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Government and Council move on Ettalong beach safety

The State Government and Central Coast Council have taken concerted action to improve safety at Ettalong Beach, ahead of the seasonal influx of jetskis.

A 300 metre "paddle craft only" zone has been introduced at Ettalong Beach, while the Kourung Ave boat ramp has been closed.

"The beautiful Ettalong Beach is so popular with young families, seniors and those with accessibility needs due to the gentle waters," said Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

"Too often, we have seen people breaking the law, or ruining the experiences of others at Ettalong Beach.

"The creation of this zone will ensure that everyone can enjoy our waterways."

Ms Tesch said: "This new 300-metre zone will be clearly marked with signage indicating the paddle craft only zone.

She said water users in the area would be limited to watercraft without a motor, restricting the shoreline area to swimmers and non-motorised water users such as kayaks and stand-up paddleboards.

"Disobeying the signage and using motorised vessels, including jet skis, will result in a \$250 penalty notice under the Marine Safety Act."

She said the closure of the Kourung Ave boat ramp by Central Coast Council was "an important piece of the puzzle in addressing antisocial behaviour along the Ettalong foreshore".

Mayor Cr Lawrie McKinna said: "Closing the boat ramp complements NSW Maritime's recent changes in this area, making a safer environment for swimmers, families, and beachgoers at Ettalong foreshore.

He said complaints had included

vehicle congestion, illegal parking, and potential hazards to the public from towing vehicles on the busy beach area.

Ms Tesch said the new measures would complement the introduction of the 20-knot speed limit for the Ettalong Channel, introduced in 2020.

She said signage was already in place, indicating the location of restricted swimming areas.

Maritime NSW Boating Safety Officers would also be visiting the area over the coming weeks, undertaking community education awareness.

This started on Saturday with the visit of NSW Maritime's senior boating safety officer Mr Nathan Adamson, pictured with Ms Tesch.

"It can be very intimidating when jet skis pull up at the same time," he said.

Ms Tesch said the zone made it safer for families and general public while still allowing plenty of room around the bay for vessels to roam.

"This is something that the

community has been calling for for some time."

Ms Tesch attributed the changes to "the power of the people".

"Since my election, I have been representing our community's concerns to Council, police and Maritime NSW about the use of jet skis along this stretch, raising concerns about the increased water traffic and unsafe interactions that occur each summer season."

"This change will mean that waterway users of all types can enjoy Ettalong Beach again, with safety front of mind."

She said beach goers who saw unsafe personal watercraft use, including the breaking of new Paddle Craft Only Area rules, could contact the Personal Watercraft Complaints Line on 13 12 36.

Community members who witnessed any anti-social behaviour were encouraged to call local police on the Police Assistance Line on 131 444.

SOURCE:

**Media release, 19 Nov 2024
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford
Photo: Jo Freeman**



Mary Mac's seeks donations for hampers and Christmas lunch

Mary Mac's Place is seeking donations for its annual Christmas lunch and for its Christmas hampers.

"Any help is very much appreciated," said project worker Ms Sally Baker.

"We are hoping to cater for 200 for lunch and 250 food hampers free to our community."

The lunch will be held on Tuesday, December 12.

Donations are wanted for it of 12 hams, 24 cooked chickens, 24 mayonnaise, nine dozen eggs, 40 long life custard, six large tinned corn, 300 takeaway containers, 150 disposable cutlery sets, five packs of 100 serviettes.

Food hampers are prepared to help people when Mary Mac's Place is closed over the Christmas and New Year.

For these, donations are wanted of long-life milk six-packs, juice poppers six-packs, biscuits, pasta, sauce, lollies, tinned fruit, tinned tuna, baked beans, tinned spaghetti, noodles, long-life custard, chip packets (small bags).

Donations may be dropped off at Mary Mac's 100 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, between 9am and 1pm, Monday to Friday, or alternative arrangements may be made by calling Sally on 0428 122 136.

SOURCE:
**Social media, 12 Nov 2024
Sally Baker, Mary Mac's Place**

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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.

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

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

Contributors are asked to keep their contributions to the matter at hand, and to

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

It should not be assumed that the article is a verbatim reproduction of the source. Similarly, it should not be assumed that any reporter listed is necessarily responsible for writing the whole news item. Source lines are not by-lines.

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.

Sometimes we may interview a person or report what they said at a meeting.

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Last market day of year

The Woy Woy branch of the Country Women's Association will hold its last market day of the year from 9am to 2pm on Sunday, December 1.

The branch will sell "Christmas gifts galore", as well as its usual range of jams and pickles, and

assorted baked goods.

Devonshire Tea will be served for \$6 and EFTPOS will be available.

The market day will be held "rain or shine" at the CWA hall at 30 The Boulevard, Woy Woy.

SOURCE:
 Social media, 17 Nov 2024
 CWA Woy Woy



Shopping centre owner 'thrilled to sponsor' Oyster Festival

The owner of a local shopping centre has welcomed the opportunity to sponsor this year's Brisbane Water Oyster Festival, held at Lions Park on Sunday, November 10.

"We were thrilled to support the Oyster Festival," said Mr Arthur Raptis of Raptis Investments, owner of Deepwater Plaza.

"Deepwater Plaza is all about fostering community and celebrating our local culture and cuisine," he said.

"As a family with deep roots in the seafood industry, we were excited to showcase the region's finest oysters and create a memorable day for families."

As part of the festivities,

Deepwater Plaza hosted "Santa's Letter-Writing Workshop".

Children wrote letters to Santa, guided by Santa's elves, while parents were invited to join Deepwater Plaza's exclusive database.

Those who signed up ensured their child received a personalised email from Santa.

"With the Santa's Workshop, complimentary parking at Deepwater Plaza, and shuttle service, we made it easy for everyone to enjoy the festival and make wonderful memories together."

SOURCE:
 Media release, 18 Nov 2024
 Anna Whelan, Deepwater Plaza

Evening bag wins third place

A member of the Umina Beach branch of the Country Women's Association entered a hand-made evening bag in the Morriset Show recently.

Ms Coral Pawelko's entry was awarded third place by the judges.

SOURCE:
 Social media, 12 Nov 2024
 CWA Umina Beach

Three quarters of rainfall in three weeks

The Peninsula has had three quarters of its average November rainfall in the first three weeks of the month.

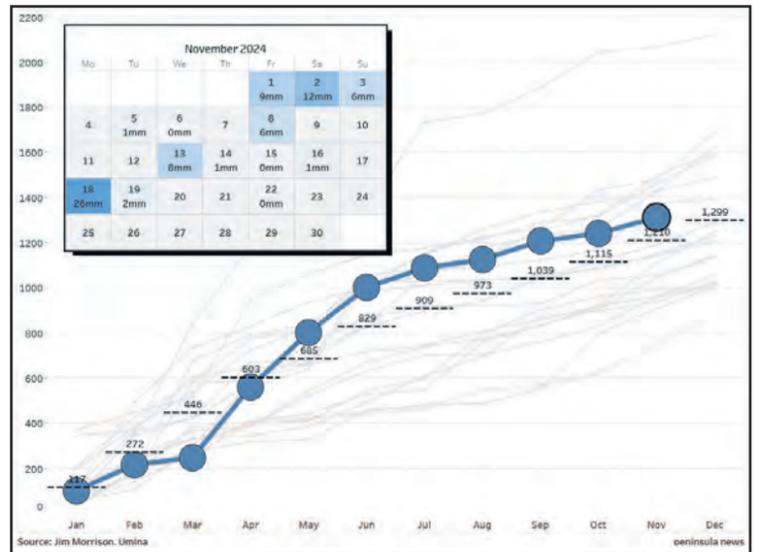
A total of 71mm has been recorded by 9am on Friday, November 21, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

This is 74 per cent of the month's average of 96mm.

The total rainfall for the year to date stands at 1309.8mm, just above the 20-year annual average of 1298mm.

Further details, including daily rainfall figures, can be found at <http://penne.ws/rain>.

SOURCE:
 Spreadsheet, 22 Nov 2024
 Jim Morrison, Umina



TIDE TIMES and Heights	Mon, Nov 25	Thu, Nov 28	Sun, Dec 1	Wed, Dec 4	Sat, Dec 7
	0540 0.82	0106 0.21	0255 0.24	0445 0.26	0149 0.76
	1125 0.39	0737 1.05	0920 1.21	1116 1.23	0716 0.30
	1713 0.86	1407 0.30	1621 0.23	1835 0.20	1349 1.13
	2354 0.22	1943 0.84	2153 0.80		2103 0.19
ATTALONG	Tue, Nov 26	Fri, Nov 29	Mon, Dec 2	Thu, Dec 5	Sun, Dec 8
	0624 0.90	0143 0.22	0330 0.25	0004 0.75	0248 0.80
	1224 0.36	0812 1.12	0956 1.23	0528 0.27	0824 0.32
	1805 0.84	1453 0.27	1705 0.22	1202 1.20	1449 1.08
		2028 0.83	2235 0.78	1924 0.20	2154 0.19
ATTALONG	Wed, Nov 27	Sat, Nov 30	Tue, Dec 3	Fri, Dec 6	Mon, Dec 9
	0030 0.21	0219 0.23	0406 0.25	0055 0.75	0349 0.87
	0702 0.97	0845 1.17	1034 1.24	0617 0.28	0937 0.33
	1318 0.33	1538 0.25	1749 0.21	1254 1.17	1552 1.03
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Tesch urges Council to apply for Crown Lands funds

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch is encouraging Central Coast Council again this year to apply for grants under the Crown Reserves Improvement Fund.

Ms Tesch has again encouraged local Crown land reserve managers to apply for funding under the latest round of the Fund.

It is understood that the Council is the only local Crown land manager.

Ms Tesch made a similar appeal last year, but the Council did not submit an application.

"The Crown Reserves Improvement Fund provides grants to maintain and upgrade reserves and community facilities on Crown land," she said.

"This year the NSW Government will invest \$10 million

in grants across the state to benefit community, recreational and tourism facilities on Crown land reserves.

"Grants are available to maintain and upgrade reserves and the facilities on them or to manage feral pests and noxious weeds on reserves to keep them in good shape.

"Grant applications are open to Crown land reserve managers, including local councils, so I strongly encourage eligible local organisations to apply.

"Crown reserves are public land set aside by the government for community use for purposes such as recreation or to protect sensitive areas of environment."

SOURCE:
Media release, 15 Nov 2024
Joely Langmai, Office of the Member for Gosford

Pearl Beach residents are champions

Two Pearl Beach residents have received Gosford Community Champion Awards.

Ms Lynne Lillico and Ms Beverley Lapacek are pictured with their award certificates.

The awards were made by Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch to people "who go above and beyond" to make a positive contribution to the community through their work, volunteering efforts and involvement in community activities.

Ms Lillico received her award for her continuing role within the Pearl Beach Progress Association as the publicity officer and past events coordinator, organising, promoting and often hosting events that the association organises.

Ms Lapacek received her award for the work she has done and continues to do for the community by organising events and



activities including the Community Christmas Lunch, Christmas in July, Biggest Morning Tea in support of the Cancer Council, and the Pearl Beach Plodders group where she also organises a week away each year.

"There are very few events or

activities at Pearl Beach that don't involve Lynne or Beverley in one way or another and it's a wonder they have time for anything else," said progress association assistant secretary Ms Catherine Lancaster.

SOURCE:
Website, 13 Nov 2024
Pearl Beach Progress Association

Path redesigned for pedestrian leisure

The "northern pathway" which runs through Woy Woy Peninsula Community Garden between Moana and Walford Sts will be temporarily closed from December 3, while it is redesigned.

During this time, pedestrian access from Moana to Walford Street will remain open via an alternate pathway within the garden.

The community garden committee hoped the new design

would "bring the pathway back to its original intent of a leisurely pedestrian means of travel through the garden".

The new design aims to deter travel of motorcyclists through the gardens and also to slow down and encourage cyclists or scooter riders to dismount when using the pathway.

It should result in reduced safety risks to the public and garden volunteers.

SOURCE:
Social media, 9 Nov 2024
Woy Woy Peninsula Community Garden

Southerly breeze results in increase in Marine Rescue activity

A 20-knot southerly on Sunday afternoon turned Brisbane Water into a maelstrom of white water on Sunday, November 10, according to Marine Rescue publicity officer Mr David Wicks.

This resulted in the Marine Rescue Central Coast radio room becoming "a hive of activity with numerous calls for help".

"The gusty conditions also caused some concern for exhibitors at the Brisbane Water Oyster Festival as the strong gusts of wind threatened the array of tents," he said.

"A call for assistance came from a 12-year-old boy in a three-metre tinny with engine failure.

"Fortunately, his position was not far from the Point Clare Marine Rescue base and a vessel was prepared for the rescue.

"However, the boy and his tinny were drifting rapidly toward the base, eventually colliding with the wooden jetty.

"A Marine Rescue crew was on hand to assist the boy ashore unharmed and looked after him



until his worried parents were advised to come and collect him."

Another call for assistance came from a kite surfer who had lost his kite and associated equipment.

"Rescue vessel Central Coast 21, which was still en route to the base from a previous rescue, was diverted to the rescue and the kite surfer was safely recovered from the water and returned ashore."

SOURCE:
Social media, 12 Nov 2024
Marine Rescue Central Coast

Christmas tree sales from next Saturday

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy will sell Christmas trees on the weekends of November 30 and December 1, and December 7 and 8.

Sales will take place in the Woy Woy railway carpark adjacent to the railway line, starting at 7am

until sold out.

Funds raised will go Grandparents Raising Grandchildren and other local projects.

SOURCE:
Social media, 7 Nov 2024
Rotary Woy Woy

One lane

Brisbane Water Dr was reduced to one lane at Woy Woy last week for Central Coast Council to undertake water main repairs.

The road between Spike Milligan Bridge and Brick Wharf Rd was affected from Saturday to Monday, November 16 to 18.

SOURCE:
Media release, 13 Nov 2024
Sue Davies, Central Coast Council

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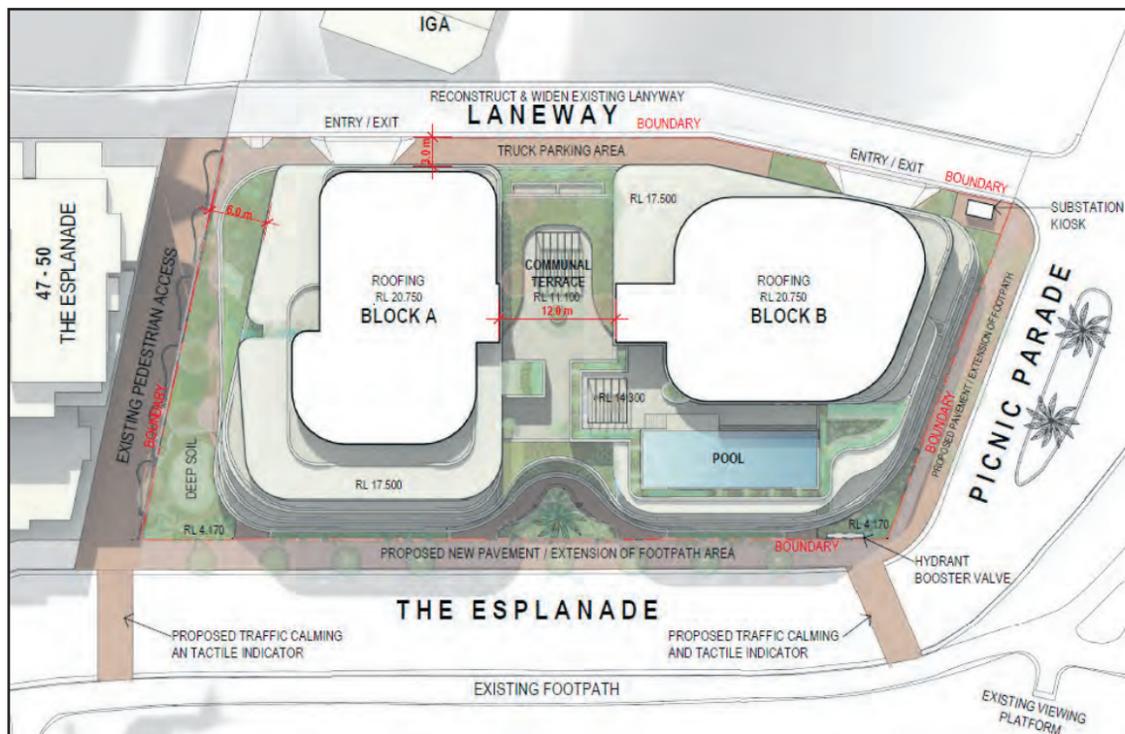
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Planning



Five-storey Esplanade proposal attracts 50 submissions

The proposed five-storey shop-top development at 46 The Esplanade, has attracted around 50 opposing submissions at the close of the public exhibition period.

There are none in support, and a number of submissions are duplicates of others, leaving 25 unique submissions.

Of these, the most common concern, mentioned in 22 submissions, is "negative environmental impact".

This included possible damage to the water table caused by the excavation for a basement car park, increased heat sink effects because of loss of vegetation, and the proximity of such a large building to a "seriously eroding beach".

The second most common concern was "traffic congestion", mentioned in 20 submissions.

Many submissions questioned the accuracy of the applicant's supplied traffic analysis and said that it failed to consider the cumulative effects of several recent developments in the area.

More than one stated that "parking in Ettalong is impossible" and another pointed out that "there is no current infrastructure study for the Peninsula and has not been for many years".

"Ettalong Beach doesn't have the infrastructure for high density and, when considering the development application, it is necessary to consider the 50-plus room hotel that has already been approved and the other application associated with DA146."

"DA146" is an approved application for a five-storey mixed-use building at 275 Ocean View Rd, Ettalong.

Concern about the basement parking was mentioned in 17 submissions.

Many submissions made the point that the rezoning of the land was approved on the basis that

there was to be no underground parking.

A graphic illustration of what can occur in a basement near the beach was provided in one submission with photographs showing extensive flooding in the ORA building basement, at 211-213 West St, Umina, on March 19, 2022.

"These apartments are situated one block back from the foreshore, yet are subject to flooding and pipes being blocked with sand."

Many also raised concerns that not enough geotechnical investigation had been done by the applicant and that, as yet, there was not even a design for the foundations.

One submission postulated that by approving a "half baked" structural design the council and regional planning panel would be "bankrolling" further site investigations.

Joint fourth highest concerns were the "bulk and scale" of the proposal and that it was "out of character" with the area.

Many said that Ettalong was losing its "village feel" to over-development.

One group submission from the residents of a building which would become an unwilling neighbour to this proposal said: "This proposal for a mixed-use, high-rise structure poses a significant threat to our current way of life, the character of our beloved community, and the value of our homes."

"We believe that approving this development would have a detrimental impact on both the quality of life for current residents and the very fabric of Ettalong Beach."

Despite claims in the application of providing a 12-metre wide "view corridor", the submission states: "The proposed development disregards the Central Coast Development Control Plan, particularly Clause 4.2.4, which

asserts that new buildings in Ettalong should preserve view lines to the waterway, including Lion Island.

"This high-rise structure will entirely block these cherished views, compromising the privacy and open-air enjoyment of our balconies."

"This shift is not merely aesthetic."

"It drastically impacts our health, lifestyle, and the tranquillity we currently enjoy."

The next most common concern raised in 14 submissions was the development's "heat sink" effect.

Submissions claimed that Ettalong Beach was already the "hottest suburb" on the Peninsula and that this large structure blocking the cooling breezes from the bay would exacerbate the situation.

The small size of the ground floor "commercial areas" was raised in 13 submissions, some stating this would do little to create jobs.

Some submission noted that the two shops in the Atlantis building next door had closed and that there were enough empty shopfronts in Ettalong Beach already, without this proposal adding more.

Issues raised in other submissions included "shadowing", "view loss", "inadequate site investigation", "inconsistencies in the documentation", "solar access" issues affecting the proposal itself, the beach and neighbouring properties and "non compliances", including ceiling heights and setbacks.

The application is currently "under assessment".

Failing an amended proposal being submitted, it will be heard and decided at a public hearing of the Regional Planning Panel at a yet to be announced date.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 22 Nov 2024
DA/1283/2024, Central Coast Council

Council motion to raise submission number trigger

Central Coast Council will decide tomorrow night whether to increase the minimum number of submissions required to trigger referral of a development application to the Local Planning Panel for determination.

Deputy mayor Cr Doug Eaton has given notice that he will move a motion to increase the number from 10 to 20.

Currently, council planners determine applications which have received less than 10 submissions during the public exhibition period.

Applications which have received more than 10 submissions are forwarded to the Panel, together with a Council planner assessment and recommendations.

Members of the public have the opportunity to address the planning panel, having read the council staff assessment before a decision is made.

The staff assessment is not publicly available in cases where less than 10 submissions are received, until after the planners have made their determination.

Cr Eaton's motion would raise

this number to 20, and would submit the policy to the Department of Planning for approval.

Council chief executive Mr David Farmer has commented in the agenda that "this Notice of Motion has legal, strategic, financial or policy implications which should be taken into consideration by the meeting".

"As a result, a verbal response will be provided by the Director of Environment and Planning on or before the November 26 Ordinary Meeting," he said.

The "trigger" is defined in the Central Coast Council's Community Participation Policy, which must be set up under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act.

The Council's draft Community Engagement Strategy, which includes the Community Participation Plan, is currently at "Stage 5", where public comments are being reviewed by council staff after its recent public exhibition.

At Stage 6, council staff prepare a report for council consideration and submit it to the council.

The report has not yet been presented to the council.

SOURCE:
Central Coast Council
agenda 3.3, 24 Nov 2024



New facade proposed for Everglades

Central Coast Council has received an application for facade upgrades to The Everglades Country Club at 9 Dunban Rd, Woy Woy.

The application prepared by Fabric Architecture Studio for The Everglades Country Club states that the work "includes the demolition of an existing entry structure as well as louvered walls and screening details to the north and east facades".

"New additions to the facades consisting of awnings, waiting benches, new paint finishes and signage have been designed with consideration to the surrounding 'public' space."

"In conjunction, new landscaping works and detail to existing pavers have been designed to further enhance an 'active' frontage."

"The proposed facade works have been designed with privacy, views and sunlight in mind."

"All existing glazing has been maintained with additional glazing added to the entry way."

"All glazing located on the ground floor of the north facade are complete with new awnings and shutters, ultimately providing visual and acoustic barriers to the adjoining neighbours."

"It is felt that the proposed development has no adverse effect on view, overshadowing or privacy to neighbouring properties."

The application is currently open for written submissions.

No closing has been published on the Council website.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 22 Nov 2024
DA/1760/2024, Central Coast Council

Christmas lights to aid of Vision Australia

The annual Christmas Lights Display at 380 Booker Bay Rd, Booker Bay, will be held again in aid of Vision Australia from 6:30pm on Friday, November 29.

Ms Shirley Crockett said she would be holding the display this year, despite the death of her husband Noel on October 15.

"My wonderful husband Noel

built all the houses and characters in the Christmas display and I painted them all.

"We made a good team. Noel wanted the lights to continue for the community especially the children that come along, some now adults bringing their own children.

"Santa will be coming to greet the community from 7pm to 9pm

on December 20, 21 and 23.

"We will also be having a competition to count the Santas in the display and of course the Candy canes.

"We will again support the charity Vision Australia for the training of seeing-eye dogs."

SOURCE:
Media release, 20 Nov 2024
Shirley Crockett, Booker Bay



Mingaletta contributes to Reconciliation conference

Mingaletta board member Mr Mark Champley has addressed Reconciliation Australia's National Conference in Brisbane on November 6 and 7.

He joined a panel with Ms Barbara Sheehy and Ms Rachelle Towart (pictured) to discuss "Creating Better Pathways for Employment, Retention, and Leadership Opportunities" for Aboriginal people.

The session was led by Mr Adrian Cheatham, for "a truly thought-provoking and impactful discussion".

"Together, we unpacked the barriers to Aboriginal leadership in the workplace and explored practical enablers to strengthen these pathways.

"I also shared insights from my

Churchill Fellowship research on reverse mentoring, highlighting how it creates meaningful connections and brings immense value to individuals, organisations, and the community at large."

He said it was an "incredible platform" and "an environment of learning, growth, and inspiration".

Mr Champley was awarded a Churchill Fellowship spent almost eight weeks overseas conducting his research late last year.

His report was published on May 30.

"My recommendations include organisations with a Reconciliation Action Plan (there are currently 3100) to consider implementing a reverse mentoring program."

SOURCE:
Media release, 11 Nov 2024
Mark Champley, Mingaletta

Progress association committee filled

The Pearl Beach Progress Association has filled its committee positions for the coming year without a ballot.

Appointed were president Ms Deidre Page, vice-presidents Mr Russell Grove and Ms Victoria Crawford, treasurer Ms Robyn Barrett, secretary Mr Gary Phillips, assistant secretary Ms Catherine Lancaster, publicity officer Ms Lynne Lillico and committee members Mr Malcolm Davison, Ms Margaret Westcott, Ms Penryn Maddrell and Mr Paul Barclaire.

President Ms Page said: "There is a lot to learn and process and I am more than keen to do this.

"The Pearl Beach Progress committee is a small group of people who have achieved big things.

"I look forward to working to continue to bring activities, and opportunities to the community that everyone can participate in."

Outgoing president Ms Victoria Crawford in her annual report spoke of the achievements over the past year which included ongoing liaison with Central Coast Council.

She said the environment sub-committee had put in submissions regarding building approvals that



did not meet Development Control Plan, which included location specific development plans for Pearl Beach.

The constitution working party reviewed the guidelines and finalised a Code of Conduct which was approved at the June general meeting.

Hall maintenance had been a major focus, with insulation and panelling installed in the ceiling, the floor being sanded and interior walls painted.

She said a working party looked at developing a plan for the kitchen, storage and toilets.

"Users will be consulted, and members will be involved in the final decision, suggestions are of course welcome to build on those already collected."

Ms Crawford's full report is available on-line.

The new committee is pictured: in front, Russell Grove, Catherine Lancaster, Deidre Page, Victoria Crawford and, behind, Malcolm Davison, Margaret Westcott, Lynne Lillico, Gary Phillips.

SOURCE:
Media release, 19 Nov 2024
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association

Indian restaurant wins national silver

An Indian restaurant in Woy Woy has won a silver award for Indian restaurants at the national Restaurant and Catering Awards held in Melbourne on Monday, November 11.

Last year, Spices 29 Goan restaurant won a bronze award after being State winner.

Earlier, this year, the restaurant was the regional NSW Indian restaurant winner for the Restaurant and Catering Awards.

Restaurant owner Mr Nelson Fernandes said the awards were given annually to restaurants that demonstrated excellence in a variety of categories, including food, service, sustainability, and community involvement.

"Spices 29 stood out not only for its authentic approach to Indian cuisine but also for its emphasis on forging relationships with local customers," he said.

He said his trained team has



built a reputation for serving traditional Indian dishes with contemporary flair.

"Their passion for Indian cuisine is reflected in every dish, showcasing a commitment to flavours and Indian heritage.

"Since opening its doors in 2018, the restaurant has garnered attention from food critics, guests, and industry professionals alike."

He said the restaurant

attempted to strike a balance between modern elegance and welcoming comfort.

"Guests enjoy not only exceptional food but also attentive service that makes each dining experience feel personal and unforgettable.

SOURCE:
Media release, 19 Nov 2024
Nelson Fernandes, Spices 29 Goan Restaurant

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Have you heard the peahen roaming around the area lately?

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For the past few days, its loud call can be heard, including during the night.

SOURCE:
Email, 19 Nov 2024
Yvette Pritchard, Woy Woy

Arts

Choir leader retires

The Frantastics Choir staged its last performance under the direction of its musical director Ms Fran Kendall at an aged care home in Woy Woy last week.

The choir performed at Blue Wave Living on Tuesday, November 19, to "a really great audience and wonderful staff".

The following day, Ms Kendall announced her retirement, with three choir members taking over, sharing the role.

She is pictured cutting a cake to celebrate her achievements.

SOURCE:
Social media, 19 Nov 2024
The Frantastics Choir



Follow the flags on art trail

An art trail will be held around the streets of Pearl Beach on Saturday, December 7, from 10am to 4pm.

More than 15 local artisans will be exhibiting work from their studios in the town.

Red flags will guide visitors along the streets to "an eclectic and colourful display" including cards, paintings, sculpture, jewellery, woodcraft, pottery, ceramics and fashion.

For more information, phone Ms Margaret Westcott on 0401 968 947 or Ms Cecile Ferguson on 0412 141 721.

SOURCE:
Media release, 20 Nov 2024
Joanne Diggins, Pearl Beach



Local authors wanted

Local authors are wanted for the the Words on the Waves Book Launch program.

Applications are open until Tuesday, December 10.

To be eligible, the book must have been published in 2024.

Authors will be required to "gather at least 20 people to attend", have social media accounts to promote the event and have print copies of their book available for sale by May next year.

There is a \$250 fee to be part of the program.

SOURCE:
Media release, 11 Nov 2024
Angela Bennetts, Words on the Waves

Why not Community Sheds?

In response to the article "Men's Shed opens after six-year wait" (Peninsula News edition 607, 11 Nov 2024), I have long wondered why the Men's Shed movement excludes women.

None of the publicity I have seen about them has ever given a reason or even commented on the fact.

None of the usual biologically-based justifications has been declared, such as for men's health groups, father's groups or sport teams.

This is rather surprising,

considering the large amount of government and private funding they have been granted, and the amount of public endorsement they have received.

Is there some undeclared justification?

If not, have they considered opening their membership up to women and renaming themselves as something like Community Sheds?

Not only would that be fairer, but it would also be likely to gain them more members and community support.

SOURCE:
Email, 15 Nov 2024
Tim Slocum, Umina

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Family Service 5pm
Communion & Carols 11pm

Christmas Day
Communion & Carols 9am

St John's parish celebrates church anniversary

St John the Baptist Catholic parish in Woy Woy celebrated the 17th anniversary of the dedication of the church on Monday, November 18.

Mass was said at 9.15am on Sunday, November 17, by parish priest Fr Timothy Raj, assisted by Fr Alex Peter and Fr Vincent Lourduswamy.

After mass, a social gathering took place in the car park.

Parishioners joined in a sausage sizzle, along with home-cooked refreshments, for morning tea, along with donated bread and pastries.

A cake was provided for the priests to cut and share with all gathered for the anniversary celebration, pictured here being helped by Music Ministry head Mr Patrick Donnellan.

Fr Timothy told the parishioners: "Celebrating the anniversary gives us an opportunity to look back and reconnect with our Church and the reasons behind its design.

"When we take the time to understand the significance behind each symbol, we realise the stories of past and present all being brought together into this sacred



space," he said.

"Our church is built around the idea of Christians as pilgrims.

"The pebble surface that begins at the pedestrian gate continues under the covered way, through the main doors and the gathering space to the pews, and is also visible around the altar, ambo and chair.

"As we enter the worship space, we see on the doors (in four languages) from the pilgrim psalm 120(8): The Lord will guard your going and coming, both now and

forever.

"The gathering space doubles as a devotional space – an area where we can engage in private devotions.

"There are the Way of the Cross and chapels in honour of the Sacred Heart, the Blessed Virgin, St Joseph and St Anthony.

"Inside, the stained glass draws our attention to the Patron, Saint John the Baptist.

"The altar, ambo, chair and font form a set, made from Persian travertine and highlighted in

Roman travertine.

"They are the focal points of the building, according to what is happening, and they emphasise the unity of Sacramental action.

"It is around these that we gather at various important events on the journey, especially when we assemble on Sunday.

"The exact centre of the Church is just in front of the altar steps, in the centre, where really important events take place.

"The priest stands there to distribute communion; marriages and ordinations take place there.

"The pilgrim route which we mostly follow (in and out the main doors) is not the way in which we finish our journey.

"We have a special set of funeral doors, like those in mediaeval monasteries, and after the mass or service of Christian burial, the body is taken through these doors to the hearse waiting outside."

All were welcome to visit at any devotional time "or just to take a look".

SOURCE:
Media release, 20 Nov 2024
Jane Rutherford, St John the Baptist parish



Inducted into Hall of Fame

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has been formally inducted into the Sport Australia Hall of Fame.

"All I can say is: Wow," she said.

"There truly are no words. "Sport has always been a way of life for me and always will be.

"I am honoured and humbled by this award."

SOURCE:
Social media, 19 Nov 2024
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

Umina artist explores interaction of cultures

Umina artist Tomoko Oka will have her exhibition of sumi-e (Japanese ink art) "The Crane and the Kookaburra" displayed in the Gosford Regional Gallery after an opening on Friday, December 6, until Tuesday, January 28.

Originally from Kobe, Japan, she has lived in Umina for around eight years.

Ms Oka said: "It's a series of artworks following a kookaburra's journey and romance in Japan, and his return with the crane to Australia."

She said it was intended to be a light-hearted exploration of the frustrations and joys of experiencing another culture - in this case, the Australian kookaburra experiencing Japanese culture, and a crane fascinated by Australia.

She said the exhibition invited people "to reflect on our own interaction with other cultures, and how meeting people from other nations can open our eyes to the interest and beauty we can find in what is foreign to us".

SOURCE:
Media release, 21 Nov 2024
Tomoko Oka, Umina



Christmas card-making

Christmas card making will be held at Woy Woy Library in the lead-up to Christmas.

Open to children and adults, three sessions will be available for people to make their own Christmas cards.

Sessions will be held from 9:30am to 11:30am on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, December 16, 18 and 19.

All materials will be provided. Bookings are essential and may be made at the library or by phone on 4304 7555.

SOURCE:
Website, 18 Nov 2024
Library Services, Central Coast Council



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Local Government peak body condemns Minns government spot rezoning

On Friday, 15 November, Premier Minns delivered a speech which outlined his move to override local Councils and local communities on planning matters to the benefit of developer interests.

The proposed "Housing Delivery Authority" would have the power to bypass Council in order to rezone land for development and approve developments at the same time. This move was quickly condemned by Local Government NSW, the peak body for over 120 Councils from across the State.

LGNSW described this move as the Premier's "Christmas gift for developers", giving developers a clear run to propose their own height limits, density and green space settings.

Spot rezonings undermine the integrity of our planning system. The process of planning involves

Councils consulting with local communities to develop Local Environment Plans which set the rules for development in that area. The proposal by the Minns government throws those plans out the window, puts in jeopardy environmental protections and climate change considerations - and delivers windfall profits to developers whilst putting more pressure on inadequate infrastructure.

At the Local Government NSW Conference on 18 November 2024, the delegates unanimously voted to condemn the new Planning Body and called for the NSW Government to commit to a more collaborative approach with Councils.

This should also involve genuine consultation with local communities about the future of their local neighbourhoods.

Should Gosford Library be saved?

With the new Gosford Regional Library due for completion in 2025, the Council under administration proposed that the old library (located in Kibble Park) be demolished. Some argue that the building should be retained for community use - and elements of the building (both materials and design) have heritage significance.

What do you think? - scan the QR Code below to answer Yes or No



Remembrance Day



Remembrance Day services were held at 11am on Monday, November 11, at schools and aged care facilities across the Peninsula. Above, at Woy Woy Public School.



School captains speak at Ettalong ceremony

The Vietnam Veterans Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association Central Coast Sub-Branch held its Remembrance Day at 11am on Monday, November 11, at the Ettalong Foreshore Memorial.

The ceremony was attended by about 200 people.

Guest speakers were Ettalong Primary School captains Lily Thompson and Phoenix Terepo.

Lily (pictured) spoke of "the bravery and sacrifice made by the men and women who served our country".

She mentioned the 416,000 who enlisted in the First World War, and the 60,000 who died.

She quoted Prime Minister Mr

Billy Hughes speaking of their valour, endurance and resource.

Referring to "our heritage, our free institutions of government, all that we hold dear", he said that "surely ... Australians throughout the ages ... will guard with resolute determination the privileges for which they fought and suffered".

Phoenix Terepo said the school had planted poppies in its flag-pole garden.

He recited a poem by British Colonel John F Willcocks, written in 2004, in which a woman explains to her son the symbolism of the poppies.

In the final line, she weeps because "the world is forgetting again".

SOURCE:

Media release, 20 Nov 2024
Norm Harris, VVPPA Central Coast



At Woy Woy (above):

Members of the Woy Woy, Ettalong and Hardys Bay RSL Sub-Branch held their ceremony at Woy Woy Memorial Park.

College students visit dementia facility

Students from the Woy Woy campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College have visited Hammond Care's dementia care facility in Woy Woy for a Remembrance Day gathering.

The students contributed to the service, shared stories, listened, and "spent quality time" with the residents.

"The elderly folks were all

smiles, and many shared how impressed they were with our students' kindness and respect," said campus principal Ms Rebecca Cooper.

"Giving back to the community is so rewarding.

"It builds connections, fosters empathy, and reminds us of the importance of honouring those who came before us."

SOURCE:

Social media, 11 Nov 2024
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy



Woy Woy South Public School was amongst the schools which held a Remembrance Day assembly, led by student leaders.



Three separate services

Three separate services were held at a Umina aged care facility on Remembrance Day, November 11.

"We commemorated Remembrance Day in Don Leggett, Pozieres and Pam Palmer Houses," said Peninsula Village chief executive Mr Colin Osborne.

"Each service was uniquely special and residents, staff, family and community all played an important role.

"On the 11th hour on the 11th

day of the 11th month, a minute's silence is observed and dedicated to those soldiers who died fighting to protect the nation.

"We acknowledged all those who died or suffered while serving in wars, conflicts and peace operations.

"A morning tea get-together afterwards sparked memories, conversation and a chance to share."

SOURCE:

Social media, 11 Nov 2024
Colin Osborne, Peninsula Villages



School honours those who served

Umina Beach Public School held a Remembrance Day ceremony on Monday, November 11.

"Our school community came together to honour and remember the brave men and women who served and continue to serve our country," said school principal Ms Karen Wardlaw.

"Through powerful words, music, and moments of reflection, we paid tribute to their courage and sacrifice.

"Let us never forget their dedication, and may we always strive to live with the same selflessness and commitment."

SOURCE:

Social media, 11 Nov 2024
Umina Beach Public School

Drama club students present showcase

Drama club students at Woy Woy South Public School will present a showcase of their work on Friday, November 29.

The show will be in the school hall and start at 1pm, during lunch time.

Students will bring their own costumes to dress according to their character.

The showcase is the culmination of the year's work in the dance club.

SOURCE:
Social media, 15 Nov 2024
Woy Woy South Public School



Parents elect executive

The Parents' and Citizens' Association at Woy Woy Public School has elected its executive for the coming year.

President is Ms Katrina Brannigan, vice-president and social media Ms Cassandra

Bernie, treasurer Ms Danielle Cook, secretary Ms Bec Timbs and fund-raising co-ordinator Ms Jen Egan.

The uniform co-ordinator role is currently vacant.

SOURCE:
Social media, 15 Nov 2024
Woy Woy Public School P/C

Kindergarten classes visit college farm

Umina Beach Public School's kindergarten classes have visited the farm at Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College.

The kindergarten students were shown around by the Year 8, 9

and 10 agriculture students at the college.

They were able to see chickens, goats, pigs, sheep and cows.

SOURCE:
Social media, 20 Nov 2024
Umina Beach Public School



Students build solution to ageing society

"Building a solution to our ageing society" was the topic for students from Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina campus last week.

The students took part in

the Illuminate Challenge at the University of Newcastle.

In two groups, they "learnt how disconnected and undervalued the senior demographic feel".

"They developed business ideas to address this issue and

create a more sustainable way to aging in our local community," said Umina campus principal Ms Kerrie Thomas.

SOURCE:
Social media, 22 Nov 2024
Kerrie Thomas, BWSC Umina

Mingaletta starts 'tutor mob'

Mingaletta has started a "tutor mob" for one-to-one assistance "to help close the gap on that tricky subject".

It is open to primary school and high school students in need of an extra helping hand with their school subjects, provided by educational professionals.

Sessions of 30 minutes session are available from 3.30pm to 5.30pm on Tuesdays to Thursdays at Mingaletta in Umina.

Email admin@mingaletta.org.au for more information.

SOURCE:
Social media, 11 Nov 2024
Mingaletta ATSC



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Education



College alumni win Battle of the Bands

Current and former students of Woy Woy campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College have won prizes in the Central Coast Battle of the Bands held on Friday, November 15.

The band Turtle Custard comprising former College students took out first place in the band division competition winning \$1500.

Another band of former

students, Shacked, came third, winning \$700.

Current students, and their band Wet Floor, won a division prize of a studio song-writing session with MMAD.

Former student Paul Haginstefanis placed third in the "individual discovered performer" section, winning \$700.

SOURCE:
Social media, 15 Nov 2024
BWSC Woy Woy



Singing for wishing tree

Year 1B from Woy Woy Public School was invited to sing at the opening of a wishing tree appeal at its local shopping centre last week.

The class sang at the Kmart Wishing Tree at Deepwater Plaza.

Parents and carers came to hear and support the students.

People are asked to place Christmas gifts with a wishing tree

sticker under the tree for others in need at Christmas.

The gifts do not have to be purchased at Kmart and should not be wrapped.

A Salvation Army representative will collect the gifts and oversee their distribution to those in need.

SOURCE:
Social media, 13 Nov 2024
Woy Woy Public School

Outdoor ed students have overnight hike

A group of Brisbane Water Secondary College outdoor education students have had an overnight hike through the bushland of Berowra Valley National Park on Halloween night.

Carrying everything they needed to survive, they hiked from Woy Woy campus to Berowra.

They camped under the stars at Crosslands Reserve.

The students packed their own food and water, and demonstrated their barbecue skills at camp.

With "loads of energy", they played games of vortex catch and ultimate frisbee, swam, and held a number of "dance-offs".

At night, they braved the "eerie bushlands" for a thrilling game of



spotlight, then woke early to pack up and tackle the challenging hike back.

After a final steep climb out to

Mt Kuring-gai Station, they made it back to Woy Woy by lunchtime

SOURCE:
Social media, 15 Nov 2024
BWSC Woy Woy

Year 5 soccer team champions

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School's Year 5 soccer team were named champions last week.

They were champions at the Soccer Gala Day played at St Edward's College, East Gosford, on Tuesday, November 19.

"Great team spirit and skills were on show," teachers reported.

SOURCE:
Social media, 19 Nov 2024
SJB Catholic Primary School



Year 10 information evening at Woy Woy

An information night for parents of students making the transition from Year 9 to Year 10 will be held from 5:30pm to 6:15pm on Monday, November 25, in the Woy Woy campus hall.

The evening will be "dedicated to supporting your transition Year 10".

"New and potential enrolments are welcome as well."

Parents will hear from school staff about the senior campus and which courses are available.

They will be told about one of the largest and most diverse subject selection pools in the state.

Staff will describe the "dynamic future-focussed learning environments" and "inclusive teaching and well-being support programs", as well as traineeships and career growth opportunities.

For more information, phone 4341 1600.

SOURCE:
Social media, 13 Nov 2024
BWSC Woy Woy

Movie by candlelight

Ettalong Public School's parents' and citizens' association will hold a Christmas Movie by Candlelight on Friday, December 13.

Gates will open at 5:30pm and the evening will feature carols sung by the school choir.

The movie will start at about 7:30pm.

Those attending are asked to bring their own picnic rug and snacks.

The canteen will be open "for movie snacks and treats".

SOURCE:
Social media, 20 Nov 2024
Ettalong Public School

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Call for understanding about Fairy Tree

Woy Woy South Public School principal Mr Matt Barr has called on parents to help their children understand the need to remove the school's "fairy tree".

"Our beloved Fairy Tree has been assessed by expert arborists and has been classified as in significant decline and, as such, is at risk of failure," he said.

"While this is a sad moment in our school's history, the safety of

our students must come first.

"I have investigated suitable mature trees as a replacement.

"We know there will be some sad children (and parents), so we appreciate any time you may spend helping the children to understand why this is happening and why their safety is so important to us."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 22 Nov 2024.
Matt Barr, Woy Woy South Public School

Bridge attracts 11 pairs on November 11

Brisbane Water Bridge Club held its Remembrance Day Pairs on Monday, November 11, competition with 11 pairs of players.

Judy Wulff and David Adams had a comfortable win from club regulars Christine Hadaway and Donelle Foate.

Third spot went to club stalwarts Pamela Lumby and Carol Long.

The event was described as "a pleasant day of bridge on a sombre Aussie day".

Results were:

1 Judy Wulff, David Adams 171.9 (71.64 per cent), 0.60 red points.

2 Christine Hadaway, Donelle Foate 158.1 (65.90), 0.42.

3 Pamela Lumby, Carol Long 150.0 (62.50), 0.30.

4 Caroline Nichols, Beryl Lowry 126.9 (52.89), 0.20.

5 Hope Tomlinson, Barry Foster 124.4 (51.81), 0.15.

6 Blair Glass, Carolynne Mucharsky 115.5 (48.12).

7 Graham Woof, Carolyn Harper 108.9 (45.37).

8 Susan Ashley, Jenni Murray 104.3 (43.44).

9 Steve Anderson, Kerry Anderson 95.6 (39.81).

10 Maureen Lockwood, Fiona Galea 89.6 (37.35).

11 Julie Barker, Annie Creasey 75.3 (31.37).

SOURCE:

Social media, 12 Nov 2024
Brisbane Water Bridge Club

Lifesaver uses training to help neighbour

Umina Surf Life Saving Club has praised one of its patrol members, Shelley Martinovic, for putting her rescue and first aid training to use to help a neighbour.

"Her neighbour had been missing for several hours," said club president Ms Kerry Armstrong-Smith.

"When the family reached out to Shelley, she sprang into action.

"Shelley joined the search effort alongside family, friends, and neighbours, and it was Shelley who ultimately found him.

"He was lying in a creek, his head just above the water, extremely cold and showing signs of hypothermia."

Ms Armstrong-Smith said Shelley followed the procedures she had been taught, called emergency services, reassured him.

"She provided a thorough handover to the ambulance officers, who praised her skills and calm demeanour in such a critical moment."



SOURCE:
Social media, 11 Nov 2024
Kerry Armstrong-Smith, Umina Surf Life Saving Club

Umina is Reserve Fours champion

Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club is the Central Coast Bowls 2024-25 Reserve Fours Champion.

Represented by John Hall, Warren Brooks, Rob Merrill and Colin Mew, the team defeated the Mingara Mustangs 17-15, at Ettalong Bowling Club on Saturday, November 16.

"The boys had a very handy lead 16 - 8 at the half way stage, but Mingara clawed their way back into the game," said Umina club secretary Mr Peter Springett.

"It was Umina 16 to Mingara 15 going into the last end.

"There were not too many close bowls on the last end and Mingara



were holding one shot, which was just under a metre away.

"Rob Merrill, with his second bowl, drew a resting toucher at 3.44pm."

Umina won the end and the title 17 - 15.

The team will now play in the

State play-offs in Ballina next year.

Pictured are John Hall, Warren Brooks, Central Coast Bowls director Toni Oliver, Rob Merrill and Colin Mew.

SOURCE:
Social media, 16 Nov 2024
Peter Springett, UBMBC

Annual charity golf day

The Vietnam Veterans, Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association Central Coast Sub-Branch will hold its annual Charity Golf Day on Monday, December 9, at the Everglades Country Club.

Play will be three-person Ambrose format.

Two teams of three will each tee-off at the same from the same tee.

Rules will be available at registration, which costs \$80 per golfer and includes breakfast and lunch, various prizes, with drinks available on the course.

All funds raised are used by the Association to assist veterans and their families.

Bookings may be made by phoning the Everglades Country Club on 4341 3399.

SOURCE:
Media release, 20 Nov 2024
Norm Harris, VVPPA

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Sport

Ettalong charity bowls day raises \$2470

Ettalong Bowling Club's charity bowls day on Sunday, November 17, raised \$2470 with 54 bowlers attending.

The money raised for Central Coast Kids in Need included an annual \$1000 donation from Umina Blue Swimmers, and \$50 from Umina Beach Bowling Club secretary Peter Springett.

The Spider was won by Kerry Anderson.

The Winning Rink Draw was

won by Julie Downey, Bob Epis, Annie C and Alan Button.

Stuey Graf won the patisserie voucher while Annie from the social club won the Wednesday Bowlers' Scotch.

Bob Willis paid \$100 for the Ettalong Bowling Club package of goodies.

The next Charity Day will be on Sunday, December 15.

SOURCE:

Media release, 21 Nov 2024
Ken Dixon, Ettalong Bowling Club



Pelican Swimmers break Pan Pacific Games records

Two swimmers from the Ettalong Pelican Masters Swimming Club broke Games records when they competed in the Pan Pacific Masters Games on the Gold Coast from November 6-9.

Lauren Bradley broke the record in the 800m individual

medley, while Meghan Cronin swam a record time in the 800m backstroke.

They were part of a team of seven from Ettalong Pelicans among 15,000 athletes competing in 42 sports.

Competing against 564 swimmers, Ettalong finished 20th out of 93 countries and clubs

world-wide.

The club won a total of 27 medals: 11 gold, 11 silver and five bronze.

Pictured in the second photo are Mark Robertson, Shelley Barlin, Anne Birt and Lauren Bradley.

SOURCE:

Media release, 13 Nov 2024
Lauren Bradley, Ettalong Pelicans Masters Swimming Club

Shayden Binder wins Everglades Cup

Everglades Men's Golf Club held its major one-day event on Saturday, November 9.

Shayden Binder won the Everglades Cup on the second play-off hole, after he and Mark Ireland had tied on 72.

Shayden also had a hole in one at the fourth hole.

In the Bowl for B grade, Micky Law was the winner on 82, just ahead of Matt Anthony on 83.

The Plate for C grade was clearly won by Joel Ryan with 80.

Next best was Mark Smith on 83.

Pictured are Shayden Binder and Mark Ireland after the play-off.

SOURCE:

Social media, 12 Nov 2024
Everglades



Ettalong Eagles runners-up in Men's Fours final

An Ettalong Eagles side was defeated by the Wyong Roos, 30-14, in the Central Coast Bowls 2024-25 Men's Fours Championship.

The game was played at Ettalong on Sunday, November 17, in warm conditions with a slight breeze.

The Ettalong team of Nathan Malloy, Hemi Palmer, Lee Trethowan and Darren Morrison kept the score close early, with Wyong leading 14-11 after 11 ends.

"A bit later, Wyong picked up

six shots and controlled the game from there," said Central Coast Bowls publicity officer Mr Peter Springett.

In the previous week, the team of Nathan Malloy, Lee Trethowan and Darren Morrison successfully defended their Bowls Premier League Cup title between November 10 and 14 at Club Pine Rivers at Bray Park in Queensland.

SOURCE:

Social media, 17 Nov 2024
Peter Springett, Central Coast Bowls



Ettalong wins women's regional Senior Fours

Ettalong Women's Bowling Club has won the Central Coast Bowls senior women's fours championship played at The Entrance on Wednesday, November 20.

The team of Betty Wright, Sheena Black, Annette Jesavaluk and Judy King defeated Rhonda Barbat, Noelene Barkas, Dianne Julian and Marion Lindsay from Bateau Bay 18-13.

Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club came up against Ettalong in the semi-final played at Umina the

previous day, having won its three previous games.

The Umina team comprised Lynne Gordon, Pam Fishenden, Renette Burgess and Jean Harrison.

The State level championship was won by Bateau Bay who defeated the Ettalong team of Robyn Holden, Jackie Henson, Julie Paris and Patricia Eckford, 26-11.

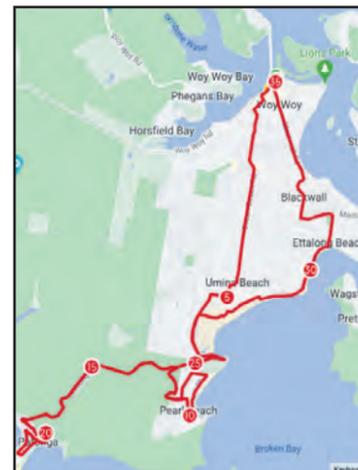
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Social media, 19 Nov 2024

Peter Springett, UBMCB

Social media, 20 Nov 2024

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Three Ps ride around the Peninsula

The Central Coast Bicycle User Group will hold a 35 kilometre ride around the Peninsula on Thursday, November 28.

The three-hour ride, named The Three Ps – Peninsula, Pearl and Patonga - will start at 8am at Fishermen's Wharf in Woy Woy.

It will incorporate a lap around the Peninsula, and will include Pearl Beach and Patonga.

"It's not a long ride at just 35kms but it does include over 500 metres of climbing," said organiser Mr Alan Corven.

"Coffee maybe at Umina beach after the hard work, or back in Woy Woy."

Riders are asked to arrive at least five minutes before start time.

For further information, phone 0414 538 977.

SOURCE:

Social media,
Alan Corven, CCBUG