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NSW Maritime and police hold jetski blitz

NSW Maritime and NSW Police held a jetski blitz in Peninsula waters on Saturday, according to Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

"As well as police on jet skis, and Maritime officers on our waterways, we have a team of boating safety officers talking to swimmers, boaters and waterway users on the foreshore and in the shallows," she said.

"We will continue to work to ensure our waterways are safe, respectful and kind, so everybody can enjoy themselves."

SOURCE:

Social media, 6 Jan 2024
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford
Photo: Paul Robinson

FORUM (p6): Boats threaten safety of young children

Ettalong drowning is second in two weeks

A man in his 30s has drowned near Ettalong Point on Saturday in the second drowning on the Peninsula over the Christmas period.

The drowning is the third in the same period if nearby beaches are included.

A man drowned at Umina Beach and another at Copacabana Beach within hours of each other on Christmas Day.

The three deaths represent one third of the nine NSW coastal drownings this summer.

No details of the two men who drowned on the Peninsula beaches have been released, other than the approximate age of one of them.

However, Surf Life Saving NSW chief executive Mr Steve Pearce has implied both men were from Peninsula families.

He said: "The families and the local community between Umina and Ettalong ... need time to reflect on these events and grieve the loss of loved ones."

He was "calling for calm along the Central Coast".

The Ettalong drowning occurred at about 2:30pm on Saturday when the man and a 10-year-old child were seen in distress, 50 metres from the shore.

"The man and child were brought to shore by members of the public," according to Mr Pearce.

"The man was pulled from the water unconscious and not breathing.

"The child was conscious and

breathing."

"Surf Life Saving NSW lifesavers were called to Ettalong Point from nearby Ocean Beach patrol.

"Paramedics arrived shortly after."

He said Maritime Services and NSW Ambulance who attended were unable to revive the man.

The child was taken to Gosford Hospital.

In the Christmas Day drowning at Umina Beach, a surfer was noticed by family members going under water at 11am, some 600m from the flagged area, according to Mr Pearce.

"The man was pulled from the water by members of the public unconscious and not breathing."

Umina Beach Surf Life Saving patrol members attended by all-terrain vehicle and took over the resuscitation attempts.

"Paramedics arrived shortly and continued resuscitation before the man was declared deceased at the scene."

No further details were given of the circumstances of the two Peninsula drownings.

However, Mr Pearce implied that fatigue was a factor.

"It's a reminder of the dangers of the ocean and fatigue.

"Know your limits and know the beaches that are patrolled.

"If you are not a strong swimmer and swimming with young children, there is a greater risk."

The second Christmas Day drowning occurred at 5pm at Copacabana.

A 79-year-old Canadian

tourist, Mr Ron Breaan, was pulled unconscious and not breathing from the ocean by members of the public around 250m from the red and yellow flags.

"Volunteer surf lifesavers were alerted to the incident and rushed to the location to take over resuscitation.

"Paramedics arrived shortly after."

"However the man was declared deceased at the scene."

Mr Pearce said: "Those who are not familiar with the surf conditions should heed the warnings from local surf lifesavers or lifeguards on patrol.

"Our concern is particularly those visiting unpatrolled beaches.

"The number one danger on our beaches is rip currents.

"Please stay safe between the flags."

An appeal has been launched by friends of the Breaan family "so the family can fly to Canada to finalise arrangements and take their dad home".

"Our dear friends lost their father in a tragic Christmas day drowning at Copacabana Beach," said organiser Ms Tina Addison.

"Ron and his two grandsons were caught in a rip.

"While surfers rendered assistance to the boys, Ron sadly could not be saved."

Donations can be made online at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/hjv8w-christmas-tragedy>

SOURCE:

Media release, 25 Dec 2023
Media release, 6 Jan 2024

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

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

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

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

Other available roles include

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

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Mark Snell, 9 Nov 2023

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At its heart, Peninsula News is a community effort.

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

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

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

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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.

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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.

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

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

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

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

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Bays AGM

The Bays Community Group will hold its annual general meeting from 7pm on Wednesday, February 21, at the Bays Community Hall.

"A few of the longer-serving committee members will be retiring but will remain on hand for support, so we're looking for people to bring some new energy and ideas," said president Ms Carolina Schuiling.

"Drop us a line at thebaysemail@gmail.com or talk to us over the January 28 breakfast if you want to know a bit more about what is involved in being a committee member."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 26 Dec 2023
Carolina Schuiling, The Bays Community Group



New joint presidents

The Rotary Club of Brisbane Water has announced its presidential plans for 2024-2025.

After a year with two joint presidents, it will appoint three joint presidents for the coming year.

The role will be shared by club founders Ms Jayne and Mr Peter Mote (above) with the club's Youth Director Ms Marion Cornish (right).

Ms Cornish was described by the club in a social media post as "a lecturer in Human Resources and Management at Western Sydney University".

"She has extensive public and private sector management experience, including senior human resource and industrial relations manager roles at Qantas Airways."

"We greatly value Marion's

expertise and contribution to our club."

A picture of Mr Mote and his wife was posted on his birthday, Wednesday, January 3.

SOURCE:
Social media, 3 Jan 2024
Rotary Brisbane Water



\$600 for hall

The Bays Community Group has raised \$600 through its Christmas Trivia Night.

The money will go towards the upkeep of the community hall.

"It was a huge success," said group president Ms Carolina Schuiling.

As a result, the group is now planning to hold another trivia night during the year.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 26 Dec 2023
The Bays Community Group

Driest year follows wettest year

Last year was the driest year for the Peninsula in the 19 years with a total rainfall of 876.1mm for the year.

The total was just two thirds of the average annual rainfall of 1321mm, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

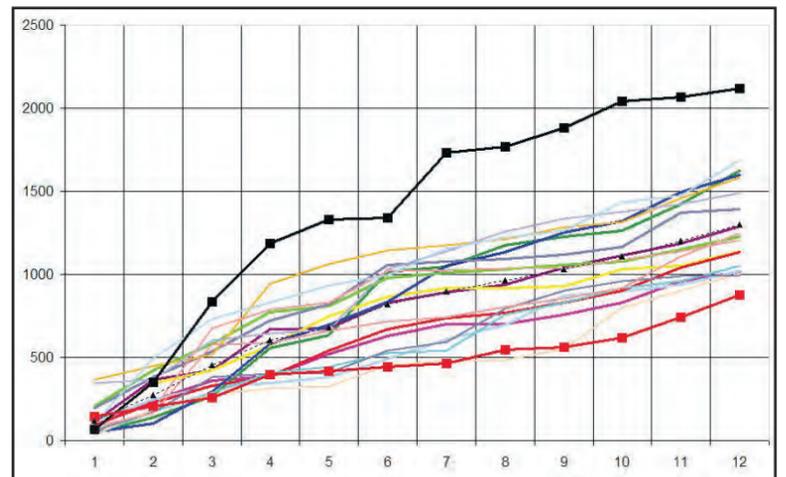
It follows a total rainfall of 2118.7mm the previous year, the wettest year in the same period, two thirds above average.

In July, the Peninsula had received only half the expected rainfall for that time of year.

The year would have finished with a similar figure had it not been for two above-average months at the end of the year.

At the start of November, the rainfall figure was 45 per cent below average.

Rainfall of 125.2mm in



November and 132.3mm in December was 33 per cent and 42 per cent above average respectively.

On Thursday, December 21, 82mm was recorded, the highest daily total for the year.

In the first week of the year, 6.0mm has been recorded. The average rainfall for January is 118mm.

SOURCE:
Spreadsheet, 5 Jan 2024
Jim Morrison, Umina

TIDE TIMES and Heights	Mon, Jan 8	Thu, Jan 11	Sun, Jan 14	Wed, Jan 17	Sat, Jan 20
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	0651 1.07	0914 1.31	1142 1.31	0817 0.21	1204 0.26
	1352 0.27	1630 0.13	1850 0.06	1418 1.00	1739 0.71
	1916 0.71	2156 0.78		2104 0.12	2329 0.22
AT ETTALONG	Tue, Jan 9	Fri, Jan 12	Mon, Jan 15	Thu, Jan 18	Sun, Jan 21
	0100 0.24	0328 0.16	0024 0.86	0310 0.96	0610 1.10
	0738 1.16	1002 1.35	0615 0.14	0927 0.25	1317 0.23
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Phegans Bay waterfront comments close this month

Residents have until the end of this month to comment on the Phegans Bay Waterfront Masterplan to “outline the overall vision for the Phegans Bay waterfront”.

The comments will “inform the development of the Phegans Bay Waterfront Masterplan”, according to Central Coast Council’s consultation website Your Voice Our Coast.

“Once developed, the masterplan will outline the overall vision for the Phegans Bay waterfront precinct and provide a conceptual layout to guide future projects and infrastructure.

“The Masterplan will then be incorporated into the Hawkesbury-Nepean River System Coastal Management Plan which is currently being developed.”

This would “provide opportunities for funding through the NSW Coastal and Estuary grants program and consideration for capital funding via Council budgets.”

The website claimed “Council recognises the importance of the Phegans Bay Waterfront”.

It said it was wanting feedback on how the community used the waterfront and what it would like to see within the waterfront precinct into the future.

The website includes an

interactive map and an online survey.

It explained: “Council was approached by the Phegans Bay community with concerns that the condition of the foreshore was deteriorating and that if not addressed infrastructure, including Phegans Bay Rd, would be compromised.

“The site was subsequently assessed as a high priority for investigation and a commitment was made to work with the community to develop a masterplan outlining upgrades required to improve the amenity, access, safety and environmental integrity of the site.”

It defended holding the consultation over the holiday period.

“Council is leveraging an extended consultation period to include the holiday period to ensure that locals, guests and visitors have an opportunity to provide input.”

Community input will be received until February 1.

The email address of senior urban designer Mr Lalyn Collure is provided as the council staff contact: lalyn.collure@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au.

SOURCE:
Website, 4 Jan 2024
Your Voice Our Coast,
Central Coast Council



Pharmacy mural reflects staff changes

Ettalong Pharmacy has updated the mural on the rear wall of its shop.

“The original was commissioned by my father and landlord, Mr Tony McPhee, around a decade ago,” said pharmacist Mr Stephen McPhee.

“Since then of course, we’ve had some staff leave, and new people join, so I asked the original artist Mr Bruce Galvin, husband of our dispensary assistant Lynda, to update it.

“Despite my pleas for a Brad Pitt jawline and Hugh Jackman eyes, my caricature is unfortunately very

recognisable.”

The only significant artistic licence was taken with “the unfortunate person under the vehicle in the upper left corner, depicting the numerous non-fatal pedestrian crossing incidents we’ve had over the years”.

“Otherwise it’s pretty true to form.

“It’s nice to keep to the old heritage theme the local Chamber of Commerce decided on all those years ago.”

SOURCE:
Media statement, 5 Jan 2024
Stephen McPhee,
Ettalong Pharmacy



Mingaletta runs tennis lessons

Mingaletta will run free tennis lessons and a sausage sizzle as part of its School Holiday Program this month.

The tennis lessons will be held from 10am to 12pm from Tuesday to Thursday, January 23-25, at the Empire Bay Tennis Courts, in Shelly Beach Rd, Empire Bay

The lessons will be for children aged 5 to 13 years, and parents will be required to be in attendance.

Spots are limited and registration must be submitted by email to admin@mingaletta.org.au before January 22.

SOURCE:
Social media, 19 Dec 2023
Mingaletta ATSC



Exchange student is presented with blazer

The Rotary Club of Umina Beach has presented its 2024 exchange student Reese Vergara of her Rotary blazer at its Christmas party.

Reese will travel to Denmark this month for a year’s stay, where she will attend school and immerse herself in Danish culture, staying with local families.

The club is currently hosting Swiss exchange student Justin Cuennet, who attended the presentation

The previous week, the club had a visit from Thyra Jorjenson, the Danish exchange student it hosted in 2018-19.

SOURCE:
Social media, 23 Dec 2023
Rotary Club of Umina Beach

Mt Ettalong fire may have been started by fireworks

A fire on the Mt Ettalong point hairpin bend shortly before midnight on Friday, December 29, may well have been started by fireworks, according to the Pearl Beach Rural Fire Brigade.

The brigade was “activated” along with Fire and Rescue NSW Station 340 Umina and The Bays Rural Fire Brigade with a report of bush alight inside the hairpin on Patonga Dr.

The Fire and Rescue crew were first on scene and extinguished the fire, which with moderate conditions had not spread significantly.

The scene was handed over to Brisbane Water Police District officers to investigate and identify

the cause of the ignition.

The Pearl Beach brigade said initial reports suggested that the fire may have been started by fireworks.

The brigade had received multiple reports of the fire.

“It is far better to receive multiple reports for the same fire than for passers-by to presume it has already been called in.”

It said that restrictions on the possession and use of fireworks in New South Wales were stringent.

“Unauthorised use of fireworks have the potential to cause fires and injure people, and carry large penalties - fines of almost \$40,000 and one year in prison.”

SOURCE:
Social media, 30 Dec 2023
Pearl Beach Brigade, NSW RFS

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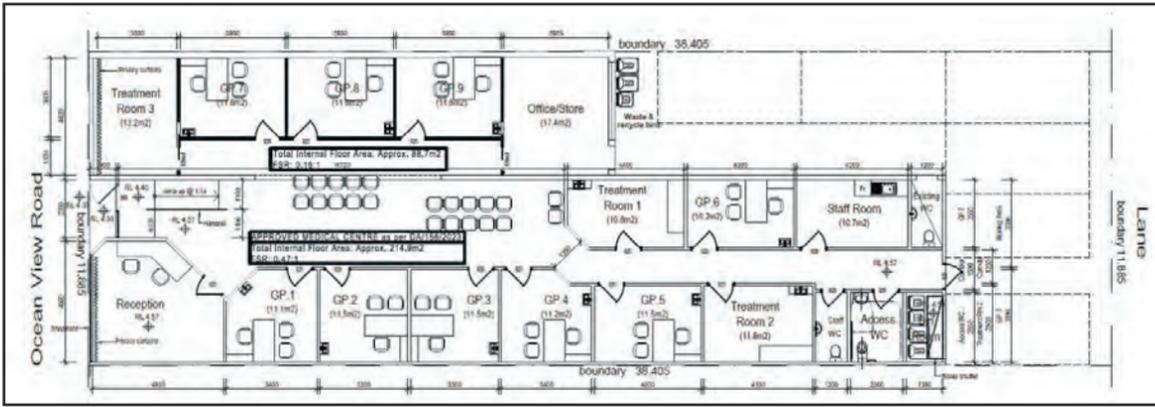
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Social housing provider Pacific Link Housing is one of many local organisations to benefit from the support of the Ettalong bank, with the donation of this maintenance van

Planning



Proposal to extend medical centre approval to adjoining shop

Central Coast Council has received an application to extend a recent development approval for a medical centre in Ocean View Rd, Ettalong, to the adjacent shop.

The application is for "proposed internal alterations and change of use to existing commercial premises at 1/255 Ocean View Rd by extending the adjoining approved medical centre from 2/255 Ocean View Rd."

The property is currently zoned E1 Local Centre.

The application prepared by Optima Planning Consultants states that development consent was granted for internal alterations and change of use of the existing retail shop (formerly Kirby's) at 2/255 to a medical centre on last August 23.

"After this consent was issued, future tenant Providence Medical ratified commercial arrangements with the intention of expanding

the practice into the adjoining premises currently occupied by Bay Optics (optometrist) who will be relocating to other commercial premises within the township.

"The current application is to ratify these commercial arrangements.

"The premises have a covered pedestrian pathway awning situated along Ocean View Rd.

"A rear public laneway forms the northern boundary where access is available to six off-street parking spaces."

The total combined floor space is 308.3 square metres, with a floor space ratio of 0.66:1.

It is proposed to refurbish the layout to consist of three consulting rooms, one treatment rooms, one office-storeroom and hallway opening to a common waiting area.

The floor area involved is 88.7 square metres.

Three car spaces are available to the rear including two which are stacked parked.

The proposal retains these three off street parking spaces.

The application states: "The proposed relocation of the medical centre to a more modern facility and remaining in the centre of the Centre along with extending, refurbishing, and modernising the existing pharmacy all contribute to making Ettalong Beach a desirable place to live and visit.

"It will have a flow-on effect of attracting other new investment, resulting in local jobs."

"In addition, it will sustainably improve the external perception and awareness of the Peninsula as a unique coastal experience for tourism."

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

The closing date for submissions has not yet been posted on Central Coast Council's website.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 7 Jan 2024
DA/2353/2023, Central Coast Council

Objections about removal of established trees

Several objections have already been submitted against a development application for a house at 1 Wentworth Ave, Woy Woy, that would see "several established trees" removed.

The application is for a "single-storey dwelling house with attached double garage, earthworks and vegetation clearing" on a 668 square metre site zoned R2 - Low Density Residential.

The comment period does not close until Monday, January 29.

In their submissions, several residents have asked that the proposal be redesigned to accommodate "green infrastructure".

One submission mentions the "large and robust local native mahogany toward the back of the property".

"The amenity this tree in particular provides is enormous."

The footprint of the house, excluding alfresco area, is about 220 square metres, well below the maximum 50 per cent of site area permitted by the council planning provisions.

The plans indicate that a 60 square metre "shed" is proposed to be added by the owner at a later date.

According to the application: "The proposed development is for a single storey dwelling constructed by Coral Homes.

"The proposed dwelling is of a contemporary design which features a face brickwork external finish with rendered front piers and sheet metal multi hipped roof form."

"The dwelling includes four bedrooms, two bathrooms, open

plan living-kitchen-dining, several internal recreational spaces, outdoor alfresco and private open space.

"The proposed dwelling features mostly face brickwork facades on the north, south and western sides of the dwelling with the front of the facade to be a combination of weatherboard cladding and rendered brickwork.

"The roof form consists of a hipped form over the main core of the dwelling with a dutch gable which extends over the front porch. "The roof will be constructed at a standard 25-degree pitch with sheet metal finish."

The application claims compliance with planning provisions, apart from a variation requested for setbacks.

It states that the primary frontage is with Wentworth Ave where the proposed setback is seven metres.

The boundary with Gallipoli Avenue is denoted as "secondary frontage".

"The proposed secondary frontage setback is 1500mm in lieu of the required 2000mm.

"Given this property directly adjoins a commercial-industrial premises at the rear and no other dwellings have a primary frontage along this stretch of road the proposed setback is deemed to be suitable within the locality and would be complaint with the requirements if it was to be considered a side boundary."

The development application is currently on public exhibition and available for written submissions until January 29.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 7 Jan 2024.
DA/2357/2023, Central Coast Council

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SAFETY ON WOY WOY RD

URGENT ALERT: The State Government is set to approve a housing development on Woy Woy Rd at Kariang which will result in a strain on existing infrastructure, increased environmental degradation, and long-term consequences for community well-being.

The time for action is NOW

WHY ACT? Our local members of parliament have let us down, leaving concerned citizens to fight for our community's wellbeing and natural environment. This is a completely unsuitable development proposal for Kariang with serious implications for Peninsula residents.

This proposal will create problems with urban sprawl, as more houses are built away from urban centres. The residents will be reliant on cars, due to the lack of footpaths and proximity to the nearest bus stop adding to bike rider and pedestrian danger and the congestion on the already hazardous Woy Woy Road.

Woy Woy Road is a barely maintained and dangerous regional road with many road crash deaths. Central Coast Council have advised the community they have no budget, or intention, to improve Woy Woy Road or its footpaths.

The addition of a housing development on this already congested road will, at best be inconvenient, and at worst increase the danger for all road users including any school children running the gauntlet each morning and afternoon.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- **Submit your opposition to NSW Planning** via online portal <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/ppr/under-exhibition/darlingjung-lalc-kariang-woy-woy-road>
- **Email or ring Paul Scully, NSW Planning Minister**, with power to refuse this terrible proposal - 7225 6080. <https://www.nsw.gov.au/nsw-government/ministers/minister-for-planning-and-public-spaces>
- **Email or ring David Harris, Minister for the Central Coast** - wyong@parliament.nsw.gov.au - 4352 2711.

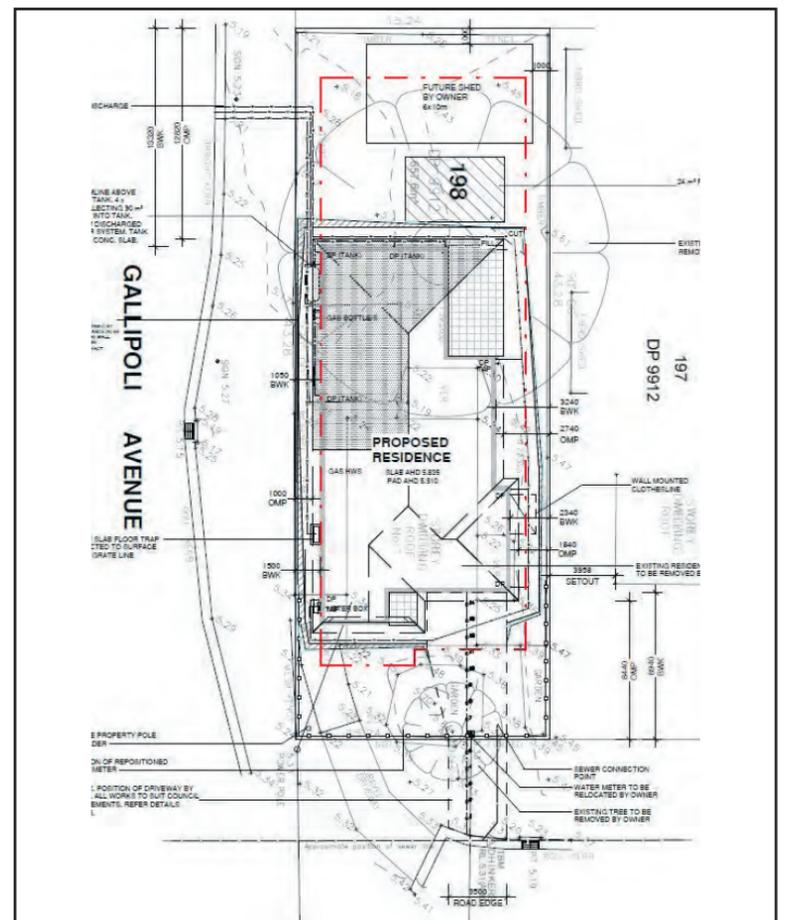


DEADLINE FOR ACTION: January 29

Visit <https://www.savekariongsacredlands.com> for information, templates for submissions, and contact details.

Let's act swiftly to safeguard the liveability of our area. Together, we can make a difference!

Authorised by Lisa Bellamy for Save Kariang Sacred Lands





Brigade visits early learning centre

The Pearl Beach Rural Fire Brigade has “had the pleasure” of visiting Belong Early Learning in Booker Bay just before Christmas.

“Our volunteer firefighters spoke with the children about fire safety, and gave them an opportunity to explore our heavy wildfire tanker.”

The brigade spoke about general fire safety, including how to call Triple Zero, the importance of smoke alarms, to “get down low and go, go, go” and get out of the house if there is a fire.

The children explored the fire truck, and asked questions about how it worked, what different colour helmets meant, and how many

fires the brigade had been to.

“They were attentive and engaged, and they showed natural talent when we started up the pump and let them have a go operating a fire hose.

“Discussing fires, both in the home and bushfires, is something we encourage all families to do as we come into the traditional fire season.

“Making plans for how you will respond to fires, and communicating those plans with the whole family help everyone to act calmly and effectively when those plans need to be enacted.”

SOURCE: Social media, 21 Dec 2023 Pearl Beach Brigade, NSW RFS



Toy donations ‘surpass expectations’

The donations of toys for Christmas presents for disadvantaged children “surpassed our expectations”, according to Umina Beach Rotary president Mr Wayne Dowdle.

The Rotary Club of Umina Beach had partnered with the Ettalong Community Bank in a toy drive in support of the Salvation Army.

“At the club’s Christmas party, members brought along presents for children which were combined with those from the bank and passed on to the Salvation Army for distribution,” he said.

Captain Lesley Newton from the Salvation Army thanked the club and bank staff.

“This year we have seen an increase in the need for assistance

due to financial constraints that many families are living under,” she said.

“But we have also seen an increase of generosity in our community to help.

“This year Umina Beach Rotary Club and Ettalong Bendigo Bank wanted to help us help others.

“Their generosity as individuals and as groups of people has been immense.

“The tears of joy and shock as those who have walked through our toy room choosing gifts for their children have been overwhelming.”

Pictured in front are bank staff member Ms Jackie Doran and Rotarian Mr Bruce Croft.

Behind are Community Bank manager Mr Pat Italiano, Mr Dowdle and Captain Newton.

SOURCE: Media release, 2 Jan 2024 Pat Lewis, Rotary Umina Beach

Marine Rescue called to help old ferry

Marine Rescue Central Coast were called to assist a 20-metre converted Sydney ferry after it ran onto the bank at Little Shark Rock Point on Cowan Creek, a tributary of the Hawkesbury River, last Wednesday, January 3.

Five adults were on board the stricken boat, which had been converted to a hydrofoil and renamed Twinstar.

Although Marine Rescue vessel CC21 got to the site in record time, Marine Active Command were just five minutes away from the distressed vessel and were able to arrive quickly, as CC21 stood by in case help was needed.

All five people on board Twinstar were reported safe and resting, when police arrived to assist putting out the anchor to ensure the distressed vessel was safe.

The CC21 rescue crew of skipper Mr Ian Radford, Mr Reagan Mitchell, Mr Toni Giorgio and Mr



Steve Brown were stood down and returned to base at Point Clare.

Earlier in the day and closer to home, Marine Rescue used the same boat to provide help for an eight-metre ketch named Yworry that ran aground about 11am off Pretty Beach during a sailing exercise.

The ketch was being skippered

by its Blackwall owner before in the accident.

CC21 towed the distressed vessel to deeper water and the ketch continued on its way.

SOURCE: Media release, 3 Jan 2024 David Wicks, Marine Rescue Central Coast Photo: Reagan Mitchell

Holiday activities for all ages

A week of school holiday activities will be held at Woy Woy South Public School this week.

Family activities for children aged from pre-school to Year 6 will be held from 9 am to 11:30 am each day.

Activities for teens run from 5pm to 7:30pm each evening.

Known as Summerfest and run by Grace Church Peninsula, director Mr Craig Dobbie describes it as a “low-cost, open house, week of fun for all parents on the Peninsula”.

Cost is \$6 per child or \$10 per family per day.

Activities for children include craft, drama, painting, games and making a reality TV show, with separate activity streams for pre-schoolers, for Kindergarten to Year 2, and for Years 3 to 6.

Mr Dobbie said a creche would operate as well as a Getaway Cafe for parents, serving light snacks, tea, real coffee and entertainment.

The cafe will host a number of professionals and experts with



talks and discussion, covering topics that include parenting, family, health issues and real life stories, he said.

The week culminates on Saturday, January 13, with a family carnival and barbecue at Umina Beach Public School.

All carers have a government

authorised “Working with Children Check” and training in safe practices.

More information and registration is available online at <https://sfest.org>.

SOURCE: Media release, 3 Jan 2024 Craig Dobbie, Grace Church Peninsula



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Forum

Neglected roads and verges are council responsibility

I seem to have become a “serial whinger” regarding the struggling Central Coast Council.

As a long-time resident of the Peninsula, I am increasingly distressed to see the neglected condition of the roads and the unkempt verges of my neighbourhood, namely Woy Woy.

These issues are council responsibility.

Most disturbing to me is the proliferation of rubbish strewn around the place, which

demonstrates the lack of pride and respect for the environment amongst the population. I suppose this is a societal problem.

When the verges occasionally do get mowed by a team from Council, any litter on it gets chewed up by the mowers and scattered all around.

A worker on the team explained: “We don’t get paid to pick up the rubbish”.

My main “whinge” concerns the constant appearance of piles of domestic waste, often including large items of furniture and white

goods, dumped on the local nature strips.

The authorised collections are meant to be booked for collection on a specific date, and placed out the day prior to collection.

This rule is mostly not observed.

Massive heaps of stuff, sometimes entire home contents are constantly left out in almost every street, any day of the week.

I feel ashamed when I bring visitors to my home, as the surrounding areas look so awful.

Driving between Woy Woy and Kariong on

Woy Woy road is particularly embarrassing, as the verges on either side are littered with rubbish, and thick with weeds.

Council ought to be issuing fine notices to households who do not observe the rules for bulk waste collections.

Perhaps if the local tip fees for domestic waste were removed, this problem might be alleviated .

SOURCE:
Email, 14 Dec 2023
Yvette Pritchard, Woy Woy



Boats threaten safety of young children

I live in Sydney and visit Ettalong Beach regularly, and have done for more than 60 years.

I own an apartment here.

On Friday, December 27, I was appalled to see a rather large power boat come into the beach right where children regularly play, just outside Box on the Water.

After letting off their passengers, the boat was turned around and motored off again.

The photo shows the boat involved and the children nearby.

This is just within a couple of metres of infants and toddlers in

the water swimming nearby.

A couple of days later, there were many more people and small children on the beach again and two jet skis were parked right among the bathers at the waters edge at the vicinity of the Box on the Water.

Ettalong Beach used to be regarded as a safe beach for very young children but these boats make it extremely dangerous now.

How is this allowed?

The NSW boating safe distance web page states: “All vessels must keep a safe distance from people, other vessels, structures and the

shore.

“A safe distance gives you enough space to avoid a collision, injury to people, or damage to things.

“Powered vessels – including sailing boats over 5.5m long and personal watercraft – must keep a minimum distance of 60m from ... people in the water, including swimming and surfing areas.”

Why is this not enforced and offenders not penalized for encroaching on such swimming beaches?

SOURCE:
Email, 27 Dec 2023
Paul Robinson, Castle Hill

It’s no holiday for our wildlife

Holiday time is always “peak impact time” on our wildlife whether native or not.

This female rock dove is a typical example of the damage done by “senselessly discarded fishing line”.

She was observed sitting alone for an inordinate time at the Lions Park in Woy Woy which is a sure sign that she had compromised feet or legs.

I purposefully disturbed her so that I could determine her plight.

She was typical of a bird that had had both feet hobbled with fishing line with amputated toes but line still deeply embedded above one foot.

A stitch cutter/seam ripper was employed to delicately cut the line in a number of locations in order to prevent severing blood supply to her foot.

Patience is always needed in order to prevent irreparable damage.

Once the line was strategically severed and removed, and the area massaged gently to promote



blood flow she stood up tentatively on that foot unlike when I first saw her in distress, and flew off with function and pain relief likely within a couple of days

Early reporting of any type of bird entangled in fishing line or other twine can mean life or death.

Please call Pelican Care and Education Inc on 0458 975 498 for advice and a response.

SOURCE:
Email, 4 Jan 2024
Wendy Gillespie, Woy Woy

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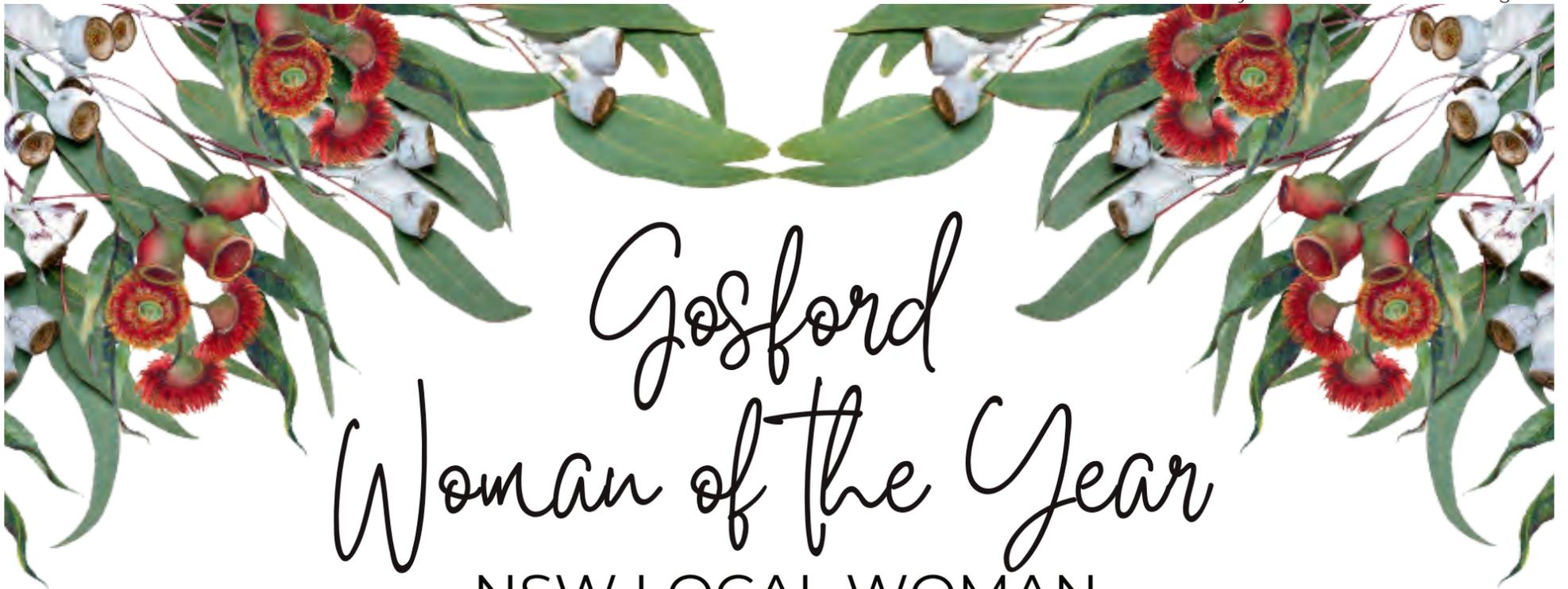
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Anniversary

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John and Joan are celebrating their **60th wedding anniversary**

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What achievements or contributions has the nominee made to their chosen field or the community?
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Planning

Panel refuses Melba Rd proposal

The Central Coast Local Planning Panel has refused a multi-dwelling development proposal for 22 Melba Rd, Woy Woy, following its meeting on December 7, in line with a recommendation from council planners.

Under the proposal, three attached units would have been built and an existing secondary dwelling would have become a fourth unit.

The proposal included strata subdivision of the development.

The application had attracted 14 submissions from the public against it.

Many residents complained about the proposed removal of the jacaranda street tree and overdevelopment of the site.

The council assessment report

listed 12 reasons for refusal.

These included that it did not meet the objectives of the R1 General Residential zone.

It would result in poor amenity for future residents and would not enhance the amenity of the area.

It also did not display best practice in multi-dwelling housing.

It did not meet three requirements of clause 7.6 of the Central Coast Local Environment Plan and was non-compliant in 15 "aspects" of the multi-dwelling chapter of the Central Coast Development Control Plan.

It also did not comply with four aspects of the Transport and Parking chapter.

It was not consistent with the desired character of the area, and was an over-development of the site.

Insufficient information was

supplied in relation to the strata subdivision plan and to floodplain and water cycle management.

The applicant spoke against the recommendation at the Panel meeting, disputing many of the points raised in the Council assessment report.

In its published decision, the Local Planning Panel stated that the proposal was refused "subject to the reasons for refusal as detailed in the Council staff Assessment Report to the Panel, excluding recommended reason No. 1".

Reason number one concerned the validity of a Basix certificate for the application.

SOURCE:
Central Coast Local Planning Panel item 2.1, 7 Dec 2023
DA/733/2023, Central Coast Council



Design changed for dual occupancy

The Central Coast Council Local Planning Panel has approved a development application for an attached "side by side" dual occupancy at 23 Bangalow St, Ettalong, at its December 14 meeting.

The Panel had previously refused the application at its meeting in August.

The December meeting considered an application for review of the determination was made under Section 8.2 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

The applicant had amended the proposal and provided revised architectural and landscape plans, a written response to reasons for refusal within an updated Statement of Environmental Effects and revised documentation addressing the changes to the design, including Basix/assessor certificates, stormwater management plan and swept turning paths.

The application was required to be considered by the Panel because the Panel had determined the previous application.

Three submission had been received about the revisions.

They mostly focussed on loss of privacy to neighbouring properties.

The architectural drawings transitioned through several revisions culminating in Revision D which was the approved version.

Amendments at Revision C included a reduction in floor space ratio to comply with the planning provisions, and an increase in front setback of ground level and first floor level and reduction in the size of balconies.

They also included an increase to side setbacks and articulation of the building at first floor level, as well as privacy screens to rear courtyard areas and between first floor rear deck areas.

Revision D saw a further minor reduction in floor space ratio, and a further Increase in front setback of ground level and first floor level to comply with development controls and to provide a setback consistent with adjacent properties.

A living area was removed from the first floor and replaced by a bedroom with further decrease in width of first floor balconies to 1.14m at site frontage to mitigate privacy impacts to adjoining

properties.

Revision D also added privacy screens to first floor covered rear deck to mitigate privacy impacts to adjoining properties, and an "improved streetscape presentation" by modifications to the design and appearance of the building and decrease in height of the front fence.

The footprint of the proposal was modified as the dwellings were no longer offset.

It added a stepped ground floor level, a decrease in size of ground floor rear deck and lowering of the courtyards to existing ground level to avoid retaining walls and fill in rear courtyard areas.

There was an increase in landscaped area and improved stormwater infiltration with the reduced building footprint.

The Panel assessment stated that "The cumulative impact of the non-compliances of the application considered by the Panel have been addressed by the amendments to the design of the development evident by the Revision D plans.

"The amended design is a terrace style design that provides accessible street frontage for both dwellings with private courtyards at the rear with rear vehicle access.

"This is consistent with the trend to similar terrace style dual occupancies on the Peninsula and is an important variation to housing options.

"The amended front alignment of the development is consistent with the front building alignment of the adjacent developments.

"The proposal is consistent with the objectives of the zone by virtue of the amended design of the proposal and compliance with the relevant development controls (other than the single storey garage located at the rear laneway).

"The bulk and scale of the built form is suitable for the site and local context, due to the compliance with provisions for height, setbacks, floor space ratio, site coverage, landscape area and deep soil zones, building articulation and variation in building materials.

"The amended proposal demonstrates best practice in the design of a dual occupancy that does not result in unreasonable environmental amenity impacts."

SOURCE:
Local Planning Panel item 3.3, 14 Dec 2023
DA/1776/2022, 23 Central Coast Council



'Gunbarrel' approved with conditions

The Central Coast Local Planning Panel has approved an application for a two-storey, three-unit "gunbarrel" development at 31 Burrawang St, Ettalong.

The application was one of three similar applications in Burrawang St by the same developer at numbers 21, 31 and 33.

The application for number 21 has already been approved following a Lands and Environment Court conciliation conference.

In the approving the application for 31 Burrawang St, the Panel imposed a number of additional conditions.

These included conditions to "relocate the stormwater system

and stormwater pits to the centre of the access driveway and reshape the driveway, to maximise the width of the side boundary landscape strip and meet the requirements of Australian Standards AS2890 for vehicle manoeuvring".

The conditions required the kerb at the boundary edge of the access driveway to be removed to enable more width for landscaping, and that additional landscaping be provided within the landscape strip.

The two street trees and all other proposed canopy trees within the site must be a minimum pot size of 75 litres (advanced specimens).

The height of the front courtyard fence to Unit 1 was to be reduced to a maximum 1.2 metres.

There had been 22 submissions from the public objecting to the proposal and three speakers against it at the Panel meeting on December 7.

The council assessment report had recommended approval but the speaker for the Peninsula Residents Association argued that it failed to provide any justification for allowing variations such as reducing the landscaping strip at the edge of the driveway by 50 per cent to 150mm and placing part of the Unit 1 private open space on the front setback.

SOURCE:
Local Planning Panel item 2.2, 7 Dec 2023
DA/4365/2022, Central Coast Council



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Volunteer bus driver sought for outings

A Woy Woy aged care home is seeking a volunteer bus driver to take its residents on weekly outings.

“BlueWave Living is currently seeking a volunteer bus driver to provide safe and efficient transport for our residents to various locations for weekly outings and adhoc events,” said chief executive Mr Matt Downie.

“This is an excellent role for someone that is wanting to give back to the community and provide companionship to passengers.”

The bus driver’s duties will include driving resident groups

to and from outings, helping stow resident equipment on the bus, and ensuring all residents are wearing their seat belts.

The driver will refuel the vehicle and ensure it is clean and safe, reporting any faults and damage as soon as possible.

Information sessions and training will be provided when required.

“You will need to be great with people, courteous and provide a friendly environment for passengers,” said Mr Downie.

“You would ideally be someone who shows care, support and have

excellent communication skills to be able to have and share in conversations with our residents.

“You will also be capable and fit to assist carers to load and unload the bus.

“To drive our bus you must possess a current drivers licence.

“We will also require a criminal check (less than six months old) which we can arrange on your behalf and two referees.”

For more information, contact HR advisor Ms Claire Tait on 4344 2599.

SOURCE:
Social media, 24 Dec 2023
Matt Downie, BlueWave Living



Charity bowls adds \$1135 to make \$19,000 total

Ettalong Charity Bowlers raised \$1135 at their event at Ettalong Bowling Club on Sunday, December 17.

This brought the total raised by the group for the Central Coast Kids in Need charity to almost \$19,000 for the year.

The bowlers presented their cheque for the year to Kids in Need treasurer Ms Rhonda Doyle and secretary Ms Lorraine Churchill.

“We are a small volunteer organisation which raises money to provide financial assistance to families of seriously-ill Central Coast children, who are required to go to Sydney or Newcastle hospitals for treatment,” said Ms Churchill.

“We do this, by easing the financial burden for medications, equipment, travel and accommodation.”

Charity bowls co-ordinator Mr Ken Dixon said: “Future charity

bowls events will be held on the third Sunday of each month during 2024.”

Mr Dixon said the December charity bowls day was “another great day, thanks to all who supported the event”.

“We had 48 bowlers on the green.

“Lyn Sawyer won the spider, while the winning rink draw was won by Julie Vale, Peter Jellicoe and John Greentree.

“Ken Dixon won the Wednesday Bowlers prize, while Jenny Hibbert and Dave Downey were the successful bidders for the auction items.

“Our ham and salad lunch was donated by Ettalong Bendigo Bank and expertly served up by Dolly, Marilyn and Annie.”

SOURCE:
Media release, 18 Dec 2023
Ken Dixon, Ettalong Charity Bowls
Photo: Alan Nickolson

Meals on Wheels lunch excursion

A social group of 14 Woy Woy Meals on Wheels recipients has taken a trip to the service’s Tuggerah distribution centre to have “a community restaurant experience” for a Christmas party.

The excursion was a prelude to the experience, with “fun-filled social activities”, being offered in the coming year at Meals on Wheels “restaurants” across the region, including at Woy Woy.

The restaurants will be open to small senior groups seeking a luncheon and activity centre combined.

Adopting a slogan of “more than just a meal”, the restaurants will offer a range of activities including movies, bingo and arts and crafts.

During the three-hour Christmas lunch at Tuggerah, attendees were offered tea and coffee on arrival, a Christmas ham and turkey meal, and a berry cheesecake for dessert.

Catering was provided by a team of seven young people supplied by work placement provider You Connect.

Meals on Wheels which relies on volunteers for meal deliveries and social connections, accepted a volunteer offer from You Connect, .

You Connect prepared the

young people, aged 16 to 20, over the last six weeks for the occasion.

Training was provided to manage coffee orders, to co-ordinate oven cooking instructions and to follow food handling procedures.

“It was rewarding to watch these young adults excel in customer service, food preparation, and, most importantly, in creating priceless social interactions with their senior counterparts,” said volunteer co-ordinator Ms Amy Baulman.

SOURCE:
Media release, 14 Dec 2023
Primrose Raffaelli, Meals on Wheels Central Coast



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Six students receive Robertson Medallions

Students at six Peninsula schools have received inaugural Robertson Medallions from the Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid.

They are Year 9 Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina campus student Ebony Falconer, Year 12 Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy campus student Olivia Petersen, Year 6 St John the Baptist Primary School student Ella Jenkin, Year 5 Umina Beach Public School student Geordie Finlayson-Walker, Year 5 Woy Woy Public School student Nevaeh Markham and Year 6 Woy Woy South Public School student Isabella Grant (pictured).

Dr Reid said he established the award "to recognise students who have demonstrated, throughout the school year, consistent dedication to the principles of social justice, community initiative, leadership, and integrity".

"When I was elected the Federal

Member for Robertson, there was no end-of-year award dedicated to recognising outstanding students from the Australian Government at a local level, within the electorate", Dr Reid said.

"Schools nominate a student who they have identified meets the criteria to receive the award", Dr Reid said.

"I have been amazed by the outstanding community work each Robertson Medallion recipient has been involved with throughout 2023, and I am very confident in our up-and-coming leaders of tomorrow", Dr Reid said.

"There have been 42 recipients of the Robertson Medallion for 2023."

Not all schools in the Robertson electorate participated.

"I look forward recognising many more students with a Robertson Medallion in 2024," Dr Reid said.

SOURCE:
Media release, 14 Dec 2023
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson



Pump track and basketball court open

The pump track and the basketball court at the Umina recreation precinct opened on Thursday, December 21.

Umina Community Group welcomed the opening as "lots of fun for the kids these holidays" and "great news for all the basketballers".

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl

Tesch said: "It is such a great outcome.

"I'm so happy we secured a full court rather than a half court.

"I'm really looking forward to coming down and shooting some hoops!"

SOURCE:
Social media, 21 Dec 2023
Umina Community Group
Photos: Mark Ellis

Book fair raises \$2456

The Summer Holiday Book Fair held at Pearl Beach on Thursday, December 28, has raised \$2456.

The fair was held in the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall.

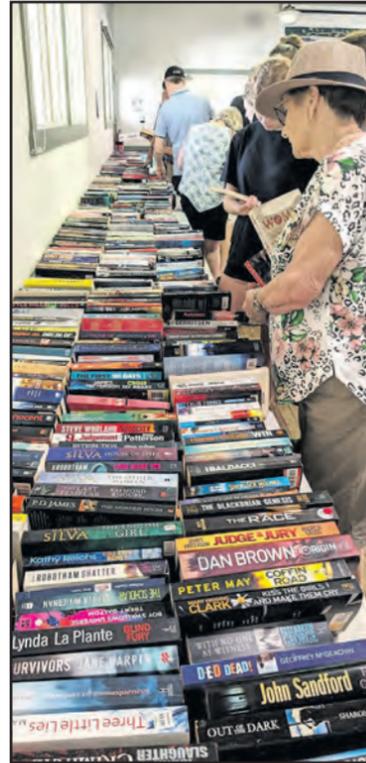
It was organised by the Pearl Beach Progress Association, with the proceeds going towards hall upkeep and maintenance and other Pearl Beach initiatives.

Co-ordinator Ms Alison Phillips described the sale as "a huge success".

"A crowd gathered outside awaiting the 9am start and eagerly made their way to the numerous tables covered in good quality fiction books, biography books, dvd's and puzzles," she said.

"A steady flow of book loving people continued to arrive throughout the four hours of the Sale making it the most profitable Summer Sale to date."

SOURCE:
Social media, 28 Dec 2023
Friends of Pearl Beach



Surviving a bushfire in Pearl Beach

A presentation about Surviving a Pearl Beach Bushfire will given at the Pearl Beach Memorial Community Hall at 5pm next Saturday, January 13.

The fire danger presentation will be made jointly by the Rural Fire Service and the Pearl Beach Safety Advisory Group, and aims to describe "what to do to survive a bushfire in Pearl Beach".

"The presentation is a must for all Pearl Beach residents and visitors," according to the Pearl Beach Progress Association.

"It will provide valuable information and tips on how to protect yourself, your property and your community from the threat of a bushfire."

SOURCE:
Social media, 30 Dec 2023
Pearl Beach Progress Association

Tribute paid to Heather Brown

Brisbane Water Bridge Club has paid tribute to one of its members, Pearl Beach resident Ms Heather Brown, who died last month.

"Heather Brown joined Brisbane Water Bridge Club in 2006 and quickly became a true club stalwart supporting our functions and special bridge events," said club president Mr Jim Routledge.

"Heather would often cook for special events, such as Charity Day, and I remember sampling her delicious soup.

"Heather loved playing bridge and the company of the club membership.

"She will be sadly missed.

"Her good humour, spontaneous friendship and desire to help

others will be remembered and appreciated by all."

Ms Brown was also known through her involvement in the Pearl Beach Progress Association and the Rotary Club of Woy Woy with her husband Mr Vic Brown.

In social media comments, Pearl Beach residents described her as special.

"Heather had a spark in her that was fun.

"She had a private side to her and at the same time a great sense of humour."

Her funeral was held at the Greenway Chapel on Tuesday, December 19.

SOURCE:
Social media, 14 Dec 2023
Friends of Pearl Beach



Arboretum patron dies, aged 93

Patron of the Pearl Beach Crommelin Native Arboretum Ms Carol Serventy OAM has died at the age of 93 on December 12.

Ms Serventy was and wife of conservationist Mr Vincent Serventy who died in 2007.

Mr Serventy had also been patron of the Arboretum.

Arboretum secretary Ms Mary Knaggs said: "While she moved to live with her family in Lismore several years ago, she has been in our thoughts since.

"Carol was a well-respected wildlife conservation expert working with her husband Vincent Serventy on several books.

"She also had a distinguished career in Australia and internationally on museum councils and related organisations."

Ms Serventy was born Caroline to Molly and Bill Darbyshire in Hay



St, Perth, and had one brother Tony, according to a death notice published in Sydney.

She married Vincent Serventy in 1955 and had three children, Natasha, Cathy and Matthew.

"Carol had a lifelong passion for museums and was president of the World Federation of Friends of Museums, a councillor of the National Museum, trustee of the

Australian Museum, and president of the Australian Museum Society of Friends.

"She was also treasurer and president of The Women's Club, Sydney."

Ms Serventy was said to have loved reading and her garden, spending her later years in Pearl Beach.

"Although living half her life in NSW, her heart remained in many ways in WA.

"She is survived by her children Cathy and Matthew, and her grandchildren Charo, Lachlan, Lucy and Ari."

There is expected to be a memorial service in Pearl Beach to remember her early this year.

She is pictured with Arboretum ecologist Mr Robert Payne in August 2016.

SOURCE:
Website, 13 Dec 2023
Pearl Beach Arboretum

Boardriders

Umina Boardriders will hold their annual general meeting at 6pm next Monday, January 15, at Ettalong Bowling Club.

All members have been encouraged to attend to vote in the committee and discuss any other items for the upcoming season.

Sponsors are also being sought for 2024, and may contact the club by email at uminaboardriders@gmail.com.

SOURCE:

Social media, 5 Jan 2024.
Umina Boardriders.



Wolves

Woy Woy Wolves Baseball Club will hold its annual general meeting on Sunday, January 21.

It will be held at 1pm at the Erina Rugby League Football Club.

All members have been invited to attend.

SOURCE:

Social media, 30 Dec 2023
Woy Woy Wolves Baseball Club

Park run

The Woy Woy Park Run held on Saturday, December 30, was biggest event ever held at Woy Woy.

A total of 382 people walked, jogged or ran the course.

Volunteers "who made this event happen" included Robyn Abicair, Robert Allan, Kelly Andrews, Matt Benton and Matthew Conroy.

SOURCE:

Social media, 30 Dec 2023
Woy Woy Park Run

Woy Woy physie club holds presentations

Woy Woy Recreational Physical Culture Club presented its annual awards at a presentation day at Everglades Country Club on Saturday, December 9.

The club has announced that it has finished the year with five zone champions and 13 zone places, with one national champion, a

national fourth and a fifth, six national finalists, 21 national representatives and 11 repechage representatives.

It had four overall national winning teams, six section team wins and 11 out of 12 teams placing.

Award-winners were Nevaeh Rae (Scholarship Award), Club Person of the Year -Emily Low,

Rookie of the Year Ella Lauchlan, Parent of the Year Kate Parsons, Lady of the Year Laura Morrison and Dancers' Dancer Bek Smith.

Highest achievers were junior Mia Ramos, intermediate Sophia Murray, senior Brooke Murphy and Ladies Jessica Breadon.

Team girl of the year awards went to junior Nylah Young, senior Jaymie Dryden and Ladies Abby

Highlands.

The club has decided to add a second pre-schoolers class for the coming year.

The first term will be free for all new pre-schoolers.

SOURCE:

Social media, 5 Jan 2024
Woy Woy Recreational Physical Culture Club

Bridge club plays summer teams event

The Brisbane Water Bridge Club has played its 2023 Summer Teams event.

Results after four of four matches were:

1 Barry Foster, Hope Tomlinson, Chris Hasemore, Martin Johnson 25 imps (50.00 VPs), 3-0-1 W-D-L, 0.42 red points.

2 Sylvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa, Karen Ody, Lorraine Lindsay 42 (49.53) 2-1-1, 0.35.

3 Jorgen Boettiger, Deborah Guthrie, Matt Raj Mal, Brian Richardson 19 (47.89), 3-1-0, 0.49.



4 Christine Hadaway, Chris Hannan, Noel Crockett, Shirley Crockett 1 (38.31), 1-0-3, 0.14.

5 Steve Anderson, Kerry Anderson, Kerry-Anne Durrant, Carolyn Girdwood -22 (37.90), 2-0-

2, 0.28.

6 David Bowerman, Dasha Brandt, Susan McCall, Judy Wulff -6 (37.83), 2-0-2, 0.28.

7 Peter Hume, Laurie Powell, Elaine Hume, Kathryn Ivits -21 (31.82), 1-0-3, 0.14.

8 Julie Teague, Joan Walsh, Jurate Laisve, Jenny Buckley -35 (27.37) 1-0-3, 0.14.

Pictured is the winning team of Martin Johnson, Hope Tomlinson, Chris Hasemore and Barry Foster.

SOURCE:

Social media, 19 Dec 2023
Brisbane Water Bridge Club

WHAT'S ON at ETTALONG BOWLING CLUB

Cheers to a bright new year and exciting things to come in 2024 at Ettalong Bowling Club.

Celebrate Australia Day with us! Enjoy a friendly game of Barefoot Bowls (contact the bowls office to book, spots are limited).

Bring the kids along for free face painting and enjoy a free sausage sizzle with the family from 11am.

Live entertainment all day from 2pm with John O'Reilly & the Open Fire Trio band.

Check out the new Summer menu from the Alfresco Brasserie, includes fresh tasty salads and scrumptious pasta dishes. Open 7 days for lunch and dinner, weekly blackboard specials.

Become a member for only \$7.50 and enjoy all our rewards and offers. For the latest information download our club app or visit our website to stay in the loop.

We thank you for all your support throughout 2023 and look forward to seeing you all again this year.



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Let's Celebrate

AUSTRALIA DAY

FRIDAY 26th JAN

11AM - 1PM: BAREFOOT BOWLS

12PM - 2PM: FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE

6.15PM:

2PM - 6PM:

7PM - 11PM:

KIDS FACE PAINTING

CLUB MEAT RAFFLES

ENTERTAINMENT

JOHN O'RIELLY SOLOIST

OPEN FIRE TRIO - IN CLUB AUDI

THE BEST-KEPT SECRET ON THE CENTRAL COAST

Soccer club absorbs most of fee increase

Southern and Ettalong United Football Club has decided to pass on to its members only one fifth of the Central Coast Football fee increase.

"We know times are not easy for all," said club president Mr Sam Appleby.

"In addition, we have reduced fees in our 8-12 age bracket to ease the jump in fees from the 7-8 bracket.

"Although there has been a sharp increase in fees in our seniors, we have also decided to reduce the club portion of the fees to help out.

"Our committee has been working tirelessly in the off-season to ensure we are improving across the board.

"We have created a new team formation and evaluation policy ready for a smoother transition from registration into teams based on player evaluations performed by qualified football specialists.

"We have upgraded our player and coaching development

programs with the introduction of an experienced club-wide technical director Augusto Terra.

"We are providing a strong framework of support for senior women."

He said the club had bought new training and game-day equipment, and that new club-wide kits would rollout starting this season.

"Even though we have reduced our club fees, we are working harder than ever to provide a club culture that we can be proud of.

"Our club portion of the fees covers 28 weeks of pre-season, regular season and finals series."

He said fees went to buy new gear, to maintain existing gear and club facilities, and to buy better technology and equipment to make volunteers' jobs easier.

They also covered insurance and security.

Registration opens on the Central Coast Football website from tomorrow, January 9.

SOURCE:
Social media, 6 Jan 2024
Sam Appleby, SEUFC



Tennis online bookings 6am to 10pm

Woy Woy Tennis Club has adopted a digital booking system that provides "an easy and convenient way to book and play tennis from 6am until 10pm seven days a week".

Club president Mr Walter Pearson said Woy Woy Tennis was adjacent to the Austin Butler Oval, behind the Peninsula Plaza.

Woy Woy Tennis was unique because it had hard and synthetic grass courts to choose from.

"It has gone digital and is taking on-line bookings using the Tennis Australia official Book-a-Court

system.

"The new 21st century system comes at a perfect time for the summer holiday season when folks are looking for cheap and flexible recreational activities.

"Tennis is so easy to access," Mr Pearson said.

"All you need are shoes, a racket and balls.

"And now, there's a modern, simple on-line system to reserve a court to play," he said.

Courts are available to the public from \$20 per hour for up to two hours duration.

Lights will come on automatically for bookings after dark.

"The availability of courts in the cooler hours of the evening is a real benefit during the hot summer times ahead," Mr Pearson said.

He said people could visit the club website at www.woywoytenniscub.com and follow the prompts.

Alternatively they could search "Woy Woy Tennis" where they would be taken to the Book-a-Court system where they could select the day and time that best suits them.

SOURCE:
Media release, 13 Dec 2023
Walter Pearson, Woy Woy Tennis Club



Peninsula Touch sends team to New Zealand

The Peninsula Touch Association has sent a Mixed Opens team to New Zealand to compete in the Whakatane Touch Competition, ultimately playing in the grand final.

The team played some of the best teams in New Zealand.

The Peninsula team had a 6-4 victory in its first game against Switch.

The team then faced favourites, Galaxy, who won 3-1.

The third game saw the Peninsula side defeat the Mudchickens 8-1 win.

The second last round game put the Peninsula up against a young rep side Suns Waikato, which won

6-1.

The last round game was the team's hardest challenge.

Playing against T's Up, described as "a red hot team in form", the Peninsula played a great game of footy to come out on top with a 4-1 victory.

This put the Peninsula side into the grand final against Galaxy.

After a confident lead coming into half time, Galaxy managed to wrestle back to a draw forcing us to a drop off.

A well-constructed couple of moves put Galaxy over early and their defence was great.

Final score was 9-8 in a thrilling.

SOURCE:
Social media, 6 Jan 2024
Peninsula Touch Association Inc

Central Coast Disabled Surfers Association will hold a "Smiles on Dials" surfing event at Umina Beach on Saturday, February 3.

"We need large volunteer numbers to make our surfing experience safe and enjoyable," said association president Ms Rae Fletcher.

Interested volunteers are asked to register online at <https://bit.ly/3FebEvent> prior to the event.

This would allow organisers to decide how many surfers would be accepted on the day, she said.

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

"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.

"Volunteers will also be accepted on the day.

A sausage sizzle will be provided.

Ms Fletcher said the association was a volunteer-run organisation that "enables people of all ages



and abilities to take part in one of Australia's most popular past-times, beach surfing". "Volunteers serve to provide a unique, safe, and happy surfing experience to a wide range of people with various disabilities who would otherwise be unable to access the beach.

"To ensure safety, the association has a high volunteer to participant ratio, with a minimum of 6:1 up to as high as 30:1 for more challenging participants.

"We only surf in broken waves,

in waist depth water.

"Volunteers help participants enjoy the experience that abled bodied people often take for granted.

"The Disabled Surfers Association was established in 1986 and currently has 19 branches across Australia and New Zealand."

SOURCE:
Media release, 5 Jan 2024
Rae Fiechter, CCDSA