



Rotary Club seeks return of plaque

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy is asking people to keep their eyes open for a plaque taken from Staples Lookout.

"It saddens us to see that the plaque has been stolen from the front of the obelisk at Staples lookout on Woy Woy Rd," said club president Mr Trevor Walker.

"Apparently, it was taken some time around the end of last week.

"If you happen to see it, please drop in to Woy Woy Police station or contact us at Woy Woy Rotary.

"It's a piece of local history and we would love to see it back where it belongs."

SOURCE:
Social media, 8 Apr 2024
Trevor Walker, Rotary Woy Woy

Woy Woy chosen for high-density housing

Woy Woy has been chosen as a location for high density housing "within 400 metres" of the railway station, under the State Government's Transport-Oriented Development Program.

The decision was made after Central Coast Council asked that it be included.

NSW Premier Mr Chris Minns made the announcement on Friday, saying that Woy Woy was one of six new stations added to the program, with the changes becoming effective next month.

"In December, the government announced 31 stations across 13 local government areas around which new housing is to be located within 400m.

"Several councils not only welcomed the opportunity to develop housing plans for existing sites, but wanted more sites to be added within their local area."

Mr Minns said Central Coast Council had asked for Woy Woy to be included.

"The six new stations are Cardiff, Cockle Creek, Belmore, Lakemba, Punchbowl and Woy Woy.

"These stations were all suggested by councils for inclusion."

According to the Department of Planning website, the changes will allow residential flat buildings in residential zones within 400 metres of identified stations and both residential flat buildings and shop top housing in commercial centres within 400 m of identified

stations.

Most of the area at Woy Woy is the commercial centre.

Its maximum building height would increase from 19.75 metres to 21 metres.

Floor space ratio would increase from a maximum of 2.3:1 to 3.0:1.

There would no longer be a minimum site area of 1000 square metres for height and floor space ratio concessions.

However, it is unclear how this will change projected housing capacity within 400 metres of the station.

Mr Minns said the change would result in "more well-located, well-designed and well-built homes".

He said the Department of Planning Housing and Infrastructure had engaged with councils "to develop housing plans that deliver greater or equal housing numbers than would be required by the original Transport-Oriented Development State Environmental Planning Policy".

"Throughout the consultation process, consideration has been given to existing infrastructure capacity or planned upgrades that will support increased density."

Details of that consideration have not been released.

Provisions for Woy Woy are expected to be finalised by the end of the month.

"The NSW Government is absolutely committed to confronting the housing crisis head on," Mr Minns said.

"For too long housing has been

put in the too hard basket.

"If we don't build more houses, young people will up and leave because they can't afford a home in NSW.

"And if we lose our young people, we lose our future.

"I want to thank the mayors and Councils for working collaboratively with the Government.

"Ensuring we have homes for young people across our state is a shared responsibility."

Minister for Planning Mr Paul Scully claimed the development policy was "tailored to each location and community".

"I encourage others to sit down and help us address the housing crisis by working together to find well located housing across the State for young people, essential workers and families who desperately need to access the housing market," he said.

"The principle that underpinned the discussions with councils is that any local plans must go beyond the NSW Government's housing expectations, not backwards.

"In addition the government's reforms to State infrastructure contributions mean that the infrastructure investment needed to support housing growth in these areas will also be made.

"The program is part of the biggest planning reforms this state has ever seen."

SOURCE:
Media release, 12 Apr 2024
Chris Minns, NSW Premier

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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 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 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.

Forum letters

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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Liturgies

Year 5 and 6 students at St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School recently had their reconciliation liturgies.

"The Sacrament of Reconciliation offers us an opportunity to examine ourselves and observe where we may wish to ask God for forgiveness in our lives," said school principal Ms Nicole Davies.

Some of the children received communion for the first time on Sunday, April 7.

SOURCE:

Social media, 11 Apr 2024
 Nicole Davies, SJB Catholic Primary School



Martial arts

PCYC Umina Beach has announced Jishukan Ryu classes on Monday nights from 7pm to 9pm for students 10 years and older.

"Jishukan ryu is a traditional school of martial arts combining kenpo techniques involving striking, kicking, movement and blocking; jujutsu techniques involving joint locks, pressure points, strikes, break falls and throws; and jojutsu short stick techniques."

For more information, email uminabeach@pcycnsw.org.au.

SOURCE:

Social media, 9 Apr 2024
 PCYC Umina Beach

CWA branch holds French fashion day

The Umina Beach branch of the Country Women's Association has held a French Fun, Frolics and Fashion Day.

Charcuterie boards were served for lunch, followed by "word bingo" while listening to a talk on sustainable fashion.

Teams were put to work creating an outfit from a bag of scrap material, ribbons and pins.

The outfits were modelled on "the catwalk", accompanied by a commentary.

SOURCE:

Social media, 6 Apr 2024
 CWA Umina Beach

Storm rain almost doubles April average

Rainfall on the Peninsula in the first two weeks of April has been almost double the April average.

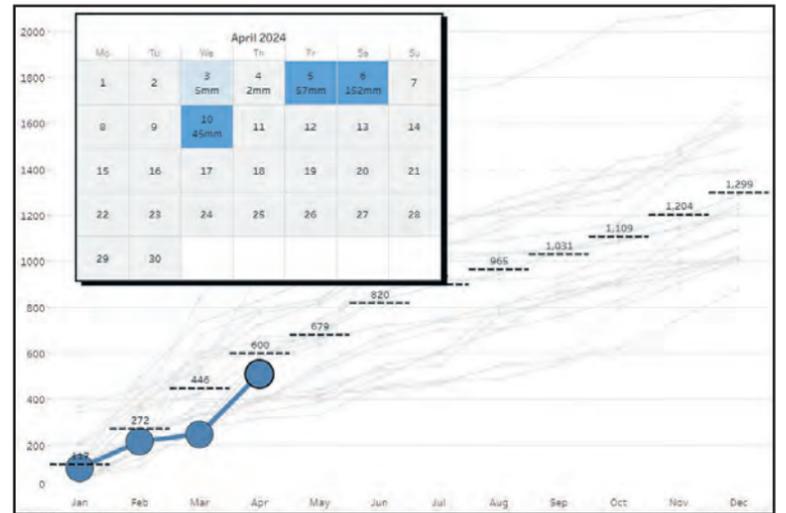
A total of 261.7mm was recorded by 9am on Friday, April 12, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

This was 76.8 per cent above the April average of 148mm.

Most of the rain came in during the storm on Thursday and Friday, April 4 and 5, with 57.2mm recorded at 9am on the Friday and 152mm on Saturday, the fourth highest daily total in 20 years.

Another 45.2mm was recorded on Wednesday, April 10.

It has brought the total rainfall for the year 507.3mm, just 16 per cent below the average cumulative total at the end of April of 604mm.



More details, including daily rainfall figures and yearly comparisons, are available online

at <http://bit.ly/PNRainfall>

SOURCE:
 Spreadsheet, 12 Apr 2024
 Jim Morrison, Umina

TIDE TIMES and Heights	Mon, Apr 15	Thu, Apr 18	Sun, Apr 21	Wed, Apr 24	Sat, Apr 27
	0124 1.07	0440 0.93	0059 0.27	0302 0.21	0512 0.24
	0906 0.24	1144 0.22	0654 0.97	0845 0.94	1046 0.79
	1449 0.65	1753 0.77	1320 0.18	1451 0.19	1622 0.28
	1947 0.39	2324 0.34	1932 0.98	2103 1.14	2251 1.16
TIDE TIMES and Heights	Tue, Apr 16	Fri, Apr 19	Mon, Apr 22	Thu, Apr 25	Sun, Apr 28
	0230 1.00	0531 0.94	0141 0.24	0344 0.22	0601 0.25
	1010 0.24	1218 0.20	0731 0.98	0923 0.90	1135 0.74
	1608 0.67	1830 0.84	1350 0.17	1521 0.22	1700 0.31
	2106 0.40		2001 1.05	2136 1.17	2338 1.14
TIDE TIMES and Heights	Wed, Apr 17	Sat, Apr 20	Tue, Apr 23	Fri, Apr 26	Mon, Apr 29
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	1101 0.23	0615 0.95	0808 0.97	1003 0.84	1232 0.71
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Bread roll ban stays at sausage sizzles

The Rotary Club of Umina Beach has met with managers of a hardware chain to discuss the use bread rolls at its fund-raising sausage sizzles at their stores.

The club had been using bread rolls at Bunnings' West Gosford and Umina stores for decade before it was recently told of the requirement while it was manning its stall.

"The outcome of this meeting on Tuesday morning, April 2, was that Bunnings will not allow rolls," said

club president Mr Wayne Dowdle.

The reason given was "it is unfair on their staff and several other community groups".

Mr Dowdle said the club would not push the matter further.

"The general feeling of the club was that the money the club derives from the Bunnings barbecues is an important part of the club's overall required income for projects, such as the Schools First Aid project."

SOURCE:

**Newsletter, 3 Apr 2024
Wayne Dowdle, Rotary
Umina Beach**



Free rip lessons to aid research project

Rip-current safety lessons are being held at Umina Beach and Pearl Beach this week to aid a research project.

Free safety lessons led by local volunteer lifesavers will be run until Thursday, April 18.

The 10-minute lessons will be run four times a day between 11:30am and 3:30pm tomorrow (Tuesday), Wednesday and Thursday.

The project is being conducted collaboratively by Ocean Beach and Umina Surf Life Saving Clubs, Surf Life Saving Australia, the Universities of Melbourne and the University of New South Wales.

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch praised the collaborative research initiative and encouraged locals to contribute their time and feedback at the rip current safety skills lessons.

"Our local beaches are beautiful drawcards for locals and visitors

alike.

"However, we must acknowledge that a degree of risk often lies beneath our waves.

"Staying safe and making the most of our local beaches requires knowledge and skill."

Participants can briefly speak with the research team after the safety lesson and will be provided with a complimentary drink voucher that can be redeemed at the Umina Beach Cafe.

Beach safety researcher Professor Rob Brander said that reliance on the prevailing message to "swim between the flags" was not enough.

Professor Brander said that new approaches to beach safety that target drowning prevention on unpatrolled beaches are needed.

"This new research - which connects communities with lifeguards and lifesavers through safety lessons on the beach - is a fantastic and much needed

initiative that will help expand beach safety education and drowning prevention efforts beyond the flags."

The research team will be assessing the public's response to safety lessons conducted by volunteer lifesavers, whether the safety messages are retained, and how likely they are to apply them at an unpatrolled beach.

Associate Professor Brian Cook from the University of Melbourne said community engagement was the key pillar in the research project being conducted at Umina and Pearl Beach.

"Our objective is to evaluate the impact of evidenced-based drowning prevention via relationship building between lifesavers and beachgoers through the delivery of skill development lessons on the beach."

SOURCE:

**Media release, 9 Apr 2024
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford**

Anzac services to be held in Woy Woy and Ettalong

Anzac Day services will be held in Memorial Park, Woy Woy, and at the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial at Ettalong on Anzac Day, Thursday, April 25.

A dawn service will be held from 5am in Woy Woy, with The Boulevard closed from 4:45am.

Brickwharf Rd will also be closed as far as the carpark entry past Memorial Park.

The Vietnam Veterans Central Coast sub-branch will hold a wreath-laying ceremony at 8am at Ettalong.

The main service at Woy Woy will start at 10:30am.

Blackwall Rd will be closed from 9:30am from the roundabout at

Victoria Rd to Oval Ave, to allow a march, involving local schools, to proceed from the commuter carpark to Memorial Park.

School groups are expected to gather in George St and the carpark at about 9:45am.

Oval Ave, Chambers Place and The Boulevard will also be closed. Brickwharf Rd will be closed as far as the carpark entry past Memorial Park.

An Anzac Day service will also be held at Ettalong Bowling Club at 1:15pm.

Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club is also expected to hold a ceremony.

SOURCE:

**Website, 18 Mar 2024
Central Coast Council**

Rotary club announces new board

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy has announced its board for the coming year.

The club will have joint presidents with current president Mr Trevor Walker sharing the role with Mr Tom McCann.

Mr Charles Brock was elected as vice-president and treasurer.

Ms Annette Karton was elected to the administration and club service role and as public officer.

Mr Don Tee accepted the community service role, while Ms Susan Tee accepted the Rotary

Foundation role.

Mr David Law was appointed to the youth role and Mr McMann was appointed also to the membership role.

Vacancies remain for secretary, international, vocational and public image roles.

Other non-board positions were also left vacant, including newsletter editor, guest speaker organiser and Sergeant-at-Arms.

SOURCE:

**Newsletter, 9 Apr 2024
Rotary Woy Woy**

Mingaletta holds free school holiday activity program

A free school holiday activity program for five to 14 year olds is being held by Mingaletta in Umina.

An introduction to junior tennis will be held from 10am to 12pm on Thursday and Friday, April 18 and 19.

Held at Empire Bay, with equipment and a sausage sizzle provided, participants are asked to

wear sneakers and to bring a bottle of water.

Beginner level "cultural weaving" will be held at Mingaletta from 2pm to 4pm next Monday, April 22, with Aunties Elaine, Linda and Rell.

Fun art and craft will be held from 2pm to 4pm on Tuesday, April 23.

A cultural art session will be held from 2pm to 4pm on Wednesday,

April 24.

Limited places are available and parental supervision is required in all activities.

Registration is required, with forms available by email from admin@mingaletta.org.au.

All facilitators have undergone working with children checks.

SOURCE:

**Social media, 2 Apr 2024
Mingaletta ATSC**

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New planning provisions to start next month

Development applications will be able to be lodged in May under new high-density planning provisions to apply within 400 metres of Woy Woy station, according to the Department of Planning.

In answer to questions from Peninsula News, the department's media team issued a statement saying there would be "new planning controls around floor space ratio, building heights and lot sizes".

However, the details of the measures have not been specified.

"The finalisation of the Transport Oriented Development State Environmental Planning Policy will occur later this month, meaning it will come into effect in April," the statement said.

"Maps detailing the land where the proposed SEPP will apply will be published when it is finalised.

"Council's Local Environmental Plan will remain in place until Council has completed strategic planning and rezoning for the station area that provides uplift equal to or exceeding the SEPP controls.



"Once these changes come into effect, councils will remain as the consent authority for development applications in most cases."

The statement confirmed: "Central Coast Council put forward Woy Woy as a location for the SEPP to be introduced."

It said more information was available on the department's website at <https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/policy-and-legislation/housing/transport-oriented-development-program>

SOURCE:
Media statement, 13 Mar 2024
Media team, Department of Planning

Tesch welcomes high-density housing

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has supported the selection of Woy Woy for high density housing within 400 metres of the railway station under the State Government's Transport Oriented Development Program.

She said the changes "will not create a housing free-for-all".

"The Transport-Oriented Development policy is designed to support more homes to be built near transport, jobs, services, night-life and open spaces.

"These reforms will simply require councils to consider developments they have previously ruled out.

"They ask councils such as Central Coast Council to think beyond a narrow perspective of housing types.

"Under these reforms, Central Coast Council will maintain their right to reject applications on usual factors such as flooding, traffic and parking, or heritage," she said.

Ms Tesch said: "Access to affordable housing in our community is at an all-time low.

"Every day, I speak with people who are being pushed out of our community as they cannot afford to

rent or buy in our community.

"We need more well-located homes to provide affordable housing within our community.

"We need to be encouraging more diverse housing types to ensure that our community's right to a safe home close to amenities is met.

"We need to ensure that these houses are built in areas close to infrastructure, community centres, green spaces and jobs.

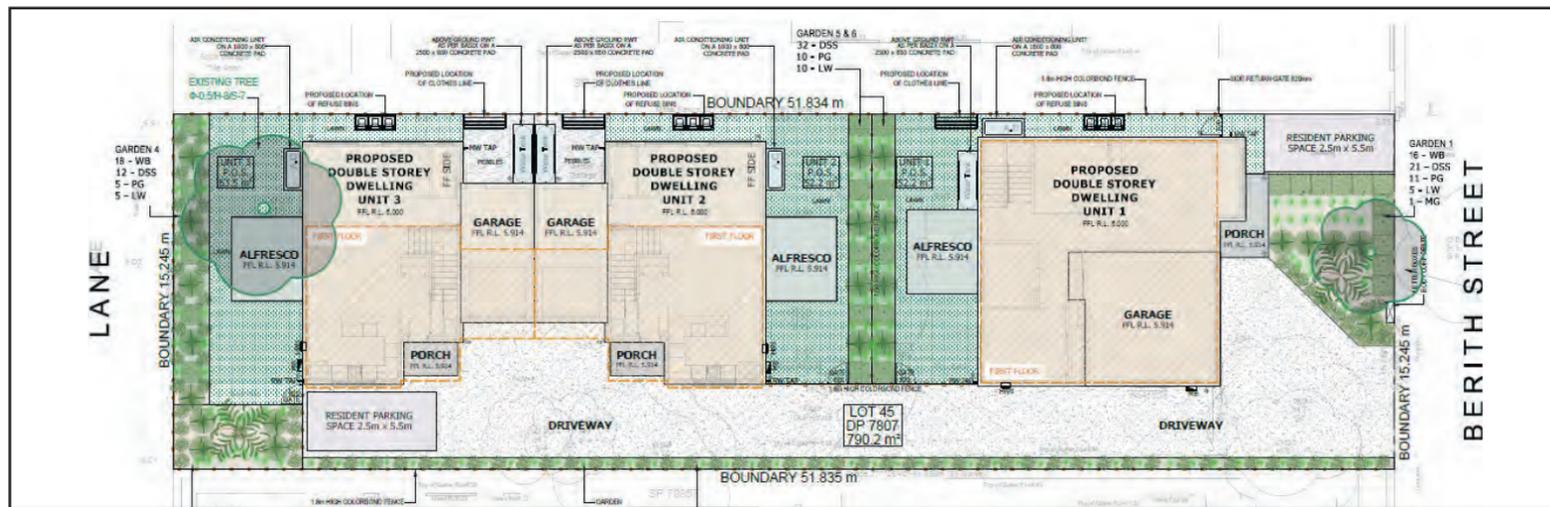
"We need housing where our community can not only live, but live fulfilling lives.

"I really want people like the students I taught to be able to afford to buy homes, to be able to continue to live in the communities that they grew up with dignity and equity."

Ms Tesch said: "Throughout the consultation process, consideration has been given to existing infrastructure capacity or planned upgrades that will support increased density.

"Under these reforms, Central Coast Council will maintain their right to reject applications on usual factors such as flooding, traffic and parking, or heritage."

SOURCE:
Media statement, 14 Apr 2024
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford



Fast food alterations

An application has been submitted to Central Coast Council for alterations, additions and signage at the McDonalds store at 9 Charlton St, Woy Woy.

The proposal includes reconfiguration, "back of house" and "front of house", and partial reconfiguration of the building facades, signage and "the corral".

The proposal would increase the size of the storage and preparation areas, integrate the McCafe facilities "within the back of house", and install associated equipment.

It would relocate seating "to integrate part of the terrace area", increase the size of the toilets, and relocate four order kiosks.

Entryways, glazing, and "certain facade elements" would be altered, with the the entryway arch and blade removed and roof works to "heighten the playplace envelope" and replace the terrace roofing.

The "corral" reconfigurations would include replacement of an external shed and replacement of a greasetrap and mechanical equipment.

New signage would enlarge the existing pylon sign head, while retaining the approved height.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 14 Apr 2024
DA/375/2024, Central Coast Council

Proposal covers one quarter of site in concrete

A proposal to build three two-storey units at 7 Berith St, Umina, has been received by Central Coast Council.

The 790 square metre site is zoned R1 general residential and oriented roughly east-west with Berith St to the east and a lane to the west.

The proposed layout is similar to the old fashioned "gun barrel" style but with Unit 1 facing Berith St and units 2 and 3 facing the side boundary and driveway.

"A new double width vehicle cross-over, driveway provides direct access to the site from Berith St."

This design will result in the driveway, which is proposed to terminate in a visitor's parking place, consuming 192 square

metres.

Add to this a second visitor parking space of 15 square metres and the total proposed expanse of concrete surface will be more than 200 square metres, more than a quarter of the site.

The application states: "The development is seeking to take advantage of a large land parcel to deliver an attractive multi-dwelling housing development that will play a positive role in increasing alternative housing within close proximity to public transport, services, schools, child care facilities and recreational opportunities."

It claims: "The proposed built form will be compatible with the existing residential context of the immediate locality, noting compliance with prescribed

maximum height and FSR controls."

At ground floor level, "all three dwellings are provided with the more active areas including living area, dining area, kitchen and patio via direct access from the living area within the ground floor."

Front porch, laundry, toilet, garage and internal stairwell are also provided on the ground floor.

On the first floor are three bedrooms including a master bedroom with an ensuite and bathroom.

Unit one is listed with a total area 179.22 square metres while units two and three each have a total area of 117 square metres.

The application repeatedly states that all three townhouses will contain three bedrooms yet the BASIX statement accompanying

this application lists units two and three as having only two bedrooms.

The application states: "The subject site is within a well-established residential area, having historically been used for residential purposes and void of significant vegetation."

However, contrary to this, the landscape plan shows six trees to be removed from this site.

The side setback for unit one is not compliant with planning provisions.

The application is currently on public exhibition on the Central Coast Council website and open for written submissions.

The closing date for submissions has not been posted.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 14 Apr 2024
DA/422/2024, Central Coast Council

Seven people rescued when boat ran aground

A 40 foot Flybridge cruiser with seven people on board, including three children, ran aground on a sandbar during the leisurely cruise on Brisbane Water Saturday, April 6.

The incident happened near the cardinal marker at Lions Park.

Marine Rescue Central Coast was called and sent a rescue crew of three aboard its rescue vessel CC21 that successfully towed the cruiser free of the sand bar.

The experienced skipper from Davistown was relieved his party was safe and no injuries were reported.

The recent heavy deluge across the Central Coast caused several boats to take on water.

A sailboat tethered at Koolewong Marina was no exception.

The owner from Wangi Wangi discovered the mishap on Sunday morning and called Marine Rescue to help pump the water from the vessel as the craft's bilge pumps weren't working.

CC21 brought an electric bilge pump and the operation was completed successfully.

Engine difficulties contributed to several minor incidents over the weekend.

An unlucky man with no means of communication on board was alone in his four-metre open

runabout when it lost power and started drifting between Lobster Beach and Box Head.

The man tried to row his boat back to shore but was noticed by a friend on Ettalong Beach who, concerned the man was in danger, called Marine Rescue.

However, he managed to row back to shore just as CC21 arrived.

The man said that in future he will take his mobile phone with him whenever he takes out his tinny.

A four-metre tinny attached to a 50-foot Riviera sport yacht caused problems for the owners when the small boat's pull cord jammed.

Marine Rescue travelled from the Point Clare base to Iron Ladder, Broken Bay, to tow the craft to Blackwall boat ramp.

The boat season continues through the school holidays and the Anzac Day holiday weekend.

"Logging on is really important," said Unit Commander Ian Morrow.

"If you make sure you keep your app open, we can track where you are.

"So if you are running late or overdue, we can come and look for you," he said.

He also reminded boaters to assess conditions and prepare thoroughly before hitting the water.

SOURCE:
Social media, 8 Apr 2024
David Wicks, Marine Rescue Central Coast



Flood rescue kit is ready to go

Patonga Volunteer Rural Bush Fire Brigade has a flood rescue kit.

With the heavy rain and flooding earlier this month, the brigade put

out a plea: "Please don't make us have to use it unnecessarily.

"Think before you enter any water.

"You can't always see the dangers that may be underneath.

"Take a moment and think safety first."

SOURCE:
Social media, 5 Apr 2024
Patonga Volunteer Rural Bush Fire Brigade

Opera raises \$14,000 for Rotary

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy has raised \$14,000 through its Opera in the Arboretum event held on Saturday, March 23.

However, despite attracting 600 people, numbers were down on previous years and costs were up.

Club president Mr Trevor Walker said the day was successful.

"It went off without a hitch.

"The weather was perfect.

"The opera singers, Diego Torre, Jose Carbo, Sophie Salvesani and Shikara Ringdahl, were amazing, as was the music from the Central Coast Chamber Orchestra, led by maestro Patrick Brennan.

"Esther Maria, the harpist playing Debussy's Clair de Lune, was incredible and backing all of this was the Kate Johnson on piano."

He said the numbers were down from most previous years and the costs to stage the event had "increased alarmingly" from previous years.

"We still finished up with a \$14,000 profit, of which \$10,000 is

already committed to Umina Surf Lifesaving Club and the Gosford Conservatorium Central Coast Strings Scholarship."

Rotary district governor Ms Christine Owen said: "The arboretum at Pearl Beach provided a stunning backdrop to the beautiful opera classics that thrilled the 600 attendees.

"Those who attended were delighted once again to enjoy the

experience in such a wonderful setting.

"The acoustics of the Arboretum bring the music to life sensationally.

"What a wonderful example of community service in staging an autumn event that has become synonymous with Woy Woy Rotary."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 13 Apr 2024
Trevor Walker, Rotary Woy Woy

Anti-scams forum attracts 150 people

More than 150 people attended the anti-scams forum held at Umina Beach on Wednesday, April 10, by Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid and Assistant Federal Treasurer Mr Stephen Jones.

"The forum was an opportunity for people to learn ways to protect themselves from scams, know what to do if they are targeted by a scam, and hear about the steps the government is taking to crackdown on this crime," said Dr Reid.

Dr Reid said that, since the

Government's crackdown, by last November, scam losses decreased by over 50 per cent in 12 months.

Dr Reid said: "If an offer seems too good to be true, it probably is."

He said people should "stop, think and protect" if they received a suspicious call, text or email.

"Take your time before giving money or personal information.

"Ask yourself if the message or call could be fake.

"Act quickly if something feels wrong."

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

Rotary club president plants mangroves

Rotary Brisbane Water president Ms Sue O'Neill has attended the conference for District 9920 Auckland and Pacific Islands.

She joined in an organised activity to plant mangrove seedlings.

"Not only do mangroves help prevent the progression of climate change, they also play an important role in limiting its impact," she said.

SOURCE:
Social media, 8 Apr 2024
Sue O'Neill, Rotary Brisbane Water



HERE'S ANOTHER DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

Tuesday, 23rd April 2024

The Central Coast branch of ABC Friends will be hosting a morning with

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(parking behind the hotel in Brougham Street)

Anne Maria's talk will include a Q&A session.

Anne Maria was a senior news and current affairs journalist at the ABC and has worked as the National Arts Reporter, covering all art forms. She was the recipient of a Getty Fellowship in Los Angeles for arts journalism in 2012. We are delighted that she will be our first guest speaker in 2024.



This is a pre-booked event with limited seating.

Tickets are FREE but bookings must be made.

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Forum

Public short-changed in local government inquiry

The State Government has announced that it is conducting an inquiry into the sustainability of local government.

It is only two months since IPART announced that it was opening an inquiry on the same subject, but this new initiative will, apparently, supersede the IPART exercise which hadn't got beyond drafting terms of reference and was scheduled to take a year to complete.

However, the little information that has been made available about the new inquiry suggests that its terms of reference will be much more restricted than originally intended.

In fact, it seems that the subject matter will be almost entirely limited to the funding of infrastructure and services, and this is reflected in the fact that the report will be completed within a few months.

It is a good question as to why the Government felt it necessary to pre-empt the IPART review and curtail the subject matter so drastically.

Of course, it is important that the financing of infrastructure be looked at, but this cannot be done in isolation.

There has to be a framework of functions and responsibilities

within which financing applies.

The present ramshackle arrangement of local government is patently unfit for purpose, and tinkering with funding arrangements is not going to make it any better.

Raising money is less important than delivering value for money to ratepayers, and a consideration of this fundamental requirement demands a much more sweeping review of local government structure, particularly focussing on the relationship between councils and the communities they (supposedly) serve.

Why isn't the inquiry founded on the sustainability of communities, which is supposed to be the purpose of local government, instead of on some accounting process which is only a means to an end and, probably, not even the most important one?

The body responsible is the Committee on State Development, and the public is only being allowed until April 26 to make submissions on the subject.

The haste to close opportunities for public intervention (with the minimum of publicity), the inadequacy of the study's scope and the rushed production of the report, together with the abandonment of the much more

comprehensive IPART report, all smack of political expediency, leading up to the elections to be held in September this year.

What was the Government afraid would emerge from the IPART report that it wanted to smother?

The public is being short-changed again, and this usually suggests that something is being planned that we aren't going to like.

One wonders how much of the Committee report has already been written.

SOURCE:
Email, 10 Apr 2024
Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy

Build rail underpass before increasing population

Woy Woy has been earmarked by the Central Coast Council and our NSW Government for housing density to be increased up to six storeys for residential apartment buildings within 400 metres of the Woy Woy railway station.

The project to replace the deadly Rawson Rd level crossing was costed at \$52 million prior to 2019.

Sadly, in 2019, when the costs increased to \$80-\$115 million, the NSW Government rejected increasing its funding which led Central Coast Council to cease the project.

The pedestrian underpass has been completed.

This was achieved after years of consultation and planning.

Now, the NSW Government has to finish the job and complete the next two stages of the project on which so much money, millions of dollars, have been spent already.

It must complete the vehicle underpass at the base of Bull's Hill, replacing the current vehicle underpass on Shoalhaven Dr.

Given this new commitment from our local and state governments, to increase housing, population and traffic in Woy Woy, it is now imperative that they provide this necessary transport infrastructure for our community before the density plan is executed.

Lives depend on it.
SOURCE:
Email, 13 Apr 2024
Stephanie Short, Woy Woy

Volunteer fundraisers need support

Seriously! Can Bunnings be interested in whether the sausages at the sizzles at their stores are served on a slice of bread, or a roll?

Is this a joke?

The article states that the Rotary Club of Umina has been serving their sizzled sausages in a roll, for 10 years, with written approval from Bunnings.

Why would Bunnings have any

interest, beyond the general OH and S issues relating to holding these food stalls on their premises?

What can it possibly matter, to anyone?

The event was said to have been stopped "mid-serve". Why would this happen?

Has some upstart manager decided to flex their muscles?

What next? Will there be an inspection of the lamington and

scone recipes at the school fete, or the Royal Easter Show.

Shame on Bunnings, interfering with the people who volunteer to raise funds to help others in our communities.

They need all the support and respect they can get.

This is utter nonsense!
SOURCE:
Email, 4 Apr 2024
Kate Quarmby, Umina

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Free mini petting zoo

Admission to a Mini Petting Zoo will be free when it is held at 11am on Friday, April 19, at Ettalong Bowling Club.

The school holiday activity is open to all ages.

Chicks, ducklings and kids (baby goats) are expected to be among the animals that may be patted and fed on the day.

SOURCE:
Social media, 9 Apr 2024
Ettalong Bowling Club

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For further information, contact club registrar Donna Foster on 0409 989 086.

SOURCE:
Social media, 9 Apr 2024
Woy Woy Football Club

Students conduct Anzac service

School leaders at Umina Beach Public School led the school's Anzac Day service on Thursday, April 11.

"Our school leaders did themselves and our school proud today as they respectfully, and with great maturity, led our Anzac Day service," said principal Ms Karen Wardlaw.

"All our students showed the highest level of respect as they participated in today's honouring commemoration as our school

gathered to acknowledge those who served and gave their lives in service for this country.

"We acknowledged the courage, bravery, mateship and compassion that symbolises the Anzac spirit.

"We shared the sorrow of those who mourn and honoured the memory of those who served, thankful for the freedom we enjoy today."

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



New clinical care co-ordinator appointed

A new clinical care co-ordinator has been appointed at a Umina aged care facility.

Ms Lea Collins is the new clinical care co-ordinator in Pozieres House at Peninsula Village.

"Lea is a seasoned registered nurse with over two decades of experience in aged care," said chief executive Mr Colin Osborne.

"She moved from bustling Sydney to the Central Coast in 2022, looking for a closer connection to the water.

"Before setting into aged care, she wore many hats – midwife, theatre nurse and even a long stint teaching nursing, science and art.

"Through it all, she has gathered a treasure trove of knowledge specialising in crafting tailored care plans and keeping documentation on point for safety and compliance.

"While her clinical roots run deep, she found her strength in management support to clinical managers, team leaders and fellow nurses.

"Lea feels that communication is the glue that binds it all together



and believes that swapping screen time for face-to-face conversations leads to rich relationships and clearer communication.

"Off duty, you'll find Lea juggling between being a proud parent of two adult children and doting on her two furry friends.

"Sewing is her creative outlet but she is also a nature enthusiast – hiking, sailing, kayaking, swimming and fishing are her go-tos and skiing is her ultimate thrill."

SOURCE:
Social media, 9 Apr 2024
Colin Osborne, Peninsula Village

Digital workshops resume after holidays

A series of free workshops for over-50s about customising smartphones will resume on May 14, after taking a break for the school holidays.

The classes are held from 10am to 12:30pm on the second and

fourth Tuesdays of the month at the Ettalong Diggers Club.

The popular series is run by Digital Connect Central Coast, which reported "a great crowd of keen learners" at its workshop last week.

Topics included managing apps

and the importance of a Google account or Apple ID.

After the break, Digital Mentor volunteers led small groups for Android and iPhone learners.

SOURCE:
Social media, 9 Apr 2024
Digital Connect Central Coast

Group holds second smart energy talk

Umina Community Group is holding a second free Community Smart Energy Talk on Monday, April 29, from 7pm, at Umina Surf Life Saving Club.

"The first session was a great success," said organiser Mr Tony Winch.

"Wonderful feedback was received from the attendees."

He said he was thanked for organising "such a great event".

One person had told him: "I really appreciated how well prepared the speakers were, and how generous they were with their time after their talks."

Mr Winch said another had said: "I learnt of several practical actions I can immediately take."



The talk is presented by Umina Community Group in partnership with Peninsula Environment Group, Patonga Progress Association and Van Holland.

"These talks will help inform people how to become energy efficient, save money and reduce

emissions," Mr Winch said.

More information is available online at <https://www.uminacommunitygroup.com.au/greening-umina/>

SOURCE:
Media release, 2 Apr 2024
Alison Winch, Umina Community Group

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'Bumper year' for art classes, says centre president

The Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre had 130 members attending classes last year.

"It has been a bumper year for art classes that are running at maximum capacity," president Ms Sue Sullivan said in her report to the centre's annual meeting on Wednesday, March 13.

"Patchwork and quilting and pottery classes both maintain steady numbers of students.

"This leaves us with a healthy number of people in the community asking to be added to our waiting lists."

She said social media had "generated great interest in the

skills our members are gaining with the guidance of our tutors".

"We have been pleased to welcome Jess Evans as a tutor to our silvercraft classes.

"The pottery centre finally received delivery of the new large kiln to replace the one that died after many years of good service.

"The new one is fitted with a vent that extracts the fumes and heat to the outside of the building."

Ms Sullivan said that Central Coast Council had completed renovations to both of the centre's buildings as well as repairs in the pottery centre.

"The old pergolas on the front of the buildings and timbers for the walkway to the rear were also

replaced."

She said the centre had a new leader to its "Boobs and Bags team.

Ms Julie Turner will lead the work, producing the care packages for breast cancer patients.

She takes over from Ms Dorothy Mulholland and Carol Leitch who have led the effort supporting Gosford and Wyong Hospital's Breast Care Nurses for the past 16 years.

"So far this year our dedicated stitchery members have made in excess of 450 packages for Gosford hospital."

SOURCE:
Media statement, 1 Apr 2024
Peter Mulholland, EBACC



Completed projects displayed at end of term

The Monday patchwork group at the Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre finished term one with a display of completed projects.

Ms Gwynneth Weir brought in her colourful kantha-style quilt, said tutor Ms Penny Howard.

"Maureen Forster showed us

her beautiful lighthouse quilt, and Colleen Moscatelli showed us her fabulous cityscape wall hanging.

"I cant wait to see what wonderful creations term two brings," she said.

SOURCE:
Social media, 9 Apr 2024
Penny Howard, EBACC

Centre offers new adult group art class

The Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre is offering an adult group art class starting on April 30.

One evening and two daytime sessions will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays during term two.

They will provide for painting and drawing, and allow the choice of personal projects or scheduled lessons.

Tables, chairs, and easels are provided but students must bring their own art supplies and other equipment.

Led by local artist Ms Naomi Veitch, the scheduled lessons will cover an array of topics.

"Our ultimate aim is to foster a supportive, non-judgmental atmosphere where individuals of all skill levels can thrive and share their passion for painting and



drawing," she said.

For more information or to join a class, email her at

naomiveitchartist@gmail.com.

SOURCE:
Social media, 5 Apr 2024
Naomi Vietch, EBACC

Creative school holiday activity at library

A school holiday activity to create "Monsters of the Deep Art" will be held at Woy Woy library from 12pm to 1:30pm on Thursday, April 18.

The activity is designed for 10 to 15 year olds.

This is a chance for budding

artists to have a unique creative experience in "The Midnight Zone" glow room, according to library staff.

Participants will create an artwork "using glowing mediums".

They are asked to wear something that they don't mind getting paint on.

The cost is \$5.50 each with booking essential.

Bookings may be made at the library or by phone 4304 7087 or 4350 1578.

SOURCE:
Website, 9 Apr 2024
Library Services, Central Coast Council



Free weekly jazz night starts in Woy Woy

A free weekly jazz night has started in Woy Woy on Wednesdays.

Promoted as "Jazz! Jazz! Woy! Woy!", it will be hosted by Mr Rodric White at the Link and Pin cafe, opposite Woy Woy station with music from 8pm-10pm.

Mr White is a pianist, music arranger and singer who has

performed at Sydney's Jazz Club Foundry 616, at Avoca Beach Picture Theatre, the Manly International Jazz Festival and at Lizotte's in Newcastle.

Special guests will appear regularly, and supper will be available.

SOURCE:
Media release, 5 Apr 2024
Link and Pin Cafe

Reading and crafting hour

Woy Woy Public School is hosting a Reading and Crafting Hour for Mother's Day to celebrate the women in the students' lives.

The hour will start at 2:20pm on Thursday, May 9.

Mothers, grandmothers, sisters, aunts and other influential women in the students' lives are

welcome to attend.

Students may be picked up from their classroom at 2:20pm.

The hour will be held on the Kindergarten verandah, with afternoon tea available in the library.

SOURCE:
Social media, 9 Apr 2024
Woy Woy Public School

Mother's Day stall

The Woy Woy Public School Parents and Citizens Association will hold a Mother's Day Stall on Thursday, May 9.

Gifts are \$5 and \$8 and are cash only.

Parents have been asked send a small bag with their children to keep the gift in to bring home.

SOURCE:
Social media, 10 Apr 2024
Woy Woy Public School P/C

Three units proposed for Memorial Ave

A proposal for three multi-dwelling units and a strata subdivision has been submitted for 121 Memorial Ave, Ettalong.

The site is zoned R1 General Residential and is 545.75 square metres in area.

It has street frontages to Memorial Ave on the west side and Coolabah St on the south side. The east side of the site is bounded by a lane which connects Coolabah St with Lurline Rd.

Each unit will contain a kitchen, open plan living, two bedrooms and ensuite at ground level with one bedroom per unit at the upper level.

It is proposed that there will be one car parking space per unit at ground level within attached garages and landscaping and private open space per unit.

Access to the garages will be off Coolabah St, with separate access to each unit.

The application, prepared by the Council Approvals Group, states: "While there are windows located to the rear of each of the units, the existing closed 1.8m high fence located along the northeast (rear) boundary already provides an effective screening between properties.

"The upper bedrooms to each unit also have windows located to their rear but direct overlooking to the adjacent property will mostly



be to the rear back yard of this property given that the dwelling house at 123 Memorial Ave is located well towards the site frontage.

"The existing views enjoyed by adjacent property will not be adversely impacted on by the proposed units including their upper levels.

"At the 9am solstice, most shadow will be created by the upper levels but this will fall only the roadway verge along Memorial Ave.

"At the 3.00pm solstice, there will be some modest overshadowing over the rear backyard of No 123 Memorial Ave.

"Due to the modest scale and height of the upper levels, this will not create adverse overshadowing onto this property."

The application claims: "Tree removal will not be required for the proposal.

"There are no trees located to the rear of the property.

"Some small shrubs and a jacaranda tree are located along the Coolabah Street frontage."

However, the arborist's report prepared by Accurate Tree Assessment states: "Trees 3 callistemon citrinus, 4 and 5 jacaranda mimosifolia are eligible for removal as exempt development in accordance with the provisions of Central Coast DCP Chapter 3.5 section 3.3.3.2.a"

"Trees 1 ficus elastica, 2 angophora floribunda, 6 banksia integrifolia and 7 magnolia figo will be subject to nil or manageable levels of encroachment caused by construction of the proposed

dwelling and are proposed for retention."

The application claims that "the property will be appropriately landscaped in accordance with the landscape concept plan".

However, no landscaping plans have been included in the drawings on exhibition.

There is also no mention of street tree planting.

The application claims the proposal would "provide for much-needed affordable housing stock within the Ettalong area, either as owner-occupied or rental housing". The application is currently on public exhibition on the Central Coast Council website but no closing date for submissions has been posted.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 13 Apr 2024
DA/376/2024, Central Coast Council

MPs hold joint forum

A "cost-of-living forum" will be held jointly in Narara by Federal Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid and State Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch tomorrow, Tuesday, April 16.

It had been organised to help people experiencing financial difficulties, Dr Reid said.

He said the forum, to be held in Narara Community Centre, would bring together key government departments and agencies including Services Australia, Service NSW, and Central Coast Council.

"Federal, State, and Local Governments have a range of assistance available, including energy bill relief, water bill relief and internet relief.

"I would encourage those interested to visit my website to register their attendance."

Ms Tesch said: "I encourage everyone to come along and get information on what assistance is available across all levels of government," Ms Tesch said.

The forum will run from 10:30am until 12pm.

Bookings are essential and may be made on Dr Reid's website, <https://www.drgordonreidmp.com.au>.

SOURCE:
Media release, 9 Apr 2024
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson



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Education

Bike-riders warned to watch out for bindies

Students who ride their bikes to school should watch out for bindies, a thorny burr that can puncture bike tyres, according to Umina Beach Public School principal Ms Karen Wardlaw.

The bindii burr has a pyramid shape with one thorn always pointing upward.

"We wish to alert our school families that we have experienced a high number of deflated bike tyres over the past few weeks, despite not being able to find any obvious sign of damage," she said.

A local bike shop helped solve the mystery, saying it had had more than 30 punctures caused by the burr.

"It had multiple reports of these burrs causing punctures in local areas such as the skate park, grassed reserve areas, local pathways, at the beach and surrounding grassed areas around

the school.

"They can be widely found outside our school and are very hard to see in the grass," said Ms Wardlaw.

"These burrs are small enough to be hard to spot but strong enough to puncture a tyre, despite not leaving a puncture mark.

"In response, we have checked our bike rack area and have been regularly raking and blowing leaf litter.

"We haven't spotted any burrs on our school grounds, and it seems likely that students are unknowingly riding over these burrs on the way to school.

"The burr will pierce the tyre undetected, leading it to slowly deflate during the school day so that it is unable to be ridden by the end of the day."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 3 Apr 2024
Karen Wardlaw, Umina Beach Public School



Students receive ice cream reward

Students at Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College who have been constantly displaying the core values

of respect, commitment and relationships during Term One have received a reward of an ice cream.

The students were noticed for

what they contributed to the school and its culture.

SOURCE:
Social media, 2 Apr 2024
BWSC Umina



Two students named CAPA 'stars

Two Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy campus Creative and Performing Arts students have been named "Student Stars of CAPA".

Lachlan Hall was named as "a vital asset to the production,

organisation and success of the Night Under the Stars".

Ben Russell was named for "being the most positive, engaging and supportive student in Visual Arts"

SOURCE:
Social media, 2 Apr 2024
BWSC Woy Woy

Volunteers wanted to help in canteen

Ettalong Public School is seeking volunteers to help out in its canteen.

All volunteers must have a current Working with Children Check, which is free via Service NSW.

These may be obtained at no cost online or in person through Service NSW.

Parents, grandparents and carers with spare time weekly, fortnightly or monthly can be accommodated.

For further information, email ettalongpscanteen@gmail.com or phone the canteen team on 4341 3550.

SOURCE:
Social media, 4 Apr 2024
Ettalong Public School



Three students are 'quiet achievers'

Woy Woy South Public School has presented three students with Term One Quiet Achiever awards.

Stage One winner was Paige Williams.

Stage Two winner was Attayah Grimston.

Stage Three winner was Maia

Aquila.

"This award is for students who work hard all the time," said principal Mr Matt Barr.

"We see you and your hard work does not go unnoticed."

SOURCE:
Social media, 8 Apr 2024
Matt Barr, Woy Woy South Public School

Student gains entry to hospitality course

Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy campus student Mateeka Grimston has gained entry into the Certificate III Hospitality course.

"Mateeka has been an integral part of the accelerated Hospitality class," said campus principal Ms Rebecca Cooper.

She has completed more than 25 catering events, learning how to make coffee in the campus Industry Training Centre.

"We wish her all the best in her chosen career."



SOURCE:
Social media, 11 Apr 2024
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy

Students given awards at assembly

Woy Woy Public School has given a number of its students awards at its K-6 assembly.

Recipients included Lucas Malloy of KC for consistent effort and attitude towards his learning, and Saraya Waters of KS for consistent enthusiasm and effort in all areas of learning.

Axyl Barrett of 1B received an award for always having a positive attitude to his learning and consistently striving to complete his work to a high standard, while Leeland Ratahi of 1R was awarded for showing creativity

and imagination in narrative writing samples.

Year 2 recipients were Sadie Egan of 2M for showing great maturity and resilience when navigating the unexpected and Knox Otto of 2B for outstanding effort and application in writing.

Awards went to Harriet Van Der Neut of 3/4LE for outstanding effort and application in all learning areas, to Sasha Bury-Misic of 3/4W for outstanding application in creative writing and to Elsa Zhu 3/4M for fantastic use of adjectives in her writing.

Nixon Young of 4/5B won an

award for outstanding effort and results in his writing.

Other awards went to Imogen Strong of 5/6Y for great results in English and Maths assessments, to Noah Mitchell 5/6F for improved application and efforts to his learning, and to Jack Sainty 5/6G for outstanding results in number and algebra assessments.

Bella Rowe of K-6C received an award for improved effort in writing skills and Jack Cross of K-6W received one for improved work ethic.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 2 Apr 2024
Dan Betts, Woy Woy Public School

Bowling clubs join for Diggers Day

Umina Beach men's and women's bowling clubs will hold their Digger's Day event on Sunday, April 28.

The day includes a service, wreath-laying, lunch and bowls.

The program starts at 11:15am, with time allowed to pay green fees and check tables.

At 11:45am, members will assemble in two lines on Green Two.

The service and wreath-laying

will be held at 12pm.

Lunch will follow at 12:15pm, with bowls starting at 1pm.

Cost for the day is \$20 per head. Those attending have been asked to fill in an entry form.

Space is provided at the bottom of the form for those who are attending the event but not playing bowls.

SOURCE:
Social media, 31 Mar 2024
Peter Springett, UBMBC



Women's president's three years celebrated

Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club celebrated president Gale Hill's three-year term as president with a Special Day on Tuesday, April 9.

Members welcomed her, together with club life member and Bowls NSW director Lesley Swales and Central Coast Women's president Claudia Lawrence, with a guard of honour.

A morning tea was served with a pink theme and then it was on to the green for a game of bowls.

The non-bowlers were moved to the lounge area so the auditorium could be re-decorated.

When Gale entered the auditorium for lunch, she was surprised with a mauve theme depicting jacarandas, reminiscent of Gale's home town of Grafton.

Among the guests were Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club president Tom Burgmann and secretary Peter Springett.

SOURCE:
Social media, 9 Apr 2024
Peter Springett, UBMBC

Woy Woy Roosters elect new president

The Woy Woy Roosters Rugby League Football Club has elected Dave Carr as its new president.

He replaces outgoing president Jordan Lestrage.

Vice-presidents for the 2024 season are Bob Nash and Scott Wilesmith.

Secretary-treasurer is Rachael Harrington.

The club is seeking volunteers to help with home games.

"We can not run our club

without our volunteer workers," said secretary Ms Harrington.

"If you are able to help at any home games, please make contact with any of the executive."

With inquiries, email her at secretarywoywoyrlfc@outlook.com

"We look forward to having a successful 2024 season both on and off the field."

SOURCE:
Social media, 2 Apr 2024
Rachael Harrington, Woy Woy Roosters RLFC



Outrigger club wins championship medals in all divisions

Central Coast Outrigger Canoe Club competed at the State Championship at Port Stephens on Saturday, April 6.

The club did well with podium finishes in all divisions, said club committee member John Illiffe.

"An enjoyable weekend was had by all participants.

"Conditions were challenging after a strong weather front

had passed through the region overnight creating high seas.

"Our Platinum OC6 team was invited up on the podium for a special recognition medal.

"Yes, 70 years plus can still do a 10km race in good time."

Novice paddler Stephen Peruch said his crew gave him a good run down of what to expect during the race.

"This was my first State Titles

race.

"Surprisingly, I was not nervous, just excited to get on the water.

"I was very happy to have been part of the action and our bronze placing was great."

Another member, Murray Burrows, said: "It was a special day to remember."

SOURCE:
Media release, 11 Apr 2024
Debbie Sunartha, CCOCC

Junior touch association annual meeting

Peninsula Junior Touch Association will hold its annual general meeting at Ettalong Diggers at 7pm tonight, Monday, April 15.

Executive positions of president,

secretary and representative co-ordinator will be elected.

Elections will also be held for general committee members and roles, including canteen co-ordinator, registrar, referee co-ordinator, grounds supervisor,

sponsor co-ordinator, coaching co-ordinator, gear steward, social media co-ordinator and member protection information officer.

SOURCE:
Social media, 2 Apr 2024
Peninsula Junior Touch



Pennant bowls round played at Umina

Round six of Pennant bowls was played at Umina on Saturday, April 6.

"A big crowd watched the Umina's Open 5s, 6s and 7 Blue pennant teams play at home," said club secretary Mr Peter Springett.

"It was great to see both greens being fully utilised."

In Grade 2, Umina was due to play away against ladder leaders Davistown.

The game was cancelled, due to water-logged greens at Davistown.

In Grade 5, Umina played against Wyong Roos at home.

Umina 55 defeated Wyong 46. Umina won nine points and Wyong one point.

In Grade 6, Umina played against Ourimbah Magpies at home.

Umina 57 defeated Ourimbah 51. Umina won 9 points and Ourimbah one point.

In Grade 7 Blue, Umina played against Bateau Bay Stingrays at home.

Umina 53 lost to Bateau Bay 59. Umina won two points and Bateau Bay eight points.

In Grade 7 Red, Umina was due to play away, at Wyong.

The game was called off, as the green was too wet.

SOURCE:
Social media, 6 Apr 2024
Peter Springett, UBMBC

Sport

Avoca score convincing rugby win over Woy Woy

Avoca Beach scored a convincing win yesterday over Woy Woy at Woy Woy Oval by 79 points to seven.

Avoca Beach controlled proceedings from start to finish and were able to score consistently throughout the contest.

The opening stages of the match were quite close but when Avoca Beach opened the scoring, the point scoring did flow.

Avoca Beach went to the halftime break leading by 32 points to nil and even at that stage had the result secured.

But to Woy Woy's great credit

they hung in and contested proceedings for the whole 80 minutes.

Woy Woy was best served by flanker Tim Cook, five-eight Charles Buckley and No.8 Tali Sitani.

The oval was also the venue yesterday for a round of the Shute Shield, where Hunter Wildfires Rugby Club defeated Southern Districts 73-71.

The Shute Shield fixture also featured four other games across different grades.

SOURCE:
Media release, 14 Apr 2024
Larry Thomson, CCRU



Women celebrate 44 years in lifesaving

The women of Umina Surf Life Saving Club took over Saturday morning patrol on April 6, celebrating the 44 years of women in lifesaving.

Among the 20 women attending

the "Women of Umina Patrol" were nine patrol captains, two current gold medallion holders, three IRB drivers, 10 IRB crew and five aquatic rescue award winners.

"The atmosphere was filled

with joy and laughter as we came together to celebrate the remarkable achievements of women in lifesaving."

SOURCE:
Social media, 7 Apr 2024
Umina Surf Life Saving Club.

Charity bowls day for Guide Dogs organisation

Pearl Beach Bowlers have invited all bowlers to join them in a Charity Bowls Day at 9am on Sunday, May 5, at Ettalong Bowling Club.

The day will be held to celebrate International Guide Dog Day and to raise funds for Guide Dogs NSW-ACT.

A raffle, auction and

merchandise will be available.

Members of the Central Coast Guide Dogs volunteer support group will be on hand to answer questions.

The cost will be \$10 per bowler. For further information, phone Lynne Lillico on 4344 2319.

SOURCE:
Social media, 9 Apr 2024
Pearl Beach Tennis and Bowls



Bunnies make next stage

Umina Bunnies Junior Rugby League Football Club players have been trialling for Met North Footy, the club has announced.

Players Lewis Papps, Jaxon

Gorrel and Buddy Moore have made it through to the next stage of selection.

SOURCE:
Social media, 4 Apr 2024
Umina Bunnies JRLFC

Brisbane Water Bridge Club's Easter Pairs red point event attracted 18 teams.

Sitting north-south, Pauline Caust and Alan Bustany had a narrow victory from regular players David Bowerman and Dasha Brandt.

The east-west direction saw club stalwarts have a close result, with Martin Johnson and Chris Hasemore edging out Sylvia Foster and Jaan Oitmaa.

Novices Bow Lowry and Dieter Mucharsky picked up a third spot in a strong field.

Tournament secretary was Peter Hume with director Marcelle Goslin.

North-south results were:
1 Pauline Caust, Alan Bustany 262.5 (60.76 per cent), 0.45 red points.

2 David Bowerman, Dasha Brandt 258.9 (59.92), 0.32.

3 Bob Lowry, Dieter Mucharsky 234.8 (54.34), 0.23.

4 Graham Woof, Caroline Nichols 234.4 (54.25), 0.15.

5 Joan Walsh, Julie Teague



213.4 (49.39).

6 Peter Hume, Elaine Hume 194.8 (45.08).

7 Carolyn Girdwood, Annette Clarke 189.3 (43.81).

8 Frankie Craven, Spider Redgold 188.1 (43.55).

9 Marcelle Goslin, Beryl Lowry 166.4 (38.52).

East-west results were:

1 Martin Johnson, Chris Hasemore 254.9 (59.00), 0.45.

2 Jaan Oitmaa, Sylvia Foster 251.9 (58.30), 0.32.

3 Susan McCall, Pamela

Joseph 250.9 (58.07), 0.23.

4 Karen Ody, Jim Routledge 244.0 (56.48), 0.15.

5 Hope Tomlinson, Barry Foster 221.1 (51.19).

6 Susan Ashley, Kerry Robertson 207.7 (48.08).

7 Carolynne Mucharsky, Blair Glass 197.4 (45.69).

8 Sharon Versteeg, Carol Parker 189.1 (43.78).

9 Steve Anderson, Kerry Anderson 128.6 (29.77).

SOURCE:
Social media, 1 Apr 2024
Brisbane Water Bridge Club

Ocean Beach life savers compete at Sunshine Coast championships

Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club has a number of members competing in the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships which run from April 13 to 21 on the Sunshine Coast.

The club's youth competitors are Jodie Mead, Jess Majsak and Ebony Falconer.

Members Jacob Falconer,

Owen Warner and Will Adams will contest the Under-17s to Open events.

Dave Nash and Kristy Best will be representing Ocean Beach in the Masters.

Mother daughter combination of Carolyn and Jodie Mead will be joined by Kristy Best, David Nash and Owen Warner to compete in the Ocean Swim event.

The Boaties will be competing

in three divisions with the OB Kenobis contesting the Masters Men, Cracka Tinnie contesting the Reserve Men and the mighty Kingsmen contesting the Under-19 Men.

Club officials will also be travelling with the team to the Sunshine Coast.

SOURCE:
Social media, 10 Apr 2024
Ocean Beach SLSC

Soccer game-day volunteers wanted

Woy Woy Football Club is seeking game-day volunteers for its soccer matches.

"We are a small volunteer committee and appreciate the help of our members to ensure the best game day possible," members were told in a social media post.

"All teams are expected to

contribute to the equivalent of nine hours per season and teams playing at Austin Butler Oval are requested to assist on game days."

For further information, email secretary@woywoyfootball.org.au.

SOURCE:
Social media, 7 Apr 2024
Woy Woy Football Club