



All games washed out

Like many sporting fixtures at the weekend, all round four netball games at at Lemon Grove Netball Courts were postponed until next week.

SOURCE: Social media, 11 May 2024
Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association

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High density planning controls start today

New planning controls for “transport-oriented development” apply from today in Woy Woy.

A map has been issued showing the properties to which it applies.

It appears to exclude Woy Woy’s two hotels, the library and the Masonic hall and Mrs Wilson’s Shop.

Detailed provisions have been added as a new chapter to the State Environmental Planning Policy for housing to allow residential flats in residential zones and local centre zones, along with shop top housing in local centre zones..

They differ from the provisions previously proposed.

Where the proposed building height was previously 21 metres, a maximum height of 22 metres has been introduced for flats and 24 metres for “shop top” housing.

This is a height increase of more than four metres for Woy Woy’s commercial area.

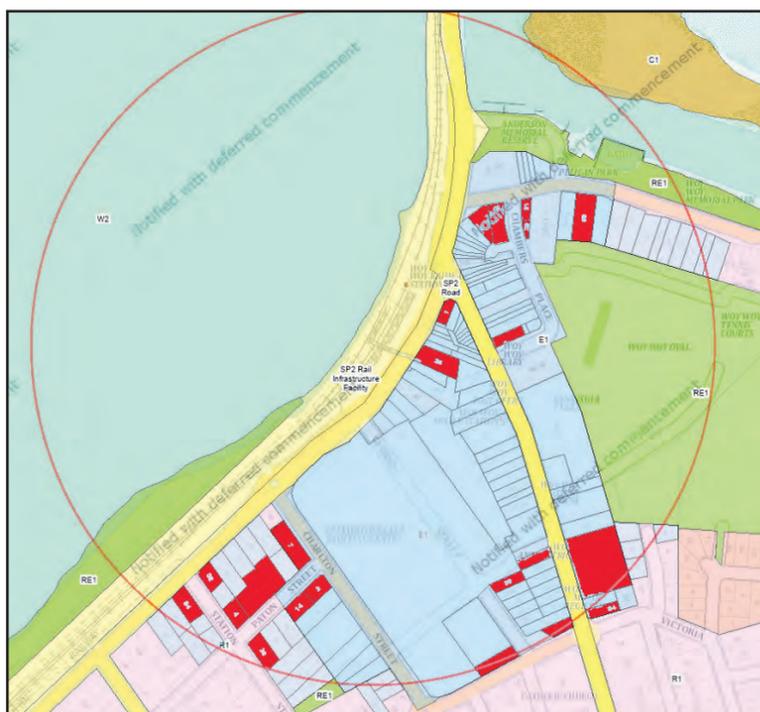
The floor space ratio is 2.5:1, reduced from the proposed 3.0:1.

A minimum lot width of 21 metres has been introduced.

This currently includes three shopping centres (Deepwater Plaza, Peninsula Plaza and The Pavilion) and car parks, two fast food outlets (McDonalds and KFC) and two public buildings (the police station and the courthouse).

Apart from these, only 22 properties would fall within the provisions, the largest being the former Woy Woy Leagues Club, the Clocktower building, the old Roma Guesthouse at 53 Brickwharf Rd and an existing residential development at 13 Paton St.

The new provisions are in addition to current Council provisions which allow up to 19.5 metre buildings in the commercial area with a floor space ratio of



Excluding shopping centres, car parks, fast food outlets and public buildings, only 22 properties seem to be able to take advantage of new Transport-Oriented Development planning provisions without consolidation of allotments.

2.3:1 on site with a minimum area of 1000 square metres and a 20 metre street frontage.

These provisions only appear to apply to two sites not covered by the Transport-Oriented Development provisions, being on each side of the McDonalds store in Charlton St.

The Transport-Oriented Development provisions state their objectives are to provide “well designed” housing of “appropriate bulk and scale” that has “amenity and liveability” and increases affordable housing stock.

The Department of Planning website says the 2.5:1 floor space ratio “allows for buildings of up to six storeys while providing for good design outcomes in relation to landscaping, building setbacks,

privacy and open space”.

It says the Apartment Design Guide will continue to be the principal guiding document for apartment development.

The new rules require a mandatory two per cent affordable housing contribution, “delivered onsite and in perpetuity for developments with a minimum gross floor area of 2000 square metres”, according to the website.

“Affordable housing must be managed by a registered community housing provider.

“The percentage of the affordable housing contribution will be increased over time.”

SOURCE: Website, 10 May 2024
Transport-Oriented Development, Department of Planning

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

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Volunteering can range from spending an hour or two through to taking responsibility for a role within the production team. Training is provided.

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Mark Snell, 9 Nov 2023

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

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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.

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Contributions to the paper are edited to consistent standards of readability. Guidelines are available for intending contributors.

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

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

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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.

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Forum contributions may be: **Email** if sent electronically and **Letter** if written on paper.

Mary Mac's hamper room topped up

Mary Mac's Place had a busy day on Thursday, May 2.

The service received five donations, including supplies from Secondbite, Oz Harvest and The Bikers' Hand, according to project officer Ms Sally Baker.

There were also two drop-offs by community members.

"We now have topped up our hamper room to give to the community."

SOURCE:
 Social media, 2 May 2024
 Sally Baker, Mary Mac's Place



CWA branch presents \$1900 to court service

The Woy Woy branch of the Country Women's Association has raised \$1902 for Central Coast Domestic Violence Court Advocacy Service.

Branch president Ms Margy Ure together with member Ms Di Trowbridge, who organised much of the fundraising, presented the money on Tuesday, April 30.

The branch held a movie fundraiser at Cinema Paradiso, ran a raffle with prizes and took donations for gift cards for clients of the service.

The service provides information, court support and

referrals to women experiencing domestic and family violence, said Ms Ure.

Its clients were referred by police, government and non-government agencies as well as through "self-referrals".

The service provides support throughout the Court process in Gosford, Wyong and Woy Woy courts.

Anyone who is in danger or needs help should phone the service on 4346 4452 or email gosfordlcp@ccdvcas.org.au.

SOURCE:
 Social media, 1 May 2024
 Margy Ure, CWA Woy Woy Branch

Biggest Morning Tea

The Rotary Club of Brisbane Water will hold their Biggest Morning Tea event on Wednesday, May 29.

Hosted by Ettalong Diggers, the ticketed event will be held from 9:45am until 12pm.

The event includes entertainment, coffee, tea, scones with jam and cream, guest speakers, lucky door prizes and raffles.

All proceeds going to Cancer Council NSW, to fund research, prevention and support services.

Last year's event was sold out.

SOURCE:
 Website, 10 May 2024
 Ettalong Diggers

May rainfall already three times average

One third of the way through May, the Peninsula has had three times the month's average rainfall.

By 9am on Saturday, May 11, a total of 222.7mm of rain had been recorded, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

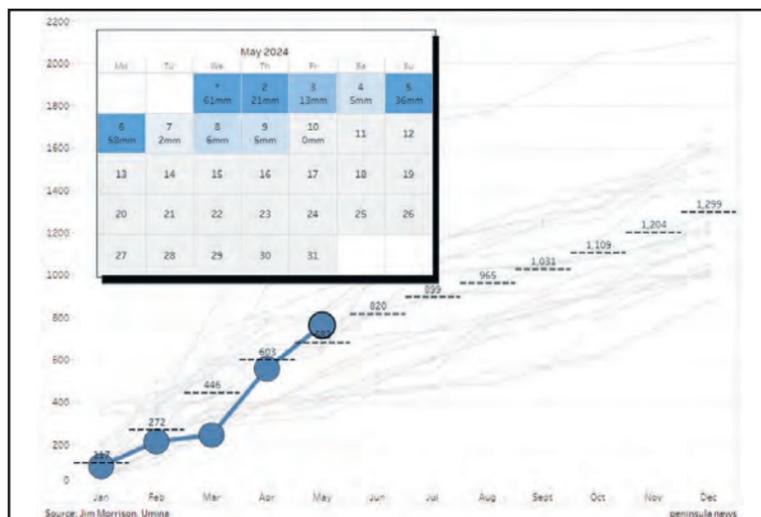
It is already the highest May rainfall total in 20 years.

The average rainfall for May is 74mm.

Three days recorded more than 25mm, with 61.2mm on May 1, 36.0mm on May 5 and 58.0mm on May 6.

Falls of 21.0mm and 12.5mm were recorded on May 2 and 3.

The cumulative total for the year now stands at 780.6mm, 15.1 per cent above the end of May average of 678mm.



It is the first time the year-to-date figure has been above average since January last year.

More details including daily rainfall figures and yearly

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

SOURCE:
 Spreadsheet, 10 May 2024
 Jim Morrison, Umina

TIDE TIMES and Heights	Mon, May 13	Thu, May 16	Sun, May 19	Wed, May 22	Sat, May 25
	0730 0.23	0241 0.93	0525 0.89	0204 0.26	0420 0.22
	1305 0.70	1000 0.24	1154 0.21	0741 0.88	0949 0.80
	1813 0.37	1614 0.74	1818 0.97	1339 0.23	1522 0.27
		2134 0.41		2000 1.19	2152 1.26
AT ETTALONG	Tue, May 14	Fri, May 17	Mon, May 20	Thu, May 23	Sun, May 26
	0047 1.07	0339 0.89	0030 0.32	0249 0.24	0508 0.22
	0825 0.24	1040 0.23	0613 0.89	0823 0.86	1036 0.77
	1411 0.68	1701 0.81	1230 0.21	1413 0.24	1602 0.28
	1913 0.40	2240 0.38	1853 1.05	2034 1.23	2236 1.25
AT ETTALONG	Wed, May 15	Sat, May 18	Tue, May 21	Fri, May 24	Mon, May 27
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Marine Rescue unit is second busiest

Marine Rescue Central Coast has recorded the second highest number of search and rescue missions of any Marine Rescue unit in the Hunter-Central Coast region in the last boating season.

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Unit Commander Ian Morrow.

"We are reminding boaters who plan on heading out of the water, particularly over these colder months, to have the right safety equipment for their trip and to log on with their local Marine Rescue NSW base.

"It is vitally important that everyone on board is wearing a lifejacket and if the boat overturns to stay with their vessel," said Mr Morrow.

SOURCE:
Media release, 8 May 2024
David Wicks, Marine Rescue Central Coast



Campaign to permanently remove shark nets

A Central Coast community group is working to permanently remove shark nets from Umina Beach and other Central Coast beaches.

Friends of Kurrawyba has launched a petition to be submitted to the NSW Government.

Spokesperson Ms Isabela Sajdok said: "The nets are 150 metres long by six metres deep and have a mesh size of 60cm.

"They are a sunk net set below the surface in about 10 to 12 metres of water, within 500 metres of the shore."

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Media release, 12 May 2024
Jen Wilder, GUST

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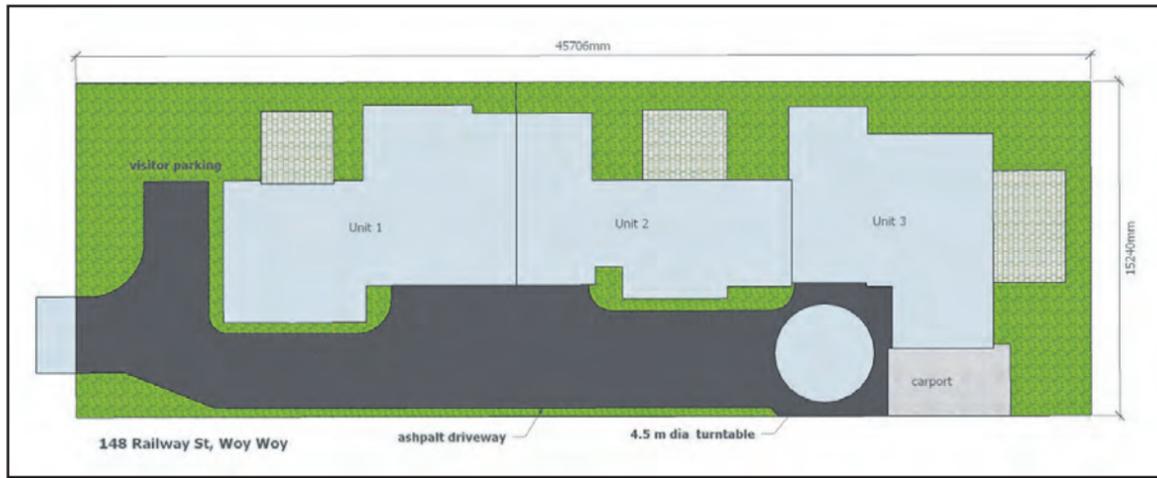
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Planning



Gun-barrel application reveals discussion with planners

An application for a three-unit multi-dwelling development at 148 Railway St, Woy Woy, has revealed pre-lodgement discussions with council planning staff.

The normally secret discussions are not disclosed by Central Coast Council and are seldom mentioned by applicants.

The application, prepared by Chris Blyth of Just Screw It, shows how the discussions led to non-complying private open spaces for two of the three-bedroom units.

It also shows why a turntable has been included in the driveway which stretches almost the entire length of the old-fashioned gun-barrel design.

The application reveals that at the pre-lodgement meeting held on October 9, council planners stated: "The design of the development should be redesigned so that all of the proposed private open spaces associated with the dwellings are to be located on the ground floor and directly accessible from internal living areas, as the proposed private open space on the first-floor area will not be supported."

The application shows the plans were changed.

"The first floor open space has been deleted in favour of larger ground floor courtyards achieving contextual or better amounts of private open space compared to the locality."

It states: "A minor non-compliance with the DCP (planning provisions) is proposed in relation to courtyard areas."

Units 1 and 2 have open space areas of only 40 square metres, less than the 45 square-metre requirement.

"However, a contextual development is achieved in relation to this item, noting that the site is a sandwich lot and cannot be amalgamated," it states

The R1-zoned site has an area of 695.6 square metres and a width of 15.24 metres.

The 170 square metre driveway and a 15.8 square metre visitor car park take more than a quarter of the site area.

"All courtyards appear greater in size than those associated with adjacent medium density development.

"It is understood that the 45 square metre courtyard standard came about after local government amalgamation and originally applied to another locality.

"The proposed private open space is appropriate, sufficient and well-suited to the context."

The application says that council planners also stated at the pre-lodgement meeting: "A Traffic and Parking Impact Assessment is required to demonstrate that the proposed development has adequate onsite car parking and vehicle manoeuvrability."

The application states: "A turntable has been incorporated to enable forward exit from the bottom of the driveway.

"This is supported in the accompanying report from Terrafic Pty Ltd which includes swept path diagrams."

The proposal includes off-street parking for six cars.

At 7.6 metres, the proposal is well below the allowable height of 11 metres.

The floor space ratio is claimed to be also compliant at 4.97:1, just less than the maximum 5:1.

The site coverage requirement of 25 per cent of soft surface is claimed to be achieved at 190.6 square metres.

The proposed front setback of 6.6 metres is claimed to be more than the average setback of adjoining buildings.

The proposal requires the removal of three on-site trees, a jacaranda and two cypresses, which is described in a "supportive" arborist report.

"A landscape plan also accompanies the application introducing replacement plant material to the site."

The landscape plan details the planting of six trees on the site.

The application is currently on public exhibition and open for written submissions until May 31.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 11 May 2024
DA/511/2024, Central Coast Council

Proposed development would overshadow neighbours

Central Coast Council has received an application for three two-storeyed three-bedroom dwellings at 8 Farnell Rd, Woy Woy, which does not comply with planning provisions for solar access for the neighbouring property.

The site has an area of 727.2 square metres and is zoned R1 General Residential with the north-facing boundary fronting Farnell Rd and.

The proposed layout is gun-barrel style with all dwellings facing the eastern boundary.

All units have three bedrooms at first floor level with living, dining, kitchen and laundry at ground floor level.

Units A and B would have double garages with C having a single garage at the termination of the driveway.

The driveway is proposed to be augmented by the addition of a turning bay in order to give all vehicles the ability to enter Farnell Rd in a front facing direction.

The driveway will have a total on-site area of 207 square metres.

The application prepared by Urban Consultants doesn't mention the removal of any trees.

It describes the site as being composed of "vacant scrub and native bushland".

It does not propose any street tree plantings noting that the existing street tree is to be retained.

The landscape plan proposes the planting of one significant tree, a coastal banksia.

All other plantings will have a height of less than three metres at maturity.

Private open space areas are listed as being 56.17 square metres for Unit A located on front setback, 45.33 square metres for Unit B and 69.03 square metres for Unit C.

It is not indicated where Unit B's open space is located.

That unit only seems to have 20 square metres available that complies with the minimum dimension of 4.5 metres.

The application lists setbacks to the western boundary non-compliant by 80 to 300mm Units B and C.

The application also notes that overshadowing from the proposed development will prevent at least 50 per cent of the living areas of the adjacent dwelling on the western boundary getting sun for three hours a day.

The application argues that any development on the subject site would result in similar levels of overshadowing and requests a variation on this basis.

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

No closing date is published on the council website.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 12 May 2024
DA/635/2024 Central Coast Council

Aged care home waits for construction certificate

A Woy Woy aged care home is still waiting for a construction certificate to enable it to start Stage Two of its redevelopment.

"We expect works will kick off in earnest mid-June now, with some preparation work potentially commencing a little prior to this," said Blue Wave Living chief executive Mr Matt Downie.

"Stage Two works will be approximately a six month program.

"Stage Two works will see the completion of Coastal House wing by rebuilding internally throughout the now vacant old rooms and creating a new entry point to this wing, much the same as Aqua House.

"In addition, the core central old dining area for The Shores will be completely rebuilt and expanded, removing the existing servery, office and clinic room.

"It will be re-built with more of a club feel to accommodate large

functions and activities.

"It will feature a dedicated cinema space, a lounge area with a fireplace, a niche sitting area, and a bar and servery to support large functions.

"There will also be a permanent built in barbecue area in the eastern courtyard.

"Once Stage Two works gets underway, there will be disruptions at times with access between the two buildings.

"The existing link will remain with a slight variation to its path into The Shores building.

"At times, this link will be closed for the builders.

"We have also established a covered link between the Palm Sails building and Coastal House as an alternative.

"We will also be looking to open up the rear access into The Shores building at times to help with access during the building works."

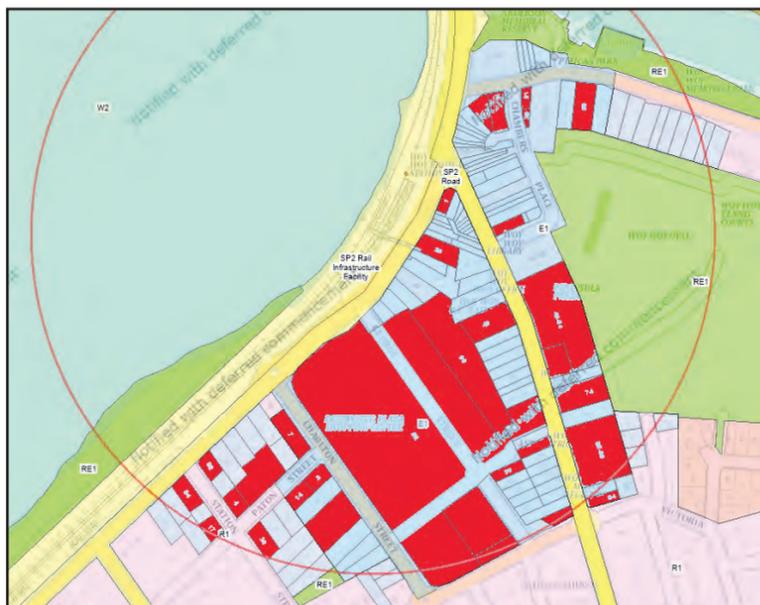
SOURCE:
Newsletter, 1 May 2024
Matt Downie, Blue Wave Living

Shopping centres, car parks take most TOD land

Most land within 400 metres of Woy Woy station that is eligible to take advantage of the State Government's new transport-oriented development (TOD) planning rules seems unlikely to be redeveloped in the immediate future.

It is currently used for car parks, shopping centres, fast food outlets and public buildings.

SOURCE:
Website, 10 May 2024
Transport-Oriented Development, Department of Planning



The map shows the eligible sites in red, with sites in blue that would need to be consolidated before they could make use of the high density provisions.

Chamber calls for level crossing collaboration

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has called on the NSW State Government and Central Coast Council to collaborate to find solutions for the Rawson Rd level crossing.

The call follows the recent rail crossing incident on Friday night.

"Despite repeated requests from the Peninsula Chamber, neither Central Coast Council nor the NSW State Government have made any substantive attempt to resolve the rail crossing dilemma", said Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales.

"We have had yet another serious incident at the rail crossing that caused major disruptions to commuters and the local community.

"Fortunately, no one was injured as a result of the collision," said Mr Wales.

"However, so far, we have been

fortunate that these repeated collisions haven't caused a train derailment and all the awful consequences that that entails.

"Clearly both the NSW State Government and the local Council have put the project in the too-hard basket and the community gets stuck with an ever-increasing safety problem that is only going to get worse.

"The existing intersection at the Rawson Rd rail crossing is becoming more congested and an increasing safety risk.

"This issue will now have an elevated importance following the NSW State Government's decision to declare Woy Woy town centre a Transport Orientated Development hub."

Mr Wales said: "The Chamber wants the Government and Council to consider installing traffic lights on the Railway St and Rawson Rd legs of the intersection with traffic lights on the western side of the rail

crossing to reduce the likelihood of further accidents," he said.

"The existing rail crossing warning lights and boom gates should be retained as part of major synchronised upgrade of the intersection.

"These improvements would improve traffic flow and safety both during normal traffic conditions and when the rail crossing is in operation.

"At the moment, navigating the intersection even when the rail crossing is not operating is becoming increasingly dangerous and is compounded during peak periods.

"We have to start putting in place a more feasible financial solution to the rail crossing replacement and stop procrastinating as to who is responsible," he said.

SOURCE:
Media release, 21 Apr 2024
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce



Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch and Council open space manager Mr Brett Sherar pictured as work starts on the new Pelican Park playground.

Anderson Park playground to be moved to Spencer

The Anderson Park playground will be decommissioned and relocated to Spencer after the Pelican Park playground is rebuilt, according to Central Coast Council Administrator Mr Rik Hart.

Mr Hart made the announcement with the start of construction of the new Pelican Park playground on Tuesday, April 30.

He said design was guided by community consultation, and will include traditional play equipment including shade infrastructure, swing sets, slides and a climbing structure and nature play with rope traverse and balance beams.

The design will include elements of both nature-play and pirate-themed play.

The upgrade started last week, and is planned to be completed by the end of June.

The cost will be covered by a

grant of \$100,000 from the State Government with a contribution of almost \$100,000 from the Council.

There will be no access to the playground while construction is underway.

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch said: "I am overjoyed to see construction begin on the new and improved playground."

She said she had campaigned hard over several years, alongside the community, to save the loved community playground.

"Pelican Park is a well-known Woy Woy icon that has been a favourite for locals for generations.

"As our community grows, it has never been more important to provide young families and children with great outdoor playspaces, where kids can simply be kids, while enjoying the wonderful outdoors of the Central Coast," she said.

SOURCE:
Media release, 30 Apr 2024
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

Regulator unclear about spearpoint pumps

About one quarter of coastal water licence holders don't know how to comply with the conditions of their licence, according to the Natural Resources Access Regulator.

However, the Regulator was unable to say whether this applied to spearpoint pump licensees on the Peninsula.

"Any works that access ground water, including spearpoints, need to hold an approval," the Regulator's media contact Ms Prachi Parikh told Peninsula News.

"Therefore, it is possible that

some of the site inspections may have been properties with spearpoints, to ensure they are complying with the conditions of their approval.

"In 2023, the Outreach team visited 56 properties and inspected 79 works in the Central Coast which includes suburbs in the Peninsula area."

Director of Education and Engagement Ms Keeley Reynolds said on the coast water allocations and water supply works were typically smaller than in other parts of the state.

"We tend to encounter smaller water users on the coast, as well

as a relatively high number of new property owners or absentee landholders who own the water licence but don't run the property," she said.

"With these factors in mind, it's easy to imagine how water users can make mistakes because they don't know the rules.

"Although we might be dealing with smaller water users on the coast, these breaches can have a negative effect on the environment and other water users when you add them all up," Ms Reynolds said.

SOURCE:
Media release, 1 May 2024
Prachi Parikh, NRAR



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Communities should have a say about the future of their Councils

Communities around the State have been calling on the government to give them a say about the future of their merged Councils.

Over the last few months, Dr. Amanda Cohn (Greens MLC) introduced legislation to provide a pathway for a plebiscite to be held in a local Council area where there was a petition of 10% of the community. This would give communities a voice.

Soon after, the Minister for Local Government (Labor) introduced amendments to legislation that put that decision back in the hands of the Council, made it more difficult for communities to have a say and gave the Minister unfettered power to ignore any recommendations.

The two bills were debated this week, on May 8 and 9.

Despite its pre-election promise to communities, NSW Labor and the Liberal-National Opposition agreed to amendments which will shift power away from communities and into the Minister's hands.

Labor MPs spoke at length about how forced council amalgamations had failed communities, especially those from small councils which had been swallowed up. Labor was also intending to remove any obligation for the NSW government to pay the cost of any demerger. Under pressure, Labor accepted the Opposition's

amendment of a cost contribution in the form of a loan, capped at \$5 million for any demergers.

Labor's amendments also give absolute power to Minister to reject recommendations, even if the NSW Boundaries Commission recommend a demerger and a referendum shows a majority wants to demerge.

Dr Amanda Cohn's Deamalgamation Plebiscite Bill, which was developed with communities from across the state for more than a year, was rejected by majority of the Legislative Council.

Where does this leave local communities? Importantly, local government elections will be held in September this year - and your vote matters.

What are the important issues for you leading up to the Council elections?

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Water rates head north while service heads south

A typical water bill on the Central Coast will rise 11.9 per cent from \$1414 per year to \$1582 per year on July 1.

This means Central Coast water bills will have risen 51 per cent in just three years.

In contrast, Sydney Water and Hunter Water will not be increasing prices at all next year.

A typical water bill in Sydney remains \$1232 and Hunter \$1407.

This means Central Coast customers will be paying 28 per cent more than Sydney customers for a worse service.

Despite these massive increases, Central Coast Council's last annual performance report showed water quality complaints were up more than 30 per cent, unplanned service interruptions up 18 per cent, water lost to leaks up almost 20 per cent and water main

breaks up 13 per cent.

And Council's last quarterly performance report presented in February showed Council performance eight per cent behind target on water quality complaints, 77 per cent behind target on unplanned interruptions, 26 per cent behind target on mains breaks and 54 per cent behind target on wastewater overflows.

In IPART's customer satisfaction surveys, Central Coast receives far lower customer satisfaction ratings than Hunter or Sydney (despite charging more), and indeed lower ratings than any of the "comparator Councils" from Victoria (selected as having similar characteristics to Central Coast and therefore ideal for comparison).

When Council applied for this four-year increase, many ratepayers warned IPART that throwing extra money at poorly

performing and inefficient organisations doesn't necessarily deliver improved performance.

And that's exactly what we've seen with key performance indicators going backwards or well behind target.

The last quarterly performance report showed Council well behind target on water quality complaints, unplanned interruptions, mains breaks and wastewater overflows.

Water rates are heading north while service quality is heading south.

Customers are not getting value for money.

Things can't go on like this. Improvements are needed in management performance, organisational culture, efficiency, and productivity.

SOURCE:
Email, 8 May 2024
Kevin Brooks, Bensville

Funding needed for beach, but not to destroy dunes

With reference to the article in edition 593 of Peninsula News (April 29) regarding a Petition for upgrade of Ettalong Beach, I would like to point out that the western section of Ettalong Beach close to Ettalong Point is not suitable for swimming.

Therefore it would be extremely inadvisable for family activities to be encouraged on the beach in this area, when other locations are much more suitable and safer.

The beach here has always been popular for fishing as the water is very deep close to the beach and there are very strong currents.

Recently two one-metre flathead were caught from the beach at this location so there are undoubtedly much larger animals in the water, which is the entrance to Brisbane Water right at Half Tide Rocks.

It is definitely not suitable for swimming and the water is in fact very dangerous and is where a man drowned earlier this year.

It is presently also a popular meeting place for jet-ski riders.

The section of the beach that is very family-friendly is the northern section between the Box Restaurant and the Public Wharf and has been for more than 100

years.

Unfortunately, hundreds of metres of this beach are at present virtually unusable for swimming, walking and boating as the beach has eroded and large rocks in the water make it hazardous.

The rocks in the water appeared soon after the building of a revetment wall in 2015 and require complete removal if satisfactory remediation of the beach is to be achieved.

It is this northern section of the beach that requires funding for restoration, as it is presently in a woeful state and detracts from the attraction of the whole area.

It is readily accessible from Lance Webb Reserve and parking is available in the nearby streets.

The cost of restoration of this section of beach would probably soon be recovered from increased tourism.

I have been swimming at Ettalong Beach for 70 years along the northern section.

The water has been clean, sandy, shallow and safe in the past.

I have never even considered swimming near the Point because of the inherent dangers, and it distresses me to see young children in the deep water there, even though parts of the beach itself are in the best condition almost in living memory.

It seems that people who swim there must be oblivious to the hazards.

With respect to the proposals mentioned in the article, the wide dunes in the areas on both sides of the Point between The Esplanade road and the beach have natural vegetation that has taken years to re-establish and are vitally important to prevent erosion of the beach, which in this area has been severe in the past.

Destroying the dunes and creating more hard surfaces and car parking would be a disaster.

The natural vegetation is a haven for birds and other creatures and is absolutely essential for the environment and natural resistance to weathering of the beach.

The natural dunes are beautiful in themselves and do not need further man-made "beautification".

Hopefully, funding can be found for the restoration of damage to Ettalong Beach, but not for destruction of dunes and vegetation and creation of hard surfaces.

SOURCE:
Email, 10 May 2024
Peter Brell, Ettalong Beach

Image captures features of Anzac Day

The outstanding image on page one of Peninsula News (edition 593) captures all the features of a Peninsula Anzac Day service.

In the foreground is the traditional character while the

background shows the well-known natural features worthy of defending.

There is more I can add however it is unnecessary due to the quality of Mr Larry Searle's image.

The VVPPAACCC Sub-Branch has set a very high standard for

2025.

Additional images on page nine of that issue highlight the community's participation and the importance of Anzac Day.

SOURCE:
Letter, 6 May 2024
Norm Harris, Umina

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Two derelict boats removed from Patonga

Patonga residents helped the Clean4Shore crew remove two derelict vessels wedged in the mangroves opposite the boat ramp in Patonga Creek on Saturday, May 3, according to Clean4Shore co-ordinator Mr Graham "Jono" Johnston.

A four-wheel-drive was used to tow an old fishing boat across the creek.

After many unsuccessful attempts to dig the boat out, breaking an old rope and bogging the truck, when some quality rope was used, the old boat slid across the water to be loaded onto the car trailer, he said.

The vessel weighed 500 kilograms.

The prospect of moving a derelict orange vessel drew a large crowd as the boat was

winched clear of the rocks, then successfully towed to the tidal island in the middle of the creek.

There it became stuck, full of water due to a large hole in the hull.

Mr Johnston said several tow ropes were broken in the attempt to move it.

The "table of knowledge" offered many suggestions, he said.

However the vessel was stuck. Eventually, with the assistance of Coastwide Towing, the vessel was winched across the sand bar, and onto the car trailer.

Mr Johnstone said there was plenty of further consultation between Clean4shore and the locals about a larger timber vessel further up the creek and a steel pontoon on the main beach.

SOURCE:
Social media, 5 May 2024
Graham Johnston, Clean4shore



Dr Swain leads his final Anzac service

The Reverend Dr Peter Swain has led his final Anzac service at Peninsula Village.

Dr Swain was a part-time chaplain in the Australian Army Reserve for 20 years, achieving the rank of lieutenant colonel and was awarded a Reserve force decoration.

"We are incredibly grateful for Peter's 10 years of dedicated service leading these important ceremonies," said Peninsula Villages chief executive Mr Colin Osborne.

He said a "touching farewell" was given to Dr Swain.

He said Anzac Day was commemorated with moving services at all three of the organisation's homes.

"Residents proudly wore their own medals or those of loved ones, participating in presentations and laying wreaths.

"Staff joined in honouring Australians and New Zealanders lost in conflict, and those who have served and continue to serve."

Dr Swain is pictured with Mr Osborne.

SOURCE:
Social media, 26 Apr 2024
Colin Osborne, Peninsula Villages

Soccer president wins Rotary award

Umina United Soccer Club president Mr Phil Rayner has been awarded a Rotary Community Service Award on Wednesday, May 1.

A Umina resident Mr Rayner has volunteered his time to Umina Soccer club for more than 40 years.

"We felt this was an incredible effort, and thought he was a worthy recipient of the Rotary award," said club media officer Mr Simon Darwin.

The nomination stated: "Phil has been involved with since 1983 as a junior player and 41 years later his service continues.

"He played in 1983 for the Under-11A team and he has continued to either play or coach from that year until this year, when he plays in the Over-45s, coaches the women's All Age team.

"Phil is currently in his fifth year as club president.

"In 2002, Phil was awarded life membership.

"In 2018, he was awarded junior coach of the year.

"He has won many premierships as a coach and player and so many finals series it is too much to list.

"Phil is the humblest of leaders and is normally the one giving out awards, working away behind the scenes with a crew of hard-working volunteers.

"In his tenure, he has guided the club back to being one of the strongest family football clubs on the Central Coast.

"Phil along with another life member Lee Fulwood restructured the committee roles to enable the club to grow in a more sustainable way.

"The club is now the fourth



largest on the Central Coast and can proudly boast a growth in membership over the last four years from 735 to 847."

With this came the need to accommodate more teams on the Umina (Col Gooley) Oval.

"Phil sought access to the oval on a Wednesday, in addition to the approved training on Tuesdays and Thursdays."

This took "his hard work and tenacious relationship" with Central Coast Council.

The replacement of the 40-year-old toilet and changing rooms saw Phil and a group of committee members engage for three years with Council and the Federal Government, which had made

an election promise to rebuild the facilities.

"The new club house was completed and ready for the club in July last year.

"One of Phil's biggest wins is the growth of women's football within the club.

"Over the past four years this growth has culminated in the club being able to field girls' teams in all competitive age groups."

Pictured is Umina United president Mr Phil Rayner receiving his award from Umina Rotary community service director Mr David Tanare.

SOURCE:
Media release, 10 May 2024
Simon Darwin, Umina United Soccer Club

Club suffers alleged data breach

Ettalong Diggers is one of a number of registered clubs subject to an alleged data breach where "some personal information of members and visitors may have been compromised".

A man has been charged with blackmail by Cybercrime Squad detectives investigating the alleged data breach for threatening to share the personal details of over one million people.

The squad was alerted on May 1 to a website which had published the personal information of patrons who signed-in using their drivers' licences at specific premises across NSW.

Detectives worked closely with Federal and State agencies to contain the breach.

They executed a search warrant in Fairfield West where they arrested a 46-year-old man on May 2.

The man was taken to Fairfield Police Station and charged with demanding with menaces, intending obtain gain or cause

loss.

He was granted conditional bail to appear at Fairfield Local Court on Friday, June 12.

Ettalong Diggers' chief executive Mr Col Murphy said: "Ettalong Diggers was informed that one of our external service providers suffered a cyber security incident.

"Our internal IT systems have not been impacted and access has been blocked.

"The impacted provider supplied technology and services to assist us with our member sign-in and other promotional processes.

"While limited information is currently known, we understand that some personal information of members and visitors of clubs may have been compromised.

"We are working with the provider to identify the extent to which any data relating to Ettalong Diggers may be involved.

"We understand that the provider has notified the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner, and engaged

with the Office of National Cyber Security, NSW Police and the Australian Federal Police of the incident.

"Liquor and Gaming NSW has also been advised by ClubsNSW."

Mr Murphy said: "Please take extra caution when reviewing emails or texts and to avoid clicking on any suspicious or unfamiliar links."

SOURCE:
Social media, 2 May 2024
Col Murphy, Ettalong Diggers

Youth Yarn Up

A free Youth Yarn Up at Mingaletta from 4pm to 6pm on Thursday, May 16.

The event hopes to connect young people with services and to have an opportunity to have a say at a new monthly program.

To register interest in the event, email admin@mingaletta.org.au.

SOURCE:
Social media, 30 Apr 2024
Mingaletta ATSC

Two Anzac ceremonies for surf club

The Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club was involved with both the Woy Woy dawn service and its own memorial service at 11am on Anzac Day.

The day commenced with members of the club's under-19 and under-23 boat crews rowing to Woy Woy Memorial Park to pay their respects.

This tradition has now been performed by the surf club for more

than a decade.

The club held its own memorial service at 11am with 300 people attending.

A catafalque party was provided by the Central Coast Commemoration Guard.

It marched in and stood guard with heads bowed during the service as a sign of respect for the fallen.

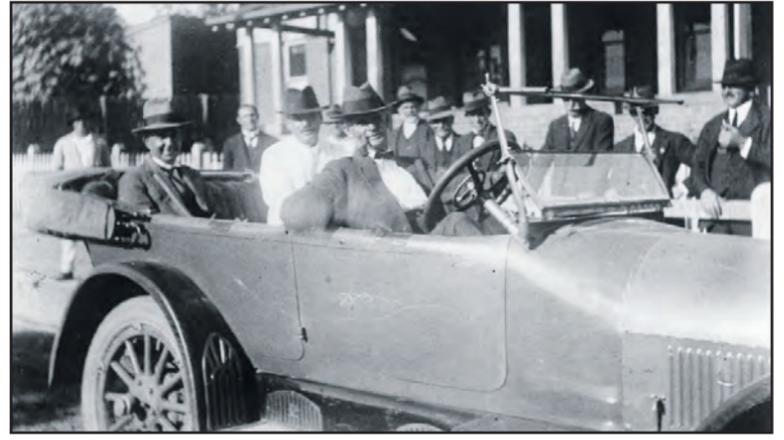
Several wreaths were laid on behalf of Federal Member for

Robertson Dr Gordon Reid and State Member for Gosford Liesl Tesch as well as the Ettalong RSL sub-branch.

Young club members Aimee Smith and Maison Whitehead laid wreaths on behalf of the surf club while other community members also paid their respects by laying wreaths.

SOURCE:

**Media release, 2 May 2024
Mick Cairns, Ocean Beach SLSC**



Historian retraces route of first car to reach Woy Woy

Tascott historian Mr Peter Fisher recently celebrated his new book by retracing the route taken by the first car to reach Woy Woy.

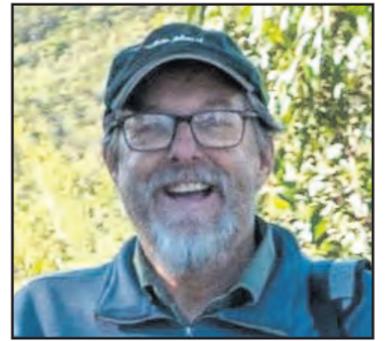
His book details the history of tourism across all of the Central Coast and includes a chapter on historic Woy Woy, which he said was easily one of NSW's busiest tourist spots.

With photographer Mr Jason Connolly, Mr Fisher followed the route of the Buick Six which took seven hours to drive from Gosford to Woy Woy, "exactly 101 years ago today ... and in the process changed the area's tourism forever".

The car was pictured in Woy Woy in 1923, with driver Mr VC Mackenzie and passengers shire president Mr Charles Staples and shire engineer Mr CJ Fenton.

"It is hard to overestimate how important it was that the first car got through," said Mr Fisher.

"After that, more followed and soon tourists who could afford it were flocking to the area, especially after Council graded the road and shortened the distance by taking it straight down Bull's Hill



to Correa Bay."

Mr Fisher said: "That first car had it tough because they followed what had been a horse track and were forced to take the long way over Woy Woy tunnel, past Dillon's Farm and to then finally arrive at today's rubbish tip at South Woy Woy."

The book will be called A History of Tourism on the NSW Central Coast.

It includes original historical research on tourist transportation, accommodation and the promotion and business side of an industry which was not welcomed by all.

It is expected to be published in coming months.

**SOURCE:
Media release, 10 May 2024
Peter Fisher, Tascott**

Father Timothy installed

Father Timothy Raj was formally installed as parish priest of St John the Baptist Catholic Church in Woy Woy on Sunday, April 21, during the April school holidays..

Bishop Anthony Randazzo of the Catholic Diocese of Broken

Bay led the community for its "moment of celebration".

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School staff, families and parishioners joined the mass.

SOURCE:

**Social media, 7 May 2024
SJB Catholic Primary School Woy Woy**



Philip Juratowitch dies aged 91

A man who grew up on the Peninsula as a child during the Second World War has died aged 91 at Don Leggett House, Peninsula Village, Umina, on April 27.

"My father Philip Rhodes Thorley Juratowitch was a resident of Umina, Ettalong and Blackwall since first moving here with his parents in 1939," said Mr Brent Juratowitch.

"Some of his earliest memories are of the airstrip, practicing in the trenches that were dug into

Ettalong Public School grounds and delivering bread in a horse drawn cart on the dirt road that was Ocean Bean Rd.

"His life is also a history of communications technology.

"He started work in the PMG (Post Master General's department) as a telegram delivery boy, aged 16, at Woy Woy and became a Morse code operator.

"He then worked at Ettalong as a postal clerk."

After a career with the post office, he retired as postmaster at Lindfield in 1990.

"In his later years he attended courses in the use of computers and was a frequent user of email and mobile phones.

"Dad also appeared along with his great friend Cec Paul in the SkipFilm Production of Umina the First 50 years"

He is survived by his son Brent, daughter Carolyn, three grandchildren Tifany, Matthew and Charlotte and four great grandchildren.

SOURCE:

**Obituary, 7 May 2024
Brent Juratowitch,
Ngunnawal, Canberra**

Forum

Development of Tuggerah will affect us

The development of Tuggerah, which was first put forward in 2019, has crept forward another glacial millimetre, with the latest announcement that the rezoning proposal will be put up for exhibition this month.

It was, first, going to be exhibited last year, and, then, that date slipped to March, so hastening slowly seems to be the Council's watchword for the matter.

What should have been done, years ago, was to designate Tuggerah as the regional capital and to set out a guideline plan for the proper expansion of the area, to provide for all the facilities that the city will need over the coming decades.

However, that was obviously beyond both our Council and our Administrator.

As a result, we see commercial interests taking the lead, with community needs lagging behind

somewhere in the far distance.

It is good that Tuggerah station is receiving a much-needed facelift and improvement, obviously no thanks to Council, but this is only one of many initiatives that were needed to put this important planning shift on the right track.

Of course, the rezoning is still only the first step.

We have yet to see the details of the 2200 houses to be built, of the bicycle and pedestrian ways that are to connect the site to Tuggerah station and of the commercial, retail, community, recreational and entertainment uses that will, supposedly, transform the location into a gateway for the district and, inevitably, into the central business district for Central Coast.

It is some relief that the monitoring of the development will not be the responsibility of Council but of the Local Planning Panel which has, at least, shown some modicum of competence in dealing

with the matters before it.

It is notable that it was the Local Planning Panel that had recently to point out the manifest inadequacies of the current Development Control Plan and to urge Council to undertake a revision, to bring the document into line with reality - a suggestion that has, it goes without saying, fallen on deaf ears.

Tuggerah is some distance away from the Peninsula, but its development will have a long-term impact on everybody in the LGA, so it would be wise for every resident to look at the proposal on exhibition and give thought to what this gateway should look like.

Expressing an opinion now might have some effect and will, if nothing else, put community views on record for consideration by the new Council when it comes into office in September.

SOURCE:.

**Email, 7 May 2024.
Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy.**

Three sites are ripe for redevelopment

Following the recent State Government announcement naming Woy Woy as a Central Coast Housing and Transport Hub, there is a need to identify suitable sites for redevelopment.

Two obvious sites are the old Woy Woy Leagues Club property on Blackwall Rd and the Woy Woy Bowling Club site at the Woy Woy boat ramp.

Another possibility is the Masonic Hall on Railway St opposite Woy Woy Station.

All sites are under-utilised, vacant and or for the most part appear to be falling into disrepair.

What would it take the State Government, Central Coast Council and the relevant property owners to put their heads together

to formulate a redevelopment plan?

All sites are served by local buses, close to Woy Woy Station, close to the waterfront, town centre, shops and shopping centres, restaurants, pubs, recreation and sporting facilities, schools, ferry terminal and medical facilities.

These three sites are ripe for redevelopment into a combination of private and community housing.

Yes, there will be community opposition and there will be increased traffic congestion.

But this is the price of progress. Similar opposition could have halted Deepwater and Peninsula Plaza back in the 1980s and 90s and where would be without these two venues in 2024?

**SOURCE:
Email, 1 May 2024
Ken Dixon, Woy Woy**



Exhibition for mental health

A Umina artist has opened an exhibition in a Woy Woy cafe to raise awareness and money for mental health.

Mr Darren McIntosh artwork will be displayed in the Link and Pin cafe in Woy Woy during May with a portion of the sales donated to the Black Dog Institute.

About 20 people attended the opening held on Saturday, May 11.

Mr McIntosh said he also had a fundraiser page where donations could be made directly to the Institute.

He said he had raised more than \$1300 through the page.

"I'm hoping this exhibition will build on that," he said.

"Of the sales, 40 per cent goes towards the fund-raiser the other 60 per cent will allow me to continue painting and raise more donations and awareness around mental health.

"Over the last 30-odd years, I've seen a handful of close friends take their lives.

"One of them, Damo, was a close cousin, who took his life 15 years ago.

"I want to continue working with Black Dog as a fund-raiser and hopefully my works will encourage those in need to reach out."

SOURCE:
Media release, 9 May 2024
Darren McIntosh, Umina

Ami Williamson to perform at folk club

Ami Williamson will be supported by Nerida Cuddy, a singer and songwriter from Canowindra in the NSW Central West, at the next concert of the Troubadour folk club on Saturday, May 25.

Not only is Ami the talented and funny daughter of John Williamson, her grandparents were classical singers who sang for ABC radio from the 1930 to the 1960s, according to folk club president Mr Michael Fine.

"Ami grew up listening to her grandparents sing at home and on stage in musicals and classical oratorio.

"Naturally enough, she pursued classical training as a singer and multi-instrumentalist, graduating



from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music.

"But it was her father's song writing that brought a creativity to the vocal tradition of the Williamson's.

"Ami has enjoyed regular headline engagements at all the major festivals including Port Fairy Folk Festival, Woodford Folk Festival and the National Folk Festival."

Mr Fine said Ami would be supported by Nerida Cuddy, who "captures stories of our time in finely crafted lyrics and emotive melodies".

"Singing from the heart with both a social conscience and a sense of humour. she is an evocative writer whose songs reflect emotional depth, breathing the landscape of rural Australia," he said.

Details and performance videos are available on the Troubadour website at www.troubadour.org.au.

SOURCE:
Media release, 8 May 2024
Michael Fine, Troubadour Folk Club

Conservatorium concerts at Pearl Beach

The Pearl Beach Showcase and Scholarship Concerts will be held on Saturday, May 25, at the Pearl Beach Memorial Community Hall.

Performed by students from the Central Coast Conservatorium, the Junior Showcase Concert will start at 11am, while the Senior

Scholarship Competition Concert will be held from 2:30pm.

Scholarships will be awarded with a total value of \$3500.

Refreshments will be served at the end of the afternoon concert.

Now in its 11th year, the annual showcase is organised by the Pearl Beach Progress Association and also includes the Irvine Family

Piano Scholarship recital.

Tickets are \$20 for both concerts and \$15 for the junior showcase only.

Donations are appreciated. With inquiries, phone 4344 2319.

SOURCE:
Website, 10 May 2024
Pearl Beach Progress Association



Liesl Tesch MP

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Education

School principal retires after 48 years

Woy Woy Public School principal Ms Ona Buckley has retired from Monday, May 6, after 48 years in the education system.

"I started my career as a young enthusiastic teacher with a passion to support and inspire children to become who they want to be, through the freedom of choice that education can provide," she said in a letter to the school community.

"I genuinely loved teaching children in all grades throughout the primary years.

"My aim was always to stimulate, to enthuse, to make learning fun and to embed the practice and desire for lifelong learning.

"My enthusiasm has never waned, and my focus has always been to make a difference for every child."

Ms Buckley said: "I have been a teacher, an executive teacher, an assistant principal, an English curriculum facilitator for Western area, and a double district creative arts consultant for Orange and Bathurst areas."

She said she had been a relieving principal for times at Parkes East Public School and for a year at Gooloogong Public School and a year at Mulyan Public School in Cowra, before becoming the substantive principal of Cootamundra Public School.

"I have worked at Eumungerie, Gilgandra, Warrimoo, Blainey, Bathurst, Orange, Dubbo, Parkes, Cowra, Gooloogong, and Cootamundra and have delivered educational professional learning for teachers in all towns across the western region of New South Wales.

"I have seen many changes over those 48 years in how to teach curriculum, class size reductions, school budget procedures, massive technology leaps and changed social acceptance boundaries.

"In May 2006, I gained the position of principal at Woy Woy Public School.

"And what a privilege it has been for the last 18 years to be part of the Woy Woy community: The Blue School, a school with generational history and immense pride, the first public school on the Peninsula.

"Words cannot describe how proud I am of Woy Woy Public School and the love I have in my heart for being part of such an ever-evolving centre for the wellbeing and educational journey for over 4500 children, their families and the staff of the school over those last 18 years.

"The school's reputation is widespread in the community as a school who supports all students.

"It is a complex school having the six classes for students with disabilities, a public education preschool within the grounds, mainstream classes and the Schools as Community Centre which supports families on the Peninsula - quite a lot to caretake but a challenge that was both enjoyable and rewarding.

"Many school achievements over that time have highlighted the school which reflected collaborative leadership, staff cohesion, parents and caregivers working together with the school and wider community support.

"I will take with me such wonderful memories of my time at Woy Woy Public School.

"I love the school and am so proud of its uniqueness and the inclusion it provides for all.

"I will treasure the friendships and connections made over that time and thank the wonderful staff at Woy Woy Public School for their support and dedication working with me to deliver the best educational journeys possible for every child in our care."

The principal position for Woy Woy Public School will now go through a merit selection process.

"While this merit selection process proceeds, Mr Dan Betts will continue to relieve as principal of Woy Woy Public School.

"As always, the school will be in good hands."

Ms Buckley said: "I have been fortunate to have reached the grand age of 70 and have proudly given over 48 years of service to public education.

"It is time for me to see what is on the other side of a long working life."

SOURCE:
Letter, 1 May 2024
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School



Winter jackets have arrived

Pre-ordered winter jackets have arrived at Umina Beach Public School's uniform shop.

Last week parents and citizens association volunteers were fulfilling orders.

They were packed and hand-

delivered to classrooms.

SOURCE:
Social media, 7 May 2024
Umina Beach Public School P/C Association



Selected for State titles

Two Ettalong students and one Umina student have been selected to represent Sydney North in the Under-11s rugby league NSWPSA Championships in June.

They are Rueben Long and Will Heap from Ettalong Public School and Buddy Moore from Umina Beach Public School.

The Sydney North Under-11 and Under-12 Rugby League trials were held at Tuggerah Sports Complex on Wednesday, May 1, in wet and windy conditions.

Students in both age groups from Southern Central Coast formed part of combined zone teams with Tuggerah Lakes and Wallarah zones.

The students will travel to St Mary's for the championships in late June.

SOURCE:
Social media, 1 May 2024
Southern Central Coast Primary School Sports Association

Offered a full-time traineeship

A student at Woy Woy campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College has been offered a full-time traineeship in Umina.

Bella McLucas secured a full-time traineeship at Milestones Early Learning in Umina.

"It's the start of an incredible

journey, filled with learning, growth and amazing experiences," said relieving campus principal Mr Simon Madden.

"We wish her all the best as she embarks on this exciting new chapter."

SOURCE:
Social media, 30 Apr 2024
Simon Madden, BWSC Woy Woy

Commitment to learning

Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy campus student Austin Graf has been recognised as the HSIE Griffin of the Week.

He was chosen "for his outstanding commitment to learning"

"He leads by example, is diligent, hard-working and top of his class in history," said relieving campus principal Mr Simon Madden.

SOURCE:
Social media, 30 Apr 2024
Simon Madden, BWSC Woy Woy



Confirmation information

Parents and carers of baptised children in Year 3 and above at St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School have been invited to an information night on the Sacrament of Confirmation tonight.

It will be held at 7pm tonight (Monday, May 13) at Walker Baker Hall, 100 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

The children need not attend

the evening.

The full 2024 confirmation information letter and enrolment form is available online at www.sjbwwdbb.catholic.edu.au/faith-mission/our-parish/.

For more information, contact the Parish Office on 4341 1073 or email woywoyparish@dbbcatholic.org.au.

SOURCE:
Social media, 3 May 2024
SJB Catholic Primary School Woy Woy

Woy Woy South Public School's parents and citizens association is wanting donations of "great wearable" unwanted uniforms.

With the cold weather approaching, the association's uniform shop is looking for items to add to its secondhand rack, particularly jumpers and winter uniforms.

They can be dropped off at the school's canteen or uniform shop.

Anything that can be spared will be much appreciated.

SOURCE:
Social media, 8 May 2024
Woy Woy South Public School P/C

Bleak and rainy run

It was a bleak, rainy day for the Woy Woy park run on Saturday, May 11, but 109 runners took part.

There were four newcomers and 14 personal best times recorded.

Among the volunteers on the day were Claire Olympio, Dale Bachelor, Gabriel Olympio, Jacqui Knight, Jan Newbury, Justin Bolton, Karen Duncan, Mark Davis, Mark Williams, Nina Scheinhuette, Robert Allan, Scott Wedesweiler and Steve Caldwell.

For further information about the park run and volunteering, email woywoy@parkrun.com.

SOURCE:

Social media, 11 May 2024
Woy Woy Parkrun



SEU takes first victory of the season

Southern and Ettalong defeated Avoca 3-0 in round four of Central Coast Football soccer competition played on Sunday, May 5.

Despite the weekend's weather predictions, James Browne Oval withstood the rain, allowing a good playing surface for these two athletic teams to entertain their crowds with a high-tempo game.

The game featured attacking raids on each opponent's goal for the whole 90 minutes.

Avoca started the contest well, moving the ball quickly and sharply getting into decent positions but were unable to convert these opportunities into shots on goal.

The Lions got their first of the day against the run of play when Jacob Lepre dinked a quality ball in behind the Avoca defensive line to find Jack Wilson who provided a

classy left-footed finish to give the Lions an early lead just six minutes in.

Both teams continued to challenge the respective defensive lines with both keepers making important saves.

The second half started with the Lions knowing it would take more than one goal to get the points over a determined Sharkies lineup.

Southern and Ettalong coaches Matt Page and Augusto Terra looking for additional goals to try and close the game out introduced Charlie Polson into the attacking line with an immediate impact.

Polson used his speed in the front line, catching out the Avoca defensive line which saw him steal the ball and find Jameson Flynn free in the box.

Flynn made no mistake with a well-placed finish to give the Lions a 2-0 lead in the 67th minute.

The Lions, with momentum on their side, dealt a crucial blow to Avoca's chances of getting back into the game only two minutes later when a quick free kick taken by Jacob Lepre found Nathan Baker out wide on the right flank.

He played a delicate pass in behind Avoca's defensive line to find a hard running Jack Ellwood who showed his strength to fire the ball into the back of the net taking a 3-0 lead in the 69th minute.

The final 20 minutes of the game saw Avoca continue to work hard and push for their opening goal with the Lions' defence repelling several attacking raids to secure their first win and clean sheet of their campaign.

Match official was Preston Lorusso.

SOURCE:

Website, 10 May 2024
Central Coast Football

Charity bowlers raise \$1135

Ettalong Charity Bowlers have banked \$1135 after their April Charity Bowls day.

Despite being played in drizzling rain, "all our bowlers had a great time including the Umina Bridge players", said organiser Mr Ken Dixon.

"Julie Downey won the Spider while Norm Todd was the successful bidder for the Ken Duncan print."

Proceeds from the day go to Central Coast Kids in Need.

SOURCE:

Media release, 1 May 2024
Ken Dixon, Ettalong Bowling Club

Pelicans win 14 medals

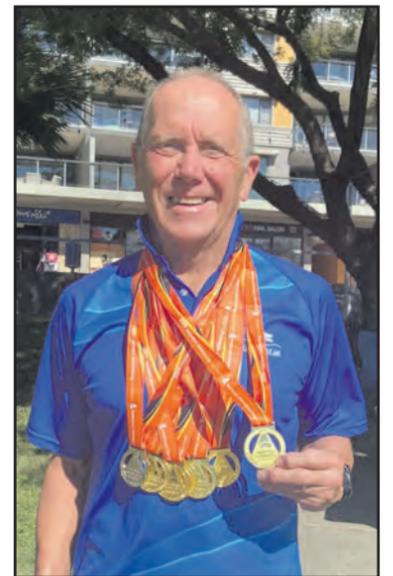
Six members of the Ettalong Pelicans Masters Swimming club have travelled to Darwin to compete over five days in the national championships.

A total of 14 medals were won across the team, which included a number of personal best times.

One member broke the State record in the 200 metre Freestyle.

SOURCE:

Social media, 9 May 2024
Ettalong Pelicans
Masters Swimming



The Giant Killers meet their match

The Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club Triples Championship final was played on Sunday, May 5.

The game was played between the Giant Killers' team of Brian

Butterworth, Robin Hill and Larry Johnston and the team of Chris Letherbarrow, Glenn Simington and Greg Shirley.

"The Giant Killers had beaten some good sides on their way to the final, but met their match

playing against a star-studded Second Grade side, on a very heavy, unpredictable green," said club secretary Mr Peter Springett.

SOURCE:

Social media, 5 May 2024
Peter Springett, UBMBC

Southern and Ettalong United Football Club is looking for dedicated individuals to be rostered on in the canteen and bar throughout the season.

Bar staff are required to have a responsible service of alcohol certificate.

The club will help applicants acquire or renew one if they are interested but don't have one.

"We will work with you, so you are able to watch your kids play or are playing yourself."

For further information, call Sam on 0407 063 900.

SOURCE:

Social media, 11 May 2024
SEUFC

Old Boys Day

Woy Woy Roosters Rugby League Football Club has officially moved its Old Boys Day to Sunday, June 9.

"Let's all get together and support the club and players," said vice-president Scott Wilesmith.

"I know the playing group get a huge boost from all your presence.

"We will aim to meet at the club house at Midday and celebrate the history of our great club

"Let's fill that clubhouse."

Free sausage sandwiches will be served.

The Roosters will play Wyong for the McKenzie/Smith Cup on the day, with kick-off from 11am and First Grade at 3:05pm.

SOURCE:

Social media, 11 May 2024
Scott Wilesmith, Woy Woy Roosters RLFC

Sport

Umina pennant teams wins all rinks in all games

Every Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club team won its game in round 10 of Open Pennants played on Saturday, May 4.

"What a sensational last round for the Umina Beach Open Pennants teams," said club secretary Mr Peter Springett.

He said the club won every rink. In Second grade, Umina Beach 66 (10 points) defeated Munmorah 38 (0 points) to finish the competition in fifth place.

"There were good wins by Mark Hogden's and Greg Shirley's rinks and a big win by Tony Potter's rink," said Mr Springett.

In Fifth grade, Umina Beach 65 (10 points) defeated Munmorah 44

(0 points).

Mr Springett said it was a great win by the Fifts, who had won their section by half a point and will play against Terrigal for the flag.

Sixth grade had a bye today and finished third in its competition.

Umina's seventh grade blue team scored 73 (10 points) to defeat Munmorah 55 (0 points) and finish third.

"There were good wins by Ted Gentle's and Wally Pawelko's rinks and a big win by Brian Butterworth's rink," said Mr Springett.

Seventh grade red had a bye and finished fifth.

SOURCE:
Social media, 4 May 2024
Peter Springett, UBMBC



Ride to be led by recumbent tandem

A ride by Central Coast Bicycle User Group from Gosford to Woy Woy and back will be led by riders on a recumbent tandem on Thursday, May 16.

The 25km ride along the shared path is described as easy, with a coffee break "possibly somewhere

in Woy Woy or back in Gosford after the ride".

It is due to start at 8am from Eat Street Cafe on Gosford Waterfront and is expected to take two hours and 30 minutes.

Riders have been asked to arrive at least five minutes before start time to say hello and sign on.

"All bike types are welcome."

The club has warned that the ride may be cancelled at short notice due to bad weather or other issues.

For further information, phone 0419 800 557.

SOURCE:
Social media, 12 May 2024
Central Coast Bicycle Users Group



Ettalong pair win NSW competition

Ettalong Bowling Club players Darren Morrison and Hemi Palmer have defeated Taren Point to win the Bowls NSW Men's Champion of Club Champions Pairs final.

The game was played at Cabra-Vale Diggers Bowling Club on Friday, May 3.

The Ettalong bowlers defeated Taren Point bowlers K Hansen and R Pearce 18-17.

The game was a thriller going down to the last end.

Ettalong were three shots behind the strong Taren Point side which included world champion Ray Pearce.

The Ettalong side scored a four to win the title by one shot.

The pair will now join other Ettalong bowlers to represent Bowls Central Coast in interzone competition to be held at Dundas Bowling Club and Northmead Bowling Club from Tuesday, May 28, to Monday, June 3.

Darren Morrison and Hemi Palmer will join Zac Robertson, Nathan Malloy and Lee Trethowan in the Open Reps, while John Roberts, Colin Passfield and Phil Westcott will play in the Senior Reps.

SOURCE:
Media release, 5 May 2024
Dennis Holden, Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club

Little Aths committee wanted

The Woy Woy Peninsula Little Athletics Club has announced that it will hold its annual general meeting at 11:30am on Sunday, May 19 at the McEvoy Oval clubhouse.

The club has call on members to join the committee.

"We are urgently seeking new members to join the committee and need nominations now to keep the club viable.

"It's time for our fabulous volunteers of many, many years to hang up their spikes and we need some new folk to fill their roles.

"Former members will be on hand for guidance and advice.

"You won't be left to flounder.

"But please, please consider volunteering because without a committee we don't have a club."

For further information, email president@wwplac.com.au.

SOURCE:
Social media, 29 Apr 2024
Woy Woy Peninsula Little Athletics

Surf club installs community defibrillator

Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club installed a community access defibrillator at the front door of the club on Monday, May 6.

The automated external defibrillator provides the community with 24x7 access.

"Having access to defibrillator outside business hours, in an emergency, is vital for out of

hospital cardiac arrests.

"A letter box drop to houses within the local area will raise awareness of the resource.

"Education sessions will be scheduled to provide community members to locate, access and use it in an emergency."

SOURCE:
Social media, 8 May 2024
Ocean Beach SLSC



Ocean Beach returns with four medals

Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club has returned from the Sunshine Coast with four medals after competing for nine days in the Aussies, national surf life saving championships.

Gold medals were won by Jessica Majsak in the U14 Female Flags and by Jacob Falconer in the U17 Male Surf Race.

Bronze medals were won by Kristy Best 40-49 Female Champion Lifesaver and David Nash in the 40-49 Mens Champion Lifesaver.

The club had 23 competitors and at least another 25 supporters at the championships.

Someone was competing every day. In Youth competition were Jodie Mead and Jessica Majsak.

In Champion Lifesavers were David Nash, Kristy Best and Ebony Falconer.

Boaties competing were: Masters OB Kenobies (Mike Chep, Warren Peters, David Fisher, Derek Merdith and Andrew Williamson), Reserve Cracka Tinnie (Scott Hannell, Jamie Cairns, Menzie Leslie-Fitch, Mick Cairns and Pat Thompson) and U19 Kingsmen (Scott Hannell, Brodie Collins, Ethan Beer, Hugo Okomato and Olly Tucker).



In Open competition were Jacob Falconer and Will Adams.

In Extra Ocean Swimmers were Owen Warner and Carolyn Mead together with some of the other competitors.

Jodie Mead made the finals and Will Adams made the semi-finals.

Two members of the club competed and won gold for other clubs: Shelley Smith in the 40-49 Female Champion Lifesaver and Olivia Edwards in the U17 Female Ski Relay.

SOURCE:
Social media, 1 May 2024
Ocean Beach SLSC