

Men's Shed finally granted occupancy certificate

Umina Beach Men's Shed has finally been issued with an occupancy certificate for its new Shed in Osborne Ave.

The certificate, which allows the group to use the building, was issued on May 7, almost six and a half years after the Council approved the lease of the land to the organisation.

Issue of the certificate was held up last November, after Central Coast Council required a new development application to be lodged to allow the original carpark driveway alignment to be retained.

An opening ceremony planned for December had to be abandoned, and now is unlikely to occur before July.

"While the structure of the building and facility was completed several months ago, the Council insisted that the car park access and detail were addressed prior to granting the occupancy certificate," said Shed newsletter editor Mr Vic Brown.

"Their requirements for what is technically their car park were completed and finalised just recently.

"With the occupancy certificate now in place, the relocation from our existing Birdwood Ave Shed to our new Shed in Osborne Ave is now underway."

Mr Brown said the Shed's activities had been suspended for the next three weeks while the move takes place.

"The focus for members is now the clean-up and packing of the equipment and materials to be transferred and the actual relocation and installation of the machines, tools and materials.

"The new Shed once operational will provide a much better work and social environment than our old Shed - more space, safer and healthier in terms of the work areas and a large meeting room for socialising, supported by a modern kitchen.

"While our old Shed - the Little Shed with a Big Heart - has served us well, the new Shed with its greater space and modern facilities will brighten the lives of our members and provide increased capacity for projects and support for the community."

Mr Brown said the date for a formal opening had yet to be determined.

This would occur after the relocation was completed and the new Shed operational.

"We need to recognise and thank the organisations and individuals who have provided their support in delivering the new Shed.

"We certainly have a good number to thank.

"It's been a long and challenging project."

SOURCE:
Media statement, 24 May 2024
Vic Brown, Umina Beach Men's Shed



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

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Mark Snell, 9 Nov 2023

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Two days cleaning Peninsula waters

Marine clean-up group Clean4shore has spent two days cleaning Brisbane Water from Tascott to Woy Woy and the Rip Bridge, with the help of students from Terrigal High School

Gutter rubbish was recovered from the foreshores of Tascott Straight, according to co-ordinator Mr Graham "Jono" Johnson.

"There were plenty of small pieces of plastic food wrappings, soft plastics and bait bags collected from the mangroves opposite Tascott Station," he said.

"From the oyster shed to the Spike Milligan Bridge plastic bottles and oyster baskets were present, and gutter rubbish removed.

"In the Woy Woy Channel, more small litter and treated pine were removed.

The students removed stacked timber and foam mattresses close to the old houseboat near Lions Park.

Water police inspected the houseboat and advised they were "working with" the occupant.



An old fibreglass boat was removed from the sandy beach adjacent to the sailing club.

A load of 360kg of rubbish was taken to Woy Woy tip on the first day.

The western side of Riley's Island has received a clean-up on the second day, with 400 metres walked by the students before the tide fell.

"Three very full bags of small litter mainly plastic bottles, soft and hard plastics, balls and polystyrene were collected," said Mr Johnson.

"The southern end of Rileys Island was then walked with another two bags collected

consistent with the past loads.

"A quick stop over at the Pearl Farmers work shed had the student shown the techniques to grow pearls, from oysters, in Brisbane Waters.

"Under the Rip Bridge into the corner were much larger quantities of soft plastic, plastic bottles, polystyrene and treated pine, all loaded into the barge.

"The volume was far less than expected which is a good outcome."

Another 100kg of rubbish was delivered to the tip.

SOURCE:
Social media, 16 May 2024
Graham Johnson, Clean4shore

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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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Peninsula News aims to be inclusive of as much of the Peninsula community as possible.

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

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

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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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Lions club to hold tea cosy and 'retro' fair

The Lions Club of the Woy Woy Peninsula will hold a tea cosy and "retro" fair at the Umina Beach Surf Life Saving Club on the June long weekend.

It will be open from 9am to 5pm at the surf club in Ocean Beach Rd, Umina.

Tea cosies, tea pots and "retro" items will be on display and for sale.

Devonshire Teas and coffee will be served. Crafts and bric-a-brac, collectable craft and cookbooks will be on sale.

Raffles and door prizes will be on offer. A raffle was held in advance of the fair.

Pictured are Ms Pam and Mr Kevin Bourke of Woy Woy receiving their prize from Lions club president Mr Rob Osmond.

SOURCE:
Media release, 20 May 2024
Diane Osmond, Lions
Woy Woy Peninsula



Hosts wanted for Tongan rugby players

Woy Woy Lions Rugby Club is seeking people to host rugby players from Tonga.

The club has established a partnership with a school in Tonga and "their legendary old boys rugby squad", according to Lions president Mr Phil Burgess.

"We've already welcomed a few

of the lads," he said.

"We have more players eager to join us, but they need a place to call home for a bit."

He said he was looking for people who would "open their doors and hearts to these amazing athletes" and "be their home away from home for a couple of months".

Mr Burgess said the players already here were "bringing that Tongan spirit to our senior team".

"You've probably seen them showing off their skills at training."

Anyone able to help should contact the club.

SOURCE:
Social media, 19 May 2024/
Phil Burgess, Woy Woy Rugby Club

Only 5mm in second half of wettest May

Only five millimetres of rain have fallen on the Peninsula in the last two weeks.

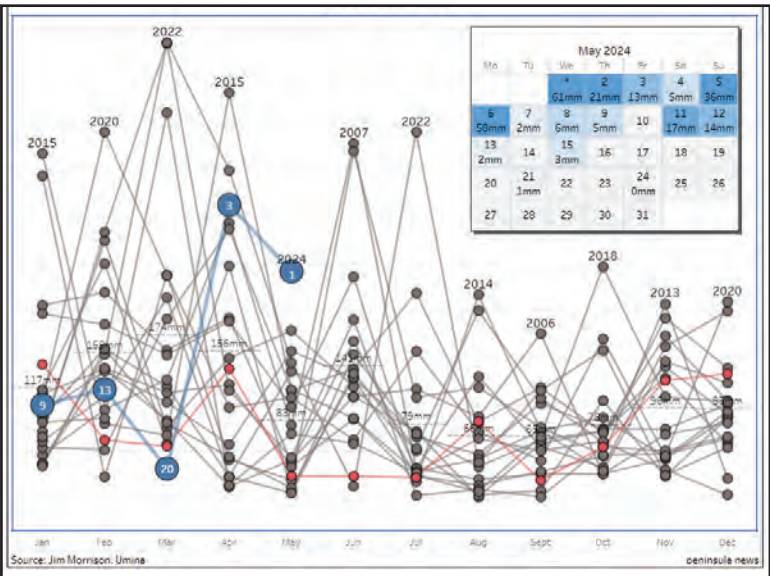
Despite this, more than three times the average May rainfall has been recorded for the month, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

As of Friday, May 24, a total of 241.2mm had been recorded for the month, 3.26 times the May average of 74mm and the highest in 20 years.

The next highest May total was in 2009 when 178mm fell, 63mm less than this month.

So far this year, 799.1mm of rain has been recorded on the Peninsula, which is 17.9 per cent above the end of May average of 678mm.

More details including daily rainfall figures and yearly



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

SOURCE:
Spreadsheet, 24 May 2024
Jim Morrison, Umina

TIDE TIMES and Heights	Mon, May 27	Thu, May 30	Sun, Jun 2	Wed, Jun 5	Sat, Jun 8
	0558 0.21	0125 1.14	0439 1.03	0152 0.21	0434 0.17
	1127 0.76	0841 0.19	1109 0.19	0732 0.93	1006 0.81
	1649 0.29	1428 0.82	1723 1.11	1320 0.21	1530 0.25
	2327 1.22	2005 0.34	2346 0.28	1948 1.36	2201 1.30
AT ETTALONG	Tue, May 28	Fri, May 31	Mon, Jun 3	Thu, Jun 6	Sun, Jun 9
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	0746 0.20	1023 0.18	0637 0.97	0917 0.85	1142 0.73
	1324 0.77	1630 1.00	1237 0.20	1445 0.23	1658 0.29
	1852 0.33	2236 0.31	1901 1.30	2118 1.36	2327 1.14

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Pathway closure recommended

Two public pathways on either side of 18 Macleay Ave, Woy Woy, will be closed, if a resolution at tomorrow night's Central Coast Council meeting is adopted.

They would then be consolidated with the land lying between them.

The move is one of the final steps required to facilitate the use of the site by community housing provider Pacific Link for a 21-unit affordable housing development.

The resolution includes classifying the paths as operational land, before consolidating them with the land at 18 Macleay Ave, owned by Pacific Link.

Council staff reported that

council resolutions from June 15, 2021, and October 11, 2022, authorised public notification of proposals to close the public pathways and to consolidate the public pathways into the subject land.

"The statutory notification process has now been carried out.

"A total of 11 responses were received but none of these responses were objections."

The staff recommendation is that all relevant parties are notified as to the closure and consolidation of land when completed.

SOURCE:
Central Coast Council
agenda 2.13, 28 May 2024



Safety course offered to kayak groups

A safety course for paddle craft users is the latest educational offering from Marine Rescue Central Coast.

Members of both Central Coast Kayaking and Newcastle's Sea Kayak Adventure groups gained experience in the form of safety tips and survival methods from the new course, presented on the weekend of May 18 and 19.

The course has been compiled by local Marine Rescue unit member Dr Steven Constantine.

The Sea Kayak Adventure group was formed for people with little or no sea kayaking experience

to explore coasts, beaches, bays, lakes and islands by sea kayak, while the Central Coast group describes itself as an "easy social paddle kayak" organisation.

The course, held at Gosford, covered all aspects of safety, including the importance of letting Marine Rescue know when you head out and return, how to manage an incident, and reporting your location, said Dr Constantine.

"Free mobile phone apps that are available, including those from Marine Rescue, Paddle Australia, the Bureau of Meteorology and the Australian developed Emergency Plus, were discussed in detail

during the informative two-hour session.

"Both kayaking groups were well represented and were very receptive to the safety issues discussed," he said.

"Marine Rescue Central Coast is keen to offer similar safety educational courses to other water-based recreational groups in the area."

For further information, contact Dr Constantine at the Marine Rescue unit on 4337 9600.

SOURCE:
Media release, 19 May 2024
David Wicks, Marine
Rescue Central Coast

Ausgrid helicopters ahead of schedule?

Helicopters flying that had been spotted at low altitude over the Peninsula were Ausgrid helicopter patrols, the Bays Community Group has told its members.

"Ausgrid is conducting helicopter patrols to support the bushfire maintenance checks across the electricity network between April 2 April and June 7," the group said in a social media post on May 20.

However, according to the Ausgrid website, flights were not scheduled over the Peninsula until last Thursday and Friday, May 23 and 24.

The post said: "The helicopter crews use laser imaging equipment and high resolution photography to identify vegetation growing close to powerlines and pole top defects.

"The scanner sends and records 300,000 pulses every second to create a three-dimensional representation of the Ausgrid network and surrounding environment."

Ground crews used these to conduct maintenance and upgrade work ahead of the next summer period.

SOURCE:
Social media, 20 May 2024
The Bays Community Group

Friends start fundraising for community garden

A fundraising campaign for Woy Woy Peninsula Community Garden has been started by Friends of the Garden.

The Friends aim to raise money for maintenance and resources for the garden.

They are encouraging people to recycle eligible containers through the Return and Earn machine

in Woy Woy, or elsewhere, and transfer the proceeds to the community garden.

They will also accept eligible containers at the garden between 9:30am and 11:30am on the second Saturday of the month.

SOURCE:
Social media,, 21 May 2024
Woy Woy Peninsula
Community Garden

The Woy Woy branch of the Country Women's Association has wished the guide dog of one of its members a happy retirement.

Piper is now nearly nine years old, and will "retire" to make way for a new guide dog.

She will now stay at home with her owner as a "companion pet".

Piper has been an integral member of the branch and "has helped with our mental health by being an avid listener and a gentle girl", according to a social media post.

SOURCE..
Social media, 16 May 2024.
CWA Woy Woy



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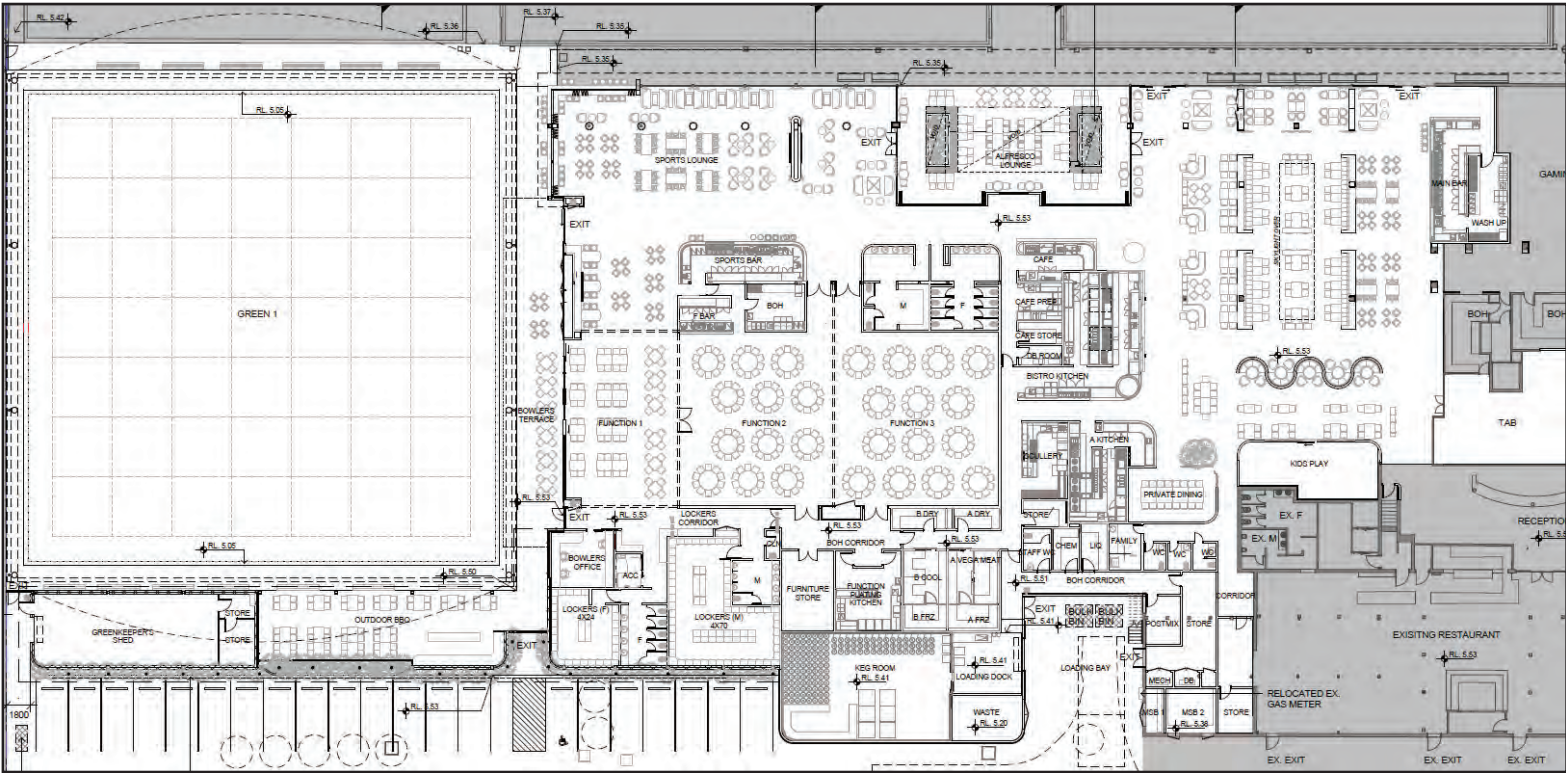
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Planning



Region's biodiversity 'undermined' by proposal, says CEN

The Central Coast's unique Coastal Open Space System and the region's biodiversity would be undermined if a planning proposal is adopted by Central Coast Council this week, according the Community Environment Network.

Network chair Mr Gary Chestnut claimed council staff had ignored advice from a science group in the State Department of the Environment in recommending the proposal.

The planning proposal would "move deferred matters lands" of the former Gosford Local Government Area into the Central Coast's consolidated planning scheme, he said.

He said the decision would see high value conservation land having less protection via inappropriate zoning, with more than 3000 to be allowed on 1037 allotments currently zoned 7(a).

Mr Chestnut said the council report showed that Biodiversity, Conservation and Science Group within the Department of the Environment had made similar criticisms to those made by the Network.

"The recommendation being presented by the staff has the potential to undermine existing Coastal Open Space reserves and National Parks and the region's biodiversity because it reduces the environmental protection of the land.

"Mr Hart's legacy will be to undermine the precious biodiversity of the Central Coast if he goes ahead with the staff recommendation," he said.

SOURCE:
Media release, 24 May 2024
Gary Chestnut, CEN

Covered green and new fit-out proposed for bowling club

A development application has been lodged for "proposed additions and alterations" to Ettalong Bowling Club.

New work would include Bowling Green No 1 to be fitted with a new synthetic surface and a curved canopy structure of metal support columns and with a fabric covering to allow all-weather use.

Proposed upgrades include a new internal layout to the club building, including sports lounge, bistro lounge, two function rooms, kitchen and bar areas, storage areas, waste room, office and administration area, locker rooms with amenities for patrons and bowlers' terrace.

A new barbecue area adjacent to Bowling Green No 1 and a new greenkeeper's shed are also proposed.

The application, prepared by Cityscape Planning and Projects, states: "The proposed development includes the demolition of central large sections of the club building across both the ground and upper levels."

Areas to be demolished also

include Bowling Green No 1, the greenkeeper's shed and 21 car parking spaces.

An existing diesel generator and grease arrestor will be relocated.

"The club's gross floor area will increase from 3580 square metres to 4106 square metres, an increase of 526 square metres or 14.7 per cent," according to the application.

The application contends that "The open form of the shade structure decreases the visual volume of the built form and its lengthy distance from Springwood St ensures that the bulk of this volume is located behind the existing club building and will therefore have limited visual presence in that streetscape.

"These factors contribute to significantly mitigate any potential adverse visual impacts to adjacent development or desired future character of the local area."

"The development does not propose the removal of any trees and will also not impact upon any existing trees located on the subject site or adjacent lands.

"The development is also

accompanied by a landscape plan that provides planting along the southern edge of the bowling club building as well as within internal terrace areas.

"The site currently provides vehicle entry and exit from Springwood St.

"No changes to the existing vehicle access or egress arrangements are proposed as part of the development.

"The new car parking layout will result in an amended parking layout but no net change in the current total of 207 parking spaces."

According to the traffic and parking impact assessment prepared by ML Traffic Engineering: "Based on a peak parking demand of 181 car spaces, the peak parking demand is one car space per 20.8 m2."

The report concludes that the proposed development does not comply with councils DCP parking requirements of one park per 10 square metres.

"However, an analysis of all the existing peak parking demands on site demonstrates that the proposal will suitably manage all proposed

peak parking demands of the site."

A detailed floodplain risk management report, prepared by Van Der Meer, states that the subject site is located within a flood storage area.

"The one per cent annual exceedence probability floodwater impact the site at elevations between 5.47m and 5.59m AHD."

However, it states: "As discussed with Central Coast development engineer Mr Andrew Dewar, the Flood Planning Level required by council is not applicable for the proposed addition development.

"Therefore, the proposed development floor levels are to be as the existing ground floor levels (5.53m AHD)."

Evacuation from site is considered available as the site is located out of the High Flood Risk and Flood Hazard which indicates the site will have "no significant evacuation difficulties".

The application is currently on public exhibition and available for written submissions until June 17.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 26 May 2024
DA/637/2024, Central Coast Council

Application to demolish Huckleberry Finn's building

Central Coast Council has received an application to demolish the "Huckleberry Finn's" building at 24-28 The Boulevarde, Woy Woy.

The Council's 2020 "Let's Talk Woy Woy" consultation report listed the building as "suggested ... to be restored, maintained and heritage-listed".

The application is for "demolition of the existing commercial building and clearing of the site".

It was built in the 1960s, trading as Anderton's Seafoods until the late 1970s, when it became Huckleberry Finn's which traded until 1999.

The application prepared by Wales and Associates on behalf of Bruce Kerr Pty Ltd, states: "The aim of the application is to

gain approval for the proposed demolition of the existing commercial building, capping off all public utilities and services and clearing of the site.

"The proposal allows for a range of retail, business and community uses that serve the needs of people who live in, work in or visit the area to be constructed on the site at a later date.

"The proposal allows for future commercial investment that will generate employment opportunities and economic growth.

"Therefore, the proposed residential dwelling complies with the objectives of the zone."

The property is currently zoned E1 - Local Centre under the Central Coast Local Environmental

Plan 2022.

The site's frontages do not allow it to take advantage of the State Government's recently-introduced Transport Oriented Development incentives or the slightly less generous concessions under Central Coast Council planning provisions.

The adjacent Watersedge Motel, which was sold in October for \$3.5 million according to the Domain website, also does not have the frontage to qualify.

However, if the two sites were combined, they would.

The application is currently on public exhibition, but the closing date for submissions has not been posted.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 26 May 2024
DA/126/2024, Central Coast Council



Council budget lacks Peninsula road funding, says Chamber

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has criticised the lack of road funding for the Peninsula in Central Coast Council's draft budget, the draft 2024-2025 Operational Plan.

The draft budget had little or no funding for the reconstruction of Peninsula roads, said Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales.

"Despite over 80 per cent of our Peninsula roads being without kerb and gutter, no footpaths and inadequate stormwater drainage, the draft Plan makes no allocations for road reconstruction.

"The Council has no plans to reconstruct our key roads despite an increase in development and more people choosing to live on the Peninsula.

"Other than the promised Federal funding for the Ocean Beach Rd-Rawson Rd intersection, there are no Peninsula Roads listed for reconstruction works".

Mr Wales said: "What is apparent from the Works Program is the absence of Peninsula

developer contributions for road works.

"At a time when we are seeing a resurgence in our Peninsula town centres, Council should be allocating more funding towards civil infrastructure in support of local businesses and residents."

He said road patching and resealing was "simply covering up the problem with bitumen without addressing the fundamental need to reconstruct our key roads with kerb and gutter, stormwater drainage and pedestrian footpaths".

"Frustratingly we see millions of dollars being poured into parks, reserves and community buildings across the city including a whopping \$9.45M to refurbish the Wyong Council Chambers over the next four years.

"It would seem ironic that we are spending millions of ratepayers money on wonderful shiny assets but get lost in potholes trying to get there."

SOURCE: Media release, 15 May 2024. Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce



Backlog in rail defects reduced in 12 months

The backlog in high priority defects the Central Coast and Newcastle rail line has been reduced from 287 to 42 over the last 12 months, according to Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

However, there are still 306 high priority defects needing attention.

"These are deemed to have the highest potential to impact reliability, based on where it is and what is damaged, such as overhead wiring issues, or track grinding that needs to take place.

She said "preventative maintenance backlog items" had been reduced from 13 to zero by April.

"When defects are fixed, fewer things go wrong on our rail

network, which means smoother and more efficient journeys for our commuters," Ms Tesch said.

She said rail engineers and other rail workers had "worked tirelessly on our rail network to help minimise disruptions".

Visiting Woy Woy, Rail, Tram and Bus Union NSW branch president Mr Craig Turner said: "The current NSW Government, alongside the fantastic work of rail workers, is carrying out an extensive program, working around the clock.

"This will lead to a safer and more reliable service for Central Coast commuters."

SOURCE: Media release, 23 May 2024 Joely Langmaid | Office of the Member for Gosford



What would Peninsula Council do?

Peninsula Council doesn't exist, but...

Central Coast Council, and Gosford Council before it, have been widely criticised for failing to address the needs of the Woy Woy Peninsula.

It is easy to criticise but harder to propose an alternative.

This website aims to capture the expectations of the Peninsula community of its council, starting with submissions made by the Peninsula Residents' Association and its members, in a form that provides an actionable alternative.

Please join us in this exercise of the imagination. Email

Pre-requisites for a council

The Woy Woy Peninsula

The Woy Woy Peninsula has all the attributes necessary to sustain its own municipal council.

With 40,000 people, the Peninsula has the median population of a NSW local government area. It is geographically discrete, which has led to a strong community identity and having its own local economy.

All its infrastructure is essentially self-contained local systems - the drains, the water, the sewerage, the roads, the electricity. All can be planned, managed and developed at a local level. It is logical that town planning also happen at this level.

The Peninsula is an appropriate scale at which any council should manage the Peninsula's infrastructure. Its population

'What would Peninsula Council do?'

The Peninsula Residents' Association has started a website to generate interest in the September council elections entitled "What would Peninsula Council do?"

Promoted as an exercise of the imagination, it asks residents to submit their thoughts about the council policies and action needed, as if the Peninsula had its own council.

It aims to be a "living document", with contributions from residents added over time to represent the diversity of local needs and opinion.

While supporting the site, the residents' association will not require contributions to align with

its own policies.

The association hopes the website will create a context for council candidates to respond to the Peninsula's needs.

The website is also supported by Peninsula News.

"This website is a way of highlighting Peninsula issues, gathering ideas of what is required on the Peninsula, and advocating for a Peninsula focus to the management of council and community assets on the Peninsula," said editor Mr Mark Snell.

"The Peninsula has all the traits that justify it having a Council in its own right - the population of the average local government area, financial viability, community identity, common geographic

issues, and recognised statistical boundaries.

"But whether or not the Peninsula has its own council, the Peninsula needs to be treated on the basis of having its own needs for council management over the whole range of what is essentially self-contained infrastructure on the Peninsula.

"The website provides the opportunity for the community to express its expectations about the Council's response to the Peninsula's needs and its future."

The website can be found at <http://peninsulashire.cc>.

Contributions can be emailed to expectations@peninsulashire.cc.

SOURCE: Media release, 25 May 2024 Peninsula Residents' Association

Arboretum pavilion work starts

Work on a new verandah pavilion at the Pearl Beach Arboretum cottage is about to start.

With the work expected to be completed in late July, the Arboretum has already planned a community picnic with entertainment on Sunday, August 18.

The structure will provide about 70 square metres of covered outdoor space to better accommodate the Arboretum's environmental, educational and community activities.

The project has been supported with donations from Arboretum members and others and through the local Bendigo Bank's Community Funding.

The Arboretum has also been successful with a grant application to enable it to do some repairs to the cottage and to improve access and landscaping around the new pavilion.

SOURCE: Media release, 20 May 2024 Mary Knaggs, Pearl Beach Arboretum

Woytopia interest sought

Organisers of the Woytopia sustainable living festival are looking for volunteers to help with the festival.

The festival will be held in Woy Woy on Sunday, October 13.

"We need a few people starting now to help get it together," said

organiser Mr Julian Bowker.

"Plus we will need lots of people to help out for a couple of hours on the day."

Email info@woytopia.org for further information.

SOURCE: Social media, 22 May 2024 Julian Bowker, Woytopia



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News



Woy Woy community awards evening

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy held its Vocational and Community Service Awards evening on Tuesday, May 14, with five award recipients.

They were Ms Bridey Drake, Mr Steven and Ms Mary McCumstie, Mr Eric Daniel and Mr Paul Barclaire.

Ms Drake, 23, received the Vocational Award, for successfully structuring and operating an online clothing business.

Her clothing lines are in such demand that she is looking to expand into new premises.

She was also recognised for showing kindness and generosity in purchasing a new car for a friend in need.

Mr and Ms McCumstie were

Community Service Award recipients.

Owner-operators of Mitre10 Kincumber, they received their award for a focus on good old-fashioned service with a smile and family values.

During the club's Christmas tree sale, Mr McCumstie offered to pick up trees with his table top truck, which saving the club many return trips with its smaller trailer.

Mr Eric Daniel was also a Community Service Award recipient, for his involvement in the Vietnam Veterans branch at Ettalong.

With a background in the IT industry, he was asked to look over their system and "fix a few things" when he joined.

Years later he is still there, fixing things and volunteering his time with the branch, now as its secretary.

He was recognised for his generous donation of his time, effort and knowledge for the good of the community.

The other community service award recipient was Pearl Beach-born Mr Paul Barclaire, who has spent most of his life in the village.

He was recognised for his kindness and willingness to help people across a broad front: from transport, and fixing things, to taking locals out and exploring the many bush trails around Pearl Beach.

SOURCE: Newsletter, 21 May 2024 Trevor Walker, Rotary Woy Woy

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The Rotary Club of Brisbane Water has held its first Pride of Workmanship Awards.

Honoured at the awards night held at Ettalong Diggers were physiotherapist from 6S Physio Ms Nicole Wells, owner of Hatters Tea House Ms Bianca Nagy, Lifeline Gosford store manager Ms Tammy Bateman and apprentice chef at Diggers Ettalong Mr Dean Eggins.

Also honoured but unable to attend the night was Mr Adam Berry, manager of the new IGA store in Umina.

All had been nominated by club members, who presented them with their plaques, which will take pride of place in their businesses.

Nominations usually come from workplace managers or the community.

The Pride of Workmanship Program enables managers to help employees achieve the goal of job satisfaction, and publicly recognise them for their efforts.

Rotary Brisbane Water secretary Ms Di Bartok said the club was happy with the calibre of the Pride of Workmanship Awardees at the inaugural event.

"We are excited to honour outstanding workers and businesses in our area and the excitement of the awardees showed it is a wonderful scheme. We shall definitely be doing this



every year, like so many Rotary clubs around us."

The citations were:

Ms Nagy: "Hatters often hosts charity events including high teas at cost price and Christmas lunches for the lonely at reduced cost. Bianca also trains and employs young people from disadvantaged backgrounds."

Ms Wells: " Nicole decided to become a physiotherapist because she was always fascinated by the human body's ability to recover from injury. Nicole brings a little of herself, as a kind and caring human being into every session".

Ms Bateman: "Tammy has turned Lifeline's Gosford store into one of the region's best opportunity shops, with an inclusive and supportive work environment, great atmosphere and prices to suit every budget."

Mr Eggins: "Dean first spent

time at Ettalong Diggers in 2022 when he completed a week of work experience in the kitchen. He showed such enthusiasm and work ethic that he joined our team on a casual basis while still at school. Since finishing Year 12, Dean has joined our team full time while studying at Ourimbah TAFE."

Mr Berry: "Since opening, IGA Umina staff, who are all local, have greeted customers with a smile and friendly greeting. Adam employs his four daughters, who had to get university degrees and work at other stores for five years before he would employ them. The store has 32 employees, with five having a disability. Community groups have held weekend barbecues with the store providing the barbecue, sausages and bread".

SOURCE: Newsletter, 17 May 2024 Di Bartok, Rotary Brisbane Water

Forum

Remind the Railways of its legal obligations

Much has been written and spoken about the South Woy Woy level crossing.

Approaches have been made to both the local council at State Government without results.

I wonder therefore whether anyone thought to consult the Railways.

Back in 1959, we acted for Patricia Vera McDermott, who had

both her feet amputated after she fell on the crossing at Koolewong and was hit by a passing train.

After numerous court cases and appeals, the matter was finally resolved by the Privy Council in London.

The court decided the Railways owed a general duty of care to those people who lawfully used the crossing.

Moreover, the Railways had an

obligation to ensure the safety of those people.

Our client was awarded substantial damages.

The Railways was ordered to pay all legal fees.

In the circumstances, it might be useful to remind the Railways of its legal obligations.

SOURCE: Letter, 16 May 2024 Fred Landman, Daleys Point

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Folk club at Pearl Beach for fundraising concert

Members of the Troubadour Folk Club will display their talents at a concert at Pearl Beach on Sunday, June 9.

It will be held at 2:30pm in the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall.

"The Troubadour Folk Club is brimming with talented musicians and poetry reciters who gather each month to perform for each other at a performers' night in Empire Bay," said president Mr Michael Fine.

"We'll be heading to Pearl Beach where they'll be presenting a fabulous afternoon of Folk and Acoustic Music, Rhythm and Blues in a fund raiser for the Pearl Beach hall and for the Troubadour Club.

"The program includes performances from Aubrey and Purton, The Night Owls, The Melalukers, Arch Bishop, Michael

Fine and Mary O'Mahony, Phil and Lynnette Rich, Bill Young and Rare Treats (Trudy Hurley and Cec Bucello)."

He said the concert would be a cafe-style performance with tea, coffee available.

"This is a rhythm and blues concert with heart and soul: Old songs, new songs and some great spoken word.

"This is real live music and good old bush poetry like it should be."

Tickets are \$25, or \$15 for Troubadour members.

Online bookings are welcomed.

Further information is available by phone on 4344 2319 or on the Troubadour website at www.troubadour.org.au.

SOURCE: Media release, 24 May 2024 Michael Fine, Troubadour Folk

Words on the Waves Writers Festival Week at a Glance											
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	3 - 4										
EVENING	5 - 6										
	6:30 - 8:30										
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Festival has 70 sessions and 100 authors

This year's Words on the Waves Writers' Festival has more than 70 sessions

featuring 100 authors over six days from Wednesday May 29, to Monday, June 3.

Book launches will continue until Saturday, June 8.

While most will be held on the Peninsula, centred around the Umina Beach Surf Life Saving Club and Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club, several are scattered at venues across the Coast including Long Jetty and Erina, and at Council libraries at Erina, Tuggerah and Kincumber.

Literary names featured next weekend, June 1 and 2, include Catherine Chidgey, Steven Carroll, Laura Jean McKay, Alice Pung, Tony Birch, Nam Le and Myfanwy Jones.

Crime authors include Benjamin Stevenson and Amanda Hampson, while fiction authors include Lauren Chater, Kate Forsyth, Melissa Ashley and Gabbie Stroud.

Writers about politics and

contemporary culture include Bruce Pascoe, Frank Bongiorno, Lech Blaine, Toby Walsh, Hannah Diviney and Ben McKelvey.

Others include the memoirs of Robyn Davidson, Pia Miranda, Julie Goodwin, Stephanie Wood and Gregory P Smith.

Some sessions are only accessible via a day pass or a weekend pass, which costs \$160, while others are available individually from \$10 a session.

Special events include a literary cruise.

Some free activities, such as book launches, are available and others including family day events cost no more than \$10 including booking fee.

A full program and further information is available online at the festival website <https://wordsonthewaves.com.au>.

SOURCE: Media release, 24 May 2024 Words on the Waves Festival

Art show tickets go on sale, as artist entries continue

The Bays Community Group will hold its annual art show at the Bays Community Hall from Friday to Sunday, July 5 to 7.

Tickets have gone one sale, and artists' entries are still being accepted.

"We welcome artists of all styles and mediums to join us in making this event a true celebration of creativity," said newsletter editor Ms Marie Davies.

The group was expecting "an eclectic array of artworks by

talented local artists".

The art show will open at 7:30pm on Friday, July 5, with a "vibrant social atmosphere", where residents will "mingle with neighbours old and new, and perhaps find that perfect piece to adorn your home".

Proceeds from the event contribute to the upkeep of the community hall.

"Plus every artwork sold directly supports our local artists, ensuring their continued growth and contribution to our community."

The art show will open from 10am to 4pm on the Saturday and Sunday.

Entry will be by gold coin donation.

Homemade sweet and savoury snacks and a variety of hot and cold drinks will available for purchase, with contactless payment options available.

For further information, email thebaysemail@gmail.com.

SOURCE: Newsletter, 19 May 2024 Marie Davies, Bays Community Group

WHAT'S ON at ETTALONG BOWLING CLUB

We are excited to launch the T bone meal deal on Mondays at the Alfresco Brasserie, available for lunch & dinner. Purchase a T-bone meal and receive a free schooner of Tooheys, XXXX or Hahn beer or a free small glass of Morgan's Bay chardonnay or shiraz cabernet.

Blackboard specials are still available during the week, Monday - International Schnitzel, Tuesday - Angus Rump or Barramundi, Why Cook Wednesdays & Thursdays - Pizza & Pasta.

Ettalong Bowling Club is located in the heart of the Peninsula that offers a family friendly atmosphere and great value food and drinks. Offering Live Entertainment every Friday, Saturday and Sunday and don't forget to head down to one of the weekly raffles with loads of meat & seafood trays up for grabs.

Tickets are now on sale for the Naughty Numbers - Bingo with a Twist Event - Saturday 29th June from 7pm. Tickets \$20 from reception or through try bookings <https://www.trybooking.com/CPWXZ>

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Education

Students asked to arrive later at school

Students at Umina Beach Public School are being encouraged to arrive at school after 8.45am.

"We have noted an increasing number of students arriving at school early, prior to teacher supervision," said principal Ms Karen Wardlaw.

"Mornings are quite busy for our staff who are working hard to prepare for the day ahead and engaging in important organisation and preparation activities.

"Supervision is not available for students until 8.45am.

"Prior to this time, students are discouraged from arriving at school.

"We ask that parents, carers and visitors are aware of morning expectations.

"Students are encouraged to arrive at school between 8.45am and 9.10 am, when teachers are on duty to supervise students.

"Any student who arrives early must sit under the Cola to await the arrival of duty teachers."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 22 May 2024
Karen Wardlaw, Umina Beach Public School



New student well-being officer at St John's

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School has a new student well-being officer.

She is Ms Gayle Symons. "Gayle has worked with St John the Baptist for many years supporting parent education, and has worked in case management supporting local families for over two decades," said school principal Ms Nicole Davies.

"Her focus in this role is to foster student wellbeing and positive mental health, working closely with the principal, our learner diversity team and school counsellor."

She said Ms Symons had a wealth of experience, expertise and a warm smile.



SOURCE:
Social media, 21 May 2024
Nicole Davies, SJB Catholic Primary School

Stage 3 team participates in its first Maths Olympiad

Woy Woy Public School's Stage 3 Maths Olympiad team has participated in its first Maths Olympiad.

The Maths Olympiad is run by the non-profit Australasian Problem Solving Mathematical Olympiads organisation.

It is designed to stimulate and challenge students at primary school level.

"It teaches major problem-solving strategies and strengthens students' mathematical intuition prior to starting high school," said

relieving principal Mr Dan Betts.

"The students have 30 minutes to answer five complex word problems and there are four tests throughout the year.

"Our team gave it an excellent go for their first time and are to be congratulated on their efforts.

"We will be working hard to improve their scores each round.

"The next test will occur on June 12."

SOURCE:
Social media, 22 May 2024
Dan Betts, Woy Woy Public School

Seven students selected for zone soccer

Seven Peninsula students have been selected by the Southern Central Coast Primary School Sports Association to progress through to the combined zone soccer trial on Wednesday, June 12.

On that day, they will play against the neighbouring zone, Brisbane Water.

There, a combined team will be selected to play in the Sydney North trials, to be held on July 2.

Selected for the girls' team were Ettalong students Kirra Cramer and Maya Sposito and Woy Woy

South students Lucy Watson and Emily Frisken.

Selected for the boys' team were Ettalong students Augie Hunt and Lucas Wood and Woy Woy South student Leo Terjesen-Some.

SOURCE:
Social media, 23 May 2024
Southern Central Coast Primary School Sports Association

Help wanted in canteen on Fridays

Woy Woy South Public School is looking for more help in the canteen, especially on Fridays "when things get busy".

No experience is necessary. Volunteers can choose between 9am-11:30am and 11am to 2pm timeslots.

Anyone interested should complete a volunteer declaration at the school office at least 48 hours before the first session.

The canteen is run by the school's parents and citizens' association.

Further information is available at the canteen or via email to canteen@wwspandc.org.

SOURCE:
Social media, 20 May 2024
Woy Woy South Public School P/C



Playing at Bathurst

Brisbane Water Secondary College students Tory Nelson-Staunton and Grace Dabin have played in Under-18's Representative Rugby

7s competition in Bathurst. The jerseys for their team were designed by Grace herself.

SOURCE:
Social media, 17 May 2024
BWSC Woy Woy

College to hold variety night at Woy Woy

Brisbane Water Secondary College will hold a variety night on Wednesday, June 19.

The night will feature music, dance and comedy presented by college students.

It will be held in the Woy Woy campus hall.

Doors will open at 5:30pm for a 6pm start.

Food and drinks will be available.

Tickets will cost \$5 and may be reserved at the office of each college campus.

SOURCE:
Social media, 23 May 2024
BWSC Umina

Ettalong Public School will hold an open day event for 2025 Kindergarten families on Wednesday, June 5.

"Ettalong Public School has highly qualified teachers, dedicated support staff and a Learning and Support Team who design and implement quality programs to enhance educational outcomes for our students," said principal Ms Jodie Campbell.

"Our well-being program and extra-curricula opportunities are

second to none.

"Our school offers upgraded K-2 and 3-6 playgrounds, a well-resourced library and classrooms, and access to the latest technology, including coding and robotics resources."

The school has a "broad range of extra-curricula activities, including cultural, creative and sporting experiences".

It has on-site Outside of School Hours Care, school-wide social skills programs and lunch-time and playground interest groups,

including chess, art, choir, recorder, technology, gardening, djembe drumming and various sporting teams.

The open day commences at 9:30am with a presentation in the school hall, followed by morning tea and a tour of classrooms, grounds and facilities.

An evening session will be held in the library.

SOURCE:
Social media, 22 May 2024
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong Public School

Brenda receives Stroke Foundation award

Ms Brenda Booth of Woy Woy for taking out the Stroke Foundation's President's Achievement Award at this year's National Stroke Awards in Melbourne earlier this month.

This award is "given to exceptional individuals who have made a significant contribution to Stroke Foundation" and is selected by Stroke Foundation president Professor Linda Kristjanson.

"Brenda has worked in the health and disability sector on the Central Coast for more than 25 years," the award read.

"She has played key roles for the Stroke Foundation, lending her experience to the Consumer Council, the Research Advisory Committee, and the Living Stroke Guidelines.

"Locally, Brenda is the President of the Working Aged Stroke Group on the Central Coast.

"Using her experience and professional background as a registered nurse, and a case manager with the NSW Disability Service, Brenda has been involved in many advocacy campaigns at local, state and national levels.

"Most recently, Brenda has provided valuable insight to the development of the Australian Stroke Coalition



Stroke Unit Certification Project which encourages hospitals to consistently meet a set of national criteria to deliver the best possible stroke care to patients."

Acknowledging the award, Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid said: "Brenda is a champion for stroke awareness and advocacy.

"This award acknowledges her dedication to the Stroke Foundation over the decades.

"Following her own stroke at the age of 41, Brenda has been passionate about improving stroke care in Australia."

SOURCE:
Social media, 16 May 2024
Dr Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson

Peninsula School for Seniors has heard from Ms Liz O'Keefe from Grow, a peer support group offering mental health wellbeing programs.

The School which meets at the Peninsula Community Centre heard that "Grow groups are based on lived experience".

"It's a meeting of peers who are striving to develop and maintain good mental well-being," Ms O'Keefe said.

"Our program has helped thousands of Australians to recover from a range of mental health issues.

"Grow offers practical steps and



peer support to help you recover your mental health and achieve your personal goals."

A Woy Woy group meets 2pm to 4pm on Tuesdays at the Anglican Church Hall at 151 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

"No doctor's referral, diagnosis

or registration is needed," said Ms O'Keefe.

For more information, call 1800 558 268 or visit the organisation's website at www.grow.org.au.

SOURCE:
Social media, 14 May 2024
Peninsula School for Seniors

Pearl Beach morning tea raises \$3000

An Australia's Biggest Morning Tea event was held in the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall last Wednesday, May 22.

A total of \$3113 was raised in donations to The Cancer Council.

Attended by Pearl Beach residents and friends, food was provided by a local catering business.

SOURCE:
Social media, 22 May 2024
Friends of Pearl Beach





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Netball representatives compete in Newcastle

The Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association's representatives teams all competed at Newcastle on Sunday, May 19.

The Open team was the winner of the carnival in Division 1. Representatives convenor Ms Michelle Stone said: "It was wonderful to see how the teams have progressed since the last carnival.

"Some very good netball was played and the girls were positive and enthusiastic in their court play and bonding individually as each team."

She said: "It was a tough day for the 17s, but the girls played for each other.

"It was the final workout of combinations prior to State and there were positives that will help achieve individual and team goals for State.

"The 14s had their own scoring system based on goals set and actions achieved on the court.

"It was wonderful to see them working hard towards achieving these extra points.

"The 13s put in a solid performance, demonstrating effort and teamwork.

"While they faced some tough competition, their resilience and positive attitudes were commendable.

"The team is developing their ability to work together, laying a strong foundation for future improvement.

"It was a day of steady progress and valuable experience for the team.

"The 12s had a fabulous day of fun and friendship and are really starting to gel as a team with lots of encouragement and positivity towards each other.

"They had two wins, one draw and lost four games to Division 1 teams.

"We were so proud of the way they played in the harder games, winning a second half of one of the games and displaying some skilful netball especially in the last game.

"They kept their heads high and made those teams earn their points.

"We had a chance to practice subbing in those games too which will prove helpful for State."

SOURCE:
Social media, 19 May 2024
Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association



Little Aths celebrates 40 years

Woy Woy Peninsula Little Athletics has celebrated 40 years when it held its annual general meeting on Sunday, May 19.

A variety of activities were held on the day including a photographic display covering those 40 years.

The association formally appointed its committee for the coming year.

However, some vacancies still exist and the association is looking to fill them.

People are wanted for equipment and track and field

roles. The meeting adopted financial reports for the year, and following the meeting made its 2023-24 annual report available through its social media page.

SOURCE:
Social media, 23 May 2024
Woy Woy Peninsula Little Athletics



Umina soccer results

Results of games played on Saturday, May 18, by Umina United Soccer Club were:

U12CS: Umina (home) drew with Kincumber-1, 2-all.

U14A: Umina (home) defeated Kincumber, 2-1.

U12A: Umina-1 (home) defeated East Gosford, 2-1.

U13A: Umina (away) defeated SEU, 4-0.

U14B: Umina (away) defeated East Gosford, 6-1.

U14D: Umina (home) defeated Kariong, 3-1.

U16A: Umina (home) drew with Kincumber, nil-all.

M35C: Umina (away) defeated SEU, 2-1,

U11A: Umina (away) defeated Ourimbah, 4-0.

U13B: Umina (away) defeated

Toukley, 2-1.

M45 South: Umina-2 (home) defeated SEU-2, 3-0.

M35A: Umina (home) lost to Terrigal-2, 0-1

M45 South: Umina-1 (home) lost to Ourimbah, 0-3.

M35DS: Umina (home) lost to Terrigal, 0-1.

Results of games played on Sunday, May 19, were;

M18B: Umina (home) drew with Berkeley Vale, nil-all.

W12A: Umina (home) defeated Avoca, 7-0.

MAA8: Umina (home) lost to Budgewoi, 3-11.

U14D: Umina (away) lost to Killarney, 2-4.

W14A: Umina (home) lost to East Gosford, 1-3.

WAA6: Umina-1 (home) defeated Umina-2, 1-0.

MAA5: Umina (home) lost to Budgewoi, 1-6.

Mens Div1 Res: Umina (away) defeated Wyoming, 1-0.

WAA5: Umina (home) defeated Kanwal, 5-0.

MAA3: Umina (home) drew with Killarney, 1-all.

MAA6: Umina (away) defeated Toukley, 4-3.

Mens Div1 1st: Umina (away) lost to Wyoming, 0-6.

WPL: Umina (home) defeated Killarney, 4-1.

W18A: Umina (home) defeated Ourimbah, 9-0.

SOURCE:
Website, 24 May 2024
Central Coast Football

Bowling club has delayed Diggers Day

The men's and women's clubs at Umina Beach Bowling Club combined on Wednesday, May 15, for their annual Digger's Day event.

Men's club secretary Mr Peter Springett said the event was held to "commemorate the sacrifices that our servicemen and women made on our behalves, so that we may have better lives".

He said: "The event was

originally due to be held on Sunday, April 28, but due to open pennant commitments, we had to move the event."

He said 52 members attended the event.

Members Colin Mew, Terry Forbes and Rob Merrill ran the service and wreath-laying component of the day.

Wreath layers were women's club president Ms Gale Hill and men's club members Mr Barry

Gimour, Mr Leo Lees and Mr Ray Kalenbacher who laid wreaths on behalf of the army, navy and air force.

"After the service we had an enjoyable lunch with sensational ham and salad rolls.

"Following lunch we had an enjoyable game of fours in beautiful sunny conditions."

SOURCE:
Social media, 15 May 2024
Peter Springett, UBMBC

Woy Woy hosted Terrigal at Woy Woy Oval but the match saw Terrigal convincingly defeat Woy Woy to the tune of 87 points to seven in round six of Central Coast Rugby Union competition played on Saturday, May 25.

It was non-stop scoring for Terrigal for the entire match despite the best efforts by the home team, according to rugby union publicity

officer Mr Larry Thomson.

Terrigal scored early and then maintained the attack for the next 80 minutes.

By halftime, Terrigal led by 40 points to seven and even at that stage the match was all sealed up.

Woy Woy did cross for their only try in that first 40 minutes.

Terrigal were able to post a further 47 points in the second stanza and went on to record a handsome victory.

Woy Woy had no answer to their attack.

Best for Woy Woy were lock Harry Burgess, flanker Una Tupou, who scored their try, and centre Guy Blades.

In Premier 2, Terrigal 127 defeated Woy Woy 0 and, in Women's 10s, Terrigal 28 defeated Woy Woy 0.

SOURCE:
Media release, 26 May 2024
Larry Thomson, CCRU

Celebration for tennis club

The 55th anniversary of Woy Woy Tennis Club will be celebrated at the club on Monday, June 10, the long weekend public holiday.

Social tennis, a barbecue and a get together will start at noon.

"Everyone is welcome," said club president Mr Walter Pearson.

SOURCE:
Social media, 22 May 2024
Walter Pearson, Woy Woy Tennis Club

Convincing defeat at Woy Woy Oval

Soccer club receives \$20,000 for running costs

Southern and Ettalong United Football Club has received \$20,000 to cover operating expenses for the soccer season.

It will be used to buy nets, corner flags, match balls, training balls, jerseys, training bibs, agility poles and markers, line marking paint and other items used for seasonal operations.

The money was awarded as Category 2 ClubGrant from Ettalong Diggers.

Southern and Ettalong United was formed in 1984 when Ettalong

Beach Junior Soccer Club, which was established in 1961, joined Southern United Soccer Club, which had started in 1972.

The club was the first registered on the Central Coast and has grown to now have 780 members and 57 teams, from under-5s to men's over-45s.

It is the only Peninsula club have both Men and Women Premier League Teams currently in Central Coast Football competitions.

SOURCE:
Social media, 20 May 2024
Kim Cole, Ettalong Diggers



Shay becomes youngest golf champion

Everglades' four-round Men's Golf Championship wrapped up on Saturday, May 18, in cold and windy conditions.

Shay Bennett became the youngest Club Champion, when his final round of 71 gave him a winning score of 281.

Brendan James was three shots back at 284.

He claimed the A Grade nett trophy.

A Reserve was taken out by

Trevor Walker, with Adam Buckley winning the nett.

B Grade Champion was Matthew Healy, with Daryl Creighton claiming the nett.

In C grade, Joel Rogers defeated Cooper Bickley in a playoff.

Michael James took out the nett, matching his father's result in A grade.

Shay also won the Junior Championship and Michael the

Junior nett.

Tony Tully was the Senior Champion.

The C Grade Pennants team won the Central Coast District Golf Association competition this year.

The team comprised Paul Bish, Michael Mcquade, Danny Cunningham, Stuart Ireland, Peter Batty and Jeff Andrew.

SOURCE:
Social media, 20 May 2024
Ian Cameron, Everglades



Previous runners-up win Minor Pairs final

Barbara Schultz and Jan Ellery have won the Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club's Minor Pairs Final.

"The final was played on May 14, in ideal autumn conditions," said club publicity officer Ms Lesley Swales.

She said the pair had been runners-up several times over the past few years and finally became winners, defeating Betty Jack and Gay Foulkes.

"The match was very even with

not much between the two teams.

"However, Barbara and Jan managed to edge ahead over the last few ends to take out the event."

In the second semi-final played on May 7, Betty Jack and Gay Foulkes defeated Annette Kertz and Kerry Yates to win their place in the final.

"There were some close games throughout the competition," said Ms Swales.

SOURCE:
Social media, 14 May 2024
Peter Springett, UBMBC



Fence banners installed at tennis club

New fence banners have been installed around Courts 1 and 2 at Woy Woy Tennis Club.

"Not only do the banners add to the attractiveness of the courts,

they will help to limit debris blowing into the courts from the public carpark," said club president Mr Walter Pearson.

"The beautification program at the Woy Woy Tennis Centre

continues.

"Banners are due to be put up on Court 5 soon."

SOURCE:
Social media, 13 May 2024
Walter Pearson, Woy Woy Tennis Club

Roosters meet before hotel renovation

Woy Woy Roosters Rugby League Football Club members gathered at Woy Woy Hotel on Saturday to recap the day's games ahead of renovations starting this week.

The Old Pub is expected to be closed during renovations.

The club called on its "Roosters family" to gather for "a farewell of sorts to the pub as we know it".

The new "internal fit-out" is expected to include a relocation of

the kitchen and the gaming area.

The renovations will include a new bar area and new bathrooms, and new walls and flooring for the beer garden and sports bar.

The new gaming area will be built in the southern portion of the existing hotel.

There will also be a new entrance off the carpark, a new children's playground and new signage.

SOURCE:
Social media, 22 May 2024
Woy Woy JRLFC

Bridge club raises \$1070 on charity day

Brisbane Water Bridge Club held its annual Jean Pelham Charity day on Thursday, May 9, raising \$1070.

A raffle raised \$540 and table fees \$530.

The club's charity volunteers prepared a lunch with four varieties of soup, crusty bread, quiche, zucchini slice and chocolate slice.

The day's event was contested by 17 pairs.

Christine Hadaway and Ann Snow won north-south, while Sylvia Foster and Jaan Oitmaa won east-west.

North-south results were:

1 Christine Hadaway, Ann Snow

189.0 (56.25 per cent), 0.45 green points.

2 Meg McGregor, Jenny Buckley 184.0 (54.76), 0.32.

3 Martin Johnson, Chris Hasemore 173.0 (51.49), 0.23.

4 Peter Hume, Elaine Hume 171.0 (50.89), 0.08.

4 Qi Hasemore, Tom Tomlinson 171.0 (50.89), 0.08.

6 David Bowerman, Dasha Brandt 165.0 (49.11).

7 Adele Mills, Lorraine Lindsay 164.0 (48.81).

8 Felicity Fane, Bobbie Lyons 158.0 (47.02).

9 Steve Anderson, Kerry Anderson 137.0 (40.77).

East-west results were:

1 Jaan Oitmaa, Sylvia Foster 251.0 (66.40), 0.45.

2 Marcelle Goslin, Donelle Foate 234.0 (61.90), 0.32.

3 Hope Tomlinson, Barry Foster 233.0 (61.64), 0.23.

4 Susan McCall, Pamela Joseph 205.0 (54.23), 0.15.

5 Lynne Rainford, Hilary Owen 189.0 (50.00).

6 Jan Kukura, Helen Cashman 164.0 (43.39).

7 Carolyn Harper, Marilyn Reid 127.0 (33.60).

8 Annette Clarke, Maureen Lockwood 109.0 (28.84).

SOURCE:
Social media, 12 May 2024
Brisbane Water Bridge Club

Sport

Surf club awarded \$400,000 for indoor training facility

Ocean Beach Life Saving Club has been awarded \$398,663 from the State Government's Surf Club Facilities Program to create an enclosed education and training space for volunteers.

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch said: "Our local surf life saving volunteers are the unsung heroes of our community, protecting locals and visitors in the water.

"This grant will contribute towards the development of a modern facility that enables surf life savers to better protect the community and continue to deliver a world-class service."

Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club president Mr Dean Slattery: "This project is a need that has been identified for many years.

"In poor weather, we can't accommodate our 150 Nippers in the club house, meaning that we

have to close the beach completely for training.

"The project has the potential for generational change at the club, allowing us to fundamentally change the way that we operate.

"As the club faces due south, in the past, in inclement weather, we would have to close the club and beach, significantly reducing our capacity to provide training programs to our volunteers and community.

"By providing an all-weather environment, we will have the ability to revise our operations to suit the capacity that this allows us, continuing training in poor weather.

"This will mean that community training programs such as Nippers, CPR Awareness and Heart Start can continue no matter the conditions."

SOURCE:
Media release, 14 May 2024
Joely Langmaid, Office of the Member for Gosford

Rugby league for pre-schoolers

A rugby league program for pre-schoolers is to be run at Col Gooley Oval in Umina for eight weeks this term.

The Bouncing Bunnies program is being held from 4:15pm to 5pm every Thursday until June 27 by the Umina Bunnies Junior Rugby League Football Club.

A second term will be held from July 3 to August 21.

The cost of \$80 per term includes a player's shirt.

Active Kids vouchers may be used.

SOURCE:
Social media, 15 May 2024
Umina Bunnies JRLFC



Peninsula Touch members take part in World Cup

Four Peninsula Touch Association members will participate in the Touch Football World Cup to be played in Nottingham, England, from July 15-21.

Karina Haddin will play in the Women's 40s division, while Joseph Herewini will play in Senior Mixed.

Referees Kim Skelly and Mason Colwell will officiate at the World Cup events.

SOURCE:
Social media, 24 May 2024
Peninsula Touch Association



Umina wins Grade 5 pennant

Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club has won the Grade 5 Open Pennant in Bowls Central Coast competition on Sunday, May 19.

It is the only Peninsula bowling club to have won a pennant this year.

Having won section 2 of the competition, Umina played Terrigal

winners of section 1 in the final at Ettalong Bowling Club.

"The game was played on a perfect green, in sunny, cool and blustery conditions," said Umina club secretary Mr Peter Springett.

"Both teams played very well and it was a great game to watch.

"But it was the Umina Beach Kingfishers who came out on top,

winning all three rinks and the Big Board by 70 to 45."

Mr Springett said: "This was a significant win by the Umina Beach Kingfishers, who now go on to represent the Peninsula and Bowls Central Coast in the NSW State Finals at Cabramatta in late June."

SOURCE:
Media release, 22 May 2024
Peter Springett, UBMC



Canoe training slows as season ends

Central Coast Outrigger Canoe Club has wound up training sessions as the competition season comes to a close.

The club had a successful season, competing in six regattas around the state, and the Sydney Harbour Challenge, said club media officer Ms Rosemary Chapman.

"We attended all races hosted by NSW Zone this season, fielding at least one crew and up to four crews at some regattas," she said.

Central Coast had two teams that were state champions.

The Platinum team, aged 70

plus, received a special award at State titles held at Port Stephens.

This crew, consisting of Ally Binfield, Sue Giaquinto, Gary Machin, John Lovdee, John Illife and Pam Illife were the only team entered in their division.

"They were put in a race with much younger competitors acquitting themselves as equals," said Ms Chapman.

Crew member Ally Binfield said: "As the only Platinum Team in the event, we could not claim a first but we were presented with special medals at the awards function - a very satisfying result."

The club grew through the

season, and currently has 67 members, 22 of whom are aged over 70.

"We are on the water four or five days a week, so our canoes see a lot of use.

"Outrigger paddling offers something for all levels of paddler, whether you choose to race competitively or not.

"Winter is a great time to learn to paddle."

Anyone interested should email centralcoastocc@gmail.com.

SOURCE:
Media release, 23 May 2024
Rosemary Chapman, CCOCC Media

Hospital staff to join in fun run

More than 150 doctors and staff from a local private hospital will take part in the Bay-to-Bay Running Festival on Sunday, June 16.

Three runs have been organised.

A 12km run starts in Woy Woy at Fishermen's Wharf.

A five kilometre fun run, sponsored by the Healthe hospital group, and a two kilometre children's fun run start in Adcock Park.

Runners will head along the Gosford waterfront and finish with a lap around the Stadium.

Further information is available at <https://www.baytobay.org.au/>

SOURCE:
Social media, 23 May 2024
Brisbane Waters Private Hospital