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From outrigger to clean-up barge

Central Coast Outrigger Canoe Club joined Clean4Shore at Patonga for a clean-up of the foreshores in the area on February 16.

Larger items collected included a golf bag, a milk crate, marine plywood, oyster baskets, a car tyre, pallets, a child's car seat and treated pine.

"Small pieces of polystyrene dominated the five bags of small litter collected on a windy morning," said Clean4Shore co-ordinator Mr Graham "Jono" Johnston.

"It was pleasing that larger flood and storm debris was not present along the rocky foreshores towards Patonga Headland and across the river at Flint and Steel, Hallots, Hungry and Little Pittwater beaches.

"Broken Bay Sport and Rec

Centre had more small pieces of polystyrene among the old flood timber debris plus a large piece of plastic rainwater tank."

Mr Johnston said the wind and swell made getting in and out of the barge challenging for the volunteers.

"Yet as experienced ocean paddlers, they thrived on the challenge."

Canoe club member Ms Sandi Jeney said: "It is such an awesome experience.

"It makes one feel so good to be doing something so necessary to keep our waterways beautiful."

A load of 180 kilograms of rubbish was dropped off at Woy Woy Tip.

SOURCE:

Social media, 16 Feb 2025
Graham Johnston, Clean4shore

Leisure centre finances may be reviewed

The Peninsula Leisure Centre will be reviewed for operational efficiency if a motion by Cr Jared Wright is adopted at the council meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, February 25.

He will ask that a councillor briefing session be held within three months to "analyse all of Council's income generating assets including Lake Haven Cinema, Peninsula Leisure Centre, Gosford Swimming Pool and Central Coast Stadium".

The briefing session would cover financial performance over 10 years, a cost analysis and viability assessment, community and strategic benefits, relationships with external stakeholders to help run the asset, and any recent undertakings to improve asset performance and draw in additional revenue.

"Ratepayers deserve transparency regarding the use of

their funds and assurance that the Council operates effectively with a solid financial foundation," said Cr Wright.

"A comprehensive review of income generating assets will highlight opportunities for revenue growth and evaluate the feasibility and practicality of retaining these assets and enable well informed decision making going forward.

"Each of these assets presents various opportunities and challenges from a cost-benefit perspective.

"As the Council transitions out of administration, it is crucial to continue evaluating these assets' operational efficiency to secure a robust financial future.

"It remains in the Council's interest to further enhance its financial position to support infrastructure growth, key projects, and ongoing operations."

In a response provided in the meeting agenda, chief executive Mr David Farmer suggested

that two briefings sessions be scheduled.

"It is suggested that the first session provide a high-level overview of the financial performance of these assets over a period, the main drivers of this performance, and the investment in these assets over the same period.

"In this session the various management models, partnerships and any relevant governance aspects will also be covered.

"The Council may wish to identify specific details it wants to obtain, including the high-level aspects of viability, including any scenarios that Council may wish to explore.

"The second session would be focused on delving deeper into the drivers of performance, community and strategic benefits, and the outcome of the scenarios identified during the first session."

SOURCE:

Central Coast Council
agenda 3.3, 25 Feb 2025

Car boot sale postponed until April

Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club has announced that its regular car boot sale at Rogers Park has been postponed until the last Sunday in April.

The club cancelled its car boot sale scheduled for last Sunday after Central Coast Council told the club that the carpark would not be available and failed to make an alternative venue available.

Club spokesman Mr Ian Taylor

said the club was hoping an alternative venue could still be arranged but could not promise this would occur.

SOURCE:

Social media, 20 Feb 2025
Dee Taylor, Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club

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Mark Snell, 9 Nov 2023

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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.

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.

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

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Christmas lights to continue to raise funds

Booker Bay resident Ms Shirley Crockett is already planning to run a Christmas lights display at the end of this year.

The annual display held at her home in Booker Bay Rd raises money for Vision Australia.

She said the display this December raised \$3260.40 for the organisation.

Ms Crockett said she accepted donations from people visiting the garden.

They made "generous contributions" and showed respect and kindness during their visits, she said.

Ms Crockett held the display

with the help of family and friends, despite the death of her husband Noel in October.

"Noel wanted the lights to continue for the community especially the children that come along, some now adults bringing their own children.

"Noel built all the houses and characters in the Christmas display and I painted them all.

"We made a good team."
 Ms Crockett said they had held a Christmas lights display for 25 years.

"We have been raising money for Vision Australia since 2015."

SOURCE:
 Media release, 10 Feb 2024
 Shirley Crockett, Booker Bay



Trees removed in Railway St

Railway contractors have removed two mature trees adjacent to the railway line in Railway St, Woy Woy.

Workers told residents the trees had an infestation at the top and they could not be risked toppling onto the tracks.

Central Coast Council told residents the trees were in the rail corridor and therefore managed by Transport for NSW.

SOURCE:
 Photo: Jo Freeman.

Successful campaign against PEP 11 celebrated

The Save Our Coast group will celebrate the success of its seven-year community campaign to stop oil and gas drilling off the Central Coast at 5:30pm on Saturday, March 1.

The celebration will be held at the Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club "overlooking the beautiful Umina Beach, where thousands of us held hands to Stop PEP 11".

The two-hour event will "celebrate the power of community" and memories of the "historic success".

Entry will be free and snacks will be provided.

Drinks will be available to purchases from the bar.

For further information, email info@saveourcoast.org.au.

SOURCE:
 Social media, 18 Feb 2025
 Peninsula Environment Group, Woy Woy

Below average rainfall for February

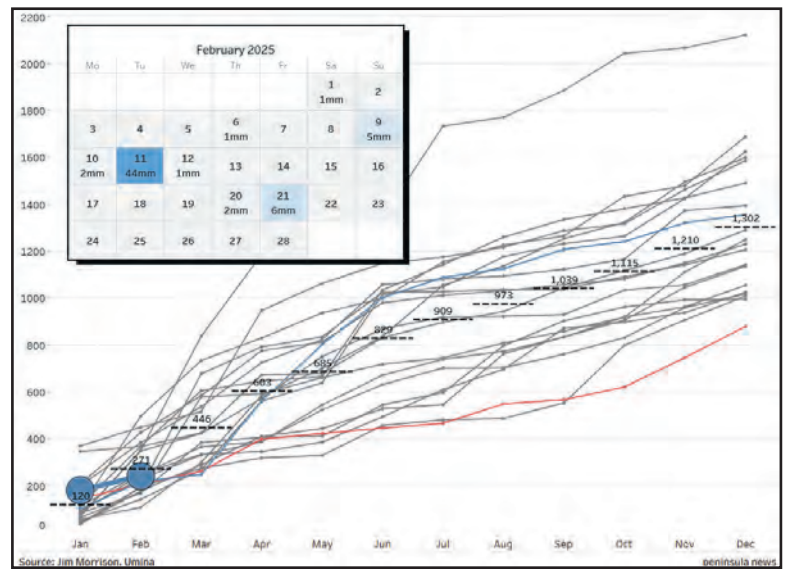
The Peninsula has received only 40 per cent of its average February rainfall by last Friday morning, February 21.

The total rainfall for February stood at 60.9mm, compared to the month's 20-year average of 155mm, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

The majority of this, 43.6mm, was recorded on just one day, Tuesday, February 11.

While the January total was almost 50 per cent more than average, the cumulative total for the year was 239.1mm, 13.1 per cent less than the average at the end of February of 275mm.

While January had 20 days with rain, February has had only eight days so far.



More details, including daily rainfall figures, are available online via <http://penne.ws/Rain>

SOURCE:
 Spreadsheet, 21 Feb 2025
 Jim Morrison, Umina

TIDE TIMES and Heights	Mon, Feb 24	Thu, Feb 27	Sun, Mar 2	Wed, Mar 5	Sat, Mar 8
	0634 1.02	0237 0.12	0513 0.07	0122 1.11	0440 1.07
	1351 0.19	0901 1.24	1115 1.16	0808 0.19	1207 0.19
	1925 0.65	1558 0.07	1752 0.07	1348 0.80	1756 0.66
		2134 0.88	2344 1.07	1952 0.20	2311 0.30
AT ETTALONG	Tue, Feb 25	Fri, Feb 28	Mon, Mar 3	Thu, Mar 6	Sun, Mar 9
	0048 0.23	0329 0.09	0606 0.10	0219 1.10	0551 1.07
	0727 1.11	0945 1.26	1201 1.05	0925 0.22	1311 0.16
	1436 0.15	1637 0.06	1830 0.10	1458 0.70	1901 0.71
	2011 0.72	2215 0.96		2046 0.25	
AT ETTALONG	Wed, Feb 26	Sat, Mar 1	Tue, Mar 4	Fri, Mar 7	Mon, Mar 10
	0145 0.18	0420 0.07	0030 1.10	0326 1.08	0024 0.27
	0815 1.19	1030 1.23	0704 0.14	1049 0.22	0654 1.08
	1518 0.11	1715 0.05	1251 0.93	1627 0.65	1402 0.14
	2053 0.80	2259 1.02	1909 0.15	2153 0.29	1952 0.76

Affordable housing delay due to 'unowned' land

An affordable housing development at 18 Macleay Ave, Woy Woy, may be delayed by up to a year after the discovery that part of the land is unowned.

While implementing an agreement to close public pathways along the side boundaries to consolidate them with the land to be developed by Pacific Link Housing, council staff have found "part of the land has no nominal owner", according to a report to Central Coast Council.

A report in a July 2021 council agenda stated that the land at 18 Macleay Ave was owned by the NSW Land and Housing Corporation until 2019, when it was sold to the owner from which Pacific Link Housing bought it.

A report in a October 2022 council agenda states: "The land was zoned RE1 Public Recreation under the Gosford Local Environmental Plan, even though the land is in private ownership."

That report claimed council staff could not determine "why this privately-owned land was zoned RE1 Public Recreation".

No council report since the original rezoning proposal has explained how and why the land was originally zoned for recreation, nor the process by which it came into private ownership, or why the public pathways were created.

The report in tomorrow's Council agenda states: "Historical omissions from State Land Register have been identified after further due diligence (in essence, part of land has no nominal owner).

"Rectification will be coordinated by agents for the owner of the adjoining land.

"This is an inherently lengthy process involving multiple State agencies and Council business units.

"Accordingly full completion must be substantially delayed.

"In the meantime, partial implementation of the agreement will be progressed to achieve an optimal planning outcome."

The target completion date for the project has been delayed by a year to March 31 next year.

SOURCE:
Central Coast Council
agenda 2.20, 25 Feb 2025



Fire service issues battery warning

Fire and Rescue NSW has issued a warning about the use of lithium-ion batteries after a house fire at Umina last week.

Three fire trucks and 12 firefighters were called to the home on Gwendolen Ave shortly after 4:30am on Monday, February 17.

The fire left a man seriously injured with burns and two others suffering from smoke inhalation.

FRNSW Superintendent Adam Dewberry said this was an example of how dangerous lithium-ion batteries can be if not used correctly.

"Lithium-ion batteries are a great convenience but if not treated with respect, particularly with e-bikes and e-scooters, they can be extremely dangerous," he said.

"They can ignite with explosive

force, issuing toxic gas, and causing intense fires that spread rapidly.

"If a fire involving a lithium-ion battery occurs, it literally becomes an explosive device."

Supt Dewberry advised residents never to sleep or leave home with lithium-battery-powered devices charging

"Don't leave them constantly on charge," he said.

On arrival at the fire, crews found smoke issuing from the townhouse and quickly got to work to extinguish the blaze.

The fire was contained within 30 minutes and firefighters conducted a search and rescue operation to ensure no other occupants were in the property.

Fire crews provided emergency medical treatment to three people until NSW Ambulance arrived.

The man suffering burns was

airlifted to Royal North Shore Hospital while the two other people were transported by road.

Investigators believe that lithium-ion batteries exploded, which ignited the blaze.

The batteries were submerged in water to prevent reignition.

The blaze was the second for the Umina 340 station crew for the night.

At about 11.20pm the previous night, crews were called to Bowden Rd at Woy Woy to a fire in a residential complex.

One unit was well alight with multiple explosions reported.

Crews quickly gained control, however the unit was completely destroyed.

All residents had evacuated with no reported injuries.

SOURCE:
Website, 17 Feb 2025
FRNSW



Busy Creative Tuesdays at Umina CWA

The Umina Beach branch of the Country Women's Association is finding its Creative Tuesdays are "very busy".

Held at the Umina CWA hall at 9.30am, branch members last week were making capes for

Capes4Kids and Cuddle Hearts for Mater Mothers for premature babies and their parents, as well as bangles at the jewellery station.

The branch has a general get together on Wednesday at 9.30.

SOURCE:
Social media, 18 Feb 2025
CWA Umina Beach

Residents told to vaccinate pet rabbits

Owners of pet rabbits on the Peninsula have been advised to vaccinate them prior to a rabbit control program to be held in the area on March 3.

The wild rabbit control program will be in Umina, as well as five other locations on the Central Coast and other areas in the Greater Sydney area.

Led by Greater Sydney Local Land Services, Central Coast Council issued a media release

stating that it would be participating in the program to release the rabbit haemorrhagic disease virus (RHDV1-K5) — also known as calicivirus.

"Wild rabbits are Australia's most destructive agricultural pest, causing severe competition for resources and land degradation," said Central Coast Council chief executive Mr David Farmer.

"Council strongly advises pet rabbit owners to vaccinate their rabbits by 1 March 2025.

"Pet rabbit owners should also take extra precautions, including maintaining good hygiene, providing mosquito-proof housing and preventing contact with other rabbits."

Further information is available from Greater Sydney Local Land Services by phone on (02) 4724 2100.

SOURCE:
Media release, 19 Feb 2025
Central Coast Council

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Tree canopy limit could be 15 per cent

The construction of a new dwelling at 40 Patonga Dr, Patonga, would see 15 native trees felled and tree canopy cover limited to 15 per cent, if fire report recommendations are followed.

The development application lodged with Central Coast Council is for a three-bedroom dwelling with an attached garage in "a designated bushfire-prone area" and includes the demolition of an existing structure.

The block has an area of 487.5 square metres, is zoned R2 Low Density Residential and slopes steeply down from the road towards the rear.

The application, prepared by Barker Ryan Stewart, states that the driveway has been designed with an elevated portion to "ensure practical vehicle access", given the slope of the site.

The proposed front setback is 0.5 metres, which does not comply with the required 4.5m front setback of the planning provisions.

The application claims that this variation is supportable because the design is consistent with other residential developments in the area, where garages or parking areas are in close proximity to the road due to the slope.

Otherwise, the application



states that the proposal is generally compliant with relevant State and Central planning provisions.

A flora and fauna report, prepared by Mcivor Environmental, determined that the proposal was unlikely to result in significant impacts on any threatened species, populations, or communities.

It did not identify any threatened flora or fauna species, or migratory birds, within the study area.

An arborist report, prepared by Naturally Trees, stated that the proposed development would result in the removal of 15 native trees.

Nine native trees are to be retained on the site.

A bushfire assessment report, produced by Clarke Dowdle and Associates, recommends that the

proposed dwelling be constructed to "bushfire attack level - flame zone" requirements "and requires referral to the Rural Fire Service.

The report recommends that "the entire site be managed as an Inner Protection Area", one of the requirements being that tree canopy is to be no more than 15 per cent at maturity.

It also recommends shrubs account for no more than 10 per cent of site cover and grass be kept mown on the remaining 38 per cent of the site not covered by the building.

The application is currently on public exhibition but the Council website gives no closing date for submissions.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 22 Feb 2025
DA/157/2025, Central Coast Council

McWaide calls for exemption for events on council land

West Ward Councillor Trent McWaide will move for a "simplified development approval pathway for events" at the council meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, February 25.

He will ask the council to prepare an event strategy "which would exempt temporary events on Council land from the requirement for development consent".

"Similar provisions were previously included in the Gosford Local Environmental Plan but removed from the Central Coast Local Environment Plan upon its

adoption.

"Such events would be controlled under the existing requirement for operators to gain approval for use of Council land under the provisions of the Local Government Act."

Cr McWaide said events were important to the region "in both economic and social terms".

His motion will ask for an event strategy to be drafted "for the purpose of increasing events for the Central Coast and establishing a range of actions to work towards that purpose".

SOURCE:
Central Coast Council
agenda 3.4, 25 Feb 2025

Four certificates issued for complying dual occupancies

Complying development certificates have been around for a while on the Peninsula, but until now they have been for single dwellings.

In the last few weeks four dual occupancy certificates have been "completed", which means they were issued.

There are two in Umina, at 25 Donald Ave and 28 Osborne Ave, and two in Ettalong, at 139 Broken Bay Rd and 104 Barrenjoey Rd.

Neighbours may have been

notified by a generous owner in advance.

Otherwise, under the planning rules, neighbours are entitled to just two days' notice before construction commences.

Even then plans are not available.

Neighbours certainly won't have any formal opportunity to raise concerns.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 23 Feb 2025
Central Coast Council

Two-storey house would lose 19 trees

An application has been lodged for a five-bedroom two-storey house at 42 Beryl Boulevard, Pearl Beach, which would see the removal of 19 trees.

The 676.6 square metre R2 low density residential zone site is vacant and is located within a coastal environment area, also mapped as bushfire-prone land.

It previously contained a dwelling that has since been demolished.

The house will have living areas on both levels, and an attached double garage.

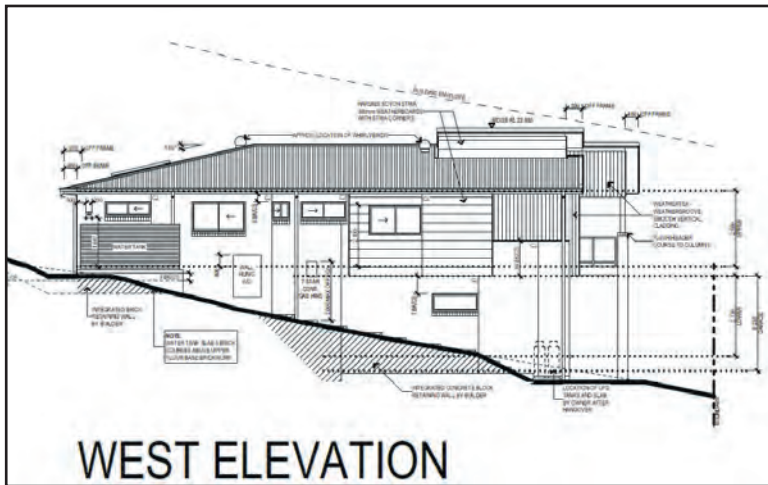
The application claims the proposed architectural styling complements the character displayed by development throughout the locality.

The application admits the house is not compliant with front setback requirements.

It acknowledges a front balcony, supported by substantial columns, has just 2.93 metres setback, but claims this is an "articulated element" that is in front of the building line from which the setup should be measured.

The application claims the setback of the "main building line" is 4.93 metres, while the planning provisions require a setback of greater than six metres.

The application also admits an "articulated element" should be



less than 25 per cent the width of the site and less than 1.5 metres deep.

The balcony is 5.895 metres wide or 38.7 per cent of the site width, and two metres deep.

Columns supporting the balcony and a roof

The application states the rear deck displays is being counted as private open space, but is an area of 14.37 square metres, less than the prescribed standard of 24 square metres.

According to an arborist report, a total of 19 trees will need to be removed.

Five trees are located within the footprint of the proposed development.

Nine trees will encroach upon it. Another five trees have no

encroachment but are proposed for removal as part of the development application.

There are 11 trees to be retained.

A fire report states that the site is within a bushfire risk zone and that "the proposed works are subject to BAL 29 and therefore requires referral to the Rural Fire Service".

Masonry retaining walls are proposed with side setbacks greater than one metre.

An estimated 191 cubic metres of excavation material will be removed from the site.

The application is currently on exhibition but the closing date for submissions has not been disclosed on the council website.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 22 Feb 2025
DA/189/2025, Central Coast Council



Proposal to convert restaurant into dwelling

The conversion of a restaurant into a dwelling house has been proposed for 1/471 Ocean Beach Rd, Umina.

The application states the building was originally a corner shop, colloquially known in the 1980s as The Halfway Shop, halfway between the beach and the town centre.

The proposal involves converting the single-storey rendered brick and weatherboard restaurant into a residential dwelling and demolishing a detached garage-shed to construct a new garage and covered rear deck.

The external appearance of the building would remain substantially the same, with only minimal changes, the application states.

A large covered deck will replace a service area at the rear, the building will be re-clad and the windows replaced to complement

the streetscape while maintaining its original "corner-shop" character.

The dwelling house would include four bedrooms, and open kitchen, living and dining areas.

The application states that retaining the existing building is in the public interest, because it preserves the heritage aspect of the corner site, which has housed a shop for about 50 years.

The alternative, it is claimed, could be a two-storey development with a greater floor area, resulting in an inferior outcome for neighbouring sites and the streetscape.

The application claims that the proposal would not remove landscaping from the lot and the site includes street trees.

The application is currently on public exhibition and is open for written submissions until March 14.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 23 Feb 2025
DA/147/2025, Central Coast Council

Neal calls for councillor motion limit to be removed

West Ward Councillor Belinda Neal will seek to remove the limit on the number of motions a councillor can make at a council meeting.

The Central Coast West Ward covers the Peninsula.

Cr Neal will ask the council meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, February 25, to amend the council's code of meeting practice to remove the restriction limiting councillors to one notice of motion at each council meeting.

She will move that the code allow councillors to submit multiple motions per meeting "provided they comply with the established rules and procedures, including deadlines and content requirements".

She will move that "meeting agendas continue to be managed effectively to maintain meeting efficiency and ensure that all councillors' motions are given adequate time for discussion".

However, in a response included in the agenda, chief executive officer Mr David Farmer has opposed the move.

"In high performing councils, the use of Notices of Motion to allocate resources to activities is minimised through effective forward planning and prioritisation.

"In addition to the community, councillors have been active in guiding the development of the draft Community Strategic Plan, Delivery Program and Operational Plan which is the appropriate mechanism to reprioritise particular activities and services."

Mr Farmer said: "A limit on the number of Notices of Motion places strategic planning into focus and also enables suitable allocation of time to respond to a small number of otherwise unavoidable motions."

He said the Local Government Act required the councillors to "focus on strategy, policy and financial sustainability".

He said it stated: "Councils should plan strategically, using the integrated planning and reporting framework, for the provision of effective and efficient services and regulation to meet the diverse needs of the local community."

Mr Farmer said: "Council substantially undertakes this role through the "integrated planning and reporting" suite of documents.

"These set the long, medium and short term focus of Council.

"These plans are supported by the resourcing strategy which allocates assets, staff and budget to specific work programs.

"The most efficient way to allocate funds or resources to a particular activity is through the Operational Plan and budget.

"Almost all Notices of Motion result in resource reallocation if not additional allocation.

"For this reason, it is important that Council has the opportunity to consider the implications of any Notice of Motion.

"To enable that information to be gathered for inclusion in the business paper, sufficient time must be allocated."

SOURCE:
Central Coast Council agenda item 3.5, 25 Feb 2024

Creek regeneration needed, says ACF group

The Central Coast branch of the Australian Conservation Foundation has called on Central Coast Council to increase funding for bush regeneration of riparian zones from Correa Bay to Mt Ettalong.

It has also asked the council to consider buyback of flood-prone property.

The call follows the release last week of a report by the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute entitled Integrating Housing Policy, Settlement Planning and Disaster Management.

The report has found that governments need to map land due for retreat and develop a database of land suitable for resettlement, according to the ACF group convenor Mr Mark Ellis.

He said the council's most recent flood report suggested education around the issue of flooding but ignored the indicators affecting the Kahibah Creek and Iuka Lagoon.

"Property buyback was not



mentioned even though the area is surrounded by high-risk residential property exposed to rising sea levels and storm surges," he said.

"With recent flash flooding on the Peninsula, the question is: What are the council and State Government doing to adapt the surrounding residential areas to the issue of flooding from extreme weather and to address the riparian zones of the Peninsula, which are either choked by weed growth or suffering eroding the banks."

Mr Ellis said bush regeneration was needed in these areas, which

include Kahibah Creek and its tributaries, to better prepare for increased rainfall and floods due to climate change.

He said that one of the authors RMIT University researcher Dr Annette Kroen recently stated that many long-term residents were unaware of future risks.

"Instead, they assess risk based on previous experience not the increasing risk from climate change impacts."

SOURCE:
Media release, 21 Feb 2025
Mark Ellis, CCAF

Gardens wanted for edible garden trail

The Central Coast Edible Garden Trail is seeking interest from Peninsula gardeners who would like to be part of this year's Trail.

The event will be held on the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, May 3 and 4.

"Our theme this year is permaculture," said organiser Ms Anna Trigg.

Ms Trigg said she would love

to hear from people who practise permaculture in their garden and are keen to showcase some of their systems.

"It might be a food forest, an animal system or two, water management through swales, rain gardens or ponds, or habitats for wildlife.

"You could be building healthy soil through compost, worm farms, deep litter, chop and drop and green

manure crops, building gardens for biodiversity, huegelkultur or no dig garden beds.

"The funds raised through ticket sales are redistributed to our local community."

For information, email info@centralcoastediblegardentrail.org.au.

SOURCE:
Media release, 21 Feb 2025
Anna Trigg, Central Coast Edible Garden Trail

WHAT'S ON at ETTALONG BOWLING CLUB

Easter is fast approaching so don't miss your chance to win some Easter egg baskets and some character eggs for the little ones. Our annual GIANT EASTER EGG raffle will be held on Wednesday 16th April. Tickets on sale from 12pm - drawn at 6.15pm. Enjoy our weekly QuizzaMe Trivia after the raffle commencing at 7pm. A family fun night out to test your knowledge with lots of prizes to be won. Free to play, register your team by 6.30pm.

Live entertainment every weekend from Friday through to Sunday. OLD SKOOL BAND will be performing on Saturday 1st March in the club auditorium from 8pm with songs from the 70's, 80's and 90's.

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Forum

Nobody will be happy with Ettalong changes

Norm Harris asks ("What is a community?", PN 612) whether high-rise development at Ettalong would add to the Peninsula's social character, and the answer is that, of course, it would.

The Peninsula has always been changing, ever since the first unmade roads allowed holiday shacks to be built in proximity to the beach.

No doubt, those owners thought that the place was just as it should be and that its character should not be changed.

However, there was nothing finished or perfect about the Peninsula then and there is nothing immutable about the Peninsula today.

It is adapting to new desires and new people, just as any community has to, if it doesn't want to just curl up and die.

We need to add to the Peninsula's social character, and part of this change will be to provide for the kind of households that want to live in high-rise buildings.

We have already seen many transitions in the numbers and types of households who live on the Peninsula and in the kinds of accommodation they want.

Now, we have to accept the fact that there will be new people with new wishes in the future, and that they have just as much right to be here and to be properly housed as do the oldest inhabitants.

The important thing is that whatever changes are needed be

introduced in a way that preserves the best of the existing community and enhances the variety of the urban landscape for old and new.

Unfortunately, it is easy to predict, just from looking at the shambles being created in Ettalong now, that the opposite will happen.

The pathetic inadequacy of the development controls adopted by the Council is only matched by the desperate lack of imagination among developers whose only interest is the maximum profit that can be wrung from a property.

While the Council was in administration, there was much talk about the need for new thinking about our development goals, but, when the community was given the option, it elected the same old tired hacks who drove the Council into administration in the first place.

We now seem to have a Council hell-bent on development at any cost and with minimum participation by ratepayers in any of the decision-making process.

So, the obvious answer to Norm Harris's question is that Ettalong will be changed and it will be changed in the clumsiest possible way, so that nobody is happy with the results, except the speculators who have made a good thing out of a complaisant Council and an electorate that is, apparently, quite happy that this is as it should be.

It is puzzling that Central Coast residents seem so satisfied to live in a sub-optimal environment, when there was the opportunity for it to be so much better.

SOURCE:
Email, 17 Feb 2025
Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy

Planning

Horsfield Bay studio and garage plan

A second dwelling, a studio, a garage and carport are proposed to be built at 14 Horsfield Rd, Horsfield Bay.

The redevelopment aims to reduce the steep gradient of the drive, to relocate the garage onto the south-east boundary, creating an area for a lightweight timber car parking platform on the north-west.

The secondary dwelling has been designed with the living area on the upper level and the bedroom below.

A deck above the bedroom, accessed via the living area, will provide private open space with views over Horsfield Bay.

The application, prepared by Sally Morgan Architect, states that

the new studio would provide an additional living area for the family, with access to the landscaped area and deck directly opposite the entry to the main dwelling.

The application notes that the site is located in a bush fire prone area.

A Bushfire Assessment Report, prepared by Clarke Dowdle and Associates, is included in the application concludes that the proposed development may comply with bush fire protection performance criteria if its recommendations are implemented.

These include maintaining the entire site as an asset protection zone and adhering to specific construction standards.

The existing garage is currently 1.5 metres from the south east boundary, at the closest point, and up to 3.2 metres from the rear corner.

The new garage is to be located on the boundary for its eight-metre length.

The garage will be rebuilt on the south east boundary, away from an existing tree.

A new carport, of lightweight structure, will be located beside the existing tree.

The application is on public exhibition but no closing date for submissions has been published.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 23 Feb 2025
DA/116/2025, Central Coast Council

Manufactured home for Victoria Rd?

An application has been lodged with Central Coast Council to install a manufactured home at 84 Victoria Rd, Woy Woy.

The applicant seeks consent to place a pre-built manufactured home on raised pier footings and to construct an attached carport on the site.

The application, prepared by Approved Pty Ltd, describes the proposed dwelling as having a total floor area of 96.02 square metres, with three bedrooms, a bathroom, laundry, toilet, and a combined kitchen, dining and lounge area.

The building will have a maximum height of 4.935 metres from ground level and will be

constructed with weatherboard wall cladding and a steel roof at a 15-degree pitch.

A partially-covered deck is planned for the north-eastern entry.

The site is located within the R1 General Residential zone and has a floor space ratio of 0.14:1.

The application notes that the land is identified as flood-prone, and the finished floor level will be compliant with flood planning requirements.

The dwelling is setback 7.625 metres from the front, which is the average of the neighbouring dwellings within 40 metres.

Side setbacks are 1.94 metres to the carport on the eastern boundary and two metres to the

dwelling on the western boundary.

Private open space of a minimum 24 square metres will be provided at the rear of the dwelling.

The application claims no trees will be removed for the development.

The exhibited documentation does not include a landscape plan.

The application concludes that the development is permissible, compliant with relevant planning instruments and local development objectives, and suitable for the site.

The application is currently on public exhibition and but a closing date for submissions has not been announced by the Council.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 23 Feb 2025
DA/133/2025, Central Coast Council

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Please return nomination forms by 5pm, 2 March 2025 to:

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- gosford@parliament.nsw.gov.au
- Or complete online at



LIESL TESCH MP
MEMBER FOR GOSFORD





Bushfire extinguished near 'Umina Point'

Pearl Beach Brigade and The Bays Rural Fire Brigade were called to a bushfire on Mt Ettalong Rd near Umina Point on the evening of Monday, February 17.

Pearl Beach crews responded in both their Cat 1 Heavy Wildfire Tanker and their Cat 9 Light Wildfire Tanker.

"We arrived at the Umina Point hairpin, finding our colleagues from Fire and Rescue NSW Station 340 Umina already at work containing the bushfire which had spread from the rock shelf up to the pedestrian

path between Umina and Pearl Beach," said brigade captain Mr Lindsay Boyd.

"Our crew joined the Fire and Rescue crews deploying an additional hose to ensure the fire was completely extinguished to eliminate the risk of re-ignition in the gusty conditions.

"Crews left the scene around 10:30pm."

Anyone with information about this fire was asked to contact Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000.

SOURCE:
Social media, 17 Feb 2025
NSW RFS - Pearl Beach Brigade

Commuter carpark transfer is delayed

Central Coast Council has been told that transfer of the ownership of the Woy Woy commuter carpark to Transport for NSW has been delayed

The delay has been caused because the State Government department "has provided no further feedback on the progress of its due diligence investigations".

"It is necessary to revise the target date for completion, as a number of other procedural

requirements cannot be completed until the due diligence investigations are complete," the report states.

These include "the creation of multiple easements over Council land and a public road between the car park and the railway station."

The target date for completion of the transfer has been changed from last December 31 to June 30.

SOURCE:
Central Coast Council
agenda 2.20, 25 Feb 2025

Second address for Rotary student

A Woy Woy student has been guest speaker at the Rotary Club of Umina for the second time in three years.

The club first heard from Mara Hatfield Favand, as Woy Woy South Public School vice-captain in 2022, when she along with school captain Jonty Beaton proposed the club sponsor First Aid classes in local primary schools.

The club took up the proposal and now has a First Aid Project in all five Peninsula primary schools.

Last week, she spoke to the club about her weekend away as the club's nominee for the Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment event at Narrabeen Sports complex.

"She spoke about her amazing experience, and how she was encouraged to step outside of her comfort zone and learnt many confidence-building games," said club president Mr Dave Tanare.

"There were about 60 young people, in four teams.

"There were about eight young mentors at the event, and they organized a lot of fun, challenging activities.



"Some of these were dodge-ball with soft arrows, crate stacking and raft building.

"All these activities were designed to encourage the participants to sharpen up their communication skills, team bonding, confidence and leadership skills.

"Mara, being a vegetarian, loved the special tasty meals prepared there and she said that the accommodation was extremely comfortable too."

Mara commented on what she

felt were changes that she had observed in herself and those she had noticed in others.

Mara said she hoped to undertake a Duke of Edinburgh Award bronze course later this year.

Mr Tanare thanked Mara at the end of her presentation and acknowledged Mara's father Mr Jerome Favand, who came along to hear the talk.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 19 Feb 2025
Dave Tanare, Rotary Umina Beach

Older Women donate to Meals on Wheels

The Deepwater branch of the Older Women's Network has added Meals on Wheels to its list of beneficiaries, with a donation of \$730.

"We had Jason Millers from Meals on Wheels speak to our members at our November meeting," said branch secretary Ms Jennifer Brown.

"As a result, we now enthusiastically contribute to their 365 program which provides their wonderful volunteers with money towards their petrol costs as they roam near and far.

"The concept is \$1 a day towards petrol costs for each volunteer.

"Our donation to Meals on Wheels was \$730 which is our second in this financial year."

Ms Brown said that over Christmas Deepwater OWN had a bumper round of donations to our local food pantries", with \$500 each to Mary Mac's Place, the Community Food Pantry at the Seventh Day Adventist Church and Community SOS at the Peninsula Community Centre.

"Christmas is a very busy time for all the food pantries with an escalation in food insecurity especially for families struggling with the increases in rent and mortgage repayments, utilities and

supermarket hikes for basic food staples.

"We are so grateful to these organisations for the work they do in our community."

Ms Brown said the branch would hold an Easter raffle on April 9 and 10 at Deepwater Plaza, with the winners being drawn by the Member for Gosford Ms. Liesl Tesch on April 14.

An autumn-winter fashion parade was planned for Saturday, May 17, at the Ettalong senior citizens' centre.

SOURCE:
Media release, 11 Feb 2025
Jennifer Brown, Deepwater OWN

Aged care home makes more use of new facilities

A Woy Woy aged care home is increasing the use of its recently-opened new facilities.

"It has been fantastic to see the new Shores Club House space being used," said Blue Wave Living chief executive Mr Matt Downie.

He said Australia Day celebrations were held in the venue, catering to a large number of residents, using the outdoor kitchen-barbecue area.

"The new cinema space is getting some regular use with the very large drop-down screen for movies.

"Our team is steadily working on using the space more regularly for larger activities and events, for which the space is intended.

"Over the next few months, there will be more happening in the

Shores Club House as the team continues to operationalise the area."

Mr Downie said new barriers were going up around BlueWave, in preparation for the next stage of works.

"This next stage will also see us demolish and re-build the Palm Sails central courtyard area.

"This will mean the courtyard will be fenced off for some months.

"Residents who have rooms facing into this courtyard will still be able to access their patios, however the edge of their patio spaces will be fenced off for safety while this work is undertaken.

"There will be some significant noise for the demolition period, as the existing concrete slab is cut up and removed entirely.

"We would advise residents

to keep their windows and doors opening onto this area closed during this period."

Mr Downie said the the "BlueWave end" of the new courtyard would have new double sliding auto doors.

"This will lead to a circular seating area framed by a pergola and landscaped planting surrounding this.

"Then it will lead to a large central fully covered roofed space, with tables and chairs."

Another open space would have curved feature walls, with some seating and more landscaped planting.

"We have also ensured there are hard surface access from each residents private patio into the new spaces.

"The end result will be a much

more enjoyable courtyard.

"The other significant part of our next stage of works will be creating a central spine linkway from the main BlueWave building, leading into the new central Shores ClubHouse.

"This will finally see the two existing buildings become one.

"There will be exciting new spaces off this central spine, including a new hair salon, a new library, and a dedicated physio-gym room with a large outdoor deck.

"The next stage of works also requires us to establish a temporary laundry set up for several months as we are rebuilding our main laundry area."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 1 Feb 2025
Matt Downie, Blue Wave Living

Possible grants

Three of seven Community Support Grants recommended for approval at the council meeting tomorrow, Tuesday, February 25, are for Peninsula groups.

It has been recommended that the Pearl Beach Progress Association be given a rates subsidy of \$4099.05.

Woy Woy Rugby Club has been recommended for a grant of \$2950 for its Woy Woy Rugby Heritage Festival.

The Crommelin Native Arboretum has been recommended for a grant of \$1432 for its Pearl Beach Arboretum Environmental Art Trail.

SOURCE:
Central Coast Council
agenda 2.25, 25 Feb 2025

St Patrick's Day Irish singalong

Pearl Beach Progress Association will hold an Irish Singalong with the Pearl Beach Singers on St Patrick's Day, Monday, March 17.

The event will be held in the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall at 9 Diamond Rd, Pearl Beach.

The afternoon will start at 1:30pm and is expected to last three hours.

The \$2 entry charge includes afternoon tea.

SOURCE:

Social media, 14 Feb 2025

Pearl Beach Progress Association

Seeking Greta

Woy Woy Little Theatre is looking for Greta.

Greta is a character in Agatha Christie's Witness for the Prosecution, the typist for Sir Wilfred QC.

"It's a small but fun role, with a playing age around mid-20s," said director Ms Christine Vale.

"The actor also doubles as the girl at the end of the play.

Rehearsals are held every Tuesday and Thursday night from 7.30pm.

Play opens for three weeks from Friday, May 9, to Sunday, May 25.

For more information, boxoffice@woywoylt.com.au.

SOURCE:

Social media, 18 Feb 2025

Woy Woy Little Theatre

Teddy Tahu Rhodes at Opera in the Arboretum

Bass-baritone Teddy Tahu Rhodes will appear at Opera in the Arboretum to be held from 3pm at Pearl Beach on Saturday, March 29.

Teddy will sing favourites including "Some Enchanted Evening" from South Pacific, the famous "Toreador Song" from Bizet's Carmen, and Figaro's "Largo al factotum" from Rossini's The Barber of Seville.

Joining him will be mezzo-soprano Sally-Anne Russell, tenor Andrew Goodwin and soprano Clarissa Spata.

This year's program also features a baroque bracket including duet Pur ti miro from L'incoronazione di Poppea by Monteverdi and Dopa Notte from Ariodante and other works by Handel.

Special guest artist Madeleine Easton will perform Bach's Violin Concerto in E Major.

The event is supported by young players of the Central Coast Chamber Orchestra conducted by Patrick Brennan with Opera Australia's Kate Johnson on piano.

This is an open-air, all-weather event, and those attending may bring food, drinks, chairs and picnic blankets.

Proceeds from this community fundraiser organised by the Rotary Club of Woy Woy support Coast Shelter, Umina Surf Lifesaving Club, the Central Coast Conservatorium of Music, and other Rotary projects.

Adult tickets cost \$95 each.

SOURCE:

Social media, 17 Feb 2025

Opera in the Arboretum



Square dance classes

Square dance classes have started for the new year at the Peninsula Community Centre.

Organised by Central Coast Ocean Waves, they are open to men and women aged from eight

to 80.

They are held from 6:30pm to 8:30pm on Tuesdays at the centre in McMasters Rd, Woy Woy.

SOURCE:

Social media, 17 Feb 2025

Central Coast Ocean Waves

Little Theatre season starts

Woy Woy Little Theatre has opened its first play of the year, the Australian comedy Killing Katie: Confessions of a Book Club.

The play explores the intricacies, depths and power plays of female friendship groups, through a contemporary Australian dark comedy.

Written by Tracey Trinder, the Little Theatre production is

directed by Kelli Ward and runs for 10 performances over three weekends.

The role of Linda Chambers is played by Sam Young, Sam Andrews by Julie Black, Robyn Winters by Judi Jones, Angela Winters by Sharon Hogan and Katie Kline by Jessica Dawson.

SOURCE:

Media release, 19 Feb 2025

Graham Vale, Woy Woy Little Theatre

Arts and crafts committee

The Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre will hold its annual general meeting on Monday, March 10.

President Ms Sue Sullivan is inviting both the Centre's 180 members and other local residents to consider nominating for a position on the committee.

The meeting will elect a president, vice-president,

treasurer, assistant treasurer, secretary, assistant secretary and public officer

"All positions are honorary and would suit people with an interest in keeping this local organisation operating in their community," said Ms Sullivan.

SOURCE:

Media release, 12 Feb 2025

Peter Mulholland, EBACC

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Education

Tesch welcomes reduction in teacher vacancies

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has welcomed data showing a reduction in the number of teacher vacancies.

"In the Gosford electorate, vacancies dropped by 64 per cent," she said.

"As a former school teacher, I understand first-hand the amazing influence that teachers have on children's lives.

"Having a qualified teacher at the front of every classroom is vital to delivering improved academic outcomes for students.

"We want teachers to return to

the front of our classrooms doing what they do best.

"We know there's more to do, but this is a fantastic announcement that shows that the work the Labor Government is doing is working."

She said that state-wide there was a 40 per cent reduction in vacancies since the same time in 2023 before the Labor Government came into office and the lowest number of vacancies at the start of a school year since 2021.

SOURCE:
Media release, 19 Feb 2025
Joely Langmaid, Office of the Member for Gosford



Board games played during breaks

The Student Representative Council at Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College has decided to run board games and card

games in the library during break times.

"The initiative was an enormous success," said principal Ms Kerrie Thomas.

"The library became a technology free zone and it was buzzing with positive energy."

SOURCE:
Social media, 14 Feb 2025
Kerrie Thomas, BWSC Umina



Ettalong launches new house names and designs

Ettalong Public School has officially launched its new house names and designs.

"This process has undertaken a lot of consultation and brings relevance to our students, via animals that are found in our local area, as well as Darkinjung language," said principal Ms Jodie Campbell.

"The designs were created and decided upon, via a stringent voting process, by students.

"We have proudly recognised the artists responsible for the initial design motivation for parent Ms Katherine Hall who created the final products.

"Children remain in the same house colour from previous years.

"New students will be allocated a house via our office team."

SOURCE:
Social media, 18 Feb 2025
Ettalong Public School



Extra-curricular dance groups formed

Umina Beach Public School will have two extra-curricular dance groups this year, with the opportunity to perform at the Central Coast Dance Festival.

There will be a Stage 2 dance group for Years 3 and 4 and a Stage 3 dance group for Years 5 and 6.

Students will rehearse during designated break times at school.

Because the festival only permits 22 students per group, the school's groups will be limited to 22 dancers.

"Any students who are interested in joining one of these

dance groups are welcome to attend the first few sessions to learn some of the choreography and see if they like it," said school principal Ms Karen Wardlaw.

"After this, we hold auditions to determine which 22 students will be selected.

"Selection is based upon ability to learn the choreography, suitability to the style of the dance, confidence and performance quality.

"Effort, attitude and behaviour displayed during dance sessions and the audition process is also considered.

"Each year, the dance teachers

choose different themes and styles of dance for the routines to cater to a variety of interests and to provide different dance opportunities for students at our school.

"Joining the dance group will require students to be committed to attending all dance lessons during designated break times at school and to purchase a dance costume for around \$40.

"They will need to be present at school during the last two weeks of Term 2, from June 23 to July 2 for the Central Coast Dance Festival performances."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 18 Feb 2025
Karen Wardlaw, UBPS

Cafe vouchers for solving maths problems

Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy campus is offering cafe vouchers to students who solve a weekly maths problem.

Each week a new puzzle will be posted outside the mathematics staffroom.

Once students have worked out the solution, they are asked to put their name and the answer on a piece of paper and drop it in the folder attached to the notice board.

Twice a term, a winner will be drawn from all the correct solutions over the past five weeks and is awarded a \$10 ITC cafe voucher.

A recent puzzle was: On a digital clock showing 24-hour time, over a whole day, how many times does a five appear? Is it the same number for a 12-hour clock over a whole day?

SOURCE:
Social media, 12 Feb 2025
BWSC Woy Woy



Child care service opens library

Woy Woy Peninsula Community Child Care has opened a "community library box" outside the service with children's, teenagers' and parent books.

The service also has parent library inside the foyer areas, where parents can help themselves to read about developmental milestones on babies, toddlers and preschoolers, children behaviour

studies, children with eating challenges and more.

The child care service is promoting itself as "here for your children but also for you and your family and friends within our community too".

The service also now has a community pantry for parents who "have you forgotten something at the shops and don't have time to run back there" after picking up their child.

Parents may help themselves to our community pantry "and take that jar of sauce home that you were missing".

Conversely, parents are encouraged to bring unused goods from home and add it to the community pantry, "as long as it has a long expiry".

SOURCE:
Social media, 27 Jan 2025
Woy Woy Peninsula Community Childcare

St John's holds open days

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School will hold an open day for prospective students and their families on Thursday and Friday, March 20 and 21.

The day will offer the opportunity to "connect with our principal, teachers and students, explore our vibrant learning environments, and

discover all that our community has to offer your child and family", said principal Ms Nicole Davies.

Enrolments are being taken for next year's Kindergarten classes.

Enrolments for other grades may be submitted at any time.

SOURCE:
Social media, 18 Feb 2025
SJB Catholic Primary School



Junior lifesaver of the year

An Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club member has been named Junior Lifesaver of the Year by Surf Life Saving Central Coast.

Hamish Lawer from the Ocean Beach club will now represent the region at the NSW Junior Lifesaver of the Year program in April.

To win the award, Hamish

had to attend a panel interview, demonstrate CPR technique, signals and general surf knowledge.

The female Junior Lifesaver of the Year was Mia Jamal from Avoca Beach.

SOURCE:
Social media, 18 Feb 2025
Surf Life Saving Central Coast

Netball association names representative teams

Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association has announced its representative teams for the coming year.

They are: WWPNA 13s: Ruby Chad-Dufficy, Coco Hardy, Georgie Marshall, Emma McCunn, Khloe O'Neill, Harper Reidy, Indiana Robinson, Lila Stewart, Laylah Tree, Hattie Wells.

WWPNA 15s: Chelsea Barker, Tilly Curran, Ysobelle Gale, Annabel Griffith, Tilly Henry, Winter Hill, Erin Kearns, Aliyah Ryan, Danika Szostak.

WWPNA 14s: Grace Blacker, Edie Bonnor, Ava Campbell, Aaliyah Farmer Dally, Matilda Kennaway, Chloe Mills, Leila Oxenham, Phoebe Pardey, Bridie Riddle, Andie Schokman

WWPNA Men: Lachlan Braddish, Denver Coomber, Brent Duffy, Aaron Eastgate, Adam Gowrie,

Jack Jones, Drew Kearns, Mitch Lenfield, Joel Manton, Scott Manuelle, Greg Marks, James Walker.

WWPNA 12s: Morgan Beresford, Madeline Bonnor, Emma Dean, Micaela Hale, Brianna Hanzic, Addison Rideout, Maeve O'Reilly, Indiana Rutter, Isabelle Scotts, Willow Tomlin.

WWPNA 17s: Abby Burns, Jumi Dedeigbo, Phoenix Eldridge, Bronte Golby, Zoe Hedjuk, Harmony Mahon, Evie Marshall, Ella Mills, Jade Shannon, Jessica Skehan, Sasha Wolfenden.

A representative player information session will be held at 6:30pm this evening, Monday, February 24, at the Lemon Grove clubhouse.

SOURCE:
Social media, 21 Feb 2025
Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association



Olympic skateboarder attends Umina skate jam

Olympics skateboarder Liv Lovelace attended the skate jam at the Umina Beach skate park on Saturday, February 22.

Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid caught up with her at the Peninsula Recreation Precinct during the event.

SOURCE:
Social media, 22 Feb 2025
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson

Southern Spirit cricket has 'great results'

Southern Spirit Cricket Club recorded "some great results, with a few impressive individual performances" in men's cricket played on Saturday, February 22.

First Grade (first innings): Southern Spirit 217 (Liam O'Farrell 53, Matthew Jones 42no) versus The Entrance.

Fourth Grade: Warnevale Cricket Club 2/144 (Dean McInnes 2) defeated Southern Spirit 5/143 (27Patrick Crowdy 62 no, Sean Dickson 42).

Fifth Grade: Northern Power 8/213 (Paul Shipley 2/16, Ben Willoughby 2/32) defeated Southern Spirit 189 (Paul Shipley 26 no, Greg Kenney 25, Cooper

Tomlinson 24).

Sixth Grade: Kincumber Avoca 6/128 (Jayden Church 2/18, Fletcher Downey 1/3) defeated Southern Spirit 127 (Rowan Williams 60 no, Kieran Brown 18, Greg Darmody 18).

Seventh Grade: Southern Spirit 6/170 (Steven Collins 45, Lachlan Roberts 37) defeated Bateau Bay

Wyoming 9/169 (Don Quitadamo 4/24, Paul Sharpe 2/34).

Eighth Grade White: Southern Spirit 6/121 (Daniel Tierney 51rtno, Donald Yeo 27) defeated Lisarow Ourimbah 7/118 (Eli Zdravic 3/13, Daniel Tierney 2/31).

SOURCE:
Social media, 22 Feb 2025
Southern Spirit Cricket Club



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Sport

Rugby preparation 'best in years'

Woy Woy Rugby Club president Mr Phil Burgess has described preparation for the coming season as "the best in years".

"In training, we are seeing close to 50 players at seniors' training," he said.

"With teams able to run against teams, the season looks bright.

"There are still some more places left for some new and returning players.

"This is going to be a fun season, one you don't want to miss.

"We are still looking for some more women players to strengthen our squad further.

"Especially would like to hear from CrossFit athletes, or anyone who would love to play, whether 17 or over 40."

Mr Burgess said the junior sides were also filling out and currently the club was in the top couple of clubs for having the most registered juniors on the Coast.

Free fitness and skills days will be held for players aged six to 18 at Woy Woy campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College from

5pm to 5:45pm on Mondays in March.

"They will be led by our Woy Woy director of rugby, Stu Formston, senior players and any junior coaches who would like to be part of the training."

Mr Burgess said the club had recruited a number of overseas players.

"We are loving having onboard Oliver Barlow from England and Federico Azzali from Italy at the club.

"Both players have fitted in well at training, and we are excited for both of them.

"They join Emma who landed on the Peninsula this week from England, and is already being called Posh Emma in training, as she is our second Emma.

"We are still looking for a couple more rooms for two overseas players for six months."

For more information, call Phil Burgess on 0435 814 412 or email president@woywoyrugby.com.au.

SOURCE:
Social media, 21 Feb 2025
Phil Burgess, Woy Woy Rugby Club



Ocean Beach performs well at Central Coast championships

Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club hosted the Central Coast Surf Boat and U15-Opens Championships on Saturday, February 9.

The club had some great results from the Masters held at Umina Beach.

In individual events, Alison Tucker won the two kilometre beach run, beach sprint and beach flags.

Amanda Lawer came second in beach flags, and third in the two kilometre beach run and surf race.

Louise Lambeth won the beach sprint, and was second in the one kilometre beach run and beach

flags.

Simone Rider was third in the beach sprint.

Tony Brown won the one kilometre beach run and beach flags, and second in beach sprint.

Jason Tucker was second in the two kilometre beach run.

Steven Plumber won the two kilometre beach run and beach flags, and was third in beach sprint.

Greg Argall was second in beach sprint.

Brook Beaver was also second in beach sprint.

In team events:

In the female 170yr beach relay, Alison Tucker, Amanda Lawer,

Carly Ludbrook and Simone Rider came second.

In the female 130yr board relay, Carly Ludbrook, Amanda Lawer and Kristy Best came third.

The Male 200yr beach relay was won by Tony Brown, Jason Tucker, Greg Argall and Steven Plumber.

Congratulations also to our OB boat crews taking out the top spots.

In the boat events, the Masters 200 year women crew "Hot Mess" took gold.

The Masters 200 year men crew "Big Seas" took silver.

SOURCE:
Social media, 12 Feb 2025
Ocean Beach SLSC



Swimmers take part in country championships

Woy Woy Swim Club members took part in 10 swims on day one of the NSW Country Championships.

The had five personal best times, two top-10 finishes and one new national age qualifier.

Best performances were

recorded by Kai Evans in 11yrs 100m Butterfly, and 12 and under 200IM, Jodie Mead in 16yrs 100m Butterfly and Savannah Maynier in 17 and over 100m Breaststroke (MC).

SOURCE:
Social media, 14 Feb 2025
Woy Woy Swim Club

Group cycles to Gosford

Central Coast Bicycle User Group will hold a ride from Woy Woy to Gosford and back from 8am on Thursday, February 27.

It will start at Woy Woy Fishermen's Wharf and last about two hours and 30 minutes.

Described as "an easy ride along the shared path to Gosford and back", the ride will cover a distance of about 25kms in total, and includes a potential extension to Point Frederick.

The ride will include a coffee stop either in Gosford or in Woy Woy after the ride.

The ride may be cancelled at short notice.

If interested, ask to join the WhatsApp Ride Updates group for the latest and quickest ride updates.

For further information, phone ride leader Reg on 0411 705 410.

SOURCE:
Social media, 13 Feb 2025
Central Coast Bicycle User Group



Floorball club seeks registrations

Peninsula Thunder Floorball Club is seeking registrations for its upcoming winter competition at the Peninsula Leisure Centre.

Trials were held last week for the club's divisions: junior, intermediate, youth, Division 1 and Division 2.

A selection committee has been appointed to decide which division players will play in and which team they will be part of.

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

SOURCE:
Social media, 17 Feb 2025
Peninsula Floorball

Soccer signings at SEUFC

Southern and Ettalong United Football Club has announced that eight of its players have signed up for another soccer season.

They are Joshua Lepre, Jack Wilson, Brock Van Alderen, Nathan Baker, Jack Jenkins, Jamo Flynn, Bailey Holt and Tom Millwood.

The club has also announced

new signings for the year.

They are Billy Auton, Sam McDougall, Dave McKellar, Haris Karadzic and Jayke Brown.

"These four signings will bring a wealth of MPL experience, ability and depth to our squad for Season 2025," the announcement said.

SOURCE:
Social media, 15 Feb 2025
Southern and Ettalong United Football Club