



Women's Day sunrise

Around 100 women gathered at Ocean Beach for a sunrise celebration of International Women's Day on Friday, March 8.

"It was another beautiful morning for our fourth International Women's Day celebrations at Ocean Beach," said Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

"Aunty Robyn Reid's welcome to country started with a powerful message: 'Hear her roar. Invest in our women and our children, for they are our future.'

Free meditation is held at Ocean Beach every Saturday at 6:30am.

SOURCE:

Social media, 8 Mar 2024

Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

Regional droneport planned for Woolworths' roof

Woolworths has announced plans to make the roof of its Woy Woy store a regional centre for a drone delivery service covering a population of about 150,000 people.

The "fully-electric and autonomous" drones would make deliveries from the store directly to customers' homes, according to a statement issued by Woolworths on Friday.

The drones would rely on satellite and on-board navigation, and "don't have cameras".

The statement said a drone could "deliver items up to seven times faster than cars, so not only does it help to save time but also reduces road traffic, and is better for the environment".

"The technology can be used in most weather conditions, including rain and wind, servicing customers located within a 15km radius of the Woy Woy store and delivering orders of up to three kilograms."

The 15km radius delivery area covers most of the population of the former Gosford Council area, about 150,000 people.

It extends as far north as Wamberal, Ourimbah campus and Somersby and as far south as Palm Beach, Mooney Mooney and Brooklyn.

The Woolworths Group acknowledged that, "in partnership with leading global logistics company Zipline ... a development application has been submitted to Central Coast Council seeking approval to set up new technology on the roof of Woolworths' Woy Woy supermarket, enabling groceries to



be delivered by drone."

However, the application provides few details of the planned operation.

The Statement of Environmental Effects for the application does not mention operating times, numbers of drones, flight frequency, flight paths and heights or payload standards, nor does it mention the 15km delivery area or three kilogram package weight provided in Woolworths' statement to Peninsula News.

It does say there would be up to nine Zipline employees.

It states: "The proposed works are considered ancillary of the existing, and approved, commercial use on the site.

"Consent requested from Council is for the physical infrastructure only and in no way provides approval for the commercial flying of drones", implying that this information does not need to be supplied.

The application includes a "plan of management" covering community consultation, which states that Woolworths

"understands how important it is to keep the community up to date and engage with stakeholders effectively on new initiatives, including communicating early and in a timely way".

"Community engagement will commence shortly providing an opportunity for local residents to ask questions and learn more about the proposal," Woolworths told Peninsula News.

However, the engagement is focussed on in-store information and surveys, and the provision of a webpage.

It does not make use of mainstream media. (Neither Woolworths nor Zipline took the initiative to contact Peninsula News about the project.)

The plan does not include approaching residents who may not be customers, other than to "meet with local business organisations and community groups to outline the service and benefits".

There is no commitment to consult with residents ahead of the closing date for submissions on the development application (DA/204/2024).

A web page about the project can be found at <https://www.flyzipline.com/australia>.

It states: "Getting community feedback is important to us. Feel free to email droneprogramme@woolworths.com.au."

SOURCE:

DA Tracker, 13 Mar 2024
DA/204/2024, Central Coast Council
Media statement, 15 Mar 2024
Nathan Farebrother,
Woolworths Group

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'Meet the Editor' to mark 25 years

Peninsula News' founding editor Mr Mark Snell wants to meet you – our readers – as the newspaper celebrates 25 years.

Readers will have the opportunity to "meet the editor" and discuss the past, present and future of our newspaper at two sessions in April.

They will both be held on Monday, April 22 – one during the day and one at night.

A morning session will be held at Woy Woy Library at 11am, while an evening session will be held at Ettalong Bowling Club at 7pm.

On each occasion, editor Mr Mark Snell will talk about the role of local newspapers in fostering a sense of community and supporting local democracy.

Questions and discussion will follow.

"I'm interested in hearing what readers value about Peninsula News and their thoughts about its future as it faces the challenges ahead," he said.

With inquiries, email editor@peninsula.news.

Mark Snell, 16 Mar 2024

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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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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CWA holds market day indoors

Rain did not deter the Woy Woy branch of the Country Women's Association from having their market day.

They just held it indoors.
 More than 80 people attended

the event enjoying the renowned CWA classic - scones and cream with tea or coffee.

Pictured from left are CWA members Ms Johanna Reygersberg, Ms Liz MacVean, Ms Angela Allen, Ms Margaret Ure, Ms

Lesley Cotterill, Ms Irene Dunn, Ms Diane Spinks, Ms Carol Gordon and Ms Jeannette Morgan.

SOURCE:
 Social media, 13 Mar 2024
 CWA Woy Woy
 Photo: Jo Freeman

Road blocked

Ocean Beach Rd in Umina was blocked in both directions on Thursday, March 14, after a car brought down power lines near Lone Pine Ave.

One person was transported to hospital.

Emergency crews remained on the scene, with diversions in place, while Ausgrid attended and made the area safe.

SOURCE:
 Social media, 14 Mar 2024
 NSW Central Coast Incident Alerts

Older women donate food

The Older Women's Network Deepwater has responded to a call for food donations to Mary Mac's Place in Woy Woy.

The food will be used to provide hampers to the hungry, homeless and destitute on the Peninsula, said Network secretary Ms Jennifer Brown.

Mary Mac's Place project officer Ms Sally Baker said her service had experienced an enormous rise in demand for food.

Ms Brown and fellow executive member Ms Sybil Ker delivered more than \$500 worth of groceries to replenish the pantry at Mary Mac's.

The Older Women's Network plans to provide regular pantry top-ups throughout the year.

Pictured are Ms Brown, Ms Ker and Ms Baker with the grocery items donated on Tuesday March 12.

SOURCE:
 Media release, 12 Mar 2024
 Jennifer Brown, OWN Deepwater

March has one 10th monthly rainfall

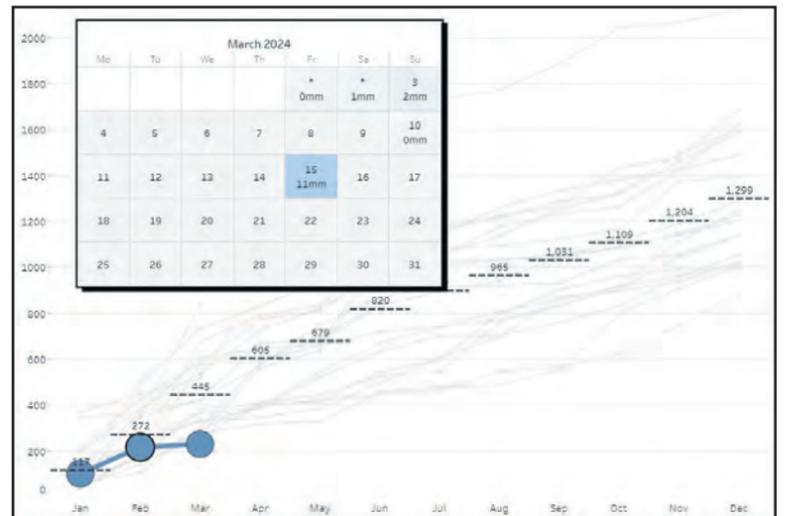
Mid-March, the Peninsula has received less than 10 per cent of its average rainfall for the month.

A total of 13.1mm had fallen by the morning of Friday, March 15, including a fall of 10.5mm recorded that morning, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

The average rainfall for March is 181mm, with 13.1mm representing just 7.2 per cent of this figure.

Total rainfall so far this year is 227.7mm, which is about half the first quarter average of 456mm.

More details, including daily rainfall figures and yearly comparisons, are available online at <http://bit.ly/PNRRainfall>



SOURCE:
 Spreadsheet, 15 Mar 2024
 Jim Morrison, Umina

TIDE TIMES and Heights	Mon, Mar 18	Thu, Mar 21	Sun, Mar 24	Wed, Mar 27	Sat, Mar 30
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	2234 0.34	2009 0.77	2138 0.92	2307 1.02	1828 0.26
AT ETTALONG	Tue, Mar 19	Fri, Mar 22	Mon, Mar 25	Thu, Mar 28	Sun, Mar 31
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	2350 0.33	2041 0.82	2206 0.96	2341 1.03	1908 0.30
AT ETTALONG	Wed, Mar 20	Sat, Mar 23	Tue, Mar 26	Fri, Mar 29	Mon, Apr 1
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Council to help shade tree group with tree planting

The Grow Urban Shade Trees group has received an offer of help from Central Coast Council to supply and plant street trees that residents order through the group.

The council will supply a list of available native and exotic trees, and the group will do the paperwork, according to group member Ms Deb Sunartha.

"We will take details of the request on a council application form, including name, address, choice of tree, and a picture of where the resident would like the tree planted."

"The form is to be signed by the resident and co-signed by a GUST member then forwarded to the

Council's Open Spaces team.

"The Open Spaces team will inspect the location, hopefully approve it for a suitable tree and plant it.

"The resident is still expected to maintain the tree in good health.

"Council has reminded us that only \$40,000 has been allocated this financial year for tree-planting through the whole Central Coast area.

"The funding will be shared amongst the 19 suburbs for priority planting most affected by urban heat as noted in the Council's Greener Places Strategy."

SOURCE:
Social media, 13 Mar 2024
Deb Sunartha, Grow Urban Shade Trees



Fire crews have joint training exercise

Crews from Fire and Rescue NSW Station 340 Umina and from the Pearl Beach brigade of the NSW Rural Fire Service undertook a combined inter-agency training exercise on Wednesday, March 13.

"The purpose of this training was to complement the already existing professional relationship between the two emergency services," said Fire and Rescue leading station officer Mark Bradford.

"The two agencies frequently respond together to numerous and varied emergency incidents

including house fires, wildfires, and rescues.

"The main focus of this particular training exercise was to showcase the capabilities of the FRNSW aerial pumper appliance."

Mr Bradford said that the appliance had an extended ladder reach of 15.4 metres with a 2000 litre water tank, and was a versatile resource asset for the local community and the Central Coast region.

SOURCE:
Media release, 13 Mar 2024
Mark Bradford, FRNSW Station 340 Umina



Clean-up in Woy Woy Bay

Clean4Shore cleaned up Woy Woy Bay on Wednesday morning, March 6.

"A small section of mangroves (150 metres) in front of the railway station revealed masses of small litter," said co-ordinator Mr Graham Johnston.

"Food wrappings, plastic bottles, soft plastics, cans, glass bottles and polystyrene were collected by a small team from North Gosford Learning Centre.

"More alarming was the amount of bar-coded plastic bottles, cans and beer bottles, with the general public now not keen on the 10 cent refund."

Mr Johnston said a change in direction should be considered for the Return and Earn Scheme.

The team pulled an old stand-up paddle board from close to the railway line with one site further into the Bay revealing three derelict craft, "squashed" by a fallen tree.

An RFS work crew assisted in removing the tree with the students carrying all three craft onto the barge.

Also of concern is an eight metre yacht, laying on its side.

A load weighing 280kg was delivered to Woy Woy tip.

SOURCE:
Social media, 6 Mar 2024
Clean4shore

The Pearl Beach annual Easter Saturday Book Fair will be held in the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall from 9am to 5pm on Saturday, March 30.

"The event is the largest single fundraising activity managed by the Pearl Beach Progress Association," said association publicity officer Ms Lynne Lillico.

"The fair is celebrating 47 years, and promises to be the best ever."

The fair includes novels, biographies, children's books, art books, house and garden books, as well as puzzles, CDs, DVDs and Blue Ray discs.

It will also include a selection of vinyl records.

"There is always a surprise or two among the thousand of titles

of pre-loved books," said book fair co-ordinator Ms Alison Phillips.

As well as selling books, the fair will include the Back Deck Cafe, a raffle for an Easter hamper and a "Homemade by Locals" stall in front of the Memorial Hall.

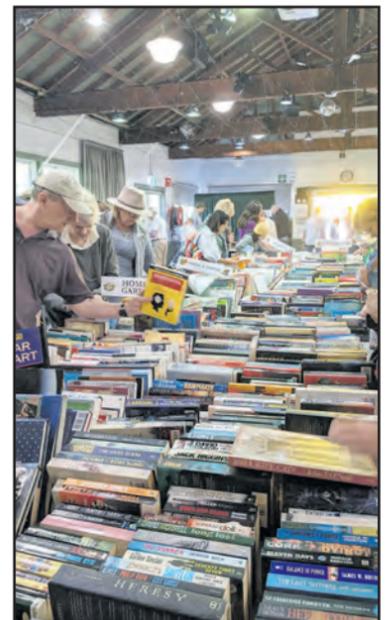
Entry is free.

Cash or credit cards will be accepted to make a purchase or buy raffle tickets.

Proceeds from the book fair and raffle go toward projects in Pearl Beach and the upkeep and maintenance of the Memorial Hall.

With inquiries, phone 0487 444 537.

SOURCE:
Media release, 6 Mar 2024
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association
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Louise Lambeth named Woman of the Year

Umina children's author Ms Louise Lambeth has been named the 2024 Gosford Woman of the Year.

Announcing the award, Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch said: "Louise is a fierce advocate for water safety, working alongside our local surf clubs to introduce water safety programs for locals and visitors at Pearl Beach."

Ms Lambeth is a member of

the Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club and author of the water safety books Rohit and the River and the Tight Lines.

"Louise is a powerful community leader, saving lives one at a time through education," said Ms Tesch.

"With people like Louise in our community, we truly are lucky."

SOURCE:

Social media, 8 Mar 2024
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

Art fair

More than 20 Pearl Beach artisans will be exhibiting at their homes from 10am to 4pm on Easter Saturday, March 30.

Each studio will display red flags to indicate that a selection of jewellery, paintings, ceramics, handicrafts, pottery, homemade cakes and cards are available for purchase.

More information is available online at www.pearlbeachprogress.org.au or phone Ms Cecile Ferguson on 0412 141 721.

SOURCE:

Media release, 17 Mar 2024
Jo Diggins, Pearl Beach Art Fair



Crazy hair day

Woy Woy Public School will hold a crazy hair and sock day fundraiser on Friday, March 22, to support the Year 6 Farewell.

Students have been asked to bring a gold coin donation to support the Year 6 students.

Parents have been asked to ensure that the school uniform and enclosed shoes are worn on the day.

SOURCE:

Social media, 13 Mar 2024
Woy Woy Public School

Aged care home has 35th anniversary

A Woy Woy aged care home celebrated its 35th anniversary last week.

BlueWave Living was officially opened as Woy Woy Aged Care on March 15, 1989.

It started as a 40-bed nursing home, and is now home to more than 120 residents.

Coinciding with the anniversary,

the home recognised the long service of several of its staff.

Three celebrated 25 years of service, two celebrated 20 years and another two 15 years.

Four staff celebrated 10 years and another four celebrated five years.

SOURCE:

Social media, 15 Mar 2024
Matt Downie, BlueWave Living

Long-time Pearl Beach resident dies

Long-time Pearl Beach resident Mr Bill Abbott died on Tuesday morning, March 12, disembarking from a cruise.

Mr Abbott moved from north America to Pearl Beach with his mother Ms Dorothy Hart more than 50 years ago.

Dorothy became a member of the Pearl Beach Progress Association executive and acted

as the Publicity Officer.

"They quickly embraced the natural heritage of the village that has inspired many artists, musicians, poets and writers," said current association publicity officer Ms Lynne Lillico.

They became involved in community activities "to raise much-needed funds toward the upkeep of the Pearl Beach Native Arboretum with a table of donated books outside the Pearl Beach

shop".

"Once the Arboretum received a bequest they continued the concept by moving their book sale into the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall and the Easter Saturday Book Fair was launched.

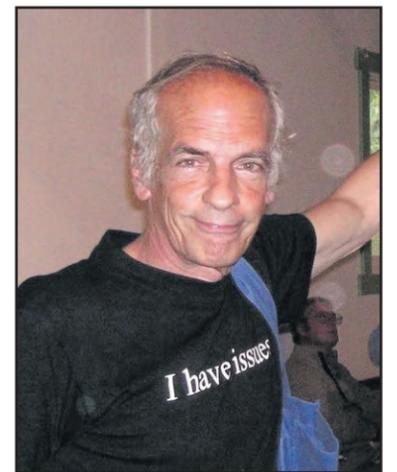
"When Dorothy passed away, Bill continued managing the Easter Saturday Book Fair with proceeds toward the Memorial Hall upkeep and repairs until he decided to retire.

"Bill was a passionate cruise passenger and over the years sailed on most of the Cunard ships as well as many others.

"It is appropriate that Bill passed away disembarking from a recent cruise which he was so passionate about .

SOURCE:

Media release, 15 Mar 2024
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association



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Central Coast Friends of Democracy

NSW Labor walks away from pre-election commitment on Council demergers

Community groups from around the State rallied outside NSW Parliament on 12 March to oppose changes proposed by Labor Minister Hoenig to make it more difficult for communities to have a say on demergers.

In November 2023, Greens MLC Amanda Cohn introduced to parliament a bill that would empower communities and ensure that former councils areas are restored where a majority of the community voted that way. This would be a community led process.

Most recently, in February 2024, Local Government Minister Ron Hoenig introduced a bill that would put in place roadblocks to demergers. It would also remove the current requirement that the NSW government pay the one-off demerger costs.

The amendments would mean that demergers would need to be Council led, a convoluted process would need to be followed, the Minister has complete discretion and a Council is prohibited from any kind of referendum without the Minister's approval.

Labor's bill departs from the policy it took to the 2023 election. It said that it would support councils demerging where a majority of the community could show they wanted it. In opposition, Labor was instrumental in inserting a clause (218CC) into the Local Government Act which stated the government would pay for the demerger.

Now, it appears to be renegeing on this.

At the time of printing, Minister Hoenig's changes had not been debated in parliament. Our community should watch carefully what our local MPs say and how they vote.



Independent MP, Dr. Joe McGirr (Wagga Wagga) speaking at the rally in support of communities

Forum

'Quarter of targets behind schedule' should raise alarm

Nearly one-quarter of the targets in the Council's Operational Plan are behind schedule, but the Administrator is satisfied that the work is "on track" in the progress and delivery of budgeted capital works.

When I was managing a work program, 75 percent performance was not considered a matter for self-congratulation.

In fact, that would have been a matter for alarm and for a full review of scheduling to identify what was going wrong.

Obviously, standards at Central Coast Council are much more relaxed.

This perhaps goes some way to explaining how the Administrator can casually hand out a five-year renewal of contract to the CEO who is responsible for this quality of performance and who is quoted as saying: "The Q2 Report is very good, and we are getting on with delivering projects and services in a very timely ... manner".

Is this level of self-delusion commonplace amongst Council servants?

Amongst other issues, it is particularly notable that 814 development applications are behind schedule, and the best that the Council can say about this is that the number is lower than

the 903 applications that were outstanding in June 2023.

This means that, in six months, the Council has reduced the backlog by about 100, so we can confidently look forward to being back on track in only about four years' time - a sterling record.

The pathetic excuse that many applications are incomplete and cause the staff extra work is mind-boggling in its naivete.

Would the Council have us believe that no other Council ever receives incomplete applications that cause staff extra work?

I'd suggest that it is standard for Councils to receive incomplete applications, yet no other Council has the abysmal record that Central Coast can show in this area of service, presumably because they have staff members who cope with inadequacies in applications, instead of just complaining about them.

Certainly, it doesn't appear that Council is wasting manpower on its response to the Minister's proposal to increase residential densities in selected parts of the LGA.

It has simply objected to Gosford, Tuggerah and Wyong being included in the reform (not Woy Woy, apparently) and wants any zoning changes mapped, "so it doesn't create ambiguity".

Did the Council carry out any

consultation with community groups or provide any analytical information in formulating this submission?

If it did, I'm not aware of it.

As for the comment that the concept "needs to be driven by evidence-based actions", this exhibits a degree of chutzpah that verges on the breathtaking from a Council whose Development Control Plan does not have one single evidence-based standard in the entire document.

If the Council could defend any element of its DCP on the basis of evidence, developers wouldn't have a leg to stand on in their appeals against Council decisions, so it can hardly defend it against any changes made by the Minister. The Council notes that the reforms "are happening faster than Council can amend local infrastructure contribution plans".

What does this say about the competence of the Council to deal with standard work processes?

Maybe if the Council attended to important business, instead of frittering away its resources on such nonsenses as waterfront redevelopment plans, the community would have more confidence that its rates were serving a useful purpose.

SOURCE:

Email, 11 Mar 2024
Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy

Join the dash back to cash

I've noticed over the last few months that more and more businesses are adding a few cents to the price of stuff bought with debit cards by adding a "surcharge".

It seems to be getting worse recently. It must be for me to notice. I usually don't notice anything.

Apparently this was all due to rule changes by the Reserve Bank - the same outfit that brought us sky high mortgage interest rates.

It seems they are tireless when

it comes to finding new ways to squeeze the very last cent they can out of our pockets.

These charges are designed to help businesses pay whatever the bank charges them to process these cards.

A cynical person might think that this encourages banks to keep their charges high as it is not the businesses that suffer, it's their customers: a form of legalised price gouging.

It's prompted me to write a little poem.

The banks are making lots of dough
Out of your hard earned cash flow.
When you go to the club and buy a drink
It costs a little bit more than you think.

A few cents added by way of a surcharge
Whenever you pay with your debit card.
It's getting worse and it won't be funny
When we've no longer got folding money.

The banks will go crazy with charges on charges
And chortle with glee as their profit enlarges.
Stop them now, in their tracks
Join the dash back to cash!

SOURCE:

Email, 16 Mar 2024
Francis Wiffen, Woy Woy

Easter raffle for food

The Older Women's Network Deepwater group is holding an Easter Raffle on Monday and Tuesday, March 25 and 26.

Tickets will be sold outside

Kmart in Deepwater Plaza both days, with proceeds to local food pantries.

SOURCE:

Media release, 17 Mar 2024
Jennifer Brown, OWN Deepwater

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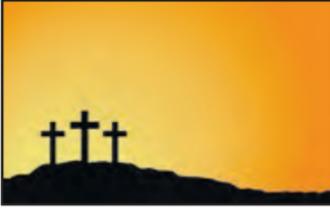
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Irish singer-songwriter performs at folk club

The Peninsula will soon have a rare opportunity to hear one of Ireland's finest singer-songwriters, according to Troubadour Folk Club president Mr Michael Fine.

The club will host Eleanor McEvoy at the Everglades Country Club on Saturday, March 23.

Her concert in Woy Woy will be her only appearance on the Central Coast, he said.

Her previous visit to Australia was "abruptly terminated with the onset of the pandemic in March 2020".

Mr Fine said Eleanor McEvoy was best known for writing "Only a Woman's Heart".

This was the title track of an anthology album that was "the best-selling album in Irish history".

He said the concert would feature some of her classics, as well as some of the new songs from Eleanor's 16th album "Gimme Some Wine", which has just been launched.

"She's got a whole catalogue of fabulous songs and is celebrated as a performer worldwide."

Eleanor will be supported by Chloe Matharu, an award-winning Scottish singer-songwriter and harpist from the west coast of Scotland.

"She also brings electronic soundscapes to the stage, as



heard in her single The Silkie of Sule Skerry, with a three piece band.

"Many of her songs draw on her time in the merchant navy, inspired by the natural world as experienced at sea."

Mr Fine said it would be "a great night featuring two of the stars of contemporary celtic music".

All the details, performance videos and more are available on the Troubadour website: www.troubadour.org.au.

SOURCE:
Media release, 6 Mar 2024
Michael Fine, Troubadour Folk Club

Cupcake decorating

A free cupcake decorating session will be held at Umina Beach Library from 10am to 12pm for people aged over 50 as part of the NSW Seniors Festival.

The session aims to encourage participants to "get creative in the kitchen".

They will be "guided through the basics of cake decorating step-by-step at this introductory session".

All materials will be supplied.

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

SOURCE:
Website, 14 Mar 2024
Library Services, Central Coast Council



Irish sing-along

The Pearl Beach Singers are inviting members of the community to attend an Irish sing-along today at the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall, as a belated celebration of St Patricks Day.

Let the Shenanigans Begin will be held between 1:45pm and 4pm, with afternoon tea provided.

Those attending are asked to "wear a touch of green".

SOURCE:
Social media, 11 Mar 2024
Friends of Pearl Beach

Garden party for 105 years

Umina resident Ms Phyllis Hill turned 105 years old on Wednesday last week, March 13.

She celebrated her birthday with a garden party at Don Leggett House at Peninsula Village, where

she's been "a cherished resident" for 11 years.

The party included cupcakes, the company of loved ones and her cuddly bear.

SOURCE:
Social media, 13 Mar 2024
Colin Osborne, Peninsula Villages

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Planning



Festival featured pasta-eating

Among the attractions at the Italian Festival at Ettalong on Saturday and Sunday, March 9 and 10, were the competitions

Pasta eating competitions were held on both days, along with gelato licking and cannoli eating – a total of six competitions over the two days.

The winners took home gift certificates for two nights' accomodation at the resort.

Everyone who entered received double passes to Cinema Paradiso.

CIAO, the Combined Italian Automobile Organisation attended with some Italian cars on the Sunday.

SOURCE:
Media statement, 15 Mar 2024
Melinda Stanley, The Ettalong Group

Court finds provisions not eroded

The Land and Environment Court has found that a list of non-complying development approvals on the Peninsula did not demonstrate that the council's planning provisions had been eroded.

In dismissing an appeal against the council refusal of an application to build three units at 34 Warrah St, Umina, Commissioner Peter Walsh said the list did not demonstrate that the Council's development control plan had been selectively applied.

The case appears to be the first time Central Coast Council has taken a public position on the status of historic non-compliant approvals on the Peninsula or that the Court has made finding about them, despite such lists regularly appearing in development applications for the Peninsula.

Commissioner Walsh said his attention had been drawn by the applicant to a previous decision of the court which stated a "development control plan which has been consistently applied by a council will be given significantly greater weight than one which has only been selectively applied".

"I accept the closing

submissions from Council that a 'careful approach' is necessary in coming to a view that relevant policy has been selectively applied.

"In this instance, I was not satisfied that the references to other approvals in the applicant's evidence and submissions proved the point."

Commissioner Walsh said: "It is necessary to have at least some understanding of 'the nuances of (an) individual site' when references to other approvals seek to prove an argument that policy has relevantly been set aside.

"I do not believe that the limited details provided or selective references to very-dated Council assessment reports in support of the applicant's position is sufficient on that front."

Commissioner Walsh also noted that Central Coast Council had recently adopted a new development control plan.

"It seems premature to be assuming too soon, or without more comprehensive evidence, that the relevant provisions should be set aside based on historical development assessment."

Commissioner Walsh also said most of the list of non-complying

approvals did not help address the issues with the application under consideration.

"It is very reasonable to turn to the function of recent development or approvals in defining existing and desired future character," he said.

"However, in regard to this, it did not seem to me that the applicant (through [the applicant's planning consultant Mr Ravi] Sharma or otherwise) provided convincing evidence about other examples of the juxtaposition of non-compliant fill at the site frontage, non-compliant front building setback, along with what I will suggest to be unresolved privacy treatment in regard to the front courtyard.

"While Mr Sharma cited examples on other issues, I think the most apposite comparable example to the proposal's site frontage configuration was the adjacent development at 32 Warrah St.

"When I compare the proposal to this adjacent development, all I can see is the proposal as a more-detracting element, in regard to local character ambitions."

SOURCE:
Website, 4 Mar 2024
2024 NSWLEC 1067, austlii.edu.au

Forum

Woy Woy qualifies for transport hub

What has been the relationship between transport and urbanisation on the Central Coast?

Historically, the realisation of a transport hub in providing a focus for onward journey has increasingly contributed to urban sprawl each time the dominant mode of transport has been subsumed by further "improved" methods.

The first European settlement on the Central Coast is believed to have been established circa 1823 via a waterway infrastructure corridor linking Port Jackson in Sydney to Woy Woy on The Peninsula.

This method of transport required minimal infrastructure other than the vessels themselves and led to the realisation of a regional transport hub centred around the waterway network.

The completion of the main northern railway in 1887 saw the introduction of a rail infrastructure corridor linking Sydney with Gosford.

This particular method of transport consolidated regional commerce and population growth due to the increased capacity, speed, and reliability with which it was able to distribute both freight and passengers across multiple inland and coastal population centres and led to the realisation of a regional transport hub centred around the rail network.

While the waterway network had become subsumed by the rail network in its contribution to socio-economic growth and urban sprawl, it continued to play an important role in establishing and sustaining villages surrounding the Brisbane Water that remained inaccessible by any other means.

Woy Woy would eventually grow to become a town as the footprint surrounding the original village continued to expand due to its strategic access to satellite population centres both on the Brisbane Water and the Gosford hinterland.

The arrival of the private motor vehicle and the completion of the Pacific Hwy in 1930 saw the introduction of a road infrastructure corridor linking the City of Sydney to our regional capital the City of Gosford.

This new method of transport, fuelled by the aspiration for sovereign personal mobility, further accelerated socio-economic growth and led to the realisation of

a transport hub centred around the road network.

Improved access to inland "real estate" and the concomitant gain in regional productivity that it accommodated compelled the authorities to invest in the expansion and maintenance of the fledgling road network.

This shift in the balance of public spending did not significantly dampen the ability to deliver on other essential services and ultimately facilitated a relatively disinhibited pattern of inland urban sprawl over many decades.

Interestingly, funding for the development of the Gosford hinterland would eventually overshadow further development of Woy Woy as a regional town centre.

Fast forward to today and Central Coast residents are experiencing increasing traffic congestion, rising fuel prices, escalating land rates, weakening of the Australian dollar, and a growing concern for the competitiveness of our regional economy

Large scale industrialisation and urbanisation in neighbouring China and India are contributing to higher prices across a broad range of commodities including crude oil and natural gas.

In the face of these worrying trends, we could be forgiven for speculating that the introduction of the electric motor vehicle would somehow shine a light on a possible way forward.

Unfortunately both affordability and opportunity cost are likely to remain significant impediments

to sovereign personal mobility irrespective of the fuel source.

What might have once been considered an "improved" method of transport, the ubiquitous motor vehicle is now becoming an increasing economic liability for both local residents and the regional economy within the current economic climate.

Attempts to shore up our regional finances by selling off more land to build more residential dwellings, if not done with considerable forethought, will only serve to increase our dependence upon a method of transport that by itself is no longer compatible with any responsible pattern of medium to long-term socio-economic development.

If the Central Coast wants to attract the talent and ingenuity required to establish and strengthen its unique economic brand then the considered option of an integrated regional transport network that appeals to both commuters and tourists alike would certainly be a priority pathway for significant regional investment.

The "improved" method of transport in this particular case would necessitate a regional transport hub centred around a composite transport corridor, or the leveraged intersection of our road, rail, and waterway networks.

As chance would have it, there are only two strategic locations on the Central Coast that pre-qualify: Woy Woy and Wyong.

SOURCE:
Email, 23 Feb 2024
John Highton, Erina

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Coastal Open Space System

Recent media reports that commented on Northern COSS could be accepted as positive. However, after reading the telegram-style details in Action 12.4 of the Central Coast Regional Plan 2036, huge concerns still exist. In fact, Action 12.4 is still hypothetical, until details supplied by the state government are made publicly available.

Why has action taken years of negotiation between state and local governments when the local model for COSS was adopted in 1984?

Was it due to the fact Wyong Shire Council did not have a COSS and resented the environmental incursion?

The Administrator's immediate reaction was to attempt to reduce State targets of "75,500 more people" and "41,500 more dwellings". Despite this, no action was taken to ensure Northern COSS was implemented at that time.

CCRP 2036 was released in the early days of amalgamation. Was this intentional, to advantage the new council with its strong growth strategy?

Fear that Tuggerah Lake will become a very large toxic drainage reserve should not be rejected, as the system has a very long history of remediation actions. Comment on the health of the estuary is frequent with the same issues constantly reported in the media.

If the council supported the CCRP's advice that "safeguarding the environment is paramount", COSS in the northern region would be advanced beyond its present hypothetical fuzzy stage.

COSS is an under-represented "buying back the farm" strategy to offset sugar-coated developmentally-driven LGA transformation.

Norm Harris, Lovell St, Umina Beach 2257

School encourages bicycle riding

Woy Woy South Public School is among local schools encouraging its students to take part in National Ride2School Day on Friday, March 22.

“Our school is very focused on improving the health of our students, so it is a perfect opportunity to promote important health messages,” teacher Ms Natalie Dwyer said.

“We already have lots of students who ride and walk to school, and we’ll be encouraging even more to take part on the day to discover the joys of going active to school, while adopting some healthy habits.”

Local Health District health promotion officer Mr Nigel Tebb said the day provided many health benefits.

“Riding a bike to school is a fun and easy way for children to



get some of the recommended minimum 60 minutes of physical activity they need each day to be healthy.

“What’s more, going active to school improves a young person’s concentration, so children taking part can turn up to school more focused and ready to learn.

“We also encourage parents and carers to get involved on the

day too.

“Not only is it a great way to spend quality time with children and model healthy habits, but primary school students are safest when they are supervised by an adult when cycling.

“Even if you can only walk, cycle or go active for part of the way, every little bit of physical activity helps.”

Organised by charity The Bicycle Network, more than 350,000 students from around 900 schools across Australia are expected to participate this year by either riding, walking, scootering or skating to school, he said.

For more information on National Ride2School Day, visit www.bicyclenetwork.com.au/ride2school-day.

SOURCE:

Media release, 11 Feb 2024
Mitchell Gadd, CCLHD



Surfers raise \$11,000 for cancer research

A local group of surfers, the Kook Warriors, have raised more than \$11,000 for cancer research.

They participated in SurFebruary, raising the money for Chris O’Brien Lifehouse, surfing at beaches across the Central Coast, including Ocean Beach

Team leader Ms Vanessa Hession said she had been looking for a way to raise money and awareness after her own “cancer journey”.

“SurFebruary has been such a great way to combine my love of the ocean and raise money for cancer research at Chris O’Brien Lifehouse.”

Sponsored by local surf school owner, Ms Sally Oman, the Kook Warriors plan to continue in the annual event to bring awareness and support to the local community.

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has applauded the group’s efforts.

“What a fantastic way to raise money, getting out on the beautiful water of the Central Coast, while bringing a community of like-minded people together who are united by one goal.”

Donations are still being accepted.

SOURCE:

Media release, 11 Mar 2024
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

Dunecare and bushcare get council help

Pearl Beach dunecare co-ordinator Mr Phil Rich and bushcare co-ordinator Mr Stephen Parsons have met with council officers and contractors about work required at Pearl Beach.

They discussed deployment of two teams of two to work on a key dune site in front of the walking bridge and on the Paul Landa Reserve.

They gave an undertaking to rectify signage and to add COSS signage.

Two trays of acacias would be delivered in mid May.

The co-ordinators said they were appreciative the assistance to augment the volunteer work.

SOURCE:

Social media, 10 Mar 2024
Friends of Pearl Beach.

Liesl Tesch MP

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Education

Music students to hold 'Night under the Stars'

Brisbane Water Secondary College senior campus music students will hold a Night under the Stars from 6pm to 8:30pm on Wednesday, March 20.

The night will be held in the Woy Woy campus courtyard, and is promoted as "a great night out for the family".

Entry is free, but students will

be cooking food to raise money for the Year 12 Formal.

Hot dogs, pulled-pork burgers, soft drinks, coffee, water and lollies will be on sale.

Those attending have been invited to bring picnic rugs and camp chairs "to kick back and listen".

SOURCE:
Social media, 13 Mar 2024
BWSC Woy Woy



College basketballers play Gosford High

Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy campus Open Girls basketball team has been defeated by Gosford High School in an intense match.

Despite a challenging start against a tough opponent, the Woy

Woy team showed determination and skill to take the lead.

However, Gosford fought back hard and emerged victorious in the end.

SOURCE:
Social media, 13 Mar 2024
BWSC Woy Woy

Teachers 'not available' for games after school

Parents of students at Woy Woy Public School have been told that teachers are not available to supervise groups of children to play games after school, unless it is an organised sport practice session.

Principal Ms Ona Buckley said the school rule had always been that if there was no teacher present students should not be there.

"All tackling or other body contact sport is not allowed unsupervised.

"Children who live close to the school and walk home should leave the school grounds after the last school bell.

"If a parent stays with a student to play a game, then the children with that parent should only be their own.

"Parents are not responsible for

other children on school grounds.

"This is for everyone's safety and to ensure no unthinkable accidents happen," she said.

Ms Buckley said it had come to the school's attention that a group of children were playing games on the school oval after school.

"Of late these games have included body tackling, rough play and some inappropriate interactions.

"After the school bell goes in the afternoon, the school has a duty of care to students who are travelling home by bus, and they are appropriately supervised.

"Cubby House Out of School Hours care are the supervisors of children who are attending their service operating on our school grounds."

SOURCE:
Social media, 7 Mar 2024
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School.

Two win Excelsior science awards

Brisbane Water Secondary College has named two Woy Woy campus students for Excelsior science awards.

Alana Griffith was recognised as "exceptionally hardworking" in biology, chemistry, and Science Extension, who "consistently goes above and beyond in her academic pursuits".

"Her relentless dedication to understanding complex scientific concepts is truly admirable, and she tackles every challenge with unwavering determination," said campus principal Ms Rebecca Cooper.

"Alana not only excels in her coursework but also demonstrates a genuine passion for learning through her active participation in experiments and research projects."

Olivia Petersen was honoured "for her exceptional assessment work in term one of Year 12, spanning the disciplines



of chemistry, physics and Investigating Science".

"Her dedication to academic excellence and meticulous attention to detail have set a new standard for assessment performance, showcasing her outstanding analytical skills and deep understanding of complex scientific concepts."



"This has earned her well-deserved recognition as a leader in the field of science education.

"Both girls' achievements exemplify the spirit of innovation and excellence, inspiring their peers and the next generation of female scientists."

SOURCE:
Social media, 5 Mar 2024
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy.

Naplan testing starts at Umina Beach

Naplan testing for Year 3 and Year 5 students at Umina Beach Public School has started.

"We remind our students and families that this assessment is just a single point on a child's education journey," said principal Ms Karen Wardlaw.

"At Umina Beach Public School, we value every opportunity to learn

more about your child's strengths as well as areas for improvement.

"We also acknowledge that our little learners are growing and developing their skills and knowledge in many amazing ways that won't be captured via this assessment process."

Ms Wardlaw said: "Getting feedback on our learning is important, but we are more than a

score."

She said students should not stress, but do their everyday best with a positive mindset.

"Stay focused on striving for continued learning.

"Ask for help if you need it.

"Teachers are here to help."

SOURCE:
Social media, 11 Mar 2024
Karen Wardlaw, Umina Beach Public School

St John's holds open days

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School will hold open days on Thursday and Friday this week.

On Thursday, March 21, it will start at 7pm and on Friday, March 22, it will start at 9:30am.

The school is enrolling now for next year's Kindergarten.

Enrolments for other grades may be submitted at any time.

More information is available online at www.sjbwddb.catholic.edu.au/openday

SOURCE:
Social media, 15 Mar 2024
SJB Catholic Primary School Woy Woy

Bridget takes two medals

Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy campus tennis player Bridget Broome has taken two medals and narrowly missed out on a third in Combined High School competition at Parramatta.

Bridget won a gold medal in the mixed doubles, silver in the girls' doubles and came fourth in the singles.

In competition at Inverell the following weekend, she remained undefeated throughout.

She and her team were crowned the Regional State League Northern Conference champions.

SOURCE:
Social media, 11 Mar 2024
BWSC Woy Woy



Umina parents elect committee

The Umina Beach Public School parents' association elected its committee for the coming year at its annual meeting last Wednesday, March 13.

Elected were president Ms Stevie Skene, vice-presidents Ms

Nellie Feeney and Ms Kristy Lowe, secretary Ms Tiffany Brooks, treasurer Ms Janette Taylor, "socials and comms" officer Ms Fiona MacDonald and canteen co-ordinator Mr Dean Worland.

Opportunities remain for voluntary involvement in

committees, including fundraising, community outreach, canteen and uniform shop, as well as helping out in the canteen and lending a hand at events.

SOURCE:
Social media, 14 Mar 2024
Umina Beach Public School P&C Association



Volunteers needed for final surf event

The final event for the Central Coast Disabled Surfers Association season will be held on Saturday, April 6.

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

"There are water and land positions available, and you will be supervised by experienced team leaders.

"Early registration allows us to invite more surfers.

"If you are only volunteering to go in the water with one surfer, please sign in on the day as a

carer.

"There is a maximum of two carers per surfer in the water but you can swap for each surf."

Volunteers may also register on the day.

"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 or borrow one of ours."

Registration may be made online at <https://bit.ly/April6Umina>.

SOURCE:
Social media,
Rae Fletcher, CCDSA



Autumn bridge event attracts 13 pairs

The Brisbane Water Bridge Club annual Autumn Red Point Event attracted 13 pairs.

The event was run as a "Howell" to avoid the unpopular "arrow switch", allowing more duos to play head-to-head and producing a fairer result.

Sylvia and Barry Foster had a 61 per cent win, from Judy Wulff and David Adams.

Sue McCall and Pam Joseph filled third place.

Results were:

1 Barry Foster, Sylvia Foster 184.0 (61.33 per cent), 0.70 red points.

2 Judy Wulff, David Adams 180.0 (60.00), 0.49.

3 Susan McCall, Pamela Joseph 179.0 (59.67), 0.35.

4 Kathryn Ivits, Alma Van Der Walt 166.7 (55.56), 0.23.

5 Hope Tomlinson, Martin Johnson 162.2 (54.07), 0.16.

5 John Aldersley, Beryl Lowry 162.2 (54.07), 0.16.

7 Daryll Knowles, Elaine Hume 155.6 (51.85).

8 Janice Donohoe, Meryl Duke 146.0 (48.67).

9 Gai Mylne, Helen White 144.4 (48.15).

10 Felicity Fane, Peter Hume 143.3 (47.78).

11 Ruth Webb, Lin McLaren 131.1 (43.70).

12 Lynne Rainford, Hilary Owen 116.7 (38.89).

13 Fiona Galea, Maureen Lockwood 72.2 (24.07).

SOURCE:
Website, 14 Mar 2024
Brisbane Water Bridge Club

Umina Masters results from surf life saving competition

Umina Surf Life Saving Club has announced club results of Masters competition in the NSW Surf Life Saving Championships.

Second places were won by Jason Tucker in the 50-54 years male 2km beach run and by Christine Bishop in the 50-54 years female 2km beach run.

Third places were won by Natasha Cogle in the 40-44 years female 2km beach run, Jennifer Darwin in the 50-54 years female single ski and Deb Braddish in the 60-64 years female beach sprint.

Fourth places were won by Justyn Simonet in the 35-39 years male 2km beach run, the Umina team (Debra Braddish, Natasha Cogle, Jennifer Darwin and Christine Bishop) in the 170 years min female beach relay, Jennifer Darwin in the 50-54 years female board race and Natasha Cogle and Jennifer Darwin in the 40-44 years female board rescue.

Fifth places were won by Natasha Cogle in the 40-44 years female beach flags, Jennifer Darwin in the 50-54 years female Ironperson and Deb Braddish in the 60-64 years female beach flags.

Sixth places were won by the Umina team (Christine Bishop, Natasha Cogle and Jennifer Darwin) in the 130 years min female Taplin and by Scott Micallef

in the 45-49 years male beach flags.

Seventh places went to Justyn Simonet in the 35-39 years male beach flags and in the 35-39 years male beach sprint and to the Umina team (Steve Murphy, Scott Micallef, Justyn Simonet and Jason Tucker) in the 170 years min male beach relay.

Eighth places were won by Natasha Cogle in the 40-44 years female beach sprint, Jason Tucker in the 50-54 years male beach flags and Christine Bishop in the 50-54 years female single ski.

Christine Bishop came ninth in the 50-54 years female beach flags.

Steve Murphy came 10th in the 55-59 years male board race.

Natasha Cogle came 11th in the 40-44 years female surf race and Steve Murphy came 11th in the 55-59 years male single ski.

The Umina team of Steven Murphy, Justyn Simonet and Scott Micallef came 12th in the 130 years min male board relay.

Christine Bishop came 12th in the 50-54 years female board race.

Scott Micallef came 14th in the 45-49 years male board race and 15th in the 45-49 years male surf race.

Jennifer Darwin came 19th in the 50-59 years female surf race.

SOURCE:
Social media, 15 Mar 2024
Umina Surf Life Saving Club



Cricket awards

Five Southern Spirit Cricket Club players have been named in the Central Coast Cricket Association awards night.

Liam O'Farrell was named Male Captain of the Year.

Liam O'Farrell and Lachlan Cork were both named in the First Grade Team of the Year.

Anthony Clarke gained Club Volunteer recognition.

Mark Austin was Over-55s Player of the Year.

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

Free rugby

Woy Woy Lions Rugby Club is seeking senior men's players.

Free registration is being offered to players committing to play seven or more games.

Registrations may be made through the Rugby Xplorer app.

SOURCE:
Social media, 14 Mar 2024
Woy Woy Rugby Union



Swans seek under-11s

Woy Woy Peninsula Swans Aussie rules football club is seeking more players for its under-11s team.

The club "mixed it up" for under-11s training last week, with footy at the beach

Parents were invited to contact the club, "if you have a budding young footballer who would love to join".

SOURCE:
Social media, 15 Mar 2024
Woy Woy Peninsula Swans AFL

Soccer score held low

Southern and Ettalong United Lions Women's Division One side kept a strong WPL Terrigal squad to 1-0 until the final 10 minutes before eventually going down 3-0 in their round two soccer match.

The team has already shown a significant improvement on last season's performances.

Player of the Match was Hannah Davidson, who held the centre on the park with composure, positioning and speed.

SOURCE:
Social media, 10 Mar 2024
SEU Football Club

Special meeting to consider 'unification' of bowls clubs

The Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club has given notice of a Special General Meeting, initiating "unification" with the women's club.

The meeting will be held at 10am on Sunday, April 14.

It will consider the motion: "That the Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club be dissolved and, in conjunction with Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club, establish and register a new club called

Umina Beach Bowling Club."

Club secretary Mr Peter Springett has asked members to arrive by 9.30am to allow time "to register and receive a copy of the Draft Constitution (version 4.4) and the Draft By-Laws (version 7)".

He has urged all members to attend "this very important meeting".

SOURCE:
Social media, 11 Mar 2024
Peter Springett, UBMCB



Charity bowls celebrates six years

Wednesday Charity Bowls has celebrated six years at Ettalong Bowling Club.

"Starting with a small group of 30 bowlers, rising to 70 players in week two, the Club now hosts over 100 bowlers every Wednesday," said organiser Mr Ken Dixon.

"Our bowlers come from several local clubs including Umina and Everglades, Gosford and Ourimbah.

"And, of course, the old Woy Woy bowlers are there in big numbers.

"From the outset, the local Ettalong bowlers have welcomed newcomers to the Club.

"It is a great morning of social bowls and the biggest weekly bowling event on the Ettalong

calendar.

"For a cost of only \$10 per player, bowlers receive a game of bowls plus a meal which varies each week .

"The food can range from hot dogs, sausage or steak sandwiches, hamburgers, pizzas, fish and chips and Hawaiian burgers.

"A seafood day is held twice a year.

"The Wednesday bowlers can also win a jackpot.

"We regularly make donations to charities such as Mary Mac's Place and Central Coast Kids in Need.

"The \$10 payment is shared evenly between the Ettalong Bowlo for green fees and the bowlers for

their food.

"A weekly raffle augments the fundraising.

"This arrangement was negotiated between Club director Mr Kerry Watkins and bowls coordinator Mr John Roberts.

"Known as Dicko's Dogs, we welcome all new bowlers to the Club each Wednesday.

"Many of our new bowlers have commenced their bowling careers as Wednesday bowlers.

"It is only a matter of writing your name on the sheet at the Club and you will be guaranteed a game."

Pictured are Mr Ken Dixon, Mr John Roberts, Mr Kerry Watkins, Mr Greg Elliott and Mr John Fisher.

SOURCE:
Media release, 12 Mar 2024
Ken Dixon, Ettalong Bowling Club

Successful cricket season for under-10s

Southern Spirit Cricket Club under-10s coach Jeff Tomlin has reported a successful season for the team.

"With mostly players new to cricket, they should be proud of their efforts," he said.

"All of the boys improved throughout the season and we had some good wins along the way.

"My brother Sam and I had a

great time coaching our future Spirit stars, who all loved learning our great game.

"It turned out to be such a fun and rewarding experience .

"We hope all the boys enjoyed themselves and will return for the Mighty Spirit again next season."

SOURCE:
Social media, 16 Mar 2024
Jeff Tomlin, Southern Spirit Cricket Club

New judo class to focus on competitions

Woy Woy Judo Club has announced a new class that will focus on competitions.

The class aims to help those who wish to understand how a judo competition works.

They will include terminology, rules, and mock matches to help prepare and understand a key

element of judo.

They will be held 5pm to 6:30pm until the Central Coast open competition starts in May.

For further information, phone 0434 000 170.

SOURCE:
Social media, 13 Mar 2024
Woy Woy Judo Club

Floorball player selected for championships in Finland

Peninsula floorball player Gemma O'Rourke has been selected in the Australian team for the 2024 Under-19 Women's World Floorball Championships

The championships will be held from May 8-12 in Lahti, Finland.

"The trip is entirely athlete-funded," said Gemma.

"I am currently looking for sponsorships or donations so that I can attend."

Gemma has started a crowd-

funding page with a target of \$8000.

"More than half of the total cost is going towards accommodation and travel, with nearly a quarter towards uniforms," she said.

"This is a huge amount of money for an 18-year-old to raise in under two months."

In just over two weeks, the appeal has raised almost \$4500.

SOURCE:
Social media, 6 Mar 2024
Gemma O'Rourke, Peninsula Floorball



Rugby union club receives \$20,000

Woy Woy Rugby Union Club has received a grant of \$20,000.

They were a successful recipient of a Category 2 Club Grant from Ettalong Diggers Club.

"We look forward to continuing our support of the Woy Woy Lions Rugby Club throughout the 2024 season," said Diggers' marketing manager Ms Kim Cole.

"ClubGrants is one of Australia's

largest grant programs, providing more than \$100 million in cash each year to a variety of worthy causes across NSW," she said.

SOURCE:
Social media, 12 Mar 2024
Kim Cole, Ettalong Diggers