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Council proposes \$12.3M in capital spending

Central Coast Council is proposing to spend \$12.3 million of its \$309.9 capital works program for 2024-2025 on the Peninsula.

This is just 4.0 per cent of the capital budget for the 11.6 per cent of the Central Coast's population resident on the Peninsula.

Leading the capital works program on the Peninsula is an allocation of \$2 million to start the construction of the "south cell" at Woy Woy tip.

Over three years, this work is expected to cost \$16.2 million.

Construction of an "eastern platform" at the tip will cost another \$1.75 million this year, with a total cost of \$2.8 million over three years.

Work on seven sewer pumping stations at Woy Woy, Umina and Horsfield Bay and a rising main at Ettalong will cost \$1.90 million this year and a total of \$8.09 million over three years.

A car park upgrade at James Brown Oval will cost \$920,000, funded from grants and developer contributions.

The Woy Woy Waterfront project is budgeted for the coming financial year, with the cost of \$816,000 funded by developer contributions.

A shared path on The Esplanade and Barrenjoey Rd, Ettalong, will be constructed at a

cost of \$800,000 also funded from developer contributions.

Changing room "renewal" at the Peninsula Leisure Centre will cost \$1.5 million over two years, coming from general rates revenue.

A car park upgrade of Rogers Park carpark will cost \$750,000, funded by a combination of general rates revenue and developer contributions.

An upgrade of roads and drains at Patonga camping ground will cost \$500,000 this year and a total of \$3.57 million over three years.

Work on the Woy Woy Baths will cost \$494,360 this year and \$653,000, with the money coming from a combination of a grant and rates.

Other projects in the program are a footpath in Pozieres Ave, Umina, work on the Pearl Beach lagoon and on the playground at Lions Park, Woy Woy.

The Rip Rd Reserve seawall will have \$700,000 spent on it over two years.

Peninsula Theatre will have seating, foyer and lighting "renewal" over two years totalling \$410,000.

Work is also expected to take place on the Mingaletta hall, the Umina childcare centre and to fence off endangered Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland in Umina.

The capital budget includes \$89

million of "region-wide" spending which has no obligation to be spent on the Peninsula.

Disregarding this amount, the budget for the Peninsula represents just 5.5 per cent of the remainder.

A further \$5.55 million is listed this year under "pending grants" for the upgrade of the Ocean Beach Rd-Rawson Rd intersection, which if approved would increase the figure to 5.7 per cent of the capital budget.

The capital budget is expected to open for public submissions as part to the Council's draft Operational Plan for the year.

The Operational Plan shows the capital expenditure of \$309.9 million is less than one third of the total budget, with operating expenses of \$712.8 million budgeted for the council operation for the coming year.

However, scant detail is given of the operating expense.

Materials and services have been budgeted at \$236.7 million and employee costs at \$213.1 million, while depreciation and amortisation at \$202.9 million.

Borrowing costs and "other expenses" amount to \$59.9 million.

There is no indication of how much of the operating budget can be attributed to the Peninsula.

SOURCE:

Central Coast Council agenda 2.3, 23 Apr 2024

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Mark Snell, 9 Nov 2023

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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.

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

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Peninsula News includes "source lines" at the end of each article which aim to provide readers with information about where and how we came across the information, so that they might judge for themselves the veracity of what they are reading.

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

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

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Petition to save trees

Blackwall resident Ms Jane Hendy has started a petition to save trees on council land at 23 Memorial Ave, Blackwall.

"These beautiful trees are still in danger," she said.

She said the petition to save them can be found in Woy Woy at the office of Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch in Blackwall Rd and at The Hemp Store in Oval Ave.

SOURCE:
Media release, 25 Apr 2024
Jane Hendy, Blackwall

Learn more about CWA at branch meeting

The Woy Woy branch of the Country Women's Association is inviting women who would like learn more about the organisation to attend one of its meetings.

Monthly business meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month, at 9am for a 9.30am start.

Morning tea is provided "with the chance to meet new people

and be part of an organisation that has stood the test of time".

The organisation advocates and lobbies at government level, as well as supporting local communities and other charities.

Parking is in the grounds of the hall at 30 The Boulevard, Woy Woy, adjacent to the ferry terminal.

SOURCE:
Social media, 22 Apr 2024
CWA Woy Woy Branch

Association asks for help with email issues

Pearl Beach Progress Association is asking members to take action following issues it has experienced with email.

The association has had trouble sending emails to Bigpond email addresses.

It is asking members who use Bigpond to contact Telstra, "as the more complaints they get the quicker this will get resolved".

The association said it had

issues with Bigpond rejecting emails that were sent as part of a group, that were forwarded to from another email system and that were sent directly unless as a reply.

"This is not just from the association email system but is also same for the Arboretum, which uses a different system."

SOURCE:
Social media, 22 Apr 2024
Pearl Beach Progress Association

Twice the average April rainfall

The Peninsula has had more than twice the average rainfall for April by last Friday, April 26.

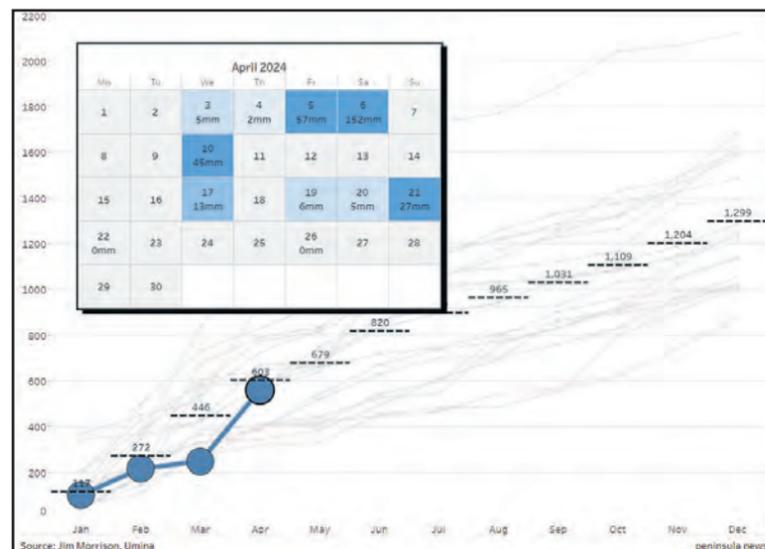
A total of 312mm has been recorded, compared to the month's average of 148mm, according to Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

The total is the third highest April rainfall in 20 years, behind a fall of 349mm in 2022 and 432mm in 2015.

The cumulative total to date this year is 558mm, just 7.6 per cent below the average of 604mm at the end of April.

In the past fortnight, 50.6mm of rain fell over six days, following falls totalling 261.7mm in the first half of the month.

More details including daily rainfall figures and yearly



comparisons are available online at <http://bit.ly/PNRainfall>

SOURCE:
Spreadsheet, 26 Apr 2024
Jim Morrison, Umina

TIDE TIMES and Heights	Mon, Apr 29	Thu, May 2	Sun, May 5	Wed, May 8	Sat, May 11
	0659 0.26	0254 1.10	0604 1.15	0252 0.16	0536 0.19
	1232 0.71	1009 0.22	1235 0.16	0837 1.04	1109 0.80
	1749 0.34	1559 0.81	1839 1.15	1436 0.19	1636 0.28
		2133 0.35		2053 1.38	2308 1.27
AT ETTALONG	Tue, Apr 30	Fri, May 3	Mon, May 6	Thu, May 9	Sun, May 12
	0035 1.11	0403 1.12	0058 0.21	0346 0.16	0300 1.05
	0803 0.26	1102 0.19	0657 1.14	0927 0.96	1029 0.23
	1338 0.70	1659 0.92	1317 0.16	1515 0.21	1604 0.62
	1854 0.36	2248 0.30	1925 1.26	2138 1.38	2120 0.32
	Wed, May 1	Sat, May 4	Tue, May 7	Fri, May 10	Mon, May 13
	0142 1.10	0507 1.14	0156 0.18	0442 0.17	0730 0.23
	0909 0.24	1150 0.17	0747 1.10	1016 0.88	1305 0.70
	1450 0.74	1751 1.03	1358 0.17	1555 0.24	1813 0.37
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Grant announced for Pearl Beach lagoon

The NSW Government has announced a grant of \$107,750 for coastal works at Pearl Beach Lagoon.

The project will focus on key management actions from the Pearl Beach Lagoon Coastal Management Program, said Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

It will include retrofitting stormwater quality improvement measures, including two sediment traps, which will be constructed on the main drain inlets into the lagoon, reducing sediment loads entering the lagoon, she said.

"In doing so, this project will also investigate options for removing material from the bed of the lagoon.

"It will also result in the removal of sediment plumes from drain outlets, with this material treated and repurposed on-site to rehabilitate eroded shorelines and enable planting of wetland vegetation.

"This will result in reduced sediment inputs, while removing sediment plumes and rehabilitating and revegetating eroded banks, improving water quality over time and restoring our Pearl Beach coastal system."

Ms Tesch said the money came

from the implementation stream of the 2023-24 Coastal and Estuary Grants Management Program.

"The funding received will be welcomed by the Pearl Beach and wider community.

"The Pearl Beach community has been fighting for investment to protect the lagoon for years.

"Our coastal systems are home to countless flora and fauna, which thrive in the unique location of Pearl Beach and funding to address issues such as sediment plumes and eroding shorelines is desperately needed."

Pearl Beach resident Mr Malcolm Davison said: "It's been some 14-15 years since we first started agitating to rehabilitate the lagoon.

"This is the first step – the silt traps – to stop it getting worse and then gradually giving us the opportunity to improve the water quality with some strategic planting of water-based trees.

"It's a natural lagoon. It's not man-made. It has been here for generations.

"It's a magical place, just listen to the bird life here."

SOURCE:
Media release, 23 Apr 2024
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford



Petition for upgrade of Ettalong Beach

Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid has joined with the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce president Mr Matthew Wales to launch a petition for funding from all levels of government for a major upgrade of Ettalong Beach.

Dr Reid said: "When I am door knocking or engaging with the community on the Peninsula, a matter that is constantly raised with me is Ettalong Beach foreshore.

"The community understands the importance of this recreation space and would like to see it upgraded, so more people can enjoy it.

"There are sections of the foreshore with uneven footpaths, overgrown vegetation, and accessibility issues.

"There are also issues with erosion and parking challenges.

"I am joining with our community and supporting this campaign.

"We want to secure support from all levels of government for a major upgrade to Ettalong Beach foreshore.

"I would encourage the community to help this project become a reality by supporting this petition and sharing with family and friends", Dr Reid said.

Mr Wales said: "Based on the huge success of the previous foreshore upgrade, the Chamber fully supports the continued upgrade to the south towards Ettalong Point so that this area can be made more accessible to the community.

"The Ettalong Beach foreshore is one of our best assets and attracts thousands of visitors each

year. "The continued upgrade works will enhance the foreshore, improve community access, and boost the local Ettalong Beach economy.

"As a first step, the Chamber fully supports the preparation of a Strategic Plan that encompasses improvement works that are sympathetic to the local environment and sets out a staged upgrade that can be costed for future funding."

The petition is available online at <https://www.drgordonreidmp.com.au/our-coast-community/upgrade-ettalong-beach-foreshore/>

For more information, contact Dr Reid's office on 4322 2400 or email gordon.reid.mp@aph.gov.au.

SOURCE:
Media release, 18 Apr 2024
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson

Final Phegans Bay plan expected shortly

The Bays Community Group is expecting the Phegans Bay Waterfront Masterplan to be exhibited again shortly before its final adoption by Central Coast Council.

"Once developed, the masterplan will outline the overall vision for the Phegans Bay waterfront precinct and provide a conceptual layout to guide future projects and infrastructure," the group has told residents in its newsletter.

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

"Inclusion of the masterplan

within the Coastal Management Plan will provide opportunities for funding through the NSW Coastal and Estuary grants program and consideration for capital funding via Council budgets."

The first draft of the masterplan was exhibited over the December and January period and received more than 150 comments.

The draft currently being reviewed in the light of the comments.

The Council engagement summary can be viewed online at yourvoiceourcoast.com/phegansbay.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 24 Apr 2024
The Bays Community Group

Rugby players help out at Mary Mac's

Junior players from the Woy Woy Rugby Club visited Mary Mac's Place in Woy Woy last week.

The under-14 players helped prepare chicken burgers for lunch.

Mary Mac's project officer Ms Sally Baker was happy to see the team.

"The boys' help has been amazing," she said.

SOURCE:
Social media, 24 Apr 2024
Sally Baker, Mary Mac's Place



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Application argues precedent justifies non-compliance

The applicant for a new two-storey garage and studio at 210 The Esplanade, Umina Beach, has claimed the precedent of a neighbouring house to justify exceeding height limits by more than 1.5 metres.

The application prepared by Clarke Dowdle and Associates states: "The proposal includes the erection of attached outbuilding includes a double garage, and storage to cater for the residents is located on the ground floor with the first floor would including a living room with a wet bar, bedroom and bathroom."

It acknowledges the proposed height of 6.38 metres exceeds the 4.8 metre height requirement for outbuildings and ancilliary development.

The floor area of the ground floor garage store is 90.05 square metres, while the upstairs studio floor area is 68.3 square metres.

The application notes that the maximum floor area permitted for outbuildings is 85 square metres.

The maximum floor areas for a detached studio is 50 square metres.

The site is 739.8 square metres



in area and is rhombus-shaped, at the rear it adjoins the foreshore.

The application claims: "The proposal is commensurate with the scale and height of the outbuilding at No 212 on the adjoining lot and as such would not be setting a precedent in the area."

It notes a previous application was "withdrawn due to concerns raised in relation to height, bulk and aesthetics".

"Subsequently, a new design has been undertaken to mitigate these concerns."

It argues: "The proposed outbuilding will assist in providing visual and acoustic privacy from

the units located on the northern side of the road reserve."

It concludes: "The ancillary dwelling-house proposal is consistent with the height and scale of development within the residential zone and is commensurate with the character of development within the immediate and surrounding area."

The proposal is currently on public exhibition and available for written submissions.

Central Coast Council has not specified a closing date.

SOURCE:

DA Tracker, 27 Apr 2024
DA/390/2024, Central Coast Council

Droneport application receives 10 submissions

The application for a droneport to be located on the roof of the Peninsula Plaza at 48-64 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, has received 10 submissions, according to Central Coast Council's planning portal.

Eight of the 10 complained about the lack of adequate community consultation and transparency.

Seven complained about the potential for noise pollution.

Four complained about the lack of detail in the application, and three had concerns about the dangers of drone operations to infrastructure and public.

Other issues raised were harmful effects on wildlife, privacy concerns, lack of council planning, incompatibility with an E1 zone and the Peninsula being an unsuitable area for this kind of operation.

Lack of transparency about the meeting between Council Administrator Mr Rik Hart and Woolworths about the proposal to purchase adjacent land in Austin Butler Reserve appears to have resulted in a lack of trust in the council.

One submission states: "One cannot but think back to how this 'putting the cart before the horse' proposal might have looked had Woolworths persuaded the Administrator to sell off Austen Butler Reserve without adequate community consultation."

It says the consultation "was actually forced on Council's Administrator and not initiated by him in his personal strong support for the proposal".

"Those now-saved Austen Butler Reserve trees might still later be the subject of a Woolworths

Woy Woy application to Council for severe trimming or even removal to facilitate drone movement on the relevant rooftop boundary side."

Another submission quotes the applicant's intention to seek approval of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority between March and April and asks that the outcome of this be placed in the public domain for comment.

One submission is heavily redacted.

The submission refers to the proposed droneport being in "close proximity" to a "high security facility", where "the activities conducted" are of a "sensitive nature" and "recording devices are commonly used".

It claims the droneport "could potentially compromise the integrity of the premises and the safety of staff and stakeholders" and "undermine the integrity" of the facility's operation.

"Consideration should be given to flight path restrictions and hours of operation."

The Council has not explained its redactions, which do not appear to be requested in the submission or its covering letter.

Normally, redactions are limited to personal privacy and protecting the identity of individuals.

However, they go beyond that in this case.

Another submission simply asks the down-to-earth question not answered in the application: "How does the parachute get returned?"

The submissions are publicly-available on the Council's planning portal as part of the documentation for the application DA/204/2024.

SOURCE:

DA Tracker, 28 Apr 2024
DA/204/2024, Central Coast Council



Double garage proposed in front setback

Central Coast Council has received a development application for the construction of a detached double garage at 23 Hobart Ave, Umina Beach.

It is proposed that the garage be built on the front setback of an existing house.

The application acknowledges the proposal does not comply with planning provisions, which require a 9.355 metre setback.

A setback of 2.281 metres is requested.

The application prepared by Designsmart Living states: "The existing dwelling on the subject lot is of a sufficient size to warrant a double garage and given the existing dwelling house footprint there is no alternative but to utilise the front setback area.

The application claims: "The garage height is minimal in design and a sufficient space remains for deep soil plantings.

"The existing front hedge is to be retained which will screen the frontage entirely.

"The side of the streetscape can absorb this variation and the design is compatible with the character of the area."

The site has an area of 557.2 square metres and is zoned Residential R2.

The site contains a single storey clad dwelling on the northern side of Hobart Ave.

It has frontages to lanes to the east (side) and the north (rear) boundaries.

There is an existing single garage accessed from the rear lane.

"The existing storage shed at the rear of the property is narrow and not suitable for a garage given the constraints of the rear pool and landscaped rear yards," the application states

The proposed double garage measures 6.2 metres by 6.3 metres and is to be located 0.516m from the side boundary.

"The adjoining neighbour to the east nearest building is eight metres away and separated by a lane."

The application is currently on public exhibition and available for written submissions.

The council website does not state a closing date for submissions.

SOURCE:

DA Tracker, 27 Apr 2024
DA/395/2024, Central Coast Council

'Not on your TOD' - council

Public submissions made by Central Coast Council do not support the claim made by Premier Mr Chris Minns, later confirmed by the Department of Planning, that Central Coast Council asked for Woy Woy station to be included in the Government's high density planning scheme.

The Premier said on Friday, April 12: "The six new stations are Cardiff, Cockle Creek, Belmore, Lakemba, Punchbowl and Woy Woy.

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

The Department told Peninsula News on Saturday, April 13: "Central Coast Council put forward Woy Woy as a location for the SEPP to be introduced."

None of the council's public submissions about the Transport-Oriented Development (TOD) program made any reference to Woy Woy.

They referred to Tuggerah, Wyong and Gosford stations, and

ask that they "be excluded from the future TOD SEPP application due to the low opportunity for housing yield".

The submissions were made to the Department's consultation on its proposed Transport-Oriented Development Program and to its consultation about its Low- and Mid-Rise Housing Reform.

A submission made at the end of January states: "Council staff have been involved in the 'targeted consultation' and attended a briefing with Department staff on 22 January 2024 to understand the proposed changes to planning controls within 400m of Tuggerah, Wyong and Gosford train stations.

It has also been reported that Council general manager Mr David Farmer has stated that the Council did not ask for Woy Woy station to be included.

No public details of the Department's "targeted consultation" with Central Coast Council staff appear to be available.

SOURCE:

Central Coast Council agenda 2.8, 27 Feb 2024

Woy Woy residents make less use of toll roads

Residents of Woy Woy make significantly less use of Sydney toll roads than Gosford residents, according to figures released by Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

Both groups make less use of them than the average Central Coast driver.

Announcing the opportunity for motorists to claim their "toll cap cash back", Ms Tesch said the Central Coast average would be

\$134 for toll account holders who have spent more than \$60 a week.

She said the average entitlement was \$121 for Gosford residents in the 2250 postcode area, but only \$95 for Woy Woy residents in the 2256 postcode area.

"The \$60 toll cap cashback is helping to bring relief to where it is needed, particularly for our significant commuter population," she said.

SOURCE:
Media release, 16 Apr 2024
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford



Arboretum demolishes its old verandah

A working bee was held at the Pearl Beach Arboretum Working Bee yesterday, Sunday, April 28, to demolish its old cottage verandah.

Volunteers were invited to wear closed shoes, bring your gloves and recycle some of the materials.

It is hoped the replacement verandah-pavilion will be completed by the end of June.

Tax deductible donations for the new building may still be made at

<https://gofund.me/8f53d69d>.

So far, \$6300 of a target of \$58,870 has been raised.

While the roof is being built in May, the association is wanting to raise money to cover more of the cost for the verandah roof and floor.

The new covered outdoor area is expected to provide for events such as Opera in the Arboretum, the Pearl Beach Ephemeral Art Trail, and Community Christmas

Carols, as well as providing a place for arboretum volunteers to meet, learn and educate about the crucial role played by the arboretum's conservation work.

Pictured are Arboretum secretary Ms Mary Knaggs and volunteer Mr Peter Romey and on ladders are vice-president Mr Phil Rich and committee member Mr Gary Phillips.

Website, 24 Apr 2024
Pearl Beach Arboretum

Passenger train collides with car at level crossing

A passenger train collided with a car at the Rawson Rd level crossing in Woy Woy at around 6:15pm on Friday, April 19.

The driver got out of the vehicle prior to the collision and was not injured.

It is understood he drove the car onto the track mistaking it for the road.

NSW Ambulance attended the scene and confirmed no person on

train was injured.

The accident stopped all trains between Hornsby and Gosford.

Buses started replacing trains at about 7:15pm.

The 130 passengers on the train were allowed off at about this time.

Train services resumed at 5am on Saturday.

SOURCE:
Social media, 19 Apr 2024
NSW Central Coast Incident Alerts



Canoe club helps clean up

Central Coast Outrigger Canoe Club joined the Clean4Shore team on Saturday, April 27.

Club members were on the Clean4Shore vessels doing four hours of volunteering to help clean up our local waterways.

"It was a lovely day on the water and we certainly earned our keep," said club member Ms Deb Sunartha.

"It was a new experience for many of the members and a very worthwhile cause."

Another volunteer Mr Gary Machin said: "It is important to clean up our local waterways. Hawkesbury River and Broken Bay, where we volunteered today, to support our recreational paddling.

"The amount of rubbish collected was astounding."

Member Ms Veronica Baker said: "It was a beautiful morning on the water and it felt like we made a difference."

SOURCE:
Media release, 28 Apr 2024
Debbie Sunartha, CCOCC

Marine Rescue holds boat licence course

A training seminar to help boaters acquire the skills and knowledge they need to stay safer on our waterways has been scheduled for Saturday, May 4.

The certified Marine Rescue Boat Licence Theory Course is being held at the Point Clare base, conducted by trainer and assessor Mr Ian Leafe (pictured) and co-ordinator Mr Paul Broad.

Only 10 applicants will be accepted for the five-hour course, which starts at 8.30am.

To gain a full boat licence, participants will also need to complete the Practical Handbook. "You are required to take a minimum of three trips with an experienced skipper, who has held a licence for a minimum of three consecutive years," said Mr Leafe.

"Marine Rescue Central Coast is



a Registered Training Organisation with members professionally trained to national standards for their roles, both on and off the water.

"Courses are designed to teach you the ins and outs of safe boat handling and help build your confidence in local navigation,

boating safety and the marine environment," he said.

A jet ski (PWC) licence course will be available on the same day.

Further information is available online at <https://www.marinerescuensw.com.au/courses-licenses/general-boat-licence-and-pwc-licence/> and <https://www.nsw.gov.au/driving-boating-and-transport/boating-and-marine>

Book online via the Marine Rescue website or phone the base on 4337 9600.

The course costs \$165 for adults, \$145 for young people aged 12-15 year old with parent of guardian, and \$50 for the PWC licence course with \$10 deposit payable on application for all courses.

SOURCE:
Media release, 16 Apr 2024
David Wicks, Marine Rescue Central Coast

Trees group addresses inquiry

The Peninsula's Grow Urban Shade Trees group has given evidence at the Parliamentary Inquiry into the Planning system and the impacts of climate change on the environment and communities.

The Parliamentary committee heard also heard from the Peninsula Residents' Association

at its hearing at the Central Coast Leagues Club in Gosford.

GUST member Ms Jen Wilder said: "Our lived experience, as residents suffering the consequences of the long-term failings of the planning system to provide adequate shade, is now etched into Hansard.

"At the Inquiry, GUST was no outlier in its concerns, which were also echoed by the Peninsula

Residents Association and Central Coast Council itself.

"The panel is currently travelling to the regions to allow the state government greater insight into issues facing communities.

"The panel congratulated GUST and seemed receptive to the plight for increased urban canopy."

SOURCE:
Social media, 10 Apr 2024
Jen Wilder, GUST

Forum

It's time for the Rawson Rd level crossing to be removed

The dangerous railway level crossing at Rawson Rd, Woy Woy, has over the years been the scene of far too many tragic deaths through fatal vehicle accidents and suicides.

The latest incident on Friday, April 19, of a car mistakenly turning onto the rail lines at the level crossing, could have been fatal.

It created a long rail stoppage to north and south rail lines for so many Friday evening peak-hour commuters and was another incredibly expensive, unplanned incident, involving rail replacement by buses (Hornsby-Gosford), with additional emergency workers, ambulance, police and fire

personnel attending.

At what cost?

What a huge Friday peak-hour upheaval for train travellers trying to get home.

This latest event would not have happened if the Rawson Rd Level crossing had been removed when planned, years ago.

This is a busy rail crossing on the main northern rail line and vehicle traffic is stopped every few minutes for passenger trains and freight trains to pass, all day and night 24/7.

When a train activates the level crossing boom gates and stops all road traffic, it also stops ambulances and fire trucks, desperate to save someone's life

or a house on fire.

The level crossing is the only way for tall critical vehicles like ambulances and fire trucks to get across the rail line in an emergency.

There is no other way to cross the rail tracks.

Traffic can be stopped for many minutes when a 1.8km long, slow freight train enters the level crossing and that occurs many times each hour, night and day 24/7.

Is that good enough in 2024?

The answer is obviously No.

In addition, Woy Woy Rd users deserve better than a rickety, old and dangerous one-way traffic by-pass under the rail line adjacent to the boat ramp on Woy Woy Rd.

You and I use this by-pass and so do thousands of other drivers, particularly those getting to and from work each day.

It is dangerous, creates confusion on both sides, with resultant congestion and delays.

The Central Coast Council provided the design and completed all of the site preparation (outside of the rail corridor) and the critical road tunnel-rail bridge project under the rail line was unfortunately shut down by poor decision making at the time.

Stage one was successfully completed before stage two (the critical bit) was abruptly shut down.

To quote Gough Whitlam: "It's time."

It's time for action to complete the most important section of the project, the road tunnel-rail bridge, to create a smooth unrestricted two-way traffic flow under the main northern rail line.

It's time for our community to be vocal and demand that the Rawson Rd level crossing be removed and replaced with a road tunnel by the Minns Government, now.

Contact your local member Liesl Tesch MP at her Woy Woy office and demand action.

SOURCE:
Email, 22 Apr 2024
Neil Thompson, Woy Woy

More FORUM - P8

Will the government invest in a new transport paradigm?

While Central Coast Council is currently running a Well-being Survey, does anyone ever stop to think what the impacts of their planning decisions have on the health and wellbeing of communities with increased density, transport plans and reduced open space?

The Transport-Oriented Development plan proposed for Woy Woy to increase housing stock needs to secure Infrastructure funding beyond spending on roads and carparks.

Will the Government commit to a full-time public hospital at Woy Woy, increased open space and improved public transport as part of the proposal?

Or are all levels of Government just looking to cram more houses into the Woy Woy Peninsula?

Cities and urban areas are not just houses, units and roads for cars, but require varying open spaces, connected tree lined pathways, physical infrastructure of public transit, hospitals, arts and education, all of which increase the liveability of neighbourhoods and the well-being of the residents.

Increased density means increased mobility challenges which the CBDs cannot address without mass transit systems.

Transport-Oriented Development doesn't mean we just build up the population around a single transport node, such as a train station.

It needs to implement a high quality, reliable transit service around the clock (day and evening frequencies of at least every 15 minutes) to connect the heavy gauge train network to light rail or bus network to move people around communities.

A mass transit system aids in reducing traffic congestion, freeing up car parking space and reduces transport disadvantage.

There are also significant health and environmental benefits in increasing the amenity of an area, including cleaner air and less noise pollution, increased community health with greater involvement in active transport.

Transport-Oriented Development can have many positives for our community, as long as the government provides the required investment in a new transport paradigm for the

Peninsula, with low carbon sustainable transport, within a smart mobility grid.

Or will the community have to endure continuing the increasing traffic gridlock through Woy Woy?

SOURCE:
Email, 28 Apr 2024
Mark Ellis, Woy Woy

Recognition

Earlier this month, for the first time, I was pleased to learn the Federal Government had adopted an Acknowledgement of Service.

I have referred this to other veterans who, like me, were unaware of the Government's action.

I have also referred this matter to the Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid for background advice and have discussed it with Dr Reid's staff face-to-face.

When was the Acknowledgement adopted? Where and when does it apply?

Has there been a gradual decline in veterans' support which necessitated this adoption?

I now await advice from Minister for Veterans Affairs Mr Matt Keogh. His reply will be of interest to veterans.

SOURCE:
Letter, 19 Apr 2024
Norm Harris, Umina

New secretary

A new secretary has been appointed by the Pearl Beach Progress Association after the resignation of the group's president, secretary and assistant secretary.

Ms Donna Higgins was appointed at an executive meeting last month

SOURCE:
Website, 19 Apr 2024
Pearl Beach Progress Association

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Survey 'to understand' quality of life

Central Coast Council is conducting a region-wide survey "to understand our community's perception of their own wellbeing and quality of life".

The survey covers the topics of: Your neighbourhood, How connected and supported you feel, Access to services, Safety in your area and How you enjoy living, playing, and growing on the

Central Coast.

"Following major events such as the global pandemic and natural disasters in addition to other factors like the rising cost of living, we are wishing to establish a baseline of how our community thinks and feels about living in the Local Government Area.

"This will allow us to compare future results and highlight the changing needs of our

community while finding links to the Community Strategic Plan."

The Wellbeing Survey will close on Friday, May 10.

The council staff member "who's listening" is Ms Merindah Overhall who can be contacted by email at merindah.overhall@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au

SOURCE:
Website, 8 Apr 2024
Your Voice Our Coast,
Central Coast Council

Aged care staffing changes

A Umina aged care provider has "strategically increased" the number of personal care assistants and registered nurses to meet the evolving needs of its residents.

"The profile of our residents has changed," said Peninsula Villages chief executive Mr Colin Osborne.

"They are often frailer and require more intensive care for shorter stays compared to just two years ago.

"We've used this initiative to create new positions specifically designed to improve residents' lives and wellbeing."

He said key additions included a memory support coordinator to enrich the lives of residents with dementia.

A second nurse practitioner had been appointed to ensure seven-day-a-week availability for residents receiving complex

nursing and palliative care, he said.

Two new care manager positions had been created "to strengthen leadership and support for care teams" and a dedicated registered nurse had been appointed, specialising in wound care.

"These additional care staff and specialist roles will complement our existing care model," said Mr Osborne.

"We are committed to providing the highest quality care possible at Peninsula Villages, and this investment ensures our residents continue to receive the exceptional support they deserve."

Pictured is Village resident Ms Kitty Patterson with memory support coordinator Ms Linda Segrott.

SOURCE:
Media release,
Nicola Bolte, Brilliant Logic



Governor visits ambulance station

NSW Governor Ms Margaret Beazley was given a tour of the new Woy Woy Ambulance Station on Wednesday, April 10.

It was one of her stops of

several across the Central Coast on the day.

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch said it was an honour to welcome the Governor.

"On a personal level, it really

is a joy to see such a wonderful female leader and role model in action," she said.

SOURCE:
Social media, 17 Apr 2024
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford



Liesl Tesch MP

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Arts

Projects shared at patchwork group

Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre's Monday patchwork group members shared some more finished projects recently.

Ms Colleen Moscatelli brought in a 3D floral quilt she made for a special person and Ms Maureen Forster brought in her stunning "cosmos" quilt, made for a lucky family member.

"It's beautiful front and back," said tutor Ms Penny Howard.

SOURCE:

Social media, 10 Apr 2024
Penny Howard, EBACC



Writers' festival offers low-cost standalone sessions

Words on the Waves writers' festival will hold a number of low-cost standalone sessions in a marquee at Umina oval this year.

The venue will be known as The Dip and will host sessions that range from a booking fee of \$3.50 to \$10 plus booking fee.

Organisers said the programming stream was created in response to feedback from people wanting free and low-cost events that could be purchased "as standalones" and funding from Create NSW to make it possible.

The stream would "open up to books that might not normally be spied on a writers' festival lineup".

The 45-minute sessions will be held on Saturday, June 1, with a Family Fun Day with free and low-cost events for children and teenagers at the same venue on Sunday, June 2.

The first Saturday session is available for the cost of a \$3.50 booking fee.

Central Coast Reads with Judy Nunn will start at 8:30am.

It is promoted as "a cosy book club chat about her breathtaking historical novel Khaki Town."

At 9:30am, the topic is Rom-Com Lovers Unite, with writers Rachael Johns, Natalie Murray and James Colley.

At 10:30am, You Think You Know aims to debunk many of the myths and misconceptions around mental health diagnoses.

Speaking will be certified practising counsellor Tammi Miller,

writer and podcaster Elfy Scott and journalist Jill Stark.

Creativity is Good For You is the topic at 11:45am with Creative First Aid team Caitlin Marshall and Lizzie Rose, who will talk about how and why creativity is an essential tool for accessing joy, connection, and delight to support mental health and wellbeing.

In Uncovering History at 1pm, Grace Karskens, Sue Williams and James Vella Bardon will talk with moderator Catharine Coleborne.

Get Cooked with Nat's What I Reckon will be held at 3pm, joined by pal Cheryl Akle from Better Reading, in a conversation about good-time meals, mental health, success and more.

Anna Downes will celebrate the launch of her third novel Red River Road at 4:30pm with moderator Adrienne Ferreira.

In Debut Crew Revue at 7pm, six debut authors will have readings and conversation, with musical interludes and mingling by the on-site bar.

The Family Fun Day on the Sunday starts at 9am.

Sessions include story-telling and didgeridoo, dancing, an "epic illustrator showdown", a singalong, "Macca and Mayhem", and When the Station Bell Rings book launch.

There will be a beach-themed word and craft workshop, puppet-making and a Beats and Body Groove workshop, story tellers, mandala-making.

SOURCE:

Media release, 25 Apr 2024
Words on the Waves

Author to speak at Rotary

Local author and speaker Ms Kate Toon will speak at the meeting of the Rotary Club of Brisbane Water at 7pm on Thursday, May 7.

The meeting will be held in the Patonga room of the Ettalong Diggers club.

"Kate has purchased the book shop in West St, Umina," said club secretary Ms Di Bartok.

"As Kate travels extensively both within Australia and overseas, there may not be many opportunities to meet her.

"Kate describes herself as a misfit, a motivator, an entrepreneur, an educator and a business mentor and digital marketing coach."

Social media, 22 Apr 2024

Di Bartok, Rotary Brisbane Water

Woy Woy Little Theatre to stage comedy

The Woy Woy Little Theatre will stage Ken Ludwig's comedy Moon Over Buffalo from Friday, May 17, with 10 performances over three weekends.

Directed by Jan Grounds, the cast includes Mark Austin as George Hay, Yvonne Berry-Porter Larimore as Charlotte Hay, Cassandra Brown as Rosalind and Darienne Knight as Ethel.

Jake Cain-Roser plays Howard, Samara Dawson is Eileen, Ryan Bates plays Paul and Scott Larimore plays Richard.

The story centres on George and Charlotte Hay, fading stars of the 1950s.

They're playing Private Lives and Cyrano De Bergerac in Buffalo, New York, with five actors. Down on their luck doesn't begin to describe it.

But the great movie director Frank Capra is coming to town to see their matinee, and if he likes what he sees, he just might cast them in his movie remake of The Scarlet Pimpernel. Naked ambition takes over as George and Charlotte do everything in their power to make Capra love them.

Further information is available online at <https://www.woywoylt.com/moon-over-buffalo-may-jun/>.

SOURCE:

Media release, 19 Apr 2024
Graham Vale, Woy Woy Little Theatre

Forum

How much scrutiny did Minister give Woy Woy decision?

The situation with the Central Coast's Transport-Oriented Development rezonings is getting very murky.

The Minister says that he added Woy Woy to Gosford, Tuggerah and Wyong as rezoning sites, at Council's request.

Council says that not only did it not ask for Woy Woy to be added to the list but that the Minister was specifically asked to delete Gosford, Tuggerah and Wyong from the list, a request that the Minister has ignored.

Regardless of the rights of the matter (which we'll probably never find out), the Minister will, presumably, proceed with the new State Environment Planning Policy to include Woy Woy.

The new provisions are to come into effect almost immediately, and, since Woy Woy was not intended to be in the original tranche, it is probable that Peninsula residents have given no thought to what the effect might be, so there is

something serious for them to consider.

This is particularly the case because there is to be a second round of rezonings at a later date, and it is quite possible that other areas on the Peninsula will be brought under the provisions of the Policy, perhaps with as little warning to residents as the current one.

Of course, it is pertinent to wonder how carefully the decision was scrutinised by the Minister.

The area affected lies within a 400-metre radius of Woy Woy Station, and even a cursory glance at a map will show that more than half of this area is water or railway line where, one assumes, the possibilities for residential development are limited.

In fact, there are only two small fragments of residential zoning within the circle, one of which is already occupied by flats, and the other of which has very small potential for assembly and

redevelopment as high-density units.

What do fall within the radius are Woy Woy Oval and the Woy Woy business district, but it is difficult to suppose that even our Council is contemplating selling off the oval and tennis courts (although, who knows?), so the rezoning must be aimed at the commercial sites along Blackwall Rd and Railway St.

If that is the case, what is the impact likely to be?

The floor space ratio will increase from 2.3 to 3.0, which means that about one-third more floor space will be allowed.

However, permissible height will only increase from 19.75 metres to 21.00 metres, which is insufficient for even one extra floor.

This means we shall get bigger, squat buildings, more crowded together and offering less light, ventilation, privacy and outlook than provided for under the present controls.

Furthermore, the requirements for parking are to be reduced in a location where parking is already inadequate, so the Woy Woy business centre will become even more difficult to access than it is now.

Liesl Tesch's comment ("Tesch welcomes high-density housing", PN 592) that the change will "provide more affordable housing within our community" is completely fatuous.

The costs of these kinds of buildings on these high-price sites will put them far out of the "affordable" price range, so they will be mainly targeted for yuppie commuters (not that I have anything against yuppie commuters - the more the better - but let us not pretend that the purpose of the rezoning is what it's not).

In this context, it is pertinent to ask what happened to the Woy Woy Centre Plan that was announced with much fanfare in

2019?

If the Council showed any degree of competence, we'd already have a workable project for the area and not be faced with this fait accompli from the Minister.

The Council is arguing that changes should not be made without a proper detailed plan for the zone, but the Council has already had five years to prepare such a plan, so who gives any credence to the idea that it will succeed in the next five years, when it has failed in the past five years?

It is probably too late to make representations to the Minister now about Woy Woy, but let us be alert for the next tranche of zoning changes that are likely to be directed at the Umina and Ettalong shopping centres.

Clearly, we can't rely on the Council to protect our interests.

SOURCE:

Email, 22 Apr 2024
Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy

Anzac Day



Anzac Day 2024

It was a beautiful calm dawn for the Anzac Day dawn service at Woy Woy Memorial Park.

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy was on hand with tea, coffee and candles, and of course homemade Anzac biscuits.

At Pearl Beach, a crowd of locals and visitors gathered on the beachfront for the Dawn Service.

Members of the community were invited to make readings and presentations relating to their own service experiences and memories from family and friends.

Aunty Robyn Reid from Mingaletta performed a Welcome to Country, with gentle guitar music making a beautiful and haunting start to the service.

The Vietnam Veterans Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association, Central Coast Sub Branch commemorated the Anzac Day service at the Ettalong Beach Vietnam Memorial.

This year represents the 109th year since the first Australian and New Zealand soldiers landed at Gallipoli.

A crowd of about 200 people gathered for the event.

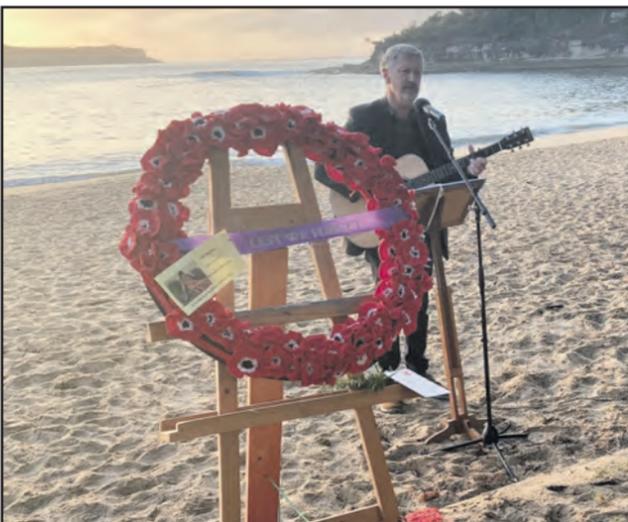
The Vietnam association's president Mr Alan Ball greeted guests and the public.

The Reverend Arthur Pearce followed with the Act of Remembrance and prayers.

Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy campus school captains Olivia Petersen and Ali Raad spoke about the significance of Anzac Day.

Central Coast Council town crier Mr Stephen Clarke played the Last Post, which was followed by the national anthem.

Also taking part were the Re-Enactment Unit and the Rotary Club of Woy Woy.



Education



Sienna takes bronze

Woy Woy Peninsula Little Athletics runner Sienna Scahill has taken out a bronze medal at the Australian championships.

She came third in the under-18

3000 metres at the Australian Athletics Championships in Adelaide on Friday, April 19!

SOURCE:
Social media, 19 Apr 2024
Woy Woy Peninsula Little Athletics

Learning goal reports lost in 'state-wide glitch'

Parents of students at Woy Woy Public School have been told that "a state-wide glitch" has meant the school has been unable to send home Learning Goal Reports for last term.

"Last year we began sending home updates on students' progress with their learning goals for English and Mathematics in Term 1 and Term 3 (the non-report terms)," relieving principal Mr Dan Betts said.

"Unfortunately, due to a state-wide glitch with the Essential Assessment platform used to assign and track students' learning goals, we are unable to send home Learning Goals Reports this term.

"We have been assured that this situation will be remedied by the end of the school holidays, and so will send home these reports early next term."

SOURCE:
Social media, 12 Apr 2024
Dan Betts, Woy Woy Public School



Students win at Aussies

Two Brisbane Water Secondary College students from Woy Woy campus have won gold medals in the Australian Surf Life Saving Champions held on the Sunshine Coast from April 13 to 21.

Jacob Falconer came first in the Under-17s surf race.

Sienna Sinclair was a member of a team which claimed the gold medal in the Under-17 girls ski relay.

SOURCE:
Social media, 24 Apr 2024
BWSC Woy Woy



Staff defeat students in volleyball

Staff at Woy Woy campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College have won the Staff v Students Volleyball Tournament for the second year in a row.

Library Faculty defeated Team BB 16-14 in "a nail-biting clash".

The Library Faculty team comprised staff from Learning Support, Aboriginal Learning and Engagement Centre, Careers and school learning support officers.

Team Bball comprised Year 12 students Max Miller, Lincoln Moane, Brock Wiegold, Tyson Risbridger, Conor Packwood and

Jordan Newcombe.

Team Bball soared past last year's champions, the PE Faculty, in the semi-finals, but the teachers reclaimed glory for the second year in the final.

SOURCE:
Social media, 12 Apr 2024
BWSC Woy Woy

Parents group announces new executive

Woy Woy South Public School Parents and Citizens' Association has announced its executive team for 2024.

President is Ms Brianna Church. Vice-presidents are Ms Michelle

Stoddart and Ms Vikki Hudnall. Secretary is Ms Catherine Bonatesta.

Treasurer is Michelle Rae and assistant treasurer is Ms Ivonne Canales.

Ms Sarah Stewart is canteen

convenor and Ms Mira Irvine is uniform shop co-ordinator.

Ms Catherine Clarke is communications co-ordinator.

SOURCE:
Social media, 14 Apr 2024
Woy Woy South Public School P/C

Callan makes State swimming finals

Umina Beach Public School student Callan Atherton has represented the Sydney North region in the NSW Primary School Sports Association's swimming championship on Thursday and Friday, April 11 and 12.

Callan competed in four events in his age group and made the finals in all of them.

He finished seventh in the 50m breaststroke, eighth in the 100m freestyle, ninth in the 50m backstroke and 10th in the 200m individual medley.

SOURCE:
Social media, 13 Apr 2024
Southern Central Coast PSSA





Umina United unveiled its new barbecue tent at Umina Oval yesterday.

Triples carnival attracts 26 teams

The Open Gender Graded Triples carnival at Everglades Country Club on Wednesday, April 17, attracted 26 teams with 78 bowlers.

Winners were Kevin Hughes, Peter Gaffel and Andrew McDonald.

Second were J Telfar, M Brown and R Hamilton.

Third were Donn Eagleson, Mal Hughes and Karen Eagleson.

"It was a day of fun, laughter and friendship with various clubs across the Coast participating in the carnival," said Everglades member Vicki Redrup.

"The weather was kind to us with sunshine while bowling and a bit of rain at the lunch break."

Among the organisers were Col Nicholls who initiated the idea of the carnival,

Grant Ireland who managed all entries, cards and scoring, and Richard Carlyle who ran the barbecue.

SOURCE:
Media release, 18 Apr 2024
Vicki Redrup, Everglades Bowling Club

Umina wins in three pennant grades

Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club has won three of its five games in Round 9 of Open Pennant competition on Saturday, April 27.

In the Seconds, Umina Beach defeated Canton Beach 68-38 at Canton Beach to take 10 points.

All three sides had wins, with Mark Hogden's team winning 30 - 14.

The other two sides had a five-shot and nine-shot win respectively.

In the Fifths, Umina Beach defeated Everglades 61-50 at Umina Beach to take 10 points.

Umina Beach sides won by two shots, four shots and five shots.

Umina's other win was in 7 Blue, with Umina Beach defeating Davistown 78-55, taking 10 points to one.

Ted Gentle side had a big win, while Ken Harrison's side had a one-shot loss.

In the Sixths, Umina Beach lost to Gwandalan 42-77 at Umina Beach, but taking one point in the process.

Umina Beach 7 Red team lost to Gwandalan 45-67 at Gwandalan.

SOURCE:
Social media, 27 Apr 2024
Peter Springett, UBMB

Terrigal defeats Umina in Women's Premier League

Terrigal defeated Umina United 1-0 in Round 2 of Women's Premier League soccer.

The clash unfolded as a tale of two distinct halves.

Entering the fixture missing two of their key central midfield players, it was going to make a tough game even harder for the home side Umina.

The opening 45 minutes saw Terrigal assert dominance, pinning Umina deep within their defensive third.

Wave after wave of relentless attacks ensued, yet the net eluded the determined Terrigal side, leaving them frustrated despite their relentless pressure.

However, halftime proved a reset for Umina, as they emerged rejuvenated and with renewed vigour.

Sensing the need for fresh impetus, Terrigal turned to their bench to inject energy into their flagging attacking line.

Umina were given a golden opportunity to take the lead when the official awarded the E-gals a penalty.

Unfortunately for Umina, their attempt from the spot was wayward which would prove to be extremely costly just minutes later.

It wasn't until the 59th minute that Terrigal's persistence paid off, as a well-delivered cross struck the hand of the Umina defender, resulting in a penalty of their own.

Candice Phelan, in impeccable form, calmly converted from the spot to break the deadlock and hand the visitors the lead.

Match official was Jeffrey Smith.

SOURCE:
Website, 28 Apr 2024
Central Coast Football



Women's rugby 'was the winner'

Woy Woy Rugby Club's women's team played against Lakes on Saturday.

Not having a full team,

Lakes gave Woy Woy some players, resulting "in a very even entertaining game", according to Woy Woy club president Phil Burgess.

"The winner today was the sport of women's rugby," he said.

SOURCE:
Social media, 27 Apr 2024
Phil Burgess, Woy Woy Rugby Club

WHAT'S ON at ETTALONG BOWLING CLUB

Spoil Mum this Mother's Day. Enjoy a Hot & Cold Seafood Tower for only \$99 at the Alfresco Brasserie. Call to pre-order this scrumptious feast by Thursday, May 9, available for lunch and dinner.

Get in early to get your tickets to the Mother's Day Raffle on Wednesday 8th May. Tickets on sale from 12pm for a 6.15pm draw. Prizes include gift cards to the value of \$100 from our local businesses including Daisy's Closet, STS Board Surf Shop, Seaspray Jewellery, Umina Flowers & Gift Shop, Prouds Jewellers handbags & scarfs. Ettalong Bowling Club is proud to support local businesses.

We have live entertainment every Friday, Saturday & Sunday. We are excited to book THE RELICS band on Saturday 18th May - free event from 7.30pm. ROCK & ROLL DANCE PARTY will return on Saturday 1st June in the club auditorium so dust off those blue swede shoes and get ready to Boogie the night away with your host DJ George Houndog Galea along with Rockin Express live band.

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Sport

Woy Woy shows improvement in second rugby round

Gosford scored a win over Woy Woy at Gosford Showground by 27 points to 10 in round two of Central Coast Rugby Union, played on Saturday, April 21.

"It was a deserved victory to the Gosford team, but both teams showed marked improvement from the previous Saturday and showed that they will continue to improve as the season develops," said publicity officer Mr Larry Thomson.

He said the conditions were extremely wet underfoot in this match and players faced very trying conditions.

Gosford opened the scoring with an early converted try to five-eight Ben Shelley.

This 7-nil scoreline remained for much of the first half, before Woy

Woy posted their first try late in the half.

Gosford went to the halftime break leading by the narrow margin of seven points to five.

This scoreline was an indication of the flow of the match at that stage.

Gosford took a little more control in the second half and were able to post a further 20 points in the final 40 minutes, including two tries, while Woy Woy were only able to respond with a lone try.

Woy Woy's best players were centre Guy Blades, and locks Jack Danielson and Jack Morrison.

Morrison was playing in his first top grade match and crossed for a try on debut.

SOURCE:
Media release, 22 Apr 2024
Larry Thomson, CCRU



Tennis clubs join to celebrate centenary

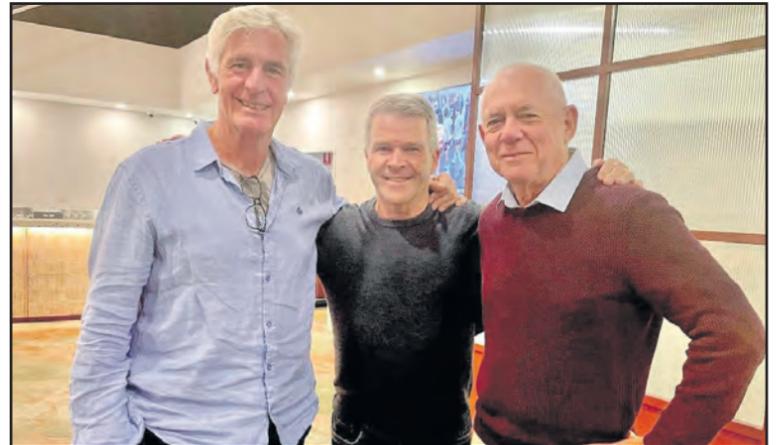
Woy Woy Tennis Club has joined with to Empire Bay Tennis Club to celebrate the Empire Bay club's centenary on Friday, April 20.

"It was a great day celebrating our centenary," said Empire Bay vice-president Mr Rod Lang.

"Who would have thought when they built the first court on the area where the fire station now sits that 100 years later people would be still enjoying the great social game of tennis at Empire Bay?"

"The game, racquets, balls and clothing has changed but the wonderful social nature of the game hasn't."

Club members and guests "took a step back in time" dressing in the clothing of the period to commemorate the occasion.



Pictured are Empire Bay club president Mr Allan Lovell with Mr Lang and Woy Woy Tennis Club president Mr Walter Pearson.

Last weekend the two clubs met for the Nadal Div Doubles Final.

Woy Woy won 6-2, 6-2 against Empire Bay.

SOURCE:
Social media, 20 Apr 2024
Walter Pearson, Woy Woy Tennis Club



Women's bowling club bestows life membership

Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club has voted unanimously on Tuesday, April 16, to make Sue Craske a life member of the club.

President Gale Hill presented her with her Life Member badge.

"Sue has been a member of our club since 2001," she said.

"She has held the positions of publicity officer, selector, vice-

president, president, delegate to the CCDWBA and secretary, a position she has held since 2017.

"She is also a national umpire and coach.

"Sue has given outstanding service to our club and she justly deserves to be a Life Member."

SOURCE:
Website, 17 Apr 2024
Lesley Swales, UBWBC

Terrigal defeats Woy Woy despite comeback

Terrigal survived a late comeback to defeat Woy Woy 3-2 at Duffy's Oval in Men's Premier League soccer.

Terrigal found their feet early and enjoyed the lion's share of possession, finding joy through intelligent switches of play and rotations in wide areas.

Woy Woy struggled to maintain any meaningful possession of the ball and were frustrated with their slow ball speed and consistent turning over the ball.

Terrigal took the lead 20 minutes into the contest.

Terrigal had some half chances to double their lead with Aidan Bastick making some breaks in

their opposition's defensive line but was stopped on multiple occasions by Woy Woy's centre back who made some crucial one-on-one tackles.

At times, Woy Woy looked dangerous on the counterattack, but had no real direct shots on goal.

Terrigal eventually got their second of the day just minutes before halftime after the ball bounced out on the edge of Woy Woy's 18-yard box and was met by James Lee who volleyed it back across the goalkeeper into the bottom right corner to give his side some breathing space heading into the break.

It did not take the home side long to extend their lead to three in the second period.

As the game progressed and players tired, there was a notable shift in balance in the game, with Woy Woy finding joy in behind the Terrigal defence, however, were wasteful in front of the goal on multiple occasions.

With only minutes left on the clock, a long ball from Woy Woy's keeper Jack Arigho cleared the defensive line of Terrigal, with Jayke Browne taking the scoreline to 3-2.

Match official was Damien Bury.

SOURCE:
Website, 28 Apr 2024
Central Coast Football

Anzac Pairs held as red point event

Brisbane Water Bridge Club had 15 pairs contest its Anzac Pairs red point event held on Anzac Day, April 25.

Hope Tomlinson and Barry Foster took the honours scoring a 65 per cent win, five per cent above the nearest challengers.

Club stalwarts Karen Ody and Jim Routledge picked up second spot, with Sue Eastman and Helen White taking third, edging out Judy Wulff and David Adams.

The club hopes to run a rookie contest with each red point event.

However, the numbers were just not there as a minimum of three

tables is needed to go ahead.

Results were:

- 1 Hope Tomlinson, Barry Foster 222.0 (66.07 per cent), 0.80 red points.
- 2 Karen Ody, Jim Routledge 213.2 (63.46), 0.56.
- 3 Sue Eastman, Helen White 194.9 (58.01), 0.40.
- 4 Judy Wulff, David Adams 185.2 (55.13), 0.27.
- 5 Spider Redgold, Julie Teague 184.2 (54.81), 0.20.
- 6 Dasha Brandt, David Bowerman 180.9 (53.85), 0.16.
- 7 Pamela Lumby, Carol Long 168.0 (50.00), 0.13.
- 8 Joan Walsh, Jenny Buckley

164.8 (49.04).

- 9 Meg McGregor, Hilary Owen 155.1 (46.15).
- 10 Christine Hadaway, Chris Hannan 154.0 (45.83).
- 11 Martin Johnson, Chris Hasemore 150.8 (44.87).
- 12 Peter Hume, Elaine Hume 148.6 (44.23).
- 12 Susan McCall, Pamela Joseph 148.6 (44.23).
- 14 Qi Hasemore, Tom Tomlinson 147.5 (43.91).
- 15 Jan Kukura, Helen Cashman 98.0 (29.17).

SOURCE:
Website, 25 Apr 2024
Brisbane Water Bridge Club

Footy clubs offer joint junior membership

Woy Woy Lions Rugby Club Juniors and Umina Bunnies Junior Rugby League Football Club are offering a discount for joint membership.

A discount of \$50 is offered for players who register with both clubs for the 2024 season.

Rugby League games are played on Saturdays and Rugby Union games are played on Sundays.

The Umina Bunnies are looking for 15 year olds.

The Woy Woy Lions are looking for 11s and 14s mixed and 16s girls.

"Come and join both codes and play for the Peninsula community."

For further information, email secretaryjuniors@woywoyrugby.com.au or uminabunniesjrffc@gmail.com.

SOURCE:
Social media, 23 Apr 2024
Woy Woy Lions Rugby Club Juniors