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Neal and McWaide likely to be councillors

Labor's Ms Belinda Neal, Liberal Mr Trent McWaide and one independent candidate are likely to be representing the Peninsula as Gosford West Ward councillors following Saturday's council elections.

This assumes the voting trend in the initial count continues for the remainder of the count.

Only 16 per cent of the vote had been counted in the last figures issued at 10:35pm on Saturday night.

The count did not include votes from a number of Peninsula polling booths including Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy campus, Peninsula Community Centre, Umina Beach Public School, the Umina Beach CWA hall or the Umina Uniting Church.

Across the ward, which includes Gosford and East Gosford and extends as far as Bucketty in the north and Wiseman's Ferry in the west, a total of 8353 votes had

been counted from the 51,626 people entitled to vote in the ward.

The NSW Electoral Commission expects that final numbers will not be known for another fortnight.

Both Labor and Liberal Parties have more than the "quota ratio" of the vote needed for a councillor to be elected on first preferences.

All of the other four groups have less than 0.5 as their quota ratio.

At close of counting on Saturday night, the Liberal Party had received 1985 votes, 30.14 per cent of the vote counted, for a quota ratio of 1.21.

Labor had received 1911 votes 29.02 per cent of the vote, for a quota ratio of 1.16.

The next highest number of votes was 756 for Jane Smith's New Independents, 11.48 per cent of the vote, a quota ratio of 0.46.

Team Central Coast received 696 votes, 10.57 per cent of the votes, a quota ratio of 0.42.

Lisa Bellamy's Coasties Who Care gained 669 votes, 10.16 per cent of the vote, a quota

ratio of 0.41, while the lowest ranking group was Kevin Brooks' Ratepayers' Choice with 504 votes, 7.65 per cent of the votes, a quota ratio of 0.31.

The number of votes classified as "informal-other" was 1768, 21.17 per cent of the count and more than any of the four independent groups.

Across the council, the quota ratios suggest five Labor candidates will be elected, four Liberal candidates and two Team Central Coast candidates, with the other four positions to be decided by the distribution of preferences.

Pictured handing out how-to-vote cards at the polling booth at Woy Woy campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College were Ms Amanda Muir, Ms Arlyn Ellis, Ms Lana L, Labor candidate Mr Mark Ellis, Mr Gerry Cirulli and Mr Bob Pickett.

SOURCE:
Website, 14 Sep 2024
NSW Electoral Commission
Photo: Jo Freeman

Fire awareness sessions on Saturday

The Bays Rural Fire Brigade will hold fire awareness sessions for Get Ready Weekend from 10am to 2pm on Saturday, September 21.

One will be at Deepwater Plaza Shopping Centre, outside Gloria Jeans, and the other at the fire

station, on the corner of Woy Woy Rd and Wattle Cres, Phegans Bay.

The sessions offer the opportunity for residents to chat with their local volunteer firefighters about how to prepare for the fire season with practical tips and expert advice.

Fire Plans will be available for residents to complete ahead of the fire season.

A sausage sizzle will be held at the fire station.

SOURCE:
Social media, 9 Sep 2024
The Bays Rural Fire Brigade

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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.

Regional sports will only be covered from the perspective of Peninsula clubs. Regional plans will only be aired in the context of their ramifications for the Peninsula.

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

Readability

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Native bee workshops at Woytopia

The Woy Woy Peninsula Community Garden will present two native bee workshops at the Woytopia festival on Sunday, October 13.

They will be presented by native bee specialist Dr Tim Heard and will cover the management and care of native bees.

They start with an hour of theory on the care and maintenance of native bees, followed by a practical demonstration on how to split a native beehive.

These events will have lucky door prizes and are supported by Central Coast Council with financial support from the Protection of the Environment Trust.

The workshops sessions are

limited to 40 attendees per session.

Registration will be accepted on the day at the gardening workshop area 15 minutes before the start of each session.

Further information is available online at <https://woytopia.org/program-2/>

SOURCE:
 Media release, 10 Sep 2024
 Julie Gilbody, Woy Woy Peninsula Community Garden

Pocket Pals knitted for South Pacific conference

Members of the Woy Woy branch of the Country Women's Association have been busy knitting up friendship Pocket Pals for their South Pacific conference.

A pocket pal from Woy Woy branch will be included in the conference bags at this year's Associated Country Women of the

World's South Pacific Conference to be held in Griffith in September.

South Pacific area president Ms Lyn Braico, who is a member of the Hornsby branch, will welcome many representatives from the different Pacific islands at this year's conference.

SOURCE:
 Social media, 27 Aug 2024
 CWA Woy Woy Branch



Employee award

Ms Megan Stevenson has been presented with an Employee of the Month award.

The award is part of the Rewards and Recognition Program at Ettalong Diggers Club.

During August, Ms Stevenson received a nomination for Positive and Passionate Culture from the club's operations manager, along with three "shout outs" from peers.

She is pictured receiving her award from club general manager Mr Col Murphy.

SOURCE:
 Social media, 5 Sep 2024
 Ettalong Diggers

Rain recorded just one day this month

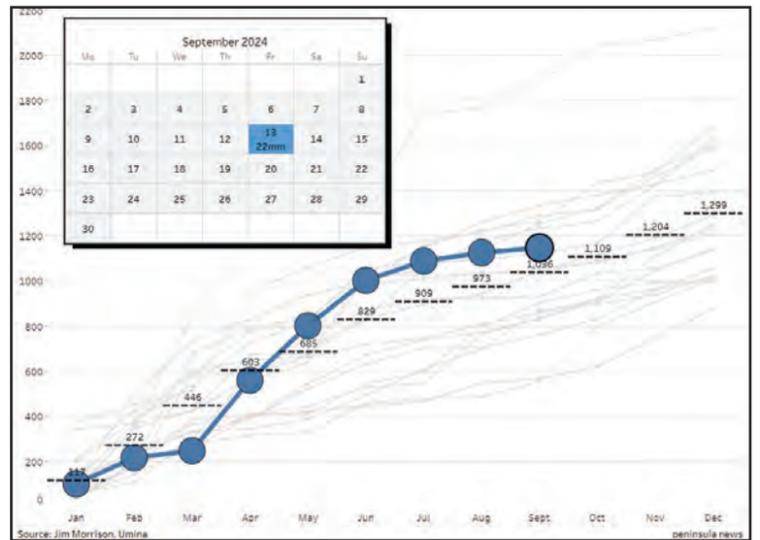
Just one fall of 21.5mm has been recorded in the first two weeks of September.

It was recorded on September 13, and represents one third of the average monthly rainfall of 65mm for September, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

It brings the cumulative total for the year to 1144.4mm, which is 11.2 per cent more than the end of the September average of 1029mm.

Only 22.5mm has been recorded in the last 30 days, the longest dry spell this year.

Further rainfall details, including daily figures dating back 20 years, are available online at <http://bit.ly/PNRRainfall>.



SOURCE:
 Spreadsheet, 13 Sep 2024

Jim Morrison, Umina

	Mon, Sep 16	Thu, Sep 19	Sun, Sep 22	Wed, Sep 25	Sat, Sep 28
TIDE	0123 0.13	0328 0.07	0522 0.16	0233 0.66	0009 0.18
TIMES	0704 0.85	0916 1.13	1135 1.21	0753 0.33	0608 0.75
and	1251 0.16	1537 0.07	1829 0.16	1438 1.06	1137 0.30
Heights	1915 1.25	2136 1.19		2215 0.21	1754 1.00
	Tue, Sep 17	Fri, Sep 20	Mon, Sep 23	Thu, Sep 26	Sun, Sep 29
	0207 0.09	0406 0.08	0007 0.83	0405 0.65	0050 0.17
	0749 0.95	1000 1.19	0603 0.22	0910 0.35	0649 0.81
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	0832 1.05	1046 1.22	0652 0.28	1030 0.34	0725 0.86
	1443 0.07	1728 0.12	1329 1.12	1659 1.00	1314 0.23
	2050 1.26	2313 0.96	2058 0.22		1916 1.01

Council holds business survey

Central Coast Council is holding a Business Retention and Expansion survey through its Your Voice Our Coast website until September 30.

The survey will help identify what's needed to keep and grow businesses and industries on the Central Coast, according to the council's acting chief executive Ms Marissa Racemelara.

She said the initiative was aimed

at gathering valuable insights from local businesses to help ensure the continued growth and success of the business community.

"The survey is part of Council's ongoing commitment to foster a thriving environment for businesses and industries," Ms Racemelara said.

"Local businesses and industries are vital to our local economy, providing employment for thousands and anchoring the region's continued prosperity."

The survey covers areas such as infrastructure requirements, workforce and training, along with sourcing investment and future growth plans.

"The information gathered will be used to identify trends and connect businesses to targeted support programs and resources."

The survey will close on Monday, September 30.

SOURCE:
Media release, 2 Sep 2024
Marissa Racemelara,
Central Coast Council



Marine Rescue holds training day

Marine Reacue Central Coast held a crew training day for its volunteers on Wednesday, September 4.

The training included anchoring, towing, position-fixing using radar, and multi-vessel parallel search

work, again using radar.

It also included the usual vessel-handling work, situational awareness skills-building, deck-hand and team-working.

SOURCE:
Social media, 4 Sep 2024
Marine Rescue Central Coast

Rotary club to hold golf day in November

The Rotary Club of Brisbane Water will hold its golf day on Monday, November 4, at Everglades Country Club.

Proceeds of the fundraising event will go to the Cancer Council NSW as well as local youth programs sponsored by Rotary Brisbane Water.

The club is hoping to top last year's golf day total of \$7000.

Club fundraising director Ms Cherie Simpson and treasurer Mr Mark Simpson are organising the prizes for the day.

Co-president Ms Marion Cornish said: "I will be organising some ticket prizes to the Historical Aircraft Restoration Society in

Albion Park and will organise to be there to show you around the 747 when you attend.

"One of the fun things to do is a Wing Walk, which will be a raffle prize."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 15 Sep 2024
Marion Cornish, Rotary
Brisbane Water

Minister's order hobbles councillors' control over finances

NSW Minister for Local Government Mr Ron Hoenig has issued a last-minute Performance Improvement Order which will hobble Central Coast councillors from controlling the council's finances for up to two years.

The Order sees control transferred to a number of unelected officials including the Deputy Secretary of the Office of Local Government, the Council's Audit Risk and Improvement Committee and Council general manager Mr David Farmer.

It will be in place for 12 months, covering the period in which the council's 2025/26 Budget will be adopted.

The Order was made on Monday, September 2, giving the Council just seven days to respond.

"I will consider all submissions made to me by Council during this period before deciding whether to issue an Order," said Mr Hoenig in his letter to Council Administrator Mr Rik Hart.

A special meeting of Council considered the order on Friday, September 6.

The Order came after

nominations closed on Wednesday, August 14, and postal voting opened on Monday, August 19, with the decision to impose it not made until after pre-poll voting had started on Saturday, September 7.

Reasons given for the order include "budget discipline", "financial sustainability", "maintaining staff expertise" and implementing recommendations of the McCulloch Inquiry into the Council's financial crisis.

The Order lists requirements under four headings - staffing, finance, governance and meeting practices - as well as reporting.

The Deputy Secretary has direct power over five of the actions, as well as indirect control through a quarterly review of compliance.

Under staffing, the Council cannot change delegations, undertake a restructure or terminate the general manager's contract without the Deputy Secretary's "concurrence".

The Order states: "Council must implement the adopted budget and operations plan for 2024/25."

It goes on to require: "Any significant changes must be agreed by the Deputy Secretary."

The Deputy Secretary can also

prevent Council from amending its councillor/staff interaction policy.

The Order requires that the "Council must engage its Audit, Risk and Improvement Committee on 'any significant changes' to council's priorities direction and take into account any recommendations."

The quoted phrase "any significant changes" does not make clear whether it relates to any other requirement of the Order and is not defined in the document.

The Order gives the general manager the power to update the staff list that may be contacted by councillors.

It also gives the general manager the power to exclude the public from a councillor briefing where he "is satisfied that grounds exist under the Act" to do so.

The general manager may also "impose limitations where disrespectful or excessive use" is made of a system allowing councillors to make staff requests.

Other provisions of the Order include implementing any ongoing recommendations from the McCulloch Inquiry.

These included financial training for councillors.

It requires the Council to publicly document the impact of all Council's resolutions on Council's Long Term Financial Plan.

"Council must not make financial decisions that impact adversely on Council's financial metrics as measured through the Office of Local Government financial indicators."

The quarterly reviews are required to include a "business reporting statement", use of the councillor request system, and a report of disorderly conduct at council meetings.

Beyond the general underlying assumption that incoming councillors would otherwise act irresponsibly, a number of provisions of the Order presume councillors would behave illegally.

For example, it requires the Council to maintain an appropriate level of unrestricted cash and expend externally restricted funds only for the purpose for which they are set aside.

Council must take necessary steps to ensure timely and accurate financial monitoring and reporting

Council must also ensure that best practice governance standards are implemented and

maintained.

Council must ensure its code of meeting practice complies with the Model Code of Meeting Practice.

Council must not make decisions at councillor briefings and workshops.

The Order does not say what would occur if the action was deemed by the Minister not to comply with the Order.

However, that part of the Local Government Act provides the Minister with the power to withdraw councillor allowances and to compel councillors to vote as directed by the Minister.

Responding to the Order, Administrator Mr Rik Hart welcomed the Minister's "intention to issue a Performance Improvement Order".

"We concur with your view that the Order will serve the purpose of ensuring that the good work undertaken over the last four years is not lost in the transition to an elected Council."

Presumably, "we" referred to him and the general manager Mr David Farmer.

SOURCE:
Central Coast Council agenda
item 2.1, 6 Sep 2024
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Demolition proposed for disused aged care building

A “development” application has been submitted to Central Coast Council to demolish a disused wing of a Umina aged care facility.

The proposed demolition of Jack Aldous House at Peninsula Village, along with associated works to make that part of the site safe and secure”, according to the

application. The building is a vacant former “hostel” wing at 91 Pozieres Ave, Umina Beach, which is partly one-storey and partly two-storey.

It includes a two-storey part presenting to the Kingsview Dr road reserve

“Jack Aldous House was constructed in the 1970s,” the

application states. “It contains independent living units, common facilities and service components, administrative offices, and outdoor areas and facilities.

“The part that is proposed to be demolished is presently vacant but has previously operated as a residential care facility attached to the independent living component.”

“It ceased to be used a number of years ago because it became non-feasible to operate and maintain the facility in compliance with all relevant regulatory standards.”

The disused building was used as a vaccination facility for health care workers during the coronavirus pandemic.

“Temporary fencing has been installed around the building to prevent unauthorised access.”

The application states: “The proposal also involves associated site preparation, architectural make-good works, and levelling and planting of grass on the site after demolition so that the area is safe.

“There is no specific proposal to undertake new development within the area where demolition works are proposed.

“However, it is envisaged that at some future time, under a separate approvals process, the area will be redeveloped in some manner consistent with the overall use of the property as a seniors living development.”

The application is currently on exhibition and open for written submissions from the public.

The closing date for submissions is October 21.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 14 Sep 2024
DA/1082/2024, Central Coast Council



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Thank you

I was one of the volunteers at polling centres from September 7 to 14 supporting Independent candidates.

To the residents concerned about the LGA future, your concern is shared by me and the candidates I supported and will support post election.

Elections are not competition between political parties.

They are opportunity for residents to elect candidates who support and will speak for sustainability and take action regardless of political opportunity to protect the future for following generations - a very serious matter in these changing times.

Public scrutiny of the council continues.

It is still in amalgamation transition after eight long years.

Who is really to blame for this catastrophe? Some blame former mayor Jane Smith.

There was another mayor who replaced Jane Smith in Labor’s Lisa Mathews.

Why is Jane Smith blamed for the Council’s administration problems and not Lisa Mathews.

Administrator Mr Dick Persson blamed all councillors, without hesitation.

Check Mr Persson’s first 30-Day Report or the findings of Central Coast Council public inquiry Commissioner Roslyn McCulloch.

Authorised by Norm Harris, 8 Lovell Rd, Umina

Application for beachfront house claims full compliance

An application has been lodged for a two-storey three-bedroom beach-front house with in-ground pool at 32 Coral Cres, Pearl Beach.

The application claims compliance with all local planning instruments with no variations requested.

An existing dwelling would be demolished to allow construction of the house for an estimated cost of \$836,827.

The subject land has an area of 670.3 square metres with a frontage to Coral Cres of 15.24 metres, according to the application submitted by Doug Sneddon Planning Pty Ltd.

The land is zoned R2 Low Density Residential and is located within the Coastal Zone.

A coastal assessment report submitted with the application states: “The proposed development at 32 Coral Cres, Pearl Beach, is at an acceptably low risk of damage from coastal processes, if foundation design is carried out as outlined in Section 6.3.

“The risk of damage from coastal inundation (wave run-up) at the site is acceptably low in the design event, as outlined in Section 7.”

The application claims a gross floor area of 261 square metres, a floor space ratio of 0.39:1 and site coverage of 235 square metres

which would equate to 35 per cent.

At garage level the existing fibre cement garage-studio would be replaced by “two car spaces, workbench, laundry, storage, pedestrian entry and internal stair to ground floor level, and street-front garden plantings.”

At ground floor level, the proposal is for “living, dining, kitchen, rumpus, two bedrooms, swimming pool, western terrace, beachfront deck and garden plantings”.

The application states: “The ground floor level ... contains an eastern terrace-lawn area and a swimming pool located at the north-eastern corner of the dwelling”.

At first floor Level, a master bedroom and deck are proposed with a floor level of 11.250 metres AHD.

It concludes: “The proposed development is consistent with the aims and objectives of Chapter 5.10 to ensure that development is consistent with the unique qualities and character of Pearl Beach and the development guidelines contained in Chapter 5.10 – Pearl Beach Residential Development.”

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

No closing date for submissions has been advertised by the council.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 14 Sep 2024
DA/135/2024, Central Coast Council



Drop-in sessions likely for Phegans Bay

Public drop-in sessions about the Phegans Bay Foreshore Master Plan are likely to be held in late October

They are likely to be held at the Phegans Bay Rural Fire Station or nearby, possibly on Saturday, October 26.

The date and place will be confirmed closer to the time.

The sessions are expected to allow the public to view and discuss the recommended actions included in the Draft Phegans Bay Foreshore Masterplan.

It will also allow the public to recommend any additional actions or improvements for the Phegans Bay Foreshore, as well as for Woy Woy Bay and Horsfield Bay.

The Drop-In sessions all relate to the preparation of the overarching

Hawkesbury-Nepean River System Coastal Management Program which includes Brisbane Water.

It is understood that the public may also make suggestions for improvements to areas outside The Bays area which are within the Brisbane Water waterway.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 1 Sep 2024
The Bays Community Group



Rotary club hears from aged care manager

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy heard from Peninsula Village lifestyle and community event manager Mr Greg Patterson at the club's September 10 meeting.

Mr Patterson said the aged care facility was wanting volunteer groups to help them achieve their goal of bringing "joy and purpose" to the Village residents.

He said that, while the Village offered residents a bowling green, a cafe, garden areas, a bocce court, and bingo sessions, it was keen to expand these offerings to include more community-based activities and events to help residents "make each day their best day possible".

Mr Patterson spoke about

the impact on the dozen or so residents that he and his team bussed to Sydney to experience an evening at the Vivid light festival earlier this year.

Typically tucking themselves into bed by 7:30-8pm at night, they were still alert and excited about their day when the bus arrived back at the Village at around 10pm that night.

He said that feeling part of, and participating in, general community life was an important element of good mental health.

Rotary club president Mr Tom McCann said Mr Patterson asked the club to keep the Village and its residents in mind.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 15 Sep 2024
Tom McCann, Rotary Woy Woy

Brooks criticises order

Ratepayers' Choice council candidate Mr Kevin Brooks has criticised the imposition of a Performance Improvement Order on Central Coast Council by Local Government Minister Mr Ron Hoenig.

Mr Brooks said he would be writing to Mr Hoenig and State Members of Parliament asking them to reconsider.

"It is undemocratic and unreasonable to sanction new councillors before they have even been elected," he said.

"Minister Mr Ron Hoenig and Minister for the Central Coast Mr David Harris obviously do not trust the people of the Central Coast.

"They think we are incapable of choosing our own leaders, or governing ourselves through a system of local democracy that works perfectly well across the rest of the Western World.

"After four years being governed by an unaccountable Council bureaucracy, our rates are 39 per cent higher and our services are much worse."

Mr Brooks said: "It is clear that underlying problems haven't been fixed, and the Long Term Financial Plan only balances because of a groundless assumption IPART will approve further special variation rate hikes.

"We need to restore democratic accountability if we are to move forward.

"The Order as drafted hasn't been properly thought through and may give Council senior managers an excuse to obstruct reforms that are needed to improve performance, efficiency, productivity and culture.

"The Order also makes it harder to ensure resource allocation reflects the priorities of the whole community rather than those of a self-interested Council bureaucracy.

"We also need an explanation as to why this happened just 10 days before an election?"

SOURCE:
Media release, 6 Sep 2024
Kevin Brooks, Ratepayers' Choice

Woytopia festival adds free clothes swap

The Woytopia sustainable living festival will be held on Sunday, October 13.

Woytopia combines green living talks and market stalls with live music, and children's entertainment and food stalls.

This year a free clothes swap will be held in the morning.

"A clothes swap is a fantastic way to exchange those items you've outgrown or got bored with, and bring home some exciting new looks, for free," Woytopia event manager Mr Julian Bowker said.

"It's fun, and it helps reduce the more than 200,000 tonnes of clothing that goes into landfill every year in Australia.

"We would encourage people to bring good, stylish clothes to swap; if everyone brings quality, everyone walks away with quality.

"People can come down in the morning, get a bunch of new clothes, grab a coffee and something to eat, and enjoy some



music and all the other things at Woytopia into the bargain."

Items for the clothes swap may be dropped off between 10am and 11:30am at the festival.

The swapping will start at 11.30am.

The festival itself runs from 9am to 4pm.

Stalls at the festival will also be selling eco-friendly clothing as well as natural bodycare and jewellery.

Woytopia takes place in the grounds of Woy Woy South Public School.

Entry is free.

No dogs allowed in the school's grounds.

Further information is available online at <https://woytopia.org/>.

SOURCE:
Media release, 11 Sep 2024
Mark Mann, Peninsula Environment Group



Abandoned vessel removed from Bay

An old abandoned damaged vessel was removed from Woy Woy Bay on Friday after local residents alerted Clean4shore to a craft in the mangroves on the Woy Woy-Kariong Rd.

Clean4shore co-ordinator Mr

Graham Johnson said a local homeless resident helped with the "tricky removal process" dragging the craft before winching it onto a car trailer.

Mr Johnson said: "The question needs to be asked: Why do these craft keep coming?"

"Surely compliance can track

down an owner and issue a fine or recovery costs."

He said: "If Clean4shore keeps removing them, they will keep coming."

The craft weighing 560kg was taken to Woy Woy Tip.

SOURCE:
Social media, 1 Sep 2024.
Graham Johnson, Clean4shore

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Order shows no respect for democracy

The NSW Government's rushed Performance Improvement Order on Central Coast Council shows no respect for democracy and the residents of the Central Coast.

The order, which changed the future of the local government area and councillor authority, was made

without announcement two weeks after postal voting had started and just before pre-poll voting opened.

I submitted a postal vote that is based on the political climate prior to the order.

Many would have voted without any knowledge of its existence or implications.

Polling centre staff were unable

to advise me how I could withdraw my postal vote and re-cast it.

Democracy has been downgraded by the NSW State Government and overlooked in the rushed action immediately before the election forcibly imposed on the unsuspecting public.

SOURCE:
Letter, 9 Sep 2024
Norm Harris, Umina

Devastated by the death of Dr Heinz-Joachim Muller

I write on behalf of the Peninsula Environment Group to say how devastated we are by the recent death of Joachim "Jo" Muller.

Joachim was a local environmental hero, tirelessly dedicated to raising awareness of climate change and renewable energy in particular.

A member of the Greens and a founding member of the environment group, Joachim was involved in the group's first bulk-buy of solar panels, conducting home energy audits, and giving many talks on solar power.

Joachim later set up the Central Coast Community Energy Association.

Although unsuccessful in the original goal of a community-owned wind farm, his efforts were a catalyst for the installation of large rooftop solar systems at

Deepwater Plaza, Peninsula Leisure Centre and elsewhere.

A scientist and industrial chemist, Joachim's passion was inventing and refining new ways to use solar - such as solar ovens and new types of solar water heaters - and helping people analyse the costs and benefits of solar panels and batteries.

From Germany, Joachim was a keen bushwalker with a deep love for the nature of his adopted country, and especially the beautiful surroundings of our Peninsula.

He died, of a heart attack, just days before setting off on a multi-day hike, seemingly in rude health.

Our thoughts go out to his wife Liz, his children Hannah and Ruben, and his grandchildren.

SOURCE:
Media release, 8 Sep 2024
Grant Focas, Woy Woy

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Tiling retailer wins award

A local tiling retailer has won the Outstanding Specialist Retail Business of the Year award at the Local Business Awards for the Central Coast held at Mingara on September 4.

My Tile Co of Woy Woy won the award in privately-run competition.

The business promotes itself as a one-stop shop for tiling, waterproofing and renovating.

"We started with a tiling and

waterproofing supply store early 2019 just before the global pandemic which eventually grew into a tile shop, showroom and bathroom centre," said owner Mr Jaiman Dibben

Pictured with their award are staff members Mr Haydn Grainier, Ms Cristina Linea, owners Mr and Ms Jaiman and Kiera Dibben, and Ms Samantha Bennett.

SOURCE:
Media release, 12 Sep 2024
Samantha Bennett, MyTile Co

Association is open to exciting creative ideas

The Peninsula Residents Association is full of surprises.

Just when you think all they are interested in is challenging bad planning decisions (a good thing, but repetitive), all of a sudden they reveal that they are open to exciting creative ideas.

Which is why earlier this month they invited Dr Sasha Kanthan to speak about the Waterbus project.

Starting from the premise that the waterways of the Central Coast are an under-utilised asset, he is proposing a ferry, or waterbus, service to link the Peninsula with Gosford.

The waterbus would operate on several routes across Brisbane

Water, with key stops at Woy Woy, Gosford, Ettalong and other strategic locations.

The service is planned to have frequent departures, especially during peak hours, to cater to commuters and tourists alike.

The waterbus fleet would consist of modern, environmentally-friendly vessels, designed for both speed and comfort.

The waterbus is intended to integrate seamlessly with other forms of public transport, including buses and trains, offering a comprehensive transport network for the region.

SOURCE:
Email, 7 Sep 2024
Jane Hendy, Blackwall



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Pearl Beach Art Trail to be held on long weekend

The Pearl Beach Art Trail will be held from 10am to 4pm on Saturday, October 5.

More than 15 local artist will open their studios, showing a variety of art, clothes, jewellery, handcrafts, ceramics, pottery and sculpture.

A route map with details of the trail and addresses of the exhibitors will be available at the community hall.

A barbecue as well as cakes and coffee will be served at the hall, where visitors will be able sit and relax.

A raffle will be held including prizes of artworks of the local artists.

For further information - Margaret Westcott 0401968947

SOURCE:
Media release, 12 Sep 2024
Margaret Westcott, Pearl Beach Art Trail

Coastal Twist has five Peninsula events

The Coastal Twist Arts and Culture Festival will be held with five events on the Peninsula and another six in Gosford from Tuesday, October 1, to Sunday, October 6.

“Since its inaugural event in 2019, Coastal Twist has grown into one of Australia’s most unique Pride festivals, celebrated for its bold embrace of diversity, creativity, and community spirit,” said creative director Ms Glitta Supernova.

“This year’s theme, Rise and Shine, symbolizes resilience, renewal, and transformation, represented by the powerful image of the phoenix,” she said.

“Over six days and nights, the festival will offer a rich line-up of free and ticketed events, featuring live music, film, cabaret, art exhibitions, and dance parties—all contributing to the local economy and cultural landscape.”

Two free events will be held on the Peninsula on Wednesday, October 2.

Pride Poetry will be held from 6pm to 9pm at Link and Pin Cafe in Woy Woy.

Drag Bingo will be held from 7pm to 9pm at Ettalong Diggers.

Love Club Cabaret will be held from 8pm to 11pm on Friday, October 4, at the Naughty Noodle Fun Haus at 5 Broken Bay Rd, Ettalong, with tickets costing \$35



each.

Coastie Carnie Fair Day will be a free event held from 10am to 5pm at the Recreation Precinct at Umina Beach on Sunday, October 6.

In the evening, Queerscreen Short Shorts will be shown from 5:30pm to 10pm at Umina Surf Life Saving Club, with tickets costing \$20 each.

Ms Supernova said a key highlight of the festival was the return of The Love Club Cabaret, hosted by Fez Faanana, which “will be an unforgettable celebration of connection, creativity, and unapologetic self-expression”.

“The festival’s crown jewel is the Coastie Carnie Fair Day on the Sunday, promising an unforgettable experience for the whole family,” she said.

“This year’s Fair Day will feature ARIA Award-winning neo-soul artist Kaiti, whose smooth vocals

have earned her comparisons to Lauryn Hill, with over 30 million streams and 90,000 followers on Spotify.

“For families, Fair Day offers a dedicated activity area, including a Circus Play Space by Roundabout Circus, interactive Sensory Play with Demi, and the eco-inspired Mini Beast Disco with Betty Grumble and Dandrogyny, blending performance and workshops to celebrate nature and community.

“Families can also enjoy Aboriginal Storytime and Drag Storytime, making Fair Day a vibrant, inclusive celebration for all ages.”

More information is available online at <https://coastaltwist.org.au/whats-on/>

SOURCE:
Media release, 15 Sep 2024
Glitta Supernova, Coastal Twist Festival

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Spices 29- A star that shines bright

In the heart of Woy Woy, is situated Spices 29 Goan Indian Restaurant which has become a sensation in the culinary world. This charming restaurant, renowned for its exquisite and authentic Indian cuisine, has recently been awarded the prestigious Restaurant & Catering Hostplus Awards for Excellence in the Regional NSW category for New South Wales. This is the second year in a row for the business standing as a winner in the category. To add to this further they have also been awarded as the most outstanding Restaurant on the central Coast by the Local Business Awards 2024.

Spices 29 lives up to its name with a menu that dazzles the palate and a dining experience that captivates the senses. The restaurant’s dedication to excellence extends beyond the kitchen. The attentive and knowledgeable staff ensures that every guest feels welcomed. Winning the prestigious Restaurant & Catering Hostplus Awards for Excellence is a testament to the restaurant’s commitment to culinary artistry and guest satisfaction.

The owners of the restaurant, Nelson and Selma, are celebrating the success with the team and are grateful to the community for their support. “2 years in a row is amazing, we should buckle up for the 3rd now”, says Nelson. Alex and Shiwangi, (restaurant managers), believe that the award serves as a great motivation for the team to strive for even better. The chefs (Praveen and Amarjeet) consider the achievement as a win for Indian flavours. “It gives us pleasure to serve food that people love, we take pride in Indian cooking and will keep doing our best”, they add. Velia and Sue, restaurant staff say they can’t wait for another year to stand as winners again.

The restaurant’s been garnering praises over the last 6 years and this award comes as another feather to the cap. Their award-winning menu features a range of dishes that celebrate chosen ingredients and Indian culinary traditions to deliver flavours that amaze. For those looking to experience a slice of culinary brilliance, Spices 29 is ready to welcome you with open arms and an unforgettable meal.

By Shiwangi Garg.



News



Tea towels

The patchwork group at the Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre have been taught to make hanging tea towels (pictured).

"They're functional, pretty, and make great gifts," said tutor Ms Penny Howard.

SOURCE:
Social media, 4 Sep 2024
Penny Howard, Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre

'Double treat' at folk club concert

The Troubadour Folk Club is promoting its September concert featuring two bands as a "double treat".

The first band will be Jack n Jel n Mac n Wal and the second RareTreats (pictured).

Club secretary Ms MaryAnne Howland said they were "two of the most inspiring bands to have emerged from the fringe folk scene in Australia".

"Jack n Jel n Mac n Wal are a four-part harmony band full of rich vocals, original songs and covers that are a bit country, jazzy and prog rock.

"From Newcastle and the Hunter, Mark Jackson and Jane Jelbart with Ruth McCrae and John Wallace are performers who can teach, teachers who can perform,

and multi-instrumentalists, including guitar, bass, banjo, trumpet and ukulele.

"Their original song-writing is tender, toe-tapping and often silly."

She said: "RareTreats is a four-piece, multi-instrumental band from the Central Coast with four-part harmonies."

Band members are Cec Bucello, Trudy Van Laar, Greg Frohlich and Dave Rowe.

"Instruments include keyboard, guitar, mandolin, ukulele and suitcase percussion."

They will present original material and "other uncovered great music as a rare treat for listeners", Ms Howland said.

The concert will be held at 7pm on Saturday, September 28, at the Everglades Country Club.



Further information, booking details and performance videos are available online at www.troubadour.org.au

SOURCE:
Media release, 12 Sep 2024
MaryAnne Howland, Troubadour Central Coast

Minister must support local democracy with his actions

Minister for Local Government Mr Ron Hoenig was mayor of Botany Bay for more than 30 years prior to entering State Parliament.

He is a barrister and was a Public Defender for the State of New South Wales.

His imposition of a "Performance Improvement Order" on Central Coast Council during the voting period in our council elections reflects poorly on the NSW Government and even more so on him, disappointingly so, given his background.

On election day, last Saturday, he issued a media release stating: "Democracy is a vital part of our society and exercising your right to vote is an important responsibility."

However, the timing and nature of his Performance Improvement Order contravenes many principles that are traditionally associated with local government democracy in Australia.

These include recognition of the independence and autonomy of local government.

They include principles of the "separation of powers" of local governments from state governments, of local governments

Editorial opinion

Peninsula News rarely expresses an editorial opinion about current events.

In its 25 years, it has done so perhaps five times – an average of once every five years.

One of the express purposes of Peninsula News is to support

local democracy.

It is the threat to that which has prompted this editorial opinion to be published.

Mark Snell, 15 Sep 2024

being governed by local elected people accountable to the local community, and of "limited interference" in local government by State governments.

They include recognition of the need to avoid making political decisions in the midst of an election period, which could be seen to be interference with the election.

They include the presumption of goodwill and the need for evidence-based justification before taking pre-emptive control.

They also include reluctance and care in exercising authoritarian legal provisions (such as those under Part 6 of Chapter 13 of the Local Government Act), with such measures only being taken through a transparent process as a last resort where a clear need, proportionate to the threat, is demonstrated and is open to public debate.

They include the "rule of law" which requires disclosure of the consequences for not complying with the order, rather leaving them as a veiled threat.

The Performance Improvement Order was imposed without any public announcement, other than a request to Council Administrator Mr Rik Hart: "It is suggested that Council tables this notice at an open council meeting."

The Order does not allow the newly-elected councillors to act autonomously and independently.

The decision to impose it has not been transparent and it has not been demonstrated that the threat it claims to address actually exists.

There appears to be only one candidate who has espoused policies advocating specific financial performance improvements.

Without specifying the threat,

the timing of the order could be seen to be directed against this candidate and be an attempt to ensure his particular policies cannot be implemented.

The order itself does not require any specified "improvement", but rather a continuation of current policies and practices for a period of 12 months.

It contains only one reference to performance measures, being the Office of Local Government financial indicators.

The interpretation of the Council's compliance with the ill-defined Order rests entirely with the Minister, who has power to impose draconian penalties for non-compliance.

It is sensible for the new councillors to take a considered approach to managing Central Coast Council's finances, and that they should be hesitant to make

any major changes in their first 12 months in office.

However, imposing an order on them to do so does not help instill confidence that the councillors together with the council staff have the capacity to do so.

Implicit in the McCulloch Inquiry findings was the imperative for the councillors to take control of council finances and be given every possible assistance to do so.

It is contradictory to mouth democratic values and support for the Inquiry findings and then to take this responsibility away from the councillors.

It is premature and counter-productive to impose an Order that implies incoming councillors would otherwise act irresponsibly or behave illegally, consequently undermining the electorate's trust in its council.

If there is one thing required of a Minister for Local Government, it is that he provides the framework for the responsible financial management of councils, through which he can express confidence and provide support to councillors taking their democratic role.

SOURCE:
Editorial opinion, 15 Sep 2024
Mark Snell, Peninsula News



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Charity day for Guide Dogs

Bowlers from Pearl Beach, Ettalong and visiting clubs will hold a charity bowls day at the Ettalong Bowling Club on Sunday, September 29, to raise money for Guide Dogs.

The day is being organised by the Central Coast's voluntary support group for Guide Dogs NSW.

Members of the group and Guide Dog handlers will attend the event.

"The group was formed in 1983 and has been active in fundraising from The Entrance to the Peninsula," said publicity officer Ms Lynne Lillico.

"In addition to raising funds, the group has been involved in community education and awareness campaigns including International Guide Dog Day and White Cane Day.

Group president Ms Merran Rudder said: "With the cost to breed, train and raise one life-changing Guide Dog costing over \$50,000, every dollar from the community counts.

"Guide Dogs NSW-ACT receives only minimal government funding.

Further information is available online at www.guidedogs.com.au.

SOURCE:
Media release, 11 Sep 2024
Lynne Lillico, Guide Dogs
NSW Central Coast

Japanese students have local work experience

A group of Japanese nursing students have had some work experience in a Umina aged care facility.

The Learning and Development Department at Peninsula Villages worked with Kobe Tokiwa University in Japan to organise the visit of the Japanese students to Don Leggett House last Wednesday, September 11.

Local interpreters helped facilitate communications and interactions with residents, so the future registered nurses could help residents make some origami.

The students also put on a traditional Japanese dance performance, and wrote Love in katagana calligraphy together with residents.

"It's clear with the connections made today, language is not a barrier when it is replaced with joy, care and kindness," said Peninsula Village chief executive Mr Colin Osborne.

"What a great cultural experience."

SOURCE:
Social media, 11 Sep 2024
Colin Osborne, Peninsula Villages



Hospital holds barbecue for RUOK day

Brisbane Waters Private has held barbecue for staff and patients as a way to bring people together on RUOK Day.

"The people in your world won't always tell you if something's troubling them," said hospital chief executive Mr Stephen Johnston.

"It's important that you make asking Are you OK? a part of your everyday relationships with friends, family, teammates and

colleagues."

He said it could make a real impact in the workplace to ask the question: "Are you OK?"

"As employers or staff, we can all create a culture where people feel confident asking and answering this simple yet important question.

"A conversation could change a life."

SOURCE:
Social media, 13 Sep 2024.
Stephen Johnston, Brisbane
Waters Private Hospital

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Mingaletta holds women's health clinic

Mingaletta will hold Women's Health Clinic days on the last Friday of the month from 9am to 3pm, starting on September 27.

The clinics are free, inclusive and confidential. A GP referral is not required.

Women's health checks can include cervical screening tests, contraceptive advice, postnatal checks, continence advice, menopause and menstruation information and healthy lifestyle counselling.

The clinics are run by the Nunyara Aboriginal Health Unit

in collaboration with the Central Coast Local Health District womens health team for local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women.

Email admin@mingaletta.org.au for a free appointment.

SOURCE: Social media, 29 Aug 2024. Mingaletta ATSC



Escape bags for people fleeing domestic violence

Escape bags with essential supplies for people fleeing domestic or family violence are now available at Woy Woy and Umina libraries.

The bags, distributed by the charity EscaBags, are not gender-specific and come in two variations: Parent and Child, and Single Adult.

Member for Robertson, Dr Gordon Reid said: "Central Coast Council has agreed to stock the bags at several libraries across the

region.

"Domestic and family violence is a scourge in our community, and we all need to play a part to end the violence."

Information about Escabags is available online at <https://escabags.org/> or inquire at the libraries.

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

Aged care home says farewell

A Woy Woy aged care home has celebrated the service of its longest serving employee, Ms Cathy Allen, on her retirement last Thursday, September 12.

"Today we wished Cathy all the best as she leaves BlueWave Living to enjoy her retirement," said chief executive Mr Matt Downie.

"Cathy has given BlueWave Living almost 30 years of service

ending her career as the well-respected operations manager.

"Cathy will missed by everyone at BlueWave Living."

SOURCE: Social media, 12 Sep 2024. Matt Downie, BlueWave Living

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Parents encouraged to take part in survey

Umina Beach Public School is encouraging parents to take part in the Tell Them From Me parent survey, which is open until the end of the term.

"I really encourage parents to take the time to share your thoughts with us, so that we can reflect on our progress towards our school goals, which centre on seeing each and every student thrive, learn and grow each year," said principal Ms Karen Wardlaw.

"I look forward to hearing your thoughts, suggestions and recommendations."

Ms Wardlaw said: "Contributing to our fortnightly newsletter is often a time for me to reflect on the previous productive weeks and look forward to the vibrant and varied school activities ahead."

"I'm often prompted to consider

the role of a school leader and reflect on my own personal impact in this role.

"School leaders play a critical role in shaping the educational experience of students, supporting and guiding staff, managing school operations, and engaging with the community and."

"My own leadership goals include working collaboratively to create a positive, effective, and inclusive learning environment where all our students can thrive and every student, teacher and leader improves, learns and grows each year."

"It is really important for me to engage in feedback and evaluation processes so that I can reflect, refine and improve."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 10 Sep 2024
Karen Wardlaw, Umina Beach Public School



Magic descends on St John the Baptist

Magic descended on St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School on Monday, September 2, for its "Reading is Magic" Book Week Parade.

"The children loved sharing their

different book character costumes during the parade with each other," said principal Ms Nicole Davies.

"They paraded in their classes, led by their teachers, who had just as much fun dressing up as the students."

Pre-schoolers from St John the Baptist Early Learning Centre also joined in the parade.

SOURCE:
Social media, 6 Sep 2024
Nicole Davies, SJB Catholic Primary School

Donation made to school

A local retirement village has made a \$1500 donation to Woy Woy Public School.

The presentation was made by Living Choice regional manager Ms Gail Eyre on behalf of Deepwater Court retirement village.

It was accepted by school principal Ms Sandy Knowles together with the school's captains and vice-captains.

During the morning tea, the story was told of how the relationship with the Woy Woy Public School began and has blossomed over the past decade.



SOURCE:
Social media, 16 Aug 2024
Living Choice Deepwater Court

Parking an issue around Ettalong school

Ettalong Public School has asked parents and others dropping off and collecting children to "be mindful of our neighbours".

"Parking has again been an

issue around our school," said relieving deputy principal Ms Jane Crawford.

"Lanes, bus stops and driveways are being blocked by those dropping their children to school or picking them up."

"Local residents have become increasingly frustrated with parking on and across their driveways."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 10 Sep 2024
Jane Crawford, Ettalong Public School

WHAT'S ON at ETTALONG BOWLING CLUB

Spring Fest on the Green is Back! We are excited to host a fun-filled family day on the green - Saturday 26th October from 1pm.

This is a free event for the whole family with activities for the kids with giant jumping castle and games, kids food stalls with popcorn machine, snow cones and fairy floss. For the bigger kids, we will be offering some cold beverages with live entertainment from 1pm. BBQ stall run by the amazing volunteers from Mary Macs Place.

Giveaways and raffles on the day along with your chance to win the Tooheys Outdoor Package valued at over \$1500 (T&C's apply).

Proceeds from the day will be donated to MARY MACS PLACE - WOY WOY. Mary Macs does an outstanding job servicing the Peninsula people to help our local community who are doing it tough. The volunteers work tirelessly to provide meals and services five days a week.

This an event not to be missed ... Save the date and get your family and friends ready for a day at the Bowlo so we can support local on Saturday 26th October 2024.



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Sport

Cycling group to hold 'Peninsula Loop' ride

The Central Coast Bicycle Users' Group will hold a "Peninsula Loop" ride from 8am on Thursday, September 19.

The ride will start at Fishermen's Wharf, Woy Woy, and last about two and a half hours.

It is described as a relaxed ride around the Peninsula of about 25kms, "with possible extension" and "coffee somewhere".

For further information, call ride leader Reg on 0411 705 410.

SOURCE:
Social media, 20 Aug 2024
CCBUG



Children invited to try pickleball

A "come and try" pickleball day will be held for 7-12 year olds at the Peninsula Leisure Centre between 12:30pm and 2pm on Sunday, September 22.

The event is organised by local pickleball coach Mr Tomas Vana and has a cash participation fee of \$5 to cover hall hire.

"The event is aiming to introduce pickleball to our local juniors," said

organiser Mr Vana.

"The game is the most growing game on the planet.

"It is already well established among our seniors."

Registration closes tomorrow, Tuesday, September 17.

For further information, call Mr Vana on 0421 875 787.

SOURCE:
Media release, 8 Sep 2024
Tomas Vana, Ettalong



Surf club holds a 24-hour row

Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club held a 24-hour row on Saturday, September 7, to raise money for Gotcha4Life for mental fitness.

Surf club members, friends and family raised more than \$6000 for the cause.

SOURCE:
Social media, 9 Sep 2024
Ocean Beach SLSC

Garden club meets at Umina library

A gardening club will be held at Umina Library from 9:30 to 10:30am on the second Friday of each month.

The club offers the opportunity to chat with green thumb enthusiasts about gardening topics such as propagation and sharing seeds.

Simple tips are shared about balcony to back yard gardening.

All are welcome and no bookings are required.

With inquiries, call 4304 7333

SOURCE:
Social media, 22 Aug 2024
Woy Woy Peninsula
Community Garden

Bowling club holds RUOK event

The Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club held its annual RUOK event on Wednesday, September 11.

The successful event was coordinated by Rex Hunt, with help from Ron Austin, Robin Hill, Lee Cribbs and Glenn Simington.

Over 60 UBMB members took part in the event, which raised about \$1200 for the RUOK Charity.

"The charity is an Australian

non-profit suicide prevention organisation, founded by advertising executive Gavin Larkin in 2009," said club secretary Mr Peter Springett.

"It revolves around the slogan RU OK? and advocates for people to have conversations with others."

SOURCE:
Social media, 12 Sep 2024
Peter Springett, Umina Beach
Men's Bowling Club



Bridge club runs Swiss pairs sessions

The Brisbane Water Bridge Club's Swiss Pairs championship was run over two sessions, with 16 pairs playing six nine-board matches.

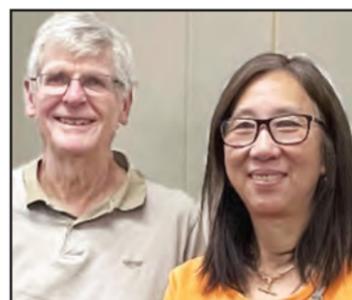
Qi Hasemore and Peter Hume had a comfortable lead at the end of the first session.

After the final match, they managed to hold onto first place with the fast-finishing Edith Marshall and Wendy Byrne, who shared second place with Caroline Nichols and Connie Lewis.

Many of the competing pairs were from the novice ranks and fared well in a competitive field.

Every pair had at least one win. Results of the Restricted Swiss Pairs championship after six of six matches were:

1 Qi Hasemore, Peter Hume



452.0 match points (59.8 per cent), 1.11 green points.

2 Connie Lewis, Caroline Nichols 418.0 (55.3), 0.78.

2 Edith Marshall, Wendy Byrne 418.0 (55.3), 0.78

4 Kathryn Ivits, Trish Byrnes 412.0 (54.5), 0.68

5 Hilary Owen, Meg McGregor 407.0 (53.8), 0.52

6 Marilyn Reid, Anne Birt 394.0 (52.1), 0.49

7 John Aldersley, Beryl Lowry 393.0 (52.0), 0.43

8 Faith Ross, Elaine Hume 385.0 (50.9), 0.43

9 Carolynne Mucharsky, Blair Glass 380.0 (50.3), 0.32

10 John Sandra, Bernadette Sandra 372.0 (49.2), 0.32

11 Kerry Robertson, Susan Ashley 360.0 (47.6), 0.27

12 Dieter Mucharsky, Bob Lowry 347.0 (45.9), 0.16

13 Steve Anderson, Kerry Anderson 341.0 (45.1), 0.22

14 Annette Clarke, Robyn Serra 338.0 (44.7), 0.16

15 Cheryl Pearce, Jenni Murray 327.0 (43.3), 0.11

16 Carolyn Harper, Rohan Creasey 304.0 (40.2), 0.11

SOURCE:
Social media, 14 Sep 2024
Brisbane Water Bridge Club

Tennis club receives grant for court

Court 3 at the Umina Tennis Club will be levelled and resurfaced with synthetic grass thanks to \$19,446 in Community Building Partnership Program funding from the NSW Government.

Member for Gosford, Liesl Tesch described the resurfacing project as great news for the tennis club and the community-at-large.

"Projects such as this one here in

Umina in our tennis community will go a long way towards achieving positive social and recreational outcomes for our community."

Ms Tesch said the Umina Tennis and Sporting Club had recently joined the ranks of a wide range of organisations and projects funded under the program.

"It is so rewarding to see so many wonderful initiatives happening right here in our community."

Club president Mr Neil Packer

said the upgrade of court three would transform it into a "world class" facility.

"The funding will go towards re-surfacing court three which is badly in need of a new playing surface.

"Also, the successful grant will go a long way to assisting in the ongoing provision of both soccer and tennis at the club."

SOURCE:
Media release, 6 Sep 2024
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford