this was a council-government-authorised flight.

As a sole trader, this completely

disrupted my work on Friday, and resulted in a loss of income.

I doubt the tight-fisted council will give me compensation for disrupting the way I make a living.

It does make me wonder, as someone who recently discovered that cloud seeding is not a "conspiracy theory" but has been active in Australia since 1940s (although "officially" doesn't happen except for the Snowy Mountains area), whether my disruptive night was the set-up for the weekend's rainfall.

In any case, there needs to be a stop to late-night noise pollution.

SOURCE:
Email, 11 Oct 2024
Miguel Wellington, Umina Beach

Amalgamation problems will extend to the next election

"The current administration clearly believes that if it lies frequently and with conviction, the general public will be lulled into believing their oft-repeated dictums."

This quote is by Dr Helen Caldicott in 2006 (Nuclear Power Is Not The Answer p xii).

It has proved to be correct in the recent public vote to decrease wards and councillor numbers due to subjective advice from the council.

This means amalgamation

problems will extend to the next local government election and beyond, when I expect there will be more "dictums" from the council.

As the very familiar ad says: "When you're on a good thing stick to it."

Every decision made by the council and councillors could be made to assist this transition with supporting referendum voting advice.

Who will question this public decision?

Will residents accept

responsibility for this fait accompli?

Will residents withhold their rates or will they bend to the government's power?

The Peninsula News does not have a council column in every edition.

Is this due to the fact the council is not concerned about the Peninsula and "lies frequently" to quote Dr H Caldicott?

The government should not be relied on to deliver education.

SOURCE:
Letter, 10 Oct 2024
Norm Harris, Umina

News

Ettalong bowling club reports a drop in surplus

Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club will report a 16 per cent drop in surplus for the last financial year at its annual general meeting of members to be held on Sunday, October 20.

The club's directors' report shows a surplus after income tax for the financial year of \$1,616,382 compared to \$1,917,827 the previous year.

While revenue increased by \$139,310 from \$13.40M in

the previous year to \$13.54M, expenses increased by \$511,844 from \$10.42M to \$10.93M.

Other expenses for depreciation, amortisation and interest decreased by \$71,089 from \$1.06M to \$0.99M.

Contributing to the lower surplus, poker machine profit decreased by \$133,628 (3.26 per cent) from \$4.10M to \$3.97M, while bar trading increased by \$24,229 (5.15 per cent) from \$0.47M to \$0.49M.

The net loss from bowls

operations increased by \$46,748 (14.44 per cent) from \$0.32M to \$0.37M.

Board Chair Mr Gary Thompson said the Club had focussed on its core activities of hospitality and gaming for its members, while ensuring the key performance metrics for the Club's trading and bowling activities are monitored.

"While the Club anticipates the trading environment will continue to have its challenges in 2024-2025 due higher costs of living pressures on members and guests,

the Club believes it can manage these challenges via continuous management of operating budgets and cash flows.

"Inconsistencies and fluctuations in trade are expected.

"These are being managed by the Club's management team and directors by making adjustment to the Club's operations as and when required."

As at June 30, the Club had 12,245 members.

SOURCE:
Website, 29 Sep 2024
Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club

Diggers reports being in strong financial position

Ettalong Diggers has recorded a slightly reduced surplus for the financial year ending June 30 this year compared to the previous year.

The profit for the financial year was \$1,987,754, a reduction of \$67,734 or about three per cent on the previous year's surplus of \$2,055,488.

Revenue increased by \$571,548 in the financial year from \$23.14M to \$23.71M, while expenses increased by \$660,576 from \$21.10 to \$21.76M.

In his directors' report, board chairman Mr John Wood described the surplus as a "strong financial result" and the slight reduction in annual surplus as a result of "the impact of higher cost of living on members and guests".

Bar sales for the year totalled \$3.03M, with the bar net profit increasing by \$117,907.

Poker machine net takings for the year totalled \$14.90M, with an increase of net profit of \$67,580.

Catering sales for the period were \$3.98M, which generated a net profit of \$160,445 which amounted to a decrease of \$63,936 or 28.49 per cent.

The club will hold its annual general meeting at 4pm on Sunday, October 27.

SOURCE:
Website, 26 Sep 2024
Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club

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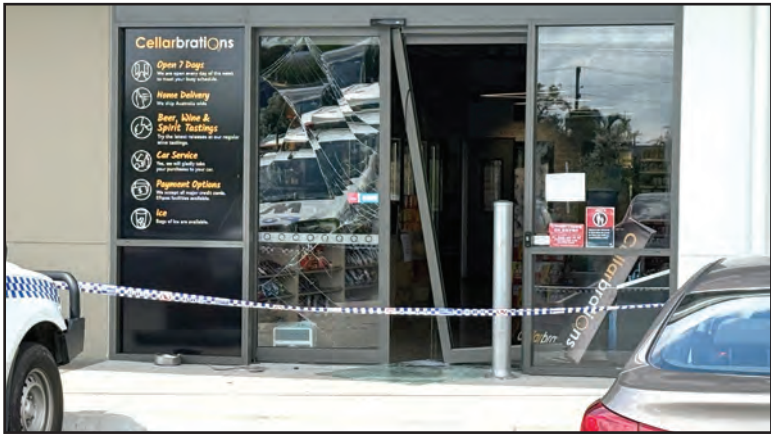
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Auto teller repaired after publicity

An automatic teller in Umina, which has been out of action for weeks, has been repaired just days after a Forum letter about it appeared in Peninsula News on September 30.

Peninsula News reader Ms Yvette Pritchard said with the independently-owned machine out of order and no bank in Umina elderly and disabled residents were "severely disadvantaged".

On Friday, October 4, she told Peninsula News the machine had been repaired by owner Prosecure.

The owners of Peninsular Office Supplies, which shares a shopfront with the machine, have been equally frustrated.

"We do not own the ATM, nor do we have any influence, or control,

over the operation of the ATM," said stationery business owner Ms Cathy Waller.

"The space it occupies is leased, and serviced, by the operator.

"We understand the frustration experienced by those who want to use the ATM.

"It has been inoperative, due to a "technical fault' with the panel.

"Users often approach our staff, asking if they can open the machine, to retrieve their card, but this is not possible.

"If it was in any way related to our business, we would gladly apologise for the inconvenience.

"However, situation is beyond our control."

SOURCE:
Media release, 30 Sep 2024
Cathy Waller, Peninsular Office Supplies
Photo: Jo Freeman



Teenager charged

Brisbane Water Police have charged a 14-year-old boy over alleged driving and property offences following a pursuit in the early hours of Friday morning, October 11.

They attempted to stop a reportedly stolen vehicle on Trafalgar Ave, Umina, at about 2am.

The car was believed to have been used a short time earlier in two break and enter offences in which liquor businesses were rammed before alcohol was taken.

When the vehicle allegedly failed to stop as directed, a pursuit was initiated.

With the assistance of PoAir, police pursued the vehicle to a home in Umina into which the driver fled.

The property was searched, with police locating and seizing what they described as "several

items of interest".

A 14-year-old boy was arrested at the scene and taken to Gosford Police Station where he was charged with a number of offences.

These included two counts of aggravated break and enter, committing a serious indictable offence, two counts of destroying or damaging property, not stopping with police in pursuit and driving recklessly, taking and driving conveyance without consent of the owner, and driving the vehicle never having been licensed.

He was refused bail to appear before a children's court later on Friday, where he was granted conditional bail to appear before the same court on Friday, November 22.

Inquiries into the incident were ongoing, according to police.

SOURCE:
Media release, 11 Oct 2024
NSW Police Media
Photo: Chris Downey

Coastal Twist festival attracts 8000

More than 8000 people attended 11 events for the Coastal Twist Arts and Culture Festival over the long weekend of October 5-7, according to organisers.

More than 75 per cent of tickets were sold.

Festival director Ms Glitta Supernova said: "Pivoting itself at the intersection of fashion, celebrity, music and art since its debut in 2019, Twist has become

one of the state's most distinctive festivals celebrated for its elevated arts and culture mash with a unique Coastie-centric vibe highlighting local emerging and established superstars alongside Australian and global headliners.

"The festival saw up to 36 per cent tourism visitation, reaffirming its crucial role in revitalizing the Central Coast's community and culture, while continuing to attract visitors beyond the region.

"With an artist transport van

covering 900km for airport and local trips, the festival was backed by 52 crew members and 116 volunteers, supporting 56 paid artist spots.

"The numbers exceeded every expectation, the events were magical, and the engagement from our audiences speaks for itself."

SOURCE:
Media release, 8 Oct 2024
Glitta Supernova, Coastal Twist Festival

Dr Gordon Reid MP

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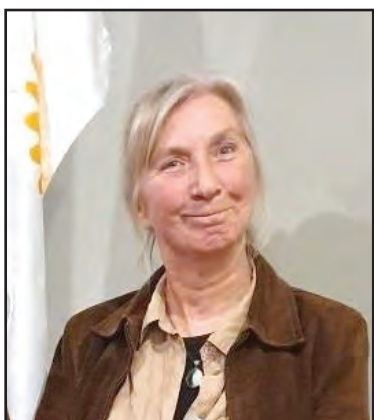
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Health

Talk to Rotary prompts food memories

Woy Woy Rotary Club president has reported reminiscences about emotions associated with food, following a talk to the club by Peninsula psychotherapist and hypnotherapist Ms Liz Macnamara.



"It is not every day that the members of our club have the opportunity to listen to and ask questions of a highly-trained and experienced mental health professional," he said.

"It quickly became one of the most engaging evenings this club has had for some time.

"Liz Macnamara spoke to us about the benefits of Journaling for Emotional Health or Reflective Writing.

"While keeping a journal may sound like a lot of hard work, with the right writing technique it needn't be," he said.

"One approach Liz mentioned was based on writing a To Do list at the start of each day and reflecting and documenting on your progress as the day unfolds.

"Then, at the end of the day, write a brief summary of what you achieved and didn't achieve and how you felt about that.

"Over time, this simple technique should help you see patterns, triggers, and gaps in relation to your behaviour and emotional wellbeing. You can't get much simpler than that.

"According to Liz, research into the impact of journaling for mental health, has shown that different journaling techniques can help achieve a wide range of mental and physical health outcomes including reducing stress, improving self-confidence, combating depressive

or negative thought patterns and enhancing decision making.

"Journaling can also be used to improve physical health and lower the intensity of chronic pain such as that caused by arthritis and other age-related conditions.

"Liz also pointed out that while journaling for mental health is not a silver bullet, in our increasingly complex and busy world it offers a simple, convenient, and affordable way for people to improve their mental health and wellbeing.

"By way of an example of how journaling can impact emotional wellbeing, Liz asked those in attendance to make a list of their favourite foods.

"When completed, the ensuing discussion was full of trips down memory lane as individuals reminisced about the people, places, and the emotions associated with those favourite foods.

"It was most definitely a very interesting and enjoyable presentation."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 13 Oct 2024
Tom McCann, Rotary Woy Woy

Mental health forum

A mental health forum for medical professionals will be held from 6:30pm to 8:30pm on Thursday, October 24, at the Central Coast Clinic of Brisbane Waters Private Hospital in Woy Woy.

Local general practitioners, psychologists and counsellors have been invited to tour the new Clinic at the hospital and hear from its psychiatry team.

Information will be provided about the range of inpatient and day programs, on-site consulting suites and services - including both mental health and addiction programs - at the Central Coast's largest private mental health facility.

For further information, visit <https://centralcoastclinic.com.au/>

SOURCE:
Social media, 18 Sep 2024
Brisbane Waters Private Hospital

Free mental health training for progress associations

Mental health training for volunteers will be provided at no charge for members of the Pearl Beach and Patonga progress associations on Monday, November 18.

The training will be provided from 10am at the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall by a psychologist from the Black Dog Institute.

The morning will cover how to spot the early warning signs of mental ill-health and what to do,

and how to have conversations about mental health.

It will include steps for self-care and to support others, and where to go for more support.

Sandwiches, coffee and tea will be served after the training.

For further information and to book, phone Ms Cathy Lancaster on 0403 704 985.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 13 Oct 2024
Central Coast South Uniting Church

Ahead of schedule

The building program at a Woy Woy aged care home running slightly ahead of schedule for the current stage of works, according to its chief executive.

"We expect practical completion to now occur in December sometime, as opposed to late January," said Blue Wave Living chief executive Mr Matt Downie.

"We may not be able to utilise all of the new spaces until late January, by the time we move through the certification process.

"We are hopeful that as a minimum, we will be able to make use of the new Club House space and barbecue area off this space, leading into the Christmas period.

"The Club House space includes a large open space with tables and seating, a fireplace lounge area, a dedicated cinema space, a side seating nook space, opening out both sides onto our internal courtyards."

He said the Stage Two works currently underway would also see the completion of another complete household, Coastal House.

"Existing residents in the older rooms in Driftwood will be able to move across into new rooms sometime from late January onwards, subject to final certification of the spaces.

"Following the certification of the new spaces, and the transfer of residents across, we will then start to work towards getting underway with the next stage of works.

"Stage 2.5 will include the rebuild of the remaining old rooms in Driftwood, the creation of a new link between the buildings, which will also see some new spaces added, and the rebuild of the Palm Sails courtyard.

"We would hope to get underway with these works early in the new year."

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

Clinic sees 9210 patients

More than 9210 patients have been seen by the Peninsula Medicare Urgent Care Clinic since it opened last November, according to Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid.

"These statistics show that Labor's Medicare Urgent Care Clinics are making a real difference on the ground," he said.

"The Peninsula Medicare Urgent Care Clinic is an invaluable healthcare service assisting our community with urgent care matters and is completely free for children and adults.

"As an emergency department doctor continuing to practise medicine at Wyong Hospital, I will always advocate for better healthcare services," Dr Reid said.

SOURCE:
Media release, 10 Oct 2024
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson

Food pantries benefit

Three food pantries on the Peninsula will benefit from \$2000 in funds raised in a fashion parade organised by the Older Women's Network Deepwater group on Saturday, September 28.

Mary Mac's Place, the Woy Woy Community Food Pantry run out of the hall at the back of the Seventh Day Adventist church in Blackwall Road and Community SOS next door to Meals on Wheels at the Peninsula Community Centre will each benefit, said secretary Ms Jennifer Brown.

"We will also be supporting Allawah House, a 14-room refuge for older women who are escaping domestic or family violence."

The Spring-Summer Fashion Parade was held in conjunction with Sarongs Ladies Fashions in the auditorium of the Ettalong Over-50s' Leisure and Learning

Centre.

"A record crowd of 110 was in attendance," said Ms Brown. "The fashion parade got underway with a glass of bubbly, or a non-alcoholic option, and our guests were welcomed by branch co-ordinator Ms Diana Downie.

"The Madeline Stephenson Tap Dance Troupe performed two numbers to open the parade."

The clothes, including evening wear, were modelled by Ms Fay Maitland, Ms Mary Clark, Ms Shirley Berdon, Ms Bobby Martin and Ms Leonie Franke.

After the parade, an afternoon tea was held in the dining room.

A lucky door prize was drawn and the raffle was held for seven beautiful prizes plus five \$20 vouchers donated by Sarongs Ladies Fashions.

SOURCE:
Media release, 1 Oct 2024
Jennifer Brown, OWN Deepwater



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Duo returns to folk club

A Central Coast couple who have performed internationally will return to the Troubadour Folk Club on Saturday, October 26.

The Mimosa Duo of Phoebe O'Shea (violin and vocals) and Morgan Haselden (guitar) have become parents since they last performed at the club in 2019.

Folk club president Mr Michael Fine said: "While they live on the Central Coast, their music is international - a unique and colourful collage of gypsy jazz with classy servings of French parlour, Argentinian tango, Celtic rhythms, Cuban son and classical music.

"Since they first teamed up while training at the Sydney

Conservatorium in classical music, they have lived and performed in France, where they were embraced into the heart of Gypsy Jazz, and toured Australia, New Zealand and internationally."

Mr Fine said: "They've organised the baby sitters and promise to bring their warm and rich program of song, gypsy jazz and latin-inspired guitar and fiddle."

The concert will be held at 7pm on Saturday, October 26, at the Everglades Country Club.

More information is available online at www.troubadour.org.au or by phone on 4342 6716.

SOURCE:
Media release, 9 Oct 2024
Michael Fine, Troubadour Central Coast

Grandma Pam's clothes go world-wide

A 90-year-old woman, known as Grandma Pam, has had children's clothes she has made distributed in Vanuatu, the Philippines, Timor Leste, Cambodia and Uganda.

She spends her time sewing clothes for children she does not know and donates her handmade clothing to Rotary projects through the Rotary Club of Brisbane Water.

Pictured are girls at Divine Mercy school in Uganda who were delighted to receive some special new outfits from "Grandma Pam".

SOURCE:
Social media, 7 Oct 2024
Rotary Brisbane Water



Final play for year starts

Woy Woy Little Theatre will stage its final play for the year with 10 performances over three weekends from Friday, October 25

The play is Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley, written by Lauren Gunderson and Margot Melcon.

The play is based on the premise that: "It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single woman lacking a fortune must be in want of a husband."

It is a playful riff on Jane Austen's much-loved novel, said Little Theatre marketing manager

Mr Graham Vale.

"This farcical romantic-comedy focuses on awkward middle sister Mary Bennet as she finds love with Mr. Darcy's equally awkward cousin, Arthur de Bourgh."

The Little Theatre production is directed by Sarah Lovesy, with a cast of Kirsti Blythe, Samara Dawson, Jake Cain-Roser, Tahni DeAthe, Lucia Mandile, Karyn Wiffen, Jarrod Rizzardo and Troy Hester.

Bookings are open.

SOURCE:
Media release, 2 Oct 2024
Graham Vale, Woy Woy Little Theatre

Annual crafts exhibition

The Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre annual exhibition will be held at the Peninsula Community Centre in McMasters Rd, Woy Woy, over the weekend of October 26 and 27.

It will include jewellery, pottery, artworks, plants, wooden and textile gifts, as well as a "cafe" with tea, coffee and home-made treats.

Unique handmade items will be on sale, offering a start to Christmas shopping.

SOURCE:
Social media, 7 Oct 2024
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Education

Strategies to support emotional regulation

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School will hold a parent learning workshop at 9am on Friday, November 1, to share practical strategies for supporting children's emotional regulation in today's busy world.

The workshop will be hosted by senior occupational therapist Ms Marian Bowyer and aims to

provide the tools to understand and connect with a child's emotional state, and how to respond in ways that build emotional resilience.

This course is designed for parents and carers looking to strengthen their bond with their child while supporting emotional regulation.

SOURCE:
Social media, 9 Oct 2024
SJB Catholic Primary School



Learning 'never stops' at Woy Woy

Students at Woy Woy campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College have spent their holidays at school doing homework in the campus

library.

The Library was reported to be "pumping ... with learning, revision and students applying rigorous feedback".

Campus principal Ms Rebecca

Cooper praised staff and teachers for giving up their own time to "ensure the learning never stops".

SOURCE:
Social media, 10 Oct 2024
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy

Halloween disco organised for Woy Woy students

EDUA Halloween Disco will be held at Woy Woy Public School on Wednesday, October 30, by the school's parents' and citizens' association.

Students have been invited to wear their "most spooky outfit", but face masks and replica weapons will not be permitted.

"Face paint is fine."

A Preschool to Year 2 session will be held from 4:45pm to 6pm.

A Year 3 to Year 6 session will be held from 6.30pm to 7.45pm.

Disco entry will cost \$5 per child, which includes a Zooper

Doooper on exit.

Students may not walk in or leave by themselves. A responsible adult is required to sign them in and out of the disco.

Those attending have been asked to arrive 15 minutes before their session starts, and to bring a full drink bottle.

Water refills will be available. Volunteers to help run the disco are wanted.

Funds raised will be go toward the cost of educational facilities.

SOURCE:
Social media, 8 Oct 2024
Woy Woy Public School

Swimming lessons start

Swimming lessons will start tomorrow (Tuesday, October 15), the first day of Term 4, for Year 1 students at St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School.

The lessons will continue for the next nine weeks.

The school circulated a Year 1 Swimming Checklist letter at the end of last term.

Sports uniform is required, ideally with costumes worn underneath, along with a swimming bag including: a towel, goggles, thongs, and fresh underwear for afterwards.

No food or money may be taken to the pool.

School bags are to be packed as normal with hat, water, and lunchbox.

SOURCE:
Social media, 9 Oct 2024
SJB Catholic Primary School



Students win reading raffle

Three Stage 3 students at Woy Woy South Public School have won the school's "40 nights of home reading" raffle.

They were Jackson Barrett, Aneika Bryant and Amelia Beck-

White.

"You have got to be in it to win it," said principal Mr Matt Barr.

SOURCE:
Social media, 1 Oct 2024
Matt Barr, Woy Woy South Public School



Winning sport shirt design

The Parents and Citizens Association of Umina Beach Public School has announced the winning design for its new sport shirt, pictured.

The winner was chosen by popular vote in a consultation run by the association.

"We had hundreds and hundreds of votes on options

and price and so much positive feedback toward the change.

"Over 90 per cent of students said that they would like their house colour incorporated into the shirt.

"Trim of the sleeve was an overwhelmingly popular suggestion."

SOURCE:
Social media, 23 Sep 2024
Umina Beach Public School P/C

Swim scheme

Students in Year 2 at Ettalong Public School are taking part in a Swim Scheme from Monday, October 28, to Friday, November 8.

Parents were asked to provide permission and payment via the Sentral online parent portal .

SOURCE:
Social media, 8 Oct 2024
Ettalong Public School

Kindergarten transition

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School will hold its Kindergarten 2025 Transition to School Program over the next month.

Sessions will be held from 9:30am to 11am on Tuesdays over four weeks from October 22.

A parent and child welcome session will be held on October 22.

From October 29, the children will join the Kinder classrooms.

Parents will have a session on social and emotional well-being on October 29, on literacy on November 5 and on maths on November 11.

Children are asked to bring

a backpack with a water bottle, snack and hat.

Attendance at all sessions is required.

Parents are asked to make alternate care arrangements for younger siblings.

A final information session will be held for parents from 7pm to 8pm on Thursday, November 28, with at least one parent required to attend.

Further details are available online at <http://www.sjbwwdbb.catholic.edu.au/>.

SOURCE:
Social media, 7 Oct 2024
SJB Catholic Primary School

Two bridge competitions on same day

Brisbane Water Bridge Club ran two competitions on Wednesday, October 11.

They were Wednesday Beginners Graduation Pairs and Spring Pairs.

North-south results of Beginners Graduation Pairs were:

1 Barbara Goodey, Susan Ashley 37.0 (77.08 per cent), 0.06 green points.

2 Jim Routledge, Byron Yeo 27.0 (56.25), 0.05.

3 Phoebe Tang, Kerry Anderson 20.0 (41.67).

4 Steve Anderson, Jan Abberton 12.0 (25.00).

East-West results were:

1 Donelle Foate, Brian Poon 27.0 (56.25), 0.06.

2 Mark Manion, Bernadette Sandra 26.0 (54.17), 0.05.

3 Jenny Buckley, Jennifer Tebb 25.0 (52.08).

4 Debra Coulson, Christine Hadaway 18.0 (37.50).

North-south results of Spring Pairs competition were:

1 David Snow, Jenny Buckley 205.0 (61.01 per cent), 0.24 red points.

2 Christine Hadaway, Jacqueline Wilson 199.5 (59.38), 0.17.

3 Meg McGregor, Hilary Owen 192.2 (57.19), 0.12.

4 Judy Wulff, David Adams 189.5 (56.40), 0.08.

5 Elaine Hume, Peter Hume 154.0 (45.83).

6 John Drew, Denyse Stephens 147.8 (44.00).

7 Warren Nicol, Edith Marshall 134.2 (39.93).

8 Cheryl Pearse, Jenni Murray 121.8 (36.26).

East-west results were:

1 Kathryn Ivits, Trish Byrnes 203.2 (60.47), 0.24.

2 Donelle Foate, Alfred Loomis 192.0 (57.14), 0.17.

3 Marilyn Reid, Bernadette Sandra 182.8 (54.41), 0.12.

4 Caroline Nichols, Graham Woof 180.2 (53.62), 0.08.

5 Steve Anderson, Kerry Anderson 170.0 (50.60).

6 Carolyn Harper, Susan Ashley 147.8 (44.00).

7 Ros Lunday, Margaret Hockley 136.5 (40.62).

8 Jim Routledge, Colin Lawther 131.5 (39.14).

SOURCE:
Website, 11 Oct 2024
Brisbane Water Bridge Club



Major Pairs final at Umina

Jayden Moody and Brett Jacobson have won the Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club's 2024 Major Pairs Championship.

They defeated Jazza Bates and Robbie Anderson, 20-12, in the final played yesterday, October 13.

The semi-finals played on September 29 saw Paul Trigg and Mark Connell play Jayden Moody and Brett Jacobson, and Jazza Bates and Robbie Andersen play Ron Austin and Wally Pawelko.

Club secretary Mr Peter Springett described the semi-finals as "sensational", despite the cool, drizzly conditions.

In the first semi-final, Paul and Mark got out to an early 5-1 lead, but got stuck on five for six ends.

"Meanwhile Jayden and Jaco picked up four shots on each of the seventh and eighth ends, to go 13-5 up.

"The boys traded one shot on each of the next 10 ends, for Jayden and Jaco to win 21 - 11."

In the other semi-final, the score was 3-3 after three ends, 5-5 after six ends, and 8-7 to Jazza and Robbie after nine ends.

"Jazza and Robbie then picked up a two, one, one and a five, to go to 17-7.

"At the 18th end, Jazza and Robbie were 22-9 up.

"Ron and Wally dug deep and picked up a five on the 19th end to make it 22-15.

"It was game on. Ron and Wally then won the next two ends and brought the final score to 22-16.

"It was sensational to see Robbie play so well, after two years out of the game.

"Jazza was sensational as always."

SOURCE:
Social media, 29 Sep 2024
Peter Springett, UBMB

Foursomes played at Everglades

The Men's Foursomes Championships were played on Saturday, September 28, at Everglades Country Club.

The course was described as "in immaculate condition", repaired after rain damage late in the week.

The 2024 Club Champions were Shay Bennett and Shayden Binder, also winners of the past two individual Club Championships.

They had a five-shot victory over Mark Nomchong and Brett Walters, with John Bowron and Dave Cracknell in third.

The nett went to Mark and Brett, with the runners up prize going to David Grimish and Damien Parker.

B Grade Champions were John Golby and Paul Haime, just pipping Michael Jordan and Julian Park by

a shot, with Matt Anthony and Mal Pendrick third.

Michael and Julian won the nett with and the runners-up prize going to Dennis Stillaway and Gary Lind.

C Grade Championship went to Bob Fraser and Aron Tomkins, ahead of Rob Wilkinson and Grant Ives, and Stuart and Mark Simpson in third.

Bob and Aron topped the nett, with the prize going to Ian Armstrong and Russell Clews with Stuart and Mark Simpson the runners-up.

Prizes were presented by Dick Paull and Stewart Wilson.

SOURCE:
Social media, 4 Oct 2024
Everglades Country Club



WHAT'S ON at ETTALONG BOWLING CLUB

Whether you're dining in the Alfresco Brasserie or Harrys Restaurant or enjoying a freshly-brewed coffee from the Greens Café, there's always something for the whole family at Ettalong Bowling Club.

Weekly events have become popular with the locals: Monday Bingo from 11am, Tuesday - APL Poker from 5.30pm, Wednesday - QuizzaMe Trivia from 6pm, Thursday - Cash Housie from 7.30pm, and not to forget out Club Raffles from Thursday through to Sunday each week. Check out our app or website for more details and inhouse promotions.

Live entertainment every weekend from Friday through to Sunday. Everyone's favourite "They Call Me Bruce" will be performing on Saturday 26th October from 8pm.

The Silly Season is fast approaching so mark your calendars for our upcoming Toy Raffle on Wednesday 27th November and Giant Ham Raffles on Wednesday 4th / 11th / 18th December. Our friendly staff look forward to your visit, so come say G'day and enjoy a coldie at the Bowlo.



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THE BEST-KEPT SECRET ON THE CENTRAL COAST

Sport

Bronze medallion course starts tomorrow

Umina Surf Life Saving Club starts its next Bronze Medallion course tomorrow, October 15.

The eight-week course will be held on Tuesdays and Sundays before Nippers.

Umina life saver must have completed their bronze medallion, which qualifies them to patrol any beach in Australia.

Patrol rosters at Umina are typically four to five hours every three to four weeks in the summer.

The course will teach surf skills,

identifying rips and currents, First Aid, resuscitation (CPR) and using a defibrillator, surf rescue techniques, radio communication, working in a team, and advanced resuscitation and oxygen therapy.

Prerequisites for the course are being a minimum of 15 years of age and being able to swim 400m in less than nine minutes in a pool.

Course fees are \$190 for new member and \$140 for existing general or parent members.

SOURCE:
Social media, 10 Oct 2024
Umina Surf Life Saving Club



Ettalong Eagles take home five flags

Ettalong Eagles have taken out five winners and runners-up pennants in Central Coast Bowls competition.

The Men's Pennant Finals were played at Ettalong Bowling Club yesterday.

"The green was great and the bowls were sensational in beautiful sunny conditions," said Central Coast bowls publicity officer Mr Peter Springett.

Ettalong Eagles defeated

Bateau Bay Stingrays to take out the Division 1 pennant.

Ettalong also won the Division 3 pennant against Ourimbah Magpies 60-58, and were runners-up in Division 4 against Gwandalan Crabs, losing 54-69.

In women's bowls, Ettalong were runners-up in Division 1 and Division 4 pennant finals, played the previous weekend.

SOURCE:
Social media, 13 Oct 2024
Peter Springett Central Coast Bowls



Non-competition soccer presentations

Southern and Ettalong United Football Club has held its non-competition presentations.

The weather was not the best

but the club reported "everyone had a great time anyway".

SOURCE:
Social media, 1 Oct 2024
Southern and Ettalong United Football Club

Charity day raises \$4000 for Guide Dogs

The annual Guide Dogs Charity Day held on Sunday, September 29, at Ettalong Bowling Club has raised about \$4000 for the organisation.

"With around 100 bowlers on the greens, our supporters raised in the order of \$4000 for the Guide Dogs from raffles, auctions, donations and merchandise sales," said organiser Mr Ken Dixon.

"The Spider was won by Phil McWhirter, while Chris Rae, the Keenans and Suzanne Wales won the Lucky Rink.

"We had a visit by one of the Guide Dogs as well as assistance dog Baby Bear.

"It was a fun day all round. We hope to do it again in 2025."

SOURCE:
Media release, 3 Oct 2024
Ken Dixon, Ettalong Bowling Club

Memberships due

The Central Coast Disabled Surfers Association is encouraging membership renewals and new memberships.

Memberships run from October 1 to September 30.

Members are able to attend all 20 branches and their events.

Memberships are taken online or in person on an event day.

Further information is available online at <https://www.disabledsurfers.org/membership>.

SOURCE:
Social media, 1 Oct 2024
Central Coast Disabled Surfers Association

National bronze at indoor bowls

Woy Woy Bay resident Anthony van Lierop has won a bronze medal in the open singles at the National Indoor Bowling Championships held at Tanunda South Australia recently.

His sister Anneka also won a bronze in the women's singles.

Anthony plays at the Central Coast Leagues Indoor Bowling Club at Gosford which recently celebrated its 70th anniversary.

The club which, has several members from the Peninsula, contributed 15 players out of 56 to the NSW team at the nationals.

SOURCE:
Media release, 7 Oct 2024
Frank Wiffen, CCLIBC



Surf life savers complete marathon swim

Ocean Beach surf life savers Richard Grimmond and Mark Davis have completed the Montenegro UltraSwim 33.3, a marathon swimming event.

Starting their preparation in March with a couple of kilometres several times a week, they built up

to larger distances.

The 33.3 kilometre marathon took place over four days with entrants swimming from five kilometres up to 10.6 kilometres a day, often in choppy conditions.

SOURCE:
Social media, 10 Oct 2024
Ocean Beach SLSC

Coaches wanted

Umina Bunnies

The Umina Bunnies rugby league football club is wanting "aspiring and experienced local rugby league coaches".

The club has teams in Mini League under-5 to under-9, in Mod League under-10 to under-12 and in Internationals under-13 to under-17.

It also has girls' under-13, under-15 and under-17 tackle and under-14 and under-16 tag teams.

The club is growing its seniors' teams in under-19, open age, reserve grade, women's tackle and tag.

Seniors Expressions of interest stating experience should be emailed to uminabunniesjrffc@gmail.com by Wednesday, November 1.

All applications are welcome, must have working with children's check.

SOURCE:
Social media, 8 Oct 2024
Umina Bunnies JRLFC

Junior rugby

Woy Woy Rugby Club is seeking junior coaches and managers for the 2025 season.

Anyone interested in a coaching or manager position for teams from under-6 to under-17 is asked to email secretaryjuniors@woywoyrugby.com.au by Thursday, October 31.

SOURCE:
Social media, 10 Oct 2024
Woy Woy Rugby Club