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The craft group at the Umina Beach branch of the Country Women's Association have put together a set of "fidget mats".

The mats will be donated to Peninsula Village for use by residents with dementia.

SOURCE:
Social media, 24 Oct 2024
CWA Umina Beach

Coastal plan includes dune-covered seawall

A kilometre-long dune-covered seawall, or "terminal protective structure", along The Esplanade on Ocean Beach is one of the proposals for the Peninsula being considered for the Hawkesbury Nepean River System Coastal Management Program.

The "rock-armoured revetment" would "stretch from Kourung St boat ramp to Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club".

Other proposals include a foreshore management plan for Phegans Bay.

The program also includes repairs to seawalls at Lance Webb Reserve in Ettalong and at Patonga, and "foreshore stabilisation works" near the Rip Rd Reserve at Booker Bay.

Similarly, foreshore restoration and stabilisation works are proposed for Lara St, Koolewong, which fronts Woy Woy Bay.

"Foreshore restoration and stabilisation works at the Woy Woy waterfront" are also mentioned but the exact location, extent and nature of these works are not described.

A permanent water level gauge is to be installed at "Ettalong Creek", which appears to refer to Ettymalong Creek at the southern end of Umina Beach.

Both the Lara St and Woy Woy waterfront project are subject to "the Brisbane Water Foreshore Prioritisation Tool", No details about how the tool established priorities are given.

The program proposes the development of a number of strategies, frameworks, plans,

studies, reviews and audits.

A coast vegetation and dune management strategy would be developed for Broken Bay beaches.

A Umina-Ocean Beach nourishment framework would also be developed.

A foreshore masterplan and a sand management plan would be developed for Patonga.

A Brisbane Water water quality improvement plan "would aim to enhance and protect the water quality of the estuary".

Reviews would include a review of waste facilities and collection in the coastal zone, and a strategic assessment of surf life saving patrol towers.

The feasibility of a tidal levee in Patonga, running from Meroo Ave to Jacaranda Ave, would be investigated.

A sedimentation study of the Woy Woy Creek outlet into Correa Bay would be carried out.

The program refers in a number of places to other programs and plans, but does not say where they can be found.

For example, the proposed beach maintenance program "integrates with the Beach Maintenance Program from the Open Coast Beaches CMP", but no information is provided about where this can be found.

Another example is a coastal dynamics monitoring program for Broken Bay, which "would work with the Central Coast Council's Environmental Monitoring Program". No details are provided about the council's monitoring program or where they can be found.

The "coastal hazard emergency action sub-plans" for Broken Bay

beaches would be "activated ... as required", but no information about these plans is given.

Tidal inundation around Brisbane Water, including Woy Woy, would be audited.

Stormwater outlets at Umina Beach would be inspected.

Coastal assets and infrastructure would be regularly monitored and effectively maintained.

A number of "estuary wide" actions would appear to apply to the Peninsula.

These include "reviewing and updating Development Control Plans" to manage "stormwater and downstream estuarine water quality", to manage "coastal and estuarine hazard risk" and to promote "eco-friendly features in private seawall applications".

A number of community and school education programs are proposed.

There would be a litter prevention strategy for the Hawkesbury River, riparian rehabilitation and "retrofitting existing public seawalls with eco-friendly features" to encourage estuarine vegetation.

Floating Landcare and Clean4Shore would be supported.

Other projects include a "tide alert" calendar, "citizen science" photography and webcams installed at high usage boat ramps.

Opportunities for environmentally-friendly moorings would be investigated.

The program is open for public comments until November 24.

SOURCE:
Website, 25 Oct 2024
Hawkesbury Nepean River System Coastal Management Program

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Mark Snell, 9 Nov 2023

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Peninsula News is a fortnightly community newspaper for the Woy Woy Peninsula, owned by The Peninsula's Own News Service Inc, a local non-profit incorporated association. Its aims include providing a viable, non-partisan news medium and forum exclusively for the Peninsula and developing a strong sense of community on the Peninsula.

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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.

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

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 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.

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

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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.

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

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Rotary club runs Cup trifecta sweepstakes

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy will be selling Melbourne Cup Trifecta Sweepstakes tickets in Deepwater Plaza from Monday, October 28, through to Tuesday, November 5, or until all tickets are sold.

Proceeds will support community charities and "worthy causes" on the Peninsula, said club president Mr Tom McCann.

Tickets cost one dollar to purchase with three winning tickets each receiving a prize of \$800.

"Each ticket includes three numbers, representing three of the horses running in the race," said Mr McCann.

"The tickets with the numbers of the horses that finish in the first three positions are winning tickets,

regardless of the order of the numbers on the ticket.

"There will be three sets of tickets so there will be three lucky winners."

Mr McCann said Woy Woy Rotary had been running these sweepstakes for more than 40 years.

"They have generated over \$96,000 in prize money returned to winning ticket holders and over \$120,000 donated to worthy causes on the Peninsula.

"Rotary Clubs operate on a purely volunteer basis and use all of the funds raised from the community to support community charities and causes."

SOURCE:
 Media Release, 16 Oct 2024
 Tom McCann, Rotary Club of Woy Woy

CWA fills committee

The Woy Woy branch of the Country Women's Association has filled all committee positions at its annual meeting on Wednesday, October 16.

President is Ms Margaret Ure, with vice-presidents Ms Johanna Reygersberg, Ms Angela Allen and Ms Liz McVean.

Secretaries are Ms Cathy Smith and Ms Nikki Schumacher.

Treasurer is Ms Glyn Francisco and publicity is Ms Jane Bowtell.

Committee positions included ag and environment Ms Reygersberg, cultural Ms Liz Shaw, cookery Ms Susie Roberts, handicraft Ms Smith, and international Ms Schumacher.

Councillors to Group are Ms Shaw and Ms Roberts.

Other committee positions were hall hire Ms Kerry Butler, membership Ms Pam Clifton, and purchasing officer Ms Jeanette Morgan.

Garden gurus are Ms Reygersberg, Ms Allen and Ms Morgan.

The branch welcomed two new members: Ms Maria Lourenco and Ms Annette Stefanioni.

Umina branch cookery officer Ms Celia O'Meara chaired the meeting.

SOURCE:
 Social media, 16 Oct 2024
 CWA Woy Woy Branch

Low rainfall total for October

The Peninsula has recorded one of its lowest rainfall totals for October in 20 years.

The total for the month stood at 33.4mm last Friday, October 25, with little prospect of further rain before the end of the month.

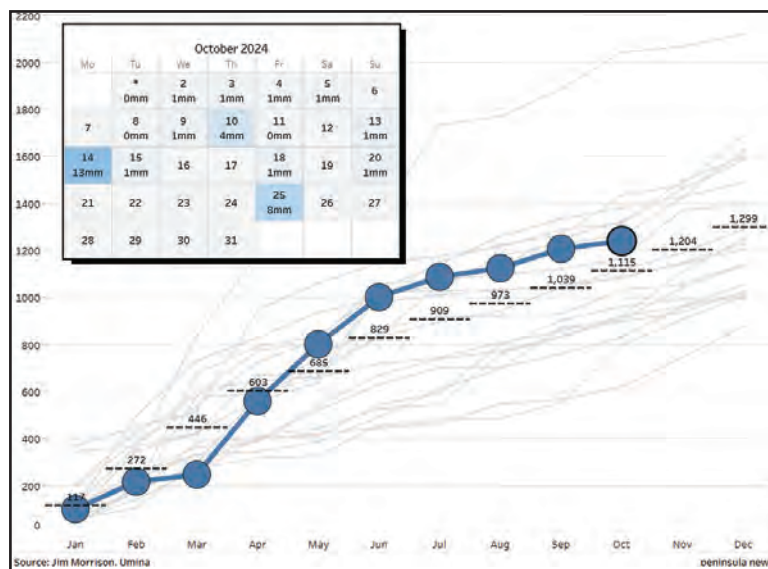
The figure is less than half the October average of 78mm.

The total is the lowest in nine years, with a total of 29.2mm being recorded in October 2015.

Only three years prior to that have recorded less rain in the last 20 years, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

Despite the low rainfall in October, the total for the year remains above average.

To date, 1238.6mm has been recorded for the year, 11.9 per cent more than the average of 1107mm.



Further details, including daily rainfall figures, can be found at <http://penne.ws/rain>.

SOURCE:
 Spreadsheet, 25 Oct 2024
 Jim Morrison, Umina

TIDE TIMES and Heights	Mon, Oct 28	Thu, Oct 31	Sun, Nov 3	Wed, Nov 6	Sat, Nov 9
	0057 0.21	0229 0.19	0401 0.23	0016 0.74	0314 0.73
	0712 0.87	0847 1.07	1020 1.18	0541 0.30	0832 0.37
	1301 0.32	1510 0.24	1714 0.23	1215 1.14	1515 1.08
	1858 0.93	2053 0.93	2249 0.82	1935 0.26	2231 0.23
AT ETTALONG	Tue, Oct 29	Fri, Nov 1	Mon, Nov 4	Thu, Nov 7	Sun, Nov 10
	0129 0.20	0300 0.19	0432 0.25	0109 0.71	0420 0.79
	0746 0.94	0917 1.13	1054 1.18	0626 0.33	0951 0.36
	1347 0.29	1551 0.23	1757 0.24	1307 1.11	1623 1.09
	1938 0.94	2131 0.91	2330 0.78	2033 0.26	2325 0.21
AT ETTALONG	Wed, Oct 30	Sat, Nov 2	Tue, Nov 5	Fri, Nov 8	Mon, Nov 11
	0159 0.20	0330 0.21	0504 0.28	0208 0.70	0521 0.89
	0817 1.01	0948 1.16	1132 1.17	0722 0.35	1108 0.33
	1430 0.26	1631 0.22	1843 0.25	1408 1.09	1728 1.10
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Festival patrons urged to walk or use shuttle bus

Patrons of the Brisbane Water Oyster Festival at Lions Park, Woy Woy, on November 10 are being asked to walk from the Oval Ave carpark in Woy Woy or to use a shuttle bus from Deepwater Plaza, rather than driving to the festival site.

"Plenty of parking is available at Oval Ave Carpark (adjacent to the Woy Woy Oval) and at the commuter parking station (opposite Woy Woy Railway Station) for a beautiful walk along the waterfront to the Oyster Festival."

A shuttle bus will be provided from Deepwater Plaza, as an alternative to stress of trying to find a parking spot at the festival site.

"Park at Deepwater Plaza or

the station carpark and hop on the shuttle bus at Deepwater Plaza to go straight to the Oyster Festival in comfort."

Alternatively, "ride your bike to avoid any traffic".

The Oyster Festival will run from 10am to 4pm.

Entertainment will be provided both live on stage and with the roaming mariachi band.

The festival is expected to have over 100 stalls, including food stalls, chilled wines and cocktails as well as cold ales, and local oyster farmers selling their product.

Stage events will include the regular "How Many Oysters Can You Eat in 30 Seconds" competition.

SOURCE:
Website, 24 Oct 2024
Brisbane Water Oyster Festival



Three birthday parties for 100-year-old

The popularity of 100-year-old Ms Kitty Patterson can be gauged by the three birthday parties thrown for her and a surprise visit from Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch in the last couple of weeks.

The War Widows Association was first with an early celebration her birthday in the ballroom of the Ettalong Diggers Club.

Ms Patterson is a member at Ettalong Diggers and still ballroom dances.

For the second party, "an abundance of staff, volunteers, friends and family" celebrated her 100th birthday on October 15 at Peninsula Village, where she is resident.

Her daughter and son-in-law, presented her with a letter from the King and Legacy presented her with a bunch of flowers.

The celebrations included a birthday cake and "a round of singing".

The Everglades Bowling Club where she is still an active bowler held a celebration on October 22.

Before the celebration, "Kitty was out on the bowling green enjoying a wonderful game of bowls surrounded by all of her friends," club staff reported.

Ms Tesch said she paid Ms Patterson a surprise visit for her 100th birthday.

"My heart is still singing.

"Kitty's personality lit up the room and she shared that she still enjoys playing bingo as well as bowling with her friends.

"Kitty is the perfect example of living life to the fullest, and I am so grateful that I got to meet her.

"Happy birthday, Kitty."

SOURCE:
Social media, 15 Oct 2024
Peninsula Villages



Memorial service at Ettalong

The Vietnam Veterans Peacekeeper and Peacemaker Association of Australia Central Coast Sub-Branch will hold its Remembrance Day service at the Ettalong foreshore memorial at 11am on Monday, November 11.

"The day and the hour are significant as they are the same day and hour when in 1918

hostilities ceased in World War I," said Sub Branch media officer Mr Norm Harris.

"Those who served Australian in World War I established traditions that have continued to this day.

"The public are invited to this ceremony and are urged to support families who in served in World War I by placing a wreath on the memorial."

SOURCE:
Media release, 23 Oct 2024
Norm Harris, VVPPAACC

Peninsula News uses website shortcuts

Peninsula News has started to use website shortcuts for longer website addresses.

The shortcuts will come in the form of <http://penne.ws/rain>.

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Media releases with website addresses are likely to have those addresses replaced with a shortcut as part of the editing process.

Bear in mind that the destination website does not belong to Peninsula News.

The shortcut is just a quick way to get to that website.

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SOURCE:
Mark Snell, 26 Oct 2024

Expired flares program

The Transport for NSW Expired Flares Collection Program will visit Woy Woy on Friday, November 22.

Marine Rescue Central Coast has advised: "Most flares have a use-by date of three years, and they must be replaced before the expiry date.

"Flares contain explosive matter which makes safe and legal disposal difficult.

"The mobile expired flare collection program provides the boating community with an

opportunity to safely dispose of their out-of-date flares.

"The program visits sites across the state during the peak boating season with dates around the Central Coast."

The Woy Woy collection point will be the Lions Park Boat Ramp, in North Burge Rd, Woy Woy, between 3:30pm and 5pm on Friday, November 22.

Further information is available online at <http://penne.ws/GkSAG>.

SOURCE:
Social media, 15 Oct 2024.
Marine Rescue Central Coast

High speed rail

Marine geotechnical investigations are underway in Brisbane Water, according to Marine Rescue Central Coast.

They are part of the Federal Government's investigation into the feasibility of a high-speed rail network between Sydney and Newcastle, the organisation said.

Work was expected to take until the end of October to complete, dependent on weather and water conditions.

SOURCE:
Social media, 16 Oct 2024
Marine Rescue Central Coast

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Council rejects demolition proposal on heritage grounds

An application to demolish a single storey brick commercial building in Woy Woy, known as "Huckleberry Finn's", has been rejected on heritage grounds.

The building, at 24-28 The Boulevard, is also to be recommended to the newly-elected Central Coast Council for heritage listing.

The assessment report stated: "The applicant submits that the proposed demolition of the existing structure occupying the site will allow for the commercial zoned land to be redeveloped in a manner which will contribute to the vibrant and diverse town centre.

"The applicant however has failed to demonstrate how this is envisaged through the submission of concept plans which gives regard to the existing and surrounding heritage buildings and elements within the streetscape so as to complement and build on the heritage theme.

"Therefore, insufficient information has been submitted to demonstrate how the proposed development satisfies the future development vision of the Woy Woy Town Centre, as prescribed by Part 4.2 Peninsula Centres of the Central Coast Development Control Plan 2022."

There were six detailed reasons given for refusal, five of them stating that "insufficient information" had been provided.

These included the "assessment of the structural condition of the building", "the cost of retention and bringing the structure into compliance with the BCA/NCC" and that due consideration had not been given to the "heritage significance" of this building.

The sixth reason for refusal was that "the proposed development is considered unsatisfactory with regards to impacts on the existing and future intended built environment, vision and historical significance and setting of the Woy Woy Town Centre."

There were five submissions objecting to the demolition and three in favour.

One of the objectors stated that it was "a clear case of demolition



by neglect".

The report responded to these objections by quoting the Central Coast Council Heritage Study Review 2020 prepared by David Scobie Architects, May 2021.

"This review included the nomination of 50 individual sites, including 24-28 The Boulevard, and provided a detailed assessment with regards to significance assessment and documentation consistent with the State Heritage Inventory system for selected places with a potential for listing on the Central Coast Local Environmental Plan 2022.

"The subject site is proposed to be listed in Schedule 5 of the CCLEP2022.

"The single storey brick building remains a rare example in the Woy Woy town centre of a traditional commercial building from the inter-war period, with a tall prominent facade in the parapet style designed for efficient retailing with support and storage facilities to the rear, and, despite the vacancy and loss of a verandah, is capable of interpretation and future conservation and adaptive re-use, while contributing to the character of similar buildings in the streetscape and vicinity.

"This shop was an oyster merchants shop known as Alderton's Fish Supply Shop in the late 1920s.

"More recently, it was a fish and chips shop.

"The remaining elements

of the building are capable of interpretation as a prominent elevation for the business from the 1920s including the door and window openings, masonry facade and remnant joinery and tiling details."

The assessment report listed recommended actions including listing as built heritage, preparation of a conservation management strategy and seeking funding for eligible conservation works.

The assessment report also noted: "The property owner has objected to the proposed listing."

It stated: "Council's Heritage Officer has advised that the next steps with regards to the proposed listing, is to make a recommendation to Council on the nominations and proposed listings towards the end of 2024.

"Incoming Councillors will decide on the items and if they shall proceed to public exhibition and gateway via a planning proposal.

"Once the planning proposal is exhibited, Council considers the items Draft Heritage Items.

"The existing structure has been subject of much interest from the community for a long time, and thus the nomination."

An appeal against the refusal of DA/126/2024, submitted by the owner of the property, Bruce Kerr Pty Ltd, is currently in "pre-lodgement" status.

SOURCE:

DA Tracker, 25 Oct 2024
DA/126/2024, Central Coast Council

Oyster festival approved subject to parking conditions

The Brisbane Water Oyster Festival has been approved by Central Coast Council to take place from 10 am to 4pm on Sunday, November 10.

Conditions attached to the consent concern traffic control, safety of the public and times allowed for setting up and packing up.

One condition responds to several submissions from the general public and local residents, about parking which took place last year on the North Burge Rd reserve.

It reads: "Parking is prohibited in North Burge Rd Reserve.

"Prior to the event, Council will install a temporary barrier around the perimeter of the reserve to prevent vehicular access.

"The barrier is to remain in place for the duration of the event.

"It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure the barrier remains in place with appropriate measures.

"It is also the applicant's responsibility to ensure all vendors, staff, volunteers and traffic

controllers are aware no parking is to be provided in this area and to redirect traffic as necessary."

The approval states that the purpose of this condition is "to ensure the protection and vitality of the public reserve".

The Traffic Management Plan which was lodged with the application states: "Pre-event information will strongly recommend taking public transport instead of driving.

"Information will be easily accessible on the event website and social media pages on the different forms of public transport options."

Alternative means of transport suggested are train, ferry and bicycle.

As the festival will be located adjacent to the shared pedestrian and bicycle path that follows Brisbane Waters Waterfront patrons are encouraged to cycle to the event.

SOURCE:

DA Tracker, 25 Oct 2024
DA/1033/2024, Central Coast Council

Residents to make submission on foreshore proposal

The Peninsula Residents' Association will make a submission to Central Coast Council about a proposal for a five-storey two-tower development on the Ettalong foreshore at 43-36 The Esplanade.

The proposal includes 39 units, with 57 car spaces, most of which are underground.

Association committee member Mr Peter Gillis said: "The site is only 19 metres from the eroding beach at the north end of the bay.

"The five storeys will dominate and overshadow the waterfront area" and would have "some major environmental effects".

He said the applicant's own "site investigation" and geotechnical reports, which were described by the authors as "preliminary", stated that there was potentially a problem with "ground settlement below adjoining sites" due to excavation below groundwater level.

"The roadways around the site are completely parked out during daytime and tourist peak periods, and this development would only exacerbate traffic and parking problems

"The two towers will block existing views of residents to the north, and increase the local heat island effect, which already contributes an extra five degrees

of heat in summer months.

"The six commercial units on the ground floor only occupy 12 per cent of the total floor area, and this seems quite minimal."

Central Coast Council agreed to a rezoning of the site from three to five storeys in 2022, despite 95 objections and a 2000-signature petition.

"That rezoning was granted contingent upon no underground parking, due to the detrimental effect it would have on the natural water flow within the sand basin, and the site proximity to the foreshore," Mr Gillis said.

"The developer has now included extensive underground car parking in a basement below sea level.

"While we welcome development of the site and improvements to the area, we consider this proposal would have an adverse effect on the environment and the amenity of the area, and would not be in our community's interest.

"The Ettalong village is already overdeveloped, with 161 units under way within one block of this proposal.

"We are encouraging residents to make a submission on this development prior to the closing exhibition date of November 8."

SOURCE:

Media release, 26 Oct 2024
Peter Gillis, Peninsula Residents' Association

Application for twilight markets at Umina

An application has been made for the continued operation of Umina Beach Markets and for Umina Twilight Markets at the Peninsula Recreational Precinct in Sydney Ave, Umina.

The application prepared by Umbala Event Pty Ltd states: "Umina Beach Markets is an established monthly market with its inaugural event being on December 13, 2015."

The event is held on the third

Sunday of each month from 9am to 2pm and consists of a range of up to 110 general stallholders and food related stallholders.

Umina Twilight Markets will start on November 24 and will be spread out throughout the year at irregular intervals.

Time of operation is from 4pm to 8pm.

It also consists of a combination of up to 55 general stallholders and food stalls.

The application contains proposed dates for both markets

for the next five years.

It claims: "These events assist in supporting over 100 small businesses by providing a space to showcase their product and their business."

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

The closing date has not been disclosed by the council.

SOURCE:

DA Tracker, 25 Oct 2024
DA/1329/2024, Central Coast Council

Songs, poetry and poppies ahead of Remembrance Day

Songs, poetry, poppies, and remembering those who served our country will all be part of a session at Umina Library between 10:30am and 11:30am on Friday, November 8.

The session Remembrance Day with Historian Ms Merril Jackson will present a Remembrance Day talk about the Peninsula's involvement in World War I: Our Boys and War Remembrance.

Ms Jackson was the driving

force behind the Poppy Project on the Central Coast.

She will be joined by a library staff member, who is a classically-trained musician, who will bring music and poetry.

There will also be an opportunity to "get creative with a poppy craft".

Bookings are essential, and may be made at the library or by phone on 4304 7333.

SOURCE:
Website, 25 Oct 2024
Library services, Central Coast Council



Melbourne Cup afternoon tea at Umina

The Umina Beach branch of the Country Women's Association will hold a Melbourne Cup Afternoon Tea at 1pm on Tuesday, November 5,

The branch is promoting the event as "a chance to dress up and have some fun".

It will include lucky door prizes,

raffles, trivia and sweeps.

The BYO event will cost \$20 per person, but bookings are required for catering purposes.

Bookings should be emailed to Ms Lyn La Greca at lynlg57@gmail.com.

SOURCE:
Social media, 16 Oct 2024
CWA Umina Beach

Free dog training session

A free dog training session will be offered on Wednesday, October 30, at Ettalong Oval.

The "come and try" sessions aims to provide insights and practical skills for dog owners, with experienced trainers guiding participants through essential commands.

Organised by Central Coast Council, acting director Mr Matthew Corradin said: "These free sessions are designed to equip owners with the essential skills like loose leash walking and basic obedience and recall, all while being delivered in a positive and engaging format to

raise happy, well-behaved dogs.

"These sessions will provide valuable tools to strengthen your relationship with your furry friend while also offering an opportunity for socialisation with other dogs and their owners.

"We hope these sessions will inspire participants to continue their dog training journeys and become even more responsible pet owners."

Contact the council for further information.

SOURCE:
Media release, 25 Oct 2024
Matthew Corradin, Central Coast Council

Students win competition with plan for Deepwater Plaza residential towers

A proposal to build 10 apartment towers on top of Deepwater Plaza in Woy Woy has won first prize for a group of Woy Woy students in a competition to address the Central Coast's housing shortage.

The students from Woy Woy campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College were competing against students from Central Coast Grammar School, St Philip's Christian College Gosford, St Edward's College, East Gosford and St Joseph's Catholic College East Gosford in the North Challenge.

The Woy Woy team, calling themselves Crafted Foundations, proposed "Deepwater Towers - Bayside", taking advantage of State Government planning provisions under its Transport-Oriented Development Program.

The program allows multi-storey

residential flats in commercial zones within 400 metres of railway stations.

In preparing their entry, the students pitched their idea to Deepwater Plaza centre manager Mr Paul Salvelberg, who helped the team refine their presentation.

The students said the apartments would be for retirees, young professionals and students.

They said retirees made up 28 per cent of the Peninsula's population and often lived in homes by themselves.

"Downsizing locally will free up more housing for families," they said.

The apartments would also be for young professionals and tertiary students, with "Woy Woy offering easy access to Gosford Hospital and Newcastle University".

"Partnerships with NSW Health and Newcastle University will help provide studio apartments for

health professionals and students alike."

The students said they aimed to take advantage of nearby shops and public transport.

"It also means local jobs to support our community."

They produced a 3D-printed model, virtual CAD tours, a website, and marketing brochures.

The judges said they were impressed with the proposal's "strong focus on community and local partnerships".

The North Challenge is run by the Tuggerah-based North Construction and Building company for students "to use their entrepreneurial interests and business minds to develop business cases to address the growing population on the Central Coast and the increasing housing shortage crisis".

SOURCE:
Social media, 24 Oct 2024
BWSC Woy Woy



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Independent - Central Coast Council

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Engaging with our community - our Community Strategic

Engaging with our local community is an important part of being a Councillor. Over the term of this current Council I hope that there will be opportunities to hold a number of "Ward Forums" - to find out what issues are important to local communities and thoughts about key strategies.

One of the key documents that Council is currently working on is the "**Community Strategic Plan**".

A community strategic plan (CSP) is a plan that identifies the main priorities and aspirations for the future of the local government area covering a period of at least 10 years from when the plan is endorsed.

The CSP establishes strategic objectives together with strategies for achieving those objectives.

Following an election of councillors, the **council must review the community strategic plan before 30**

June following the election. The council may endorse the existing plan, or develop or endorse a new community strategic plan to ensure that the area has a community strategic plan covering at least the next 10 years.

The Themes and Focus areas of the existing CSP are listed here. Although, they may seem like general statements, the objectives in the CSP give direction for Council about priorities.

Council staff have commenced some consultation for the next version of the CSP - however, much more needs to be done.

Over the next few months, it is important for you to have your say on this important document!



The last CSP was developed for the period 2018-2028. It had the themes and focus areas:

Themes	Focus Areas
Belonging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our community spirit is our strength Creativity, connection and local identity
Smart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A growing and competitive region A place of opportunity for people
Green	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental resources for the future Cherished and protected natural beauty
Responsible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good governance and great partnerships Delivering essential infrastructure Balanced and sustainable development
Liveable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reliable public transport and connections Out and about in the fresh air Healthy lifestyles for a growing community

Forum

Removalist retires after 40 years

I was asked to give a small insight into my removalist business, as I have now retired and moved on.

The business was started nearly 40 years ago on the Peninsula with one small truck, just doing home deliveries for the Pine Shop at East Gosford (which is now gone).

Customers started to ask for small things to be moved, and so it began.

The older customers would remember the old yellow truck, which was what I started with. I still have it but like me it is also retired.

As the business grew, I needed staff so employed Philip as an offsider to help with the lifting, He started as a young man, now Phil has been with the business for about 28 years.

The business continued to grow, and I needed another truck and driver, so I put Phil through to get his truck licence and employed another offsider, Richard, who has been with the business for 14 years.

We took on all sorts of work



which meant interstate deliveries and removals.

At one stage, we were doing trips at least once a month to Mackay, Noosa and Brisbane, as well as south to Canberra, Melbourne and Wagga.

Covid put an end to a lot of the regular interstate work.

I needed to retire so I stepped out of the public eye and more into the office.

Phil and Richard became the face of Kevin's Removals and a lot of the new customers ask for them by name as they are friendly.

I had been at it for a lot of years, so the offer was put to Phil if he was interested in purchasing the business and keeping it going as it has been for all these years.

So, Phil and his wife Kelly bought the business and are running it as owner operator, as normal.

I hope they do well and serve as many customers as possible over the coming years as I have done in the past.

SOURCE:
Email, 8 Jul 2024
Kevin Ellison, Woy Woy

Scarecrows appear at aged care home

A Woy Woy aged care home currently features an array of scarecrows "in all corners" of its gardens.

Inspired by a recent bus trip to the Yarralong Scarecrow Festival, residents at Blue Wave Living have been designing and making their own scarecrows.

They will run their own competition with entries ranging

from jungle cats to flower pot people.

The nine entries announced so far are The Butlers Twin, Sadie the Cleaning Lady, Mr Bone Jangles, Dolly Parton, Scary Potter, Lady Garfield, My Scare Lady, Madame Putt-a-lot and Brendan - King of Spades.

SOURCE:
Social media, 21 Oct 2024
BlueWave Living



Scary Potter

What is the need for coastal management?

Six councils, 20 state government departments and an unknown number of consultants are given the task of addressing the problems no one has solved to date.

The problem is: How to address the effects of disastrous planning and development and the increasing impact of climate

change on coastlines and river systems.

Statements made in the Hawkesbury Nepean Rivers System Coastal Management Program literature indicate to me that education of all those involved is essential before discussions begin.

For example, in Factsheet 3, it states: "Our catchment's economic wellbeing relies on continued

normal high levels of productivity."

It is the "normal high levels of productivity" that have led to the need for the Coastal Management Program.

Does this case need to be argued over again?

Are my old submissions new again?

SOURCE:
Letter, 24 Oct 2024
Norm Harris, Umina

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Square dance group starts in Woy Woy
A Tuesday night square dance group has started in Woy Woy
The first night was held on Tuesday, October 15, with nine people travelling from Newcastle, two from the Blue Mountains, 14 local dancers and one from Victoria.
"We did some fun mixers and also an old favourite dance Blame it on the Bosanova," said caller Ms Wendy Alexander.
Next dance will be tomorrow, Tuesday, October 29, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the Peninsula Community Centre.
For further information, phone 0429 444 241 or email ccoceanwaves@gmail.com.
SOURCE:
Social media, 15 Oct 2024.
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Karyn Wiffen plays lead role at Little Theatre

Karyn Wiffen plays the lead role of Mary Bennet, in Woy Woy Little Theatre's latest production "Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley" currently being staged at the Peninsula Theatre.

The play is directed by Sarah Lovesy and draws its inspiration from Jane Austin's novel "Pride and Prejudice".

Ms Wiffen said she discovered her passion for acting at the tender age of 10 when she took the stage playing Pontius Pilot in the school Easter play.

Since that moment, she said the world of theatre captured her heart and ignited her creativity.

With a deep love for storytelling and performance, she has embraced every opportunity to delve deeper into the art of acting.

She believes that each role offers a unique chance to connect with audiences and express emotions in new ways.



Now returning to the Little Theatre for her second show, she is bringing her passion and dedication to the stage once again.

"Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley" has a limited season which ends on Sunday, November 10.

Tickets and other information are available at <http://penne.ws/bXNOt>

SOURCE:
Social media, 23 Oct 2024
Woy Woy Little Theatre



The tale behind the novel

Author Ms Gabiann Marin will tell the tale behind her novel The Medusa Situation to be held at Umina Library in November.

She will talk about how she created the modern-day mystery in which Greek goddess Hera is called out of a quiet retirement in

modern-day Sydney to locate the stolen head of Medusa.

The talk will be held at 2:30pm on November 14.

Places may be booked at the library or by phone on 4304 7333.

SOURCE:
Website, 24 Oct 2024
Library Services, Central Coast Council

Auditions for Little Theatre play

Auditions are being held for Woy Woy Little Theatre's first play next year.

The Australian play Killing Katie: Confessions of a Book Club will open on February 21.

Written by Tracey Tinder, and directed by Kelli Ward, five female roles are required for the dark comedy.

Auditions will be held at 7pm on Wednesday, October 30, at the Peninsula Theatre.

More information is available online at <http://penne.ws/ghB9ks>

SOURCE:
Social media, 18 Oct 2024
Woy Woy Little Theatre

Petition raises more than 1000 signatures

A petition of more than 1000 signatures has been raised following the sudden closure of the Peninsula Long Day Care Service at the Peninsula Community Centre.

"Run by Coast Community Connections, our long day care services were terminated with no warning or explanation," said parent Ms Melanie Cook.

"Parents and centre educators were notified of the sudden closure at 4pm on Friday, October 18, through a confusing email about immediate changes to the service, leaving parents in a state of bewilderment, distress, and panic.

"The closure was effective immediately, with parents, children, and staff given no opportunity to prepare, make arrangements, collect valuable medications, or even say proper goodbyes to beloved educators and peers.

"Parents now face an immediate crisis of finding childcare in a region already experiencing a well-documented shortage, with waitlists of up to two years.

Enrolments for 2025 are already closed so this sudden termination has left our kids with no prospects for future childcare.

"Many families, particularly single-parent households, are now at risk of losing their employment and homes due to their inability to work without childcare.

"Families experiencing family violence are at increased risk of harm.

"The stress and hardship this abrupt closure has placed on families are severe and far-reaching.

"This closure was given with only two hours notice to families,

without clear explanation, and without provisions for children and staff.

"The grossly unethical nature of the decision, demonstrates a blatant disregard for the wellbeing of children, families, and educators alike."

The petition calls on the board of Coast Community Connections to provide an explanation.

Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid said: "I'm very concerned to hear about the abrupt closure of the Peninsula Long Day Care operated by Coast Community Connections".

He wrote to Minister for Early Childhood Education Dr Anne Aly on October 21: "this sudden closure with no warning is having an immediate and detrimental impact on working families here on the Central Coast, in a community that was already experiencing a shortage of childcare availability.

"Due to the number of families impacted so significantly, and the need for an immediate response and solution, I would greatly appreciate your time in reviewing this correspondence with urgency."

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch said: "For families to be given a weekend's notice to find alternative arrangements fails to acknowledge the current challenges to access childcare services on the Peninsula.

"I have been in contact with Coast Community Connections today and have reiterated the community's views regarding the sudden closure."

The petition can be found at <http://penne.ws/cjyEp>.

SOURCE:
Social media, 21 Oct 2024
Melanie Cooke, Woy Woy

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Four-fold approach taken to the beaches

The Hawkesbury Nepean River System Coastal Management Program proposes a four-fold approach to maintaining Ocean and Umina Beaches.

The long-term strategy is to construct a dune-covered seawall, described as a “rock-armoured revetment” between Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club and the Kourung St boat ramp.

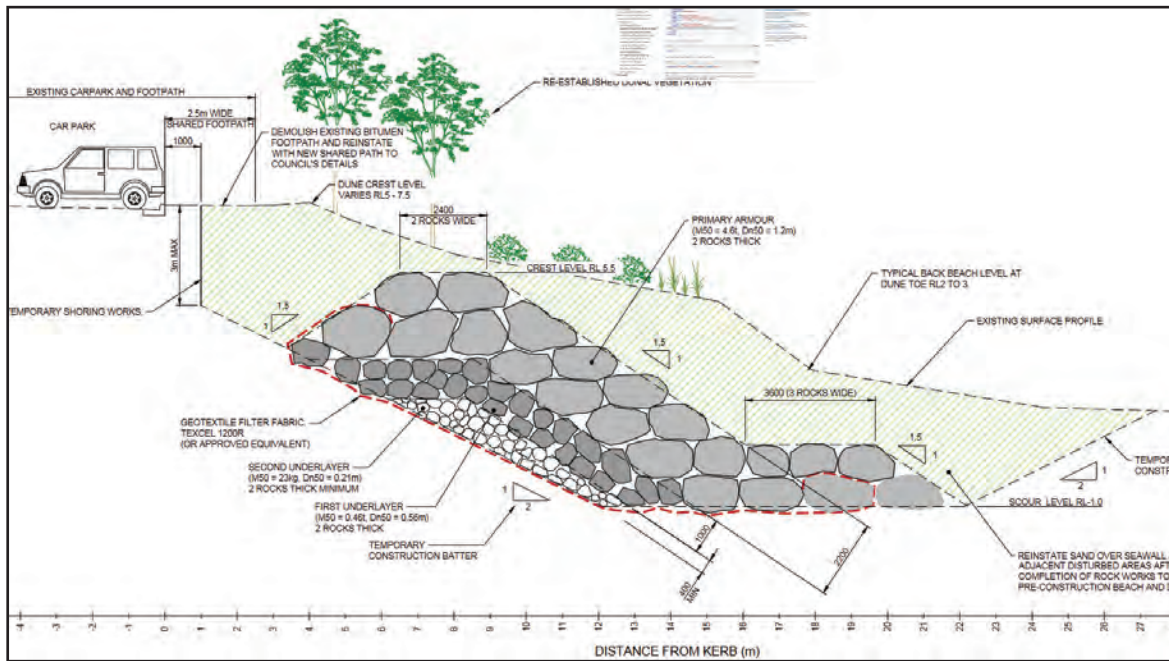
This is supported by a coastal vegetation and dune management strategy for the length of the beach, beach renourishment and a beach maintenance program.

The Umina-Ocean Beach Erosion Management Strategy would be implemented as the long-term plan for managing coastal erosion.

“It includes frequent monitoring of the beach and a trigger-based approach for construction of coastal protection works along 1300 meters of foreshore along The Esplanade.

“The strategy outlines a concept design for coastal protection, which features a rock-armoured revetment stretching from Kourung St boat ramp to Ocean Beach SLSC and a stepped concrete seawall in front of the Ocean Beach SLSC.

“Ongoing work would involve the development of a detailed design (including community engagement for local input and feedback), and future implementation based on erosion triggers.”



According to the strategy completed in 2019, “the trigger for Council to call tenders for the construction of a rock revetment would be unsustainable dune maintenance and management (eg following one calendar year of little progress) in attempts to replenish and stabilise the dune following a severe storm or closely connected series of storms, leading to high and unacceptable risk to coastal infrastructure (eg stormwater outlets, footpaths, carparking areas, road pavements).

“The trigger for Council to commence construction of a rock revetment would be when the existing footpath is threatened by

erosion (ie no dune buffer) for a continuous period of greater than three months.

“Threats to stormwater outlets should be manageable locally without the need to commit to a rock revetment.

“It should be noted that sectional installation of a rock revetment along vulnerable areas of the beach would need to consider potential ‘end effects’ at the extents of the structure.

“This could be mitigated by tying the structure into hard points (eg existing structures or natural features), positioning the end points away from at risk infrastructure or designing landward returns into

areas of the natural dune system with a good sand buffer volume.”

The supporting coastal vegetation and dune management strategy for Broken Bay beaches “would integrate with the Coastal Vegetation and Dune Management Strategy from the Open Coast Beaches CMP”.

“It would involve ongoing dune restoration works across the coastal dune systems.

“The works would focus on improving erosion resilience of the foreshore and improving ecological health.

“Key elements include planting of native dune species, managing priority weeds, dune stabilisation

works (such as sand trap fencing), and tree restoration.

“These efforts enhance coastal protection and eco-system integrity.”

The third element, “the Beach Nourishment Framework for Ocean-Umina Beach would include a beach monitoring program to assess beach volume across those beaches, and the identification of locations where sand placement would be beneficial to mitigate erosion risk.

“This information would be shared with state government agencies to help inform decision making regarding dredging and beach nourishment works.”

The beach maintenance program for Broken Bay beaches “integrates with the Beach Maintenance Program from the Open Coast Beaches CMP”, according to the Hawkesbury Nepean Coastal Management Program.

“It includes several key elements, including ongoing beach scraping after storm events, and auditing and upgrading beach accessways (ensuring compliance with the Disability Access Inclusion Plan).

“This would enhance beach management, safety, accessibility, and environmental protection while streamlining maintenance efforts for efficient, ongoing operations.”

SOURCE:
Website, 25 Oct 2024
Hawkesbury Nepean River System Coastal Management Program

Residents to discuss plan

The Peninsula Residents’ Association will hold a public meeting from 7pm on November 14 to discuss the Hawkesbury Nepean River System Coastal Management Program.

The meeting will go through the coastal management program, which is currently open for public suggestions and feedback.

It will discuss proposed actions for the Peninsula and suggestions for inclusion in the program.

The meeting will cover why it is important to express your view

on plans such as this that may impact people individually or as a community.

It will look at how and when to make a submission.

Entry to the meeting is free, but tickets should be booked online at <http://penne.ws/3Xk9Dy> to ensure adequate seating is available.

Due to the nature of the presentation and discussion, remote conferencing will not be offered on this occasion.

SOURCE:
Media release, 25 Oct 2024
Peninsula Residents’ Association

Further information

The program is open for public comments until November 24.

Information about Central Coast Council’s Broken Bay beaches studies and its Gosford Beaches Coastal Zone Management Plan which covers the area can be found at <http://penne.ws/hKztG>

Information about the “terminal protective structure” seawall can be found at <http://penne.ws/ffg7e>.

SOURCE:
Website, 25 Oct 2024
HNRSCMP

Community group urges residents to submit suggestions

Umina Community Group has urged residents to submit their suggestions on how Umina Beach and Ocean Beach could be better managed.

It has suggested meeting the team writing the beach management plan at sessions around the Peninsula.

The team will be at Patonga Wharf for the Blues across the Bay festival between 9am and 12pm on November 2, at the Brisbane

Water Oyster Festival at Lions Park between 10am and 4pm on November 10 and at the Lakes Festival Gather and Groove at Lions Park from 4pm to 10pm on November 16.

A feedback survey can be completed online at <http://penne.ws/5WjP5r> and suggestions can be submitted online at <http://penne.ws/FYquTy>.

SOURCE:
Social media, 19 Oct 2024
Umina Community Group



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Call for menopause support

A business mentor and digital marketing coach who works from her home in Umina is calling for workplace support for menopause.

“Talking about menopause is crucial,” said Ms Kate Toon, responding to Menopause Awareness Month.

She said that until five years ago, no one spoke openly about it.

“Every woman will go through menopause at some point in their life, but it remains a taboo topic with a lack of resources.

“Knowing where to turn to for support and having open conversations with friends, colleagues and family can make a world of difference.”

Ms Toon described herself as a 50-year-old entrepreneur from Umina, who was navigating menopause while managing a business and caring for her elderly mother – facing the challenges of balancing family and work amid the emotional and physical impacts of menopause.

“Menopause affects everyone in different ways: For me, it affected my confidence and energy, presenting as brain fog in meetings.”

However, Kate said not everything about menopause had been negative, having found creative ways to earn income without needing to be physically



present.

She said Dove’s Menopause Insight study showed only six per cent of women received workplace support, 44 per cent experienced lower self-esteem and 46 per cent reported a drop in self-confidence during menopause.

She recommended a new menopause website with resources for both women and businesses, launched by Menopause Friendly Australia.

“Combining the challenges with work, support for women and businesses going through menopause journeys is definitely something we need to be talking about,” she said.

SOURCE:
Media release, 24 Oct 2024
Sonia Selvakumar, Forward

Sea of pink for breast cancer research

It was a Sea of Pink at the Everglades Country Club on Thursday, October 10.

Blessed with good weather, 96 women dressed in various shades of pink to play in the annual Aces High at the Glades team event.

Followed by lunch, presentation and raffles, it was a day of fun and fundraising for Breast Cancer Research.

Winners were Lisa Swan, Helena Miksevicius, Lyn McMurray and Roslyn Ross.

Runners-up were Susan Bourne, Judy Shanks, Sue Mallie and Denice Dickson.

Third were Paula Kelly, Maureen Morley, Wendy Ridley



and Katherine Hill.

Fourth were Jackie Moore, Raelene Biddolph, Sarah Davies and Gayle Colley.

Fifth were Ann Meyn, Jane

Moffat, Jennifer Simmonds and Jill Fraser.

SOURCE:
Social media, 17 Oct 2024
Everglades Country Club

Donations wanted for ‘escape bags’

Donations of high quality products to assist victims of domestic and family abuse are being sought by the Ettalong Diggers Club.

They will be used in “escape bags” for victims fleeing abuse.

Donations are wanted of shower gel, soap, shampoo and conditioner, face cloth, wet wipes, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, combs, tampons, sanitary pads, hand sanitiser, pocket tissues, notebooks, tissues, pens, positive affirmations, chamomile teabags,

nappies, children’s toothbrushes, dummies and soothers, children’s story books, baby wraps and muslin cloth and teddy bears.

Donations can be placed in the yellow donation bin in the club’s foyer.

In order for victims to feel comfort and worthy in a crisis, we

The donations go to Escabags Australia, an Australian registered charity, which distributes the bags.

SOURCE:
Social media, 22 Oct 2024
Ettalong Diggers



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Education

Halloween disco tomorrow

Umina Beach Public School's parents' and citizens' association will hold a Halloween Disco tomorrow, Tuesday, October 29.

The disco will run from 5pm to 6:15pm for Years K-2 and from 6:30pm to 8pm for Years 3-6.

Tickets will cost \$8, including a snack and a drink, and can be

bought at the gate on the night. "Costumes are a must." Volunteers are needed to help on the night.

Anyone wanting to help should email pandc2257@gmail.com.

SOURCE:
Social media, 22 Oct 2024
Umina Beach Public School
P/C Association.



Year 10 exam preparation 'in full swing'

Preparation for the Year 10 examinations is "in full swing", according to Brisbane Water Secondary College.

"Our core Year 10 courses are starting to receive their assessment notifications this week," said Woy Woy campus principal Ms Rebecca Cooper.

"We're all about setting them up for success with explicit teaching strategies, guiding them through key concepts, exam techniques, and study tips that will give them

the edge they need to succeed. "At our school, we routinely teach structured revision sessions, unpacking past papers and breaking down the syllabus.

"We're all about backward mapping to give our students the tools to smash their exams with confidence."

The school helps students prepare their study plans, with one-on-one tutoring if needed.

SOURCE:
Social media, 22 Oct 2024
BWSC Woy Woy

School has 80 Home Reading Heroes

About 80 Stage 2 students at Woy Woy South Public School have achieved the status of Home Reading Heroes during term three.

Parents are asked to sign off a card for each morning or night that

their child reads at home.

When they reach enough for a prize, the card is sent in so they can get their reward.

At the end of 25 nights, students who have finished their Home Reading Heroes card are allowed

extra play time and go in the draw to win a \$5 canteen voucher.

Cards have now been sent home for the first five weeks of Term 4.

SOURCE:
Social media, 16 Oct 2024
Woy Woy South Public School



Awards to Umina CAPA students

Creative and performing arts students at Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College have been presented with awards.

The awards were made for

demonstrated commitment, dedication and excellence in their subjects of art, dance, drama and music.

Recipients included Serena Husband, Lu Walker, Aliyah Wright,

Mahlie Taylor, Riley Rand-Curtis, Indianna Makila and Josie Smith.

SOURCE:
Social media, 24 Oct 2024
BWSC Umina



Tennis coaching for Woy Woy students

Students from Woy Woy Public School have had tennis coaching at Woy Woy Tennis Club.

"The weather held out for tennis today and everyone had a blast," said principal Ms Sandy Knowles.

She said Woy Woy Tennis Club

allowed the school to use their facilities, while Six Love Tennis Academy provided the coaching.

"We'll have some tennis talent on our hands in a few year's time."

SOURCE:
Social media, 18 Oct 2024
Sandy Knowles, Woy Woy Public School

Award for teacher

Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy campus teacher Ms Stephanie Montgomery has received an Award of Excellence at the Secondary and SSP World Teacher Day Ceremony.

Ms Montgomery's award recognised "her passion for public education and her dedication to putting students at the heart of every decision she makes, ensuring their success".

SOURCE:
Social media, 24 Oct 2024
BWSC Woy Woy



Snow excursion

Students wanting to be part of the Year 9 snow excursion at Brisbane Water Secondary College next year have been asked to submit expressions of interest by Friday, November 15.

Emails with an expression of interest form have been sent home, but paper copies are also available.

SOURCE:
Social media, 25 Oct 2024
BWSC Umina

Mixed foursomes championships



The Everglades Golf Club Mixed Foursomes Championships were held on Sunday, October 13.

Sylvia Saunders and Shayden Binder won the title with a score of 115.

Runners-up were Taylor and Jason Shaw on 123, a shot ahead of Georgie Clune and Troy Walsh.

The Division 1 nett went to Tracey Forde and Ian Cameron with 102.

Trish and Alan Melnik were in second with 105.5 and then Abigail and David Hajakian on 107.5.

The Division 2 Champions were Cathy and Neil Bowman who defeated Rachael Harrington and Wayne Hayward after a two-hole playoff when both had scored 150.

Carol Post and Steven Stratulat were in third on 155.

The nett in this Division went to Jayne and Stanley McDonald with a score of 110.

Fiona and Roy Kimber were next with 113.75 and then Kelly and Bradley Nicholas on 114.25.

SOURCE:
Social media, 16 Oct 2024
Everglades



The Big Bowl raises \$12,500 for Mary Mac's

The Big Bowl for Mary Mac's Place at Ettalong Bowling Club on October 12 has raised \$12,500.

"The \$12,500 raised allows us to continue supporting those in our local community who are homeless, transient or needing a helping hand," said Mary Macs project worker Ms Sally Baker.

"We know there's a lot involved in organising an event like this."

She said she was grateful for everyone who helped out in the lead-up and on the day, and for those who came along to play.

The Big Bowl invited the small business community to register teams for a barefoot bowls

tournament and contribute to a charity auction, raffle, and sideline "hustles" to raise money for Mary Mac's Place.

The competition attracted 20 teams, with first place going to Wiseberry Queens from Wiseberry Berowra, Killarney Vale and Wyoming.

Second were the Roll Models from Quest Accountants.

Third were Hey Jude from Catholic Care in the diocese of Broken Bay.

Most outstanding players were from Quest Accountants.

SOURCE:
Social media, 21 Oct 2024
Mary Mac's Place

Former bridge club president dies

Former Brisbane Water Bridge Club president and life member Mr Noel Crockett has died.

He was also known, with his wife Shirley, as organiser of the annual Christmas lights display in aid of Vision Australia at their home in Booker Bay.

"Noel was a stalwart of the club for nearly 30 years, contributing immensely to its activities and progress during which he has touched everyone at the club as well as at countless other clubs and congresses with his kindness, advice and humour," said president Mr Jim Routledge.

"Noel served the club on many



occasions as president, several times, and committee member taking on a variety of roles as

needed.

"He made major contributions to special activities such as the Christmas party and presentations and our club super congress.

"Over the years he was involved in teaching, supervising and giving talks to new and old members on playing of the game.

"He was also a director taking on various sessions as needed.

"Noel was granted life membership at the 2015 annual general meeting."

His funeral was held last week.

SOURCE:
Website, 25 Oct 2024
Jim Routledge, Brisbane
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Sport

Inducted into Sport Australia hall of fame

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch is a 2024 inductee of the Sport Australia Hall of Fame!

"This is an incredible honour and a reminder of the life I lived before I moved into representing my community in the NSW Parliament," said the multiple Paralympian.

"In all honesty, sport has given me so much more than just sport.

"It's been a way of life, with loads of training, self-discipline, competitiveness, fitness, team-

work, leadership and the happiness that comes with developing deep friendships and achieving goals together.

"Sport has also given me a voice for advocacy and human rights for people with disabilities.

"For so many of our community and beyond, sport is so much more than the sport itself.

"I am beyond honoured to be inducted into the Sport Australia Hall of Fame."

SOURCE:
Social media, 24 Oct 2024
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford



Umina United holds junior presentations

Umina United Soccer Club held its Junior Presentation Night for 12s-16s players on Wednesday, October 16.

The players were congratulated

for "an incredible season", their hard work and their dedication.

The club's WPL and DIV 1 players handed out trophies and joined the juniors for the celebrations.

"It was a fantastic night filled with well-deserved recognition of achievements," organisers said.

SOURCE:
Social media, 17 Oct 2024
Umina United



Volunteers needed for disabled surfers

Central Coast Disabled Surfers Association will hold a "Smiles on Dials" event at Umina Beach on Saturday, December 7, celebrating International Day of People with Disability.

"We need large volunteer numbers to make our surfing experience safe and enjoyable," said organiser Ms Rae Fiechter.

Interested volunteers are asked to register online at <http://penne.ws/ohTZRf> prior to the event so places can be made available for surfers.

"Volunteering at a Smiles on Dials event consists of helping

participants to and from the beach, assisting them in and out of the water and helping set up and clean up," she said.

"Volunteers do not need to know how to surf although water skills are highly valued.

"A water refill station and a rash shirt will be provided for the day, but volunteers are encouraged to bring their own wetsuits.

"A sausage sizzle will complete the festivities.

"Food is provided and smiles are always encouraged.

"Volunteers will also be accepted on the day."

SOURCE:
Media release, 25 Oct 2024
Rae Fiechter, CCDSA

Men wanted in Pearl Beach for bowling club

Pearl Beach Tennis and Bowls Club is wanting for new members of its men's bowling group.

It is "always looking" for new members, and experience is not necessary.

The club will coach new members in bowling techniques, and share members' experiences.

The Tennis and Recreation Club hold social days and bowls members are included.

Pearl Beach Bowlers are invited

to local clubs to participate in Sunday Charity Bowling days.

The club is particularly wanting new players to join its Warrior bowlers on Friday mornings from 9am - 11am.

A "casual morning bowl" will be held on Sunday, November 10, for anyone interested in joining the club to "come along and meet us".

For further information, phone 0477 486 065.

SOURCE:
Social media, 16 Oct 2024
Pearl Beach Tennis and Bowls

Outrigging season starts with medals

Central Coast Outrigging Club has started the racing season with one gold medal, one silver and a second place in the 50s division.

The club sent four crews to the Pacific Dragons Regatta at La Perouse on Sunday, October 13..

The novice crew of Virginia Westerson, Stephen Peruch, Murray Burrows, Cath Cameron Jodi Murphy and Andy Debus as steerer crossed the line first in its division to clinch the gold medal.

The silver medal was won by the long course mixed opens crew of Toni Melino, Aimee Quintal, Andy Debus, Colin Cook, Allan Keith and Yvonne Walters (steerer).

It was the Platinum crew with an average age of 76 who came second in the 50s division.

Coach Lana Hofman said: "Unfortunately a lack of competition from their peers saw them racing in the 50's division."

Nevertheless, the crew of Ally Binfield, Sue Giaquinto, Pam Iliffe, Dave Prescott, Gary Machin and John Iliffe (steerer) achieved a creditable second place".

The club's other crew consisting of Denise McKnight, Belinda Cook, Sandy Hauraki, Veronica Baker, Kerri Ghali and Linda Donini (steerer) was the club's entry in the short course senior womens master.



SOURCE:
Media release, 18 Oct 2024
Rosemary Chapman, CCOCC

Novice is bridge champion

Novice player Daryll Knowles is the Brisbane Water Bridge Club Individual Champion for 2024.

Twenty members entered the event on Tuesday, October 15, where players have a different partner each round.

Novice player Daryll Knowles emerged as winner, with Kathy Ivits and Robin Vaughan tying for second spot.

Daryll has been a club member for only a few months.

He developed an interest in bridge when on a cruise and joined lessons on board from Brisbane Water Bridge Club members George Boettiger and Matt Raj Mal.

Results were:

1 Daryll Knowles 145.00 (60.42 per cent), 0.30 green points.

2 Kathryn Ivits 143.00 (59.58), 0.18. 2 Robin Vaughan 143.00 (59.58), 0.18.

4 Jenny Buckley 142.00 (59.17), 0.10.

5 Peter Hume 133.00 (55.42), 0.08.

6 David Adams 132.00 (55.00), 0.06.

7 Steve Anderson 131.00 (54.58), 0.05.

8 Donelle Foate 130.00 (54.17), 0.04.

9 Elaine Hume 127.00 (52.92), 0.04.

10 John Aldersley 126.00 (52.50), 0.03.

11 Carolyn Harper 125.00 (52.08).

12 Felicity Fane 113.00 (47.08).

13 Jorgen Boettiger 110.00 (45.83).

14 Alma Van Der Walt 108.00 (45.00).

15 Christine Hadaway 107.00 (44.58).

16 Helen White 105.00 (43.75).

16 Graham Woof 105.00 (43.75).

18 Edith Marshall 39.17.
19 Marilyn Jarrett 92.00 (38.33).
20 Gai Mylne 89.00 (37.08).

SOURCE:
Website, 15 Oct 2024
Brisbane Water Bridge Club

New recruit

Gosford City Bowling Club president Mr Brandon Willmette has stepped down to take a position at the Ettalong Bowling Club.

He said the position "gives me employment and at the same time the chance to forge a career in the sport that I love".

"I will be transferring to play bowls for Ettalong after I complete my current bowling commitments with Gosford."

Mr Willmette said he had been a part of the Gosford club for the past eight years, starting at age 13.

"Serving as president for the last 2.5 years, I have grown and learned so much."

He said the club had been a second family, filled with friendships, memories and countless moments of excitement.

SOURCE:
Social media, 21 Oct 2024
Gosford City Bowling Club