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Christmas lights for the blind

The annual Christmas lights display at 380 Booker Bay Rd, Booker Bay, is raising money for Vision Australia.

"Everyone is welcome to come into the front garden to view the lights and make a donation to Vision Australia," said Ms Shirley Crockett.

"We raised more than \$2500 last year, but whatever we raise is a bonus for the organisation.

Ms Crockett said: "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

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A year of significant milestones

This is the last issue of Peninsula News for 2024.

The next issue will be published, after a short break, on Monday, January 13.

The past year has been a significant one for Peninsula News with a number of milestones being reached: 25 years of publication, our 600th issue, and 100 issues in the four years we have now been under our own steam.

Our achievements are entirely due to the support of the community, of our many volunteers, and of our sponsors and advertisers.

As we prepare for a new year, we are committed to staying true to our aims.

Peninsula News will provide comprehensive news coverage of community life.

It will encourage active interest and participation in the

community.

It will provide information that enables residents to be part of a democratic process where they can determine the quality of their lives on the Peninsula.

We believe these aims are as important as ever.

Mark Snell, 8 Dec 2024

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Tesch welcomes new tobacco industry reforms

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has welcomed a suite of new reforms, aimed at providing better oversight over the tobacco industry in NSW.

"Like the community, I am concerned by the prevalence of illegal tobacco and e-cigarettes in our community, especially their proximity to our schools and children," she said.

"We are introducing harsher penalties for retailers who are doing the wrong thing and boosting our team of enforcement officers to catch them.

"These new laws are the most significant tobacco retailing reforms in NSW in the last decade and will help us combat the scourge of illicit tobacco sales across the state."

She said that, in 2023, NSW Health inspectors conducted more than 3000 inspections seizing \$13.7 million worth of nicotine vapes and e-liquids, and more than

4.8 million cigarettes and 1700 kilograms of other illegal tobacco.

In the 2023-24 budget, \$25 million was allocated to tobacco and e-cigarette control measures.

Ms Tesch encouraged community members with concerns that a retailer has broken tobacco laws to make a report to NSW Health on 1300 066 055 or online at <http://penne.ws/MAssOt/>

"New legislation and enforcement activities will help act as a deterrent, in response to growing concerns from our community," said Ms Tesch.

"However, we need the community to continue to be the eyes and ears on the ground.

"If you see something that concerns you, I encourage you to make a report.

"Together, we can ensure the future health of our community," Ms Tesch said.

Under the new reforms, a new tobacco licensing scheme, retailers and wholesalers of tobacco and

non-tobacco smoking products will be required to hold a licence and pay an annual fee.

A license will be able to be refused, or revoked, if the applicant has been convicted of a tobacco or vaping product related offence.

The proposed legislation will also double maximum penalties for a range of tobacco retailing offences, including individuals selling tobacco products to minors, who will face fines of up to \$22,000 for a first offence and \$110,000 for a subsequent offence, and for corporations, who will be liable for up to \$110,000 for a first offence and \$220,000 for subsequent offence.

NSW Health will also recruit 14 additional enforcement officers to strengthen compliance efforts across the state, doubling the number of authorised inspectors employed by the Ministry of Health.

SOURCE:

Media release, 5 Dec 2024
Joely Langmaid, Office of the Member for Gosford

COUNT THE LOCAL NEWS: 52 articles in this issue

... and another 25 articles online at <http://peninsula.news>

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At its heart, Peninsula News is a community effort.

It welcomes and relies on the contributions provided voluntarily and at no cost by local organisations, groups and residents.

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.

The following policies and guidelines are designed to support the aims and standards of the newspaper.

Locality

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 spelled out, along with their suburb or organisation. Anonymous contributions will not be accepted.

Forum letters

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

focus on the issues and not abuse or insult others.

Other than in the case of holding public figures to account, criticism of others (as opposed to criticism of particular opinions) is unlikely to be published in the interests of facilitating the expression of a diversity of views.

All letter writers need to supply name, address and contact details. Only name and suburb will be published.

Contributors who do not wish the wording of their letter to be changed at all should make a note to this effect when submitting their letter. In some cases, this may result in the letter not being published.

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We try to be as accurate as possible. However, mistakes can still slip through.

If you believe we have got something wrong, whether an error of fact or interpretation, we ask that you write to us by email with details for publication. These corrections may appear as Forum letters or as news items and should conform to our requirements for news and Forum contributions.

Source lines

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.

The following descriptions are used:

Media Release - unsolicited contributions.
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Newsletter or Report - published in print or online.
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Forum contributions may be: **Email** if sent electronically and **Letter** if written on paper.

Rotary stall was 'a great success'

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy says its decision to have a stall in a local shopping centre has proved "a great success".

"The Friday Deepwater Plaza experiment started on November 15 and was a great success, with three crews taking shifts throughout the day," said club president Mr Tom McCann.

"We handed out almost all the brochures, talked to many people, collected donations of \$180 and generally had a good time.

The second one on November 29 was reported to be "quite busy" with four members representing

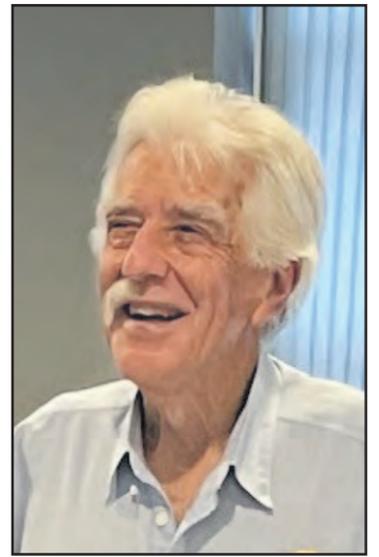
the club to interested passersby.

"While only 30 brochures were handed out during the day, that coincided with a number of meaningful conversations with people who expressed genuine interest in volunteering to help with some of our community activities.

"While this is still early days, conversations like those show the potential to the club of maintaining a regular and accessible presence in the community."

The next "kiosk" will be held on Friday, December 13.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 3 Dec 2024
Tom McCann, Rotary Woy Woy



'alf a mo!

Umina Beach Rotarian Mr Ian Johnson with has half of his hallmark moustache missing.

Mr Johnson is participating in this year's Movember campaign, raising money for research into prostate cancer.

Club president Mr Dave Tanare said: "Ian is a very generous man, always fund-raising for very worthy causes."

He can be sponsored online via <http://PenNe.ws/ZtMm6z>.

SOURCE:
Social media, 23 Nov 2024
Rotary Umina Beach

Twilight carols at Pearl Beach Arboretum

Pearl Beach Twilight Carols will be held from 5:00 pm to 8:30 pm on Monday, December 23.

They will be held at the Pearl Beach Arboretum in Crystal Ave and led by the Pearl Beach

Singers.

Santa will also attend.

It is suggested to bring a picnic, a rug and a chair.

SOURCE:
Social media, 3 Dec 2024
Pearl Beach Progress Association

December starts with rain on average

The Peninsula comes into December with rainfall for the year to date slightly above average.

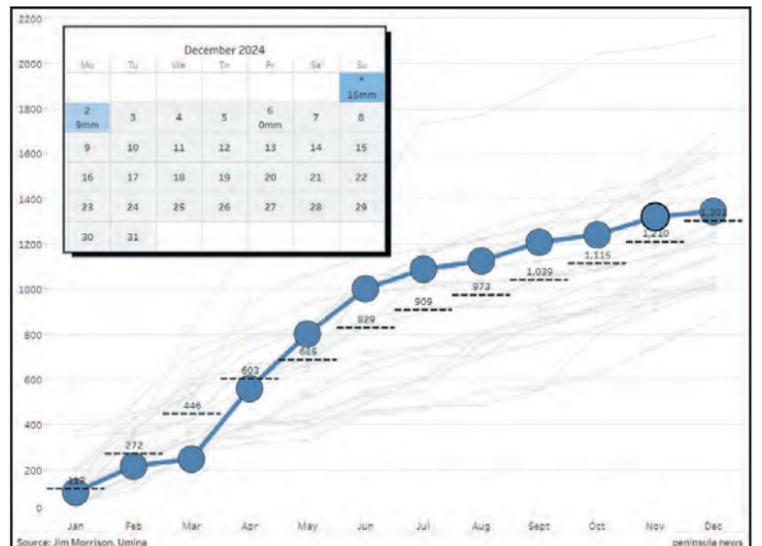
So far in 2024, rainfall of 1341.8mm has been recorded, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

This is just 3.4 per cent above the average annual rainfall of 1298mm.

The close-to-average year follows the driest year in 20 years last year, with a total of 876.1mm, and the wettest year in 20 years the previous with a total of 2118.7mm.

With a dry start in the first quarter of the year, the Peninsula's rainfall for the quarter totalled 245.6mm, just over half the average of the quarter of 456mm.

However, the following three months had above-average rainfall to bring the total for the first half of the year to 999.5mm, 22 per cent higher than the half-year average



of 819mm.

Rainfall for the rest of the year has been closer to average.

November finished with 79.5mm, 17.2 per cent less than the November average of 96mm.

In the first two days of December, 23.5mm was recorded - 25 per cent of the month's average of 95mm.

SOURCE:
Spreadsheet, 6 Dec 2024
Jim Morrison, Umina

	Mon, Dec 9	Thu, Dec 12	Sun, Dec 15	Wed, Dec 18	Sat, Dec 21
TIDE	0349 0.87	0016 0.20	0237 0.21	0502 0.24	0201 0.73
TIMES	0937 0.33	0640 1.19	0910 1.39	1130 1.27	0728 0.32
and	1552 1.03	1317 0.27	1622 0.16	1852 0.15	1340 0.98
Heights	2243 0.19	1903 0.93	2156 0.85		2051 0.18
	Tue, Dec 10	Fri, Dec 13	Mon, Dec 16	Thu, Dec 19	Sun, Dec 22
	0449 0.97	0103 0.21	0326 0.22	0026 0.76	0251 0.74
	1053 0.33	0731 1.29	0959 1.39	0550 0.26	0823 0.35
	1657 0.99	1424 0.23	1715 0.15	1215 1.18	1425 0.90
AT	2330 0.19	2003 0.90	2248 0.82	1935 0.16	2128 0.19
ETTALONG	Wed, Dec 11	Sat, Dec 14	Tue, Dec 17	Fri, Dec 20	Mon, Dec 23
	0546 1.08	0150 0.21	0414 0.23	0113 0.74	0344 0.77
	1207 0.30	0821 1.36	1045 1.35	0638 0.29	0925 0.37
	1800 0.96	1525 0.19	1806 0.14	1258 1.08	1515 0.82
		2101 0.87	2338 0.79	2015 0.17	2206 0.19

Mingaletta 'returns to profitability', says report

Mingaletta Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Corporation has recorded a return to profitability in the 2023-24 financial year, according to a financial statement published with the organisation's annual report.

"After recording a loss of \$7672 in 2023, the Corporation reported a net profit of \$23,346 in 2024," the report stated.

"Revenue increased substantially to \$281,260 in 2024, a 77 per cent rise from \$158,678 in 2023.

"This strong revenue growth, combined with a return to profitability, highlights the Corporation's improved financial position and strategic upgrades."

Mingaletta treasurer Mr Mark Champley said: "Mingaletta has continued to grow and prosper.

"The introduction of the Square payment system has made transactions easier for our customers, leading to increased sales from the plant nursery and additional donations.

"However, we have ensured that cash payments remain available for those who prefer it.

"We are fortunate to receive ongoing funding from the Department of Communities and Justice, which has allowed us to expand key roles within our organisation.

"This includes the important work of our coordinator, Aunty Di O'Brien, and our admin and communication officer, Ms Kylie Hogan.

"Additionally, we are now able to fairly compensate our data specialist, Ms Colleen Blyth, for her outstanding contributions to Mingaletta.

"Our financials have been audited by Cooper and Collins Chartered Accountants.

"Over the past year, we have continued our relationship with Darren Fitzgibbon from Breakthrough Accounting, who serves as our accountant.

"The board and I have built a trusting and respectful partnership with Darren, who continues to provide excellent financial governance and guidance and also helped develop Mingaletta's proposed financial budget for 2024-25, which was later endorsed."

SOURCE:
Annual report, 4 Dec 2024
Mingaletta ATSIC



Surf club completes decoration project

Umina Surf Life Saving Club has successfully completed a big Christmas decoration project.

It has decorated Deepwater Plaza shopping centre in Woy Woy "to help bring some Christmas cheer to the centre".

Volunteers from the club put in time and effort to help the centre, one of the club's major sponsors, with its decorations.

Centre manager Mr Paul Savelberg said: "Club members that have created a memorable Christmas displays for Deepwater Plaza retailers and customers."

They had helped the centre celebrate Christmas.

"We love the involvement and effort."

Mr Savelberg mentioned the efforts of Mr Mike Begg and the organising

committee from the club for being "professional, safety-conscious and efficient".

"We now have all the Christmas trim including a feature tree and nativity set and Santa's corner for Santa photography after Santa arrives by helicopter."

SOURCE:
Social media, 1 Dec 2024
Umina Surf Life Saving Club



Christmas trees in high demand

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy sold the last of its batch of Christmas trees early yesterday morning.

The trees which have been on sale over two weekends were in high demand.

The club sold 158 trees and 27 stands on the first weekend, with a turnover of more than \$22,000.

"Half of this, after costs, will go to Grandparents Raising Grandkids and the other half will be distributed to Peninsula charities and causes," said club president Mr Tom McCann.

The club only had about 100 more trees to sell this weekend.

Pictured are club co-presidents Mr Tom McCann and Mr Trevor Walker preparing trees for sale.

SOURCE:
Social media, 7 Dec 2024
Rotary Woy Woy

Variety of rubbish removed from Rileys Island foreshore

Oyster baskets, an inflatable boat, a surf ski, poly pipe, drums, buckets, a pontoon and eight bags of small litter were removed from the western foreshore of Rileys Island near Woy Woy last week.

Students from Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College joined Clean4Shore to clean 800 metres of thick mangroves foreshore, when the tide allowed access for the barge to get in close, according to Clean4Shore coordinator Mr Graham Johnston.

"Oyster baskets are an issue within Brisbane Waters with over 200 collected by our students over the past two months," he said.

"There were plenty of bait bags, plastic bottles, food wrappings, and rubber items collected today in the small litter."



"The small Mangrove Island had a full bag of small litter plus poly pipe and oyster baskets."

Mr Johnston said 240 kilograms of rubbish delivered to Woy Woy tip.

SOURCE:
Social media, 3 Dec 2024
Graham Johnston, Clean4shore

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The Ettalong bank is a major sponsor of 2024 Variety Bash car 26 "Ettalong Eagle". Driver Barry Henson is pictured with bank manager Pat Italiano and staff member Jay Vandenberg.

Proposal to cover more than one third site in concrete

An application to build three townhouses at 7 Winifred St, Umina, would see 281.4 square metres, more than one third of the site, covered in concrete driveway.

The application states the site has an area of 743.2 square metres with width 15.24 metres and depth 48.77 metres

The total gross floor area of the proposal is claimed to be 370.54 square metres giving a floor space ratio of 0.49:1, within the required figure of 0.5:1.

Site coverage of the building, its footprint, is claimed to be 249 square metres with total landscaping at 198.54 square metres, of which "soft" landscaping would comprise 163.09 square metres.

The proposed design includes a shared driveway of 281.4 m², more than a third of the site area, with visitor parking located on the front setback.

All three units on the General Residential (R1) zoned property are proposed to be two-storey with three bedrooms.

Private Open Space areas are located between units for Units 1 and 2 and adjacent to the rear boundary for Unit 3.

The plans indicate that the open space for Unit 1 will include a 7.2 square metre plunge pool.

The application, prepared by Red Apple Design, states: "The proposal provides all three units with a large courtyard area at ground level, featuring a mix of

hard and soft finishes to enhance its livability.

"The courtyards are accessible and mated to their corresponding living areas."

It states: "Visitor's parking has been provided within the front setback, screen by planting and mixed material fencing.

"This has been considered throughout the design process and seems to be the best option.

"Otherwise the visitor's parking would interfere with the units' private amenities if located within the residential units."

The rear setback does not comply with the requirement of 4.5 metres.

The application requests a variation of the requirement, stating: "The proposal seeks variation to the rear setback to Unit 3 whereby a minimum of three metres setback is provided for a length of 6.6 metres (43 per cent) of total site width."

The application claims compliance with the minimum private open space area of 45 square metres and minimum dimension of three metres for all units, but the plans appear to show only about 40 square metres area for all three units.

It also claims compliance with the solar access requirement of 50 per cent for 3 hours during the winter solstice for living areas and private open space, but this seems not to correspond with the supplied shadow diagrams.

The site currently contains five substantial trees which would all

be removed for the development.

There is no Landscape Plan included in the exhibited documents.

However, it appears from the notification plan that there will be no vegetation screening the edge of the driveway on the eastern boundary, contrary to a planning provision quoted in the application that "side setback for the length of the remaining driveway must be landscaped with trees and shrubs to soften the hardstand areas and provide for infiltration and provide visual appeal to the streetscape".

The notification plans appear to show a driveway that is well over the minimum required width of three metres even at its narrowest point.

The application concludes: "The proposal is commended on its effort to provide a development that embraces the objectives of the planning instruments and control measures, and to understand the objectives when considering variations.

"The design employs with effectiveness the design guidelines of the Development Control Plan to create a functional development with high levels of amenity both for the end user and those it neighbours."

The application is currently on exhibition on the Central Coast Council website for public submissions until January 20.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 8 Dec 2024
DA/1743/2024, Central Coast Council



New amendment for Mrs Wilson's Shop

A new amendment has been submitted to the development approval for Mrs Wilson's Shop, located in a prominent position at 68 Railway St, Woy Woy, at the intersection of Railway and Charlton Sts.

Approval was issued on May 18, 2016, for "Demolition, restoration and conservation of existing heritage building for retail and commercial use, and construction of two residential units and verandah".

This was subsequently amended on January 12, 2017.

"This application has been prepared by Wales and Associates on behalf of Bruce Kerr Pty Ltd."

The application states: "The modification arises from a review of the structural requirements during the construction phase resulting in the minor changes described in the

submission.

"In order to support the cantilevered balcony, a steel structure was required within the building.

"These steel and brick columns support cantilevered beams to enable the elimination of the original columns on the footpath".

The list of changes and consequential changes arising from the unforeseen need to insert a steel structure into the building runs to 19 pages.

The application concludes: "The proposal represents substantially the same development for which the consent was granted and suitably mitigates environmental impacts."

The application is currently on public exhibition with submissions accepted until January 13.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 8 Dec 2024
DA/48230/2015/B, Central Coast Council

Residents to write to Minister about Planning Panel submissions

The Peninsula Residents' Association will write to the Minister of Planning Mr Paul Scully asking him to resist moves to weaken the role of the Central Coast Local Planning Panel.

The association will ask him not to agree to a Central Coast Council request to change the number of submissions that trigger a Planning Panel hearing about a development application

The Council recently decided to seek to raise the number from 10 to 20.

The association said moves to reduce the role of the Local Planning Panel would undermine long-term planning on the Central Coast and should be resisted.

It said arguments made at the Council meeting to increase the submission number misrepresented and under-valued the role of the Local Planning Panel.

The association said there was no evidence to suggest that there

were large numbers of applications going before the planning panel, that they were about trivial matters or that they represented a substantial additional cost to council.

Nor was it true that submissions alone triggered the Panel's consideration of a development application.

The association said it was also untrue to suggest that the Planning Panel did not add value to the planning process.

The Association said that the Panel added to the integrity and robustness of the planning system, being the best possible way of achieving long-term community well-being.

"We are wanting a well-planned Peninsula," said Association secretary Ms Sally Wilson.

"In the three years the association has existed, we have noticed that Panel consideration of Peninsula applications has resulted in a substantial increase in the quality of development on the Peninsula.

"Prior to this, there had been no refusals of any planning applications for several years.

"Unregulated development is not in anyone's interest.

"With Panel consideration, several applications have been refused or have had conditions imposed – sometimes on the recommendation of council planners, sometimes by the Panel itself.

"More importantly, many more plans have been modified to respond to community concerns, making our area a better place to live.

"Some have been approved by the Panel but, later, the applicants themselves have resubmitted altered plans which have taken concerns raised in submissions into account.

"Increasingly, applicants are responding to and accommodating issues raised by community submissions."

Ms Wilson said the Peninsula faced two major issues: Housing affordability and urban heat.

"Most of the larger contentious developments on the Peninsula which attract submissions do nothing to address either of these issues, and often exacerbate them.

"They are often also not compliant with the provisions or espoused principles of the Council's planning scheme.

"The Local Planning Panel provides the opportunity for the community to be heard about the affect on neighbours' amenity (including solar access) and on the amenity of the neighbourhood generally (such as traffic, parking and shaded streetscapes and open space).

"These are not trivial. "The oversight of the Local Planning Panel has served to lift the standard of assessment of these contentious applications.

"Where a 'variance' is recommended from planning provisions, the reasons for it are more often made clear.

"Where they are not, the Panel has sought clarification.

"In one example, the Planning

Panel called on the Council to undertake a strategic planning review on the Peninsula to provide clearer direction and consistency.

"This would greatly benefit the community," said Ms Wilson

She said: "Councils are entrusted to implement a planning system which is of community benefit and that is fair and equitable to all.

"This includes a system of checks and balances, with transparency and community participation, that ensures community needs are well served into the future."

Where the planning provisions in the Council's Development Control Plan are regarded by council staff at their legal minimum as being discretionary and "guidelines only", it falls back to the Panel to ensure the guidelines are properly applied.

SOURCE:
Media release, 8 Dec 2024
Sally Wilson, Peninsula Residents Association

Student airlifted after burns incident

A “burns incident” at Woy Woy campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College on Tuesday, December 3, has resulted in one student being airlifted to Royal North Shore Hospital.

Another two students were transported to hospital by road.

Careflight and Toll Rescue were tasked to Woy Woy to assist NSW Ambulance with the incident.

Woy Woy Rugby Union president Mr Phil Burgess later revealed: “One of our under-16

players was affected and airlifted to hospital, along with two others who also were taken to hospital for their burns.

“Our thoughts and love go out to the children and teachers involved in the accident in the Science Lab this week.

“We wish them all a speedy recovery.”

On the day, the college posted a social media “notification” stating: “There is a medical incident on site.

“Supports are in place for students and staff and we are still

operational.

“Phones may be down and affected.

“All immediate families affected have already been contacted.

“Thank you for your patience and understanding at this time.”

It is understood that, following the incident, the Education Department banned “fire tornado” experiments throughout the state while the incident is under investigation.

SOURCE:

Social media, 3 Dec 2024
NSW Central Coast Incident Alerts

St John the Baptist Church welcomes visit from India

St John the Baptist Church in Woy Woy has had a visit from the Provincial of the Missionaries of St Francis de Sales from the Province of Pune, India, Fr Johnson Gonsalves.

St John the Baptist Catholic parish in Woy Woy is part of the Broken Bay Diocese, which is ministered by the Fransalian order from India.

“He was welcomed at the mass in St John the Baptist Church, Woy Woy, on Sunday, December 8, and had a chat with the parishioners over a cup of tea,” said parish publicity officer Ms Jane Rutherford

“It was a pleasure to have him in our midst.”

Ms Rutherford said: “Bishop Anthony Randozza is the head of our diocese and guides our priests and parishioners along their faith journey.

“Our parish priest Fr Timothy Raj and his two assistants Fr Alex Peter and Fr Vincent belong to the same province of Pune, India.

“The Congregation was founded in 1838 in France and, in 1845, six pioneer missionaries were sent by founder Fr Peter Mermier from France to India.



“In Australia, the missionaries began the ministry in 1998 with the arrival of Fr Mani Malana to the Archdiocese of Sydney.

“Today, there are 17 confreres from three provinces in India, working in the dioceses of Parramatta, Broken Bay, Toowoomba in Queensland, Adelaide, Melbourne and Sydney.”

Ms Rutherford said Fr Johnson had visited all his seven members of the province in their places of ministry.

He had also visited the bishops of Broken Bay, Parramatta and Toowoomba.

SOURCE:

Media release, 4 Dec 2024
Jane Rutherford, St John the Baptist Church



Rotary delivers hand-washing station

The Rotary Club of Umina Beach has delivered the second stage of its latest international project in the Philippines.

The club sent three members to unveil and hand over a 10-tap hand-washing station and to

deliver lessons in dental hygiene to more than 800 elementary school students.

Team leader was club past president Mr Rouel Vergara, who was joined by another past president Mr Wayne Dowdle and Rotarian Mr Michael Garland.

They travelled to Cayetano

Topacio Elementary School about an hour from Central Manilla.

This project was run in partnership with Rotary Club of Imus East and follows a similar delivery in October last year.

SOURCE:

Social media, 26 Nov 2024
Rotary Umina Beach



Early start for Rescue crew

Marine Rescue Central Coast’s main vessel, Central Coast 21, had a busy day on Wednesday, December 4.

It was called out at 3am to assist a 24ft yacht with engine failure off Box Head.

The boat and her crew of three were on-scene, out to sea within 90 minutes.

From there, the yacht was

towed back to its mooring at St Hubert’s Island, where its skipper will be able to effect repairs.

Just a few hours later, it was back in action, this time as part of our newest rated crew member’s successful operational assessment.

SOURCE:

Social media, 4 Dec 2024
Marine Rescue Central Coast

Santa to visit Umina tomorrow

The Patonga Volunteer Rural Bush Fire Brigade will be escorting Santa to three places in Umina tomorrow evening, Tuesday, December 10.

The brigade hopes to be in Lakeview Parade from around 6:15pm to 6:30pm and in Honeysuckle St from about 7:15pm.

It aims to arrive at Umina Skate Park at 8:15pm

“As you can imagine it is extremely hard to keep Santa to a tight schedule as he never wants to miss out on seeing every child, so please be patient if we are a little late to the next stop,” the brigade said.

“We will endeavour to do our utmost to keep as close to the times as possible.”

SOURCE:

Social media, 28 Nov 2024
Patonga Volunteer Rural Bush Fire Brigade



Fire brigade announces Santa is coming

The Bays Rural Fire Brigade has announced that “Santa is coming to The Bays”, subject to “any incidents or fire calls which may occur on or prior to the day”.

He will start at 2pm on Sunday, December 22, at Horsfield Bay Rd and working to Gabagong Rd and

surrounding streets.

From 3.30pm, he will work down from the top of Phegans Bay and, from 5pm, he will work down into Woy Woy Bay from Phegans Bay Rd.

SOURCE:

Social media, 25 Nov 2024
The Bays Rural Fire Brigade

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News



Brigade responds to 'bush and structure alight'

Sirens were sounded, as the Pearl Beach fire brigade responded to a call of "bush and structure alight" in Patonga.

The fire which started in a spa and spread briefly to adjoining bush was contained, but the spa

was badly damaged.

The Pearl Beach brigade was joined by the Patonga RFS and Umina Fire and Rescue brigades to ensure the fire was brought quickly under control.

SOURCE:
Social media, 4 Dec 2024
Pearl Beach brigade, NSW RFS

Local Member offers free legal diary

A free 2025 diary with "legal topics for seniors" is being offered by Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

The diary, produced by LegalAid NSW, covers a range of legal issues, including driving and fines, disputes between neighbours, wills and planning ahead, and elder abuse.

Social media scams, reverse mortgages and tenants' advice are also among the topics.

"This diary brings together many important topics in one place in an easy-to-navigate diary," said Ms Tesch.

She said it included difficult-to-find but important information needed to access government services, legal topics and seniors' rights.

Ms Tesch encouraged all community members to call in at her office, at 20 Blackwall Rd, Woy



Woy, to pick up a free copy.

"The Legal Topics for Seniors Diary is ever popular.

"They tend to disappear off the front counter quite quickly."

Diaries are also available from local libraries, local Legal Aid NSW offices, some community legal centres and Aboriginal Legal

Service offices.

They may be ordered online via <http://PenNe.ws/zrte71>.

Ms Tesch also encouraged seniors to bookmark the NSW Seniors Festival web page, which can be found via <http://Pen.Ne.ws/gHusF4>.

She said the page had the latest NSW Seniors Festival announcements, including when free tickets become available to the 2025 Premier's Gala Concerts.

"In 2025, the Premier's Gala Concerts will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, March 12 and 13," she said.

"Seniors make a valuable contribution to our communities and providing complimentary concert tickets is a way of saying thanks."

SOURCE:
Media release, 5 Dec 2024
Joely Langmaid, Office of the Member for Gosford

Public meeting about 'burnouts'

A public meeting will be held at the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall from 2:30pm to 3:30pm on Thursday, December 19, to discuss the burnouts at the top of Pearl Beach Dr.

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch will attend the meeting

convened by the Pearl Beach Progress Association.

Ms Tesch has arranged for representatives from the NSW Police and Central Coast Council to join her at the meeting.

SOURCE:
Website, 5 Dec 2024
Pearl Beach Progress Association

The Umina Beach Men's Shed has presented a certificate of appreciation to the Umina Beach branch of the Country Women's Association.

The CWA members provided refreshments for the "grand opening" of the new premises for the Men's Shed in Osborne Ave.

SOURCE:
Social media, 27 Nov 2024
CWA Umina Beach



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Umina CWA has final cooking competition for the year

The Umina Beach branch of the Country Women's Association has held its final cooking competition of the year.

With a high number of entries, the winners were:

Remembrance Biscuits - 1 Lin Griffiths, 2 Brooke Law, 3 Glenda Chapman.

Strawberry Jam - 1 Glenda Chapman, 2 Brooke Law, 3 Celia O'Meara.

Tomato Jam - 1 Tracy Wilson, 2 Tony Griffiths, 3 Glenda Chapman.

Pineapple and Onion Relish - 1 Celia O'Meara, 2 Fiona Duckworth, 3 Brooke Law.

Apple and Cranberry Chutney - 1 Glenda Chapman, 2 Kay Kennaugh, equal 3 Tony Griffiths

and Fiona Duckworth.
Junior Decorated Cupcakes - 1 Nina, 2 Xavier, 3 Zoe.
Junior Packet Cake - 1 Sara, 2 Abigail.

SOURCE:
Social media, 30 Nov 2024
CWA Umina Beach



Kids' gifts to be distributed by Mary Mac's

A "Kids Christmas Appeal" run at a local registered club will see gifts donated to Mary Mac's Place in Woy Woy.

Among the community donations made at Ettalong Diggers have been generous support from the local RSL Sub Branch and gifts from the Rotary Club of Brisbane Water.

Pictured are board members of the Rotary club with their gifts, and Kim Cole from Ettalong Diggers.

Presents are accepted unwrapped for girls and boys aged four to 12 years, which will be distributed by Mary Mac's Place.

SOURCE:
Social media, 7 Dec 2024
Ettalong Diggers



Older Women hold annual Christmas raffle

The Deepwater Older Women's Network will hold its annual Monster Christmas Raffle on Wednesday and Thursday, December 11 and 12, and on Saturday, December 14, to raise money for three local food pantries.

Raffle tickets will be sold adjacent to KMart in Deepwater Plaza on Wednesday and Thursday and outside Stephenson's Real Estate in West St, Umina, on Saturday.

"All proceeds from the raffle will be donated to our three local food pantries," said Network secretary

Ms Jennifer Brown.

They are Mary Mac's Place, the Woy Woy Community Food Pantry at the Seventh Day Adventist Church and Community SOS at the Peninsula Community Centre.

First prize includes a paddle board, body boards and beach equipment.

Second prize is a variety of vouchers with a value of more than \$2500.

Third prize is a homewares box and two baskets of luxury items donated by local pharmacies.

"Please come and buy some tickets and help us support those in our community who have very

little at Christmas," said Ms Brown.

Ms Brown said the Network also donated to Allawah House, a 14-room refuge in East Gosford housing older women in the community escaping domestic and family violence.

Recently, it had also made donations to the Ettalong 50+ Leisure and Learning Centre "which provides a safe environment for seniors to learn new skills, engage in exercise, playing cards, learning to dance or just getting together for a nice hot lunch or cuppa at an affordable price".

SOURCE:
Media release, 4 Dec 2024
Jennifer Brown, OWN Deepwater

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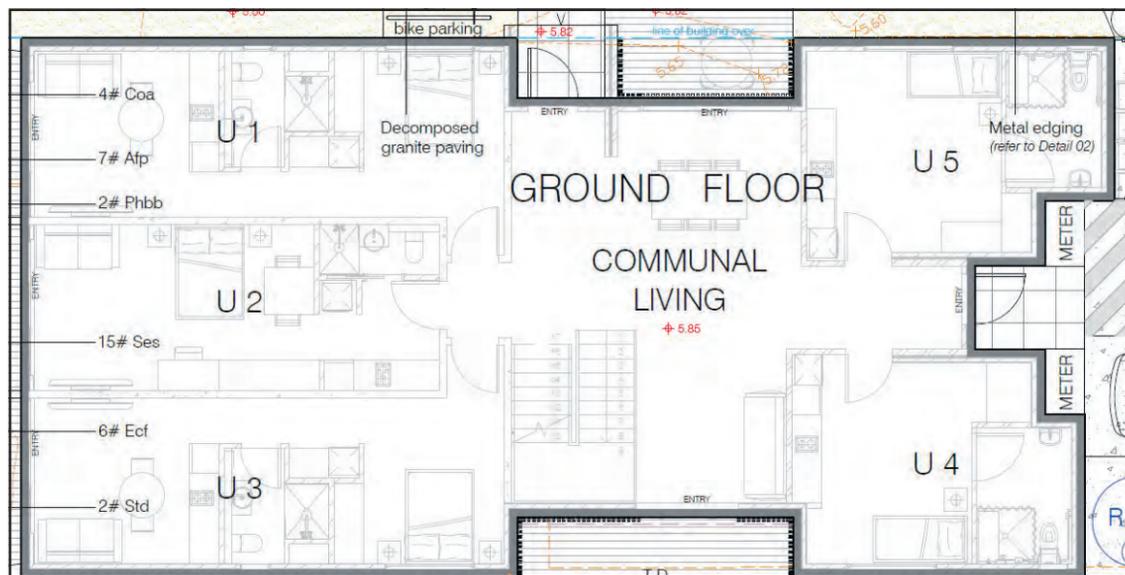
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Planning



Two-storey block for co-living housing

An application for a 12-unit co-living development has been submitted for 194 Ocean Beach Rd, Woy Woy.

One of the units is designated as a "manager unit".

The site is zoned as R2 Low Density Residential, with an area 696.4 square metres, and is located on a bus route with a bus stop nearby.

The proposed building is a single two-storey block with three double rooms, two "accessible" rooms and a communal living space on the ground floor, and six double rooms with balconies plus one single room and a communal area on the first floor.

All double rooms will contain a laundry, kitchenette and bathroom and will be limited to two occupants.

As a "co-living" development, a floor space ratio of up to 0.66:1 is allowed. The application claims that this proposal achieves a ratio of 0.61:1.

The ground floor area is stated to be 190 square metres and the first floor 233 square metres.

The application claims compliance with all planning requirements for "co-living" housing.

The proposal provides six car spaces including an accessible car space with shared zone, two motorcycle spaces and bicycle parking.

It states that a Plan of Management is provided among the documents, but this is not on public exhibition.

The application states: "The

proposal has been developed with a view to upgrading the site and producing a form of development, which is consistent with council's nominated objectives and design principles.

"The proposal will produce an attractive and notable contribution to the site and locality in general with limited environmental impact.

"The proposal is consistent with the character of the area and will have no negative environmental or urban design impacts."

The application is currently on public exhibition, with written submissions accepted until January 13.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 8 Dec 2024
DA/1792/2024, Central Coast Council

Request lodged to review Huckleberry Finn's refusal

A request has been submitted for Central Coast Council to review its refusal of the proposed demolition of the building known as "Huckleberry Finn's" located at 24-28 The Boulevard, Woy Woy.

Six detailed reasons were given for refusal by the council, five of them stating that "insufficient information" had been provided for such things as an "assessment of the structural condition of the building", "the cost of retention and bringing the structure into compliance with the Building Code" and that due consideration had not been given to the "heritage significance" of this building.

The sixth reason for refusal stated that "the proposed development is considered unsatisfactory with regards to impacts on the existing and future intended built environment, vision and historical significance and setting of the Woy Woy Town Centre as required by the CCDCP 2022."

The Review Request, prepared by Wales and Associates, attempts to refute all the reasons for refusal either by providing the "missing information" or by attempting to

prove that the council's reasoning was at fault.

It refers to a structural engineers report and photos and a heritage impact statement prepared by heritage consultant Mr John Carr.

The heritage report delves into the history of Woy Woy from the earliest days of European settlement, noting that it was originally known as Webb's Flat, named for James Webb, the first European settler of the Brisbane Water region in 1823, and was first explored by a party led by Governor Arthur Phillip in 1789.

The document attempts to delineate this building's origins, role and significance in the development of Woy Woy.

It is illustrated with several old photos.

The report summarises its conclusions: "Examination of the indicators of heritage significance demonstrate that 24-28 The Boulevard has some cultural significance, but this significance is limited and it fails to meet the benchmark for cultural significance where its listing as a heritage item would be warranted."

The structural engineers report, perhaps predictably, lists a number of issues caused by age and lack

of maintenance.

It concludes that the building is at "the end of its serviceable and functional life" with "a high degree of structure and elements past serviceable repair and not considered practicably salvageable".

The request states that the submission and attached reports address the reasons for refusal and should result in the Council's approval of the application under Clause 8.2 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act."

The application is currently on public exhibition and open for written submissions until January 13.

One submission has already been lodged stating: "This beautiful bit of old Woy Woy history should not be demolished.

"It's not acceptable for owners to leave buildings neglected for decades without proper maintenance and attention.

"This should not be used as an excuse to demolish.

"Owners must be held accountable for neglecting this building and must repair it."

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 8 Dec 2024
DAR/126/2024, Central Coast Council

Arts

Troubadour to hold Christmas concert

The Troubadour Folk Club will hold its annual Christmas concert, performed by club members, at 7pm on Saturday, December 14, at the Everglades Country Club in Woy Woy.

The theme for "the Troubadour's famous Christmas show" will be trains and boats and planes.

Song and verse about cars, horses and donkeys will also be accepted.

"The program's looking great, with hardly any spots left," said president Mr Michael Fine.

Tickets will cost just \$10 and are available via <http://PenNe.ws/qkf14Q>.

To book a spot or for further information, phone Michael on 4342 6716 or MaryAnne On 0407 917 117.

SOURCE:
Media release, 7 Dec 2024
Michael Fine, Troubadour Central Coast

Ruby Archer launches new album

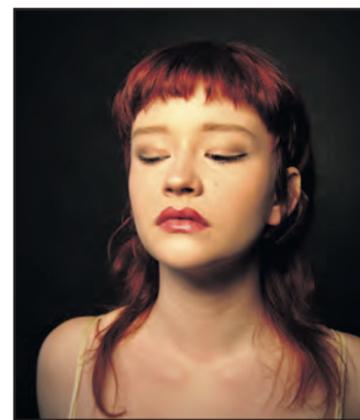
Peninsula singer-songwriter Ruby Archer will launch her new album Oh So Tender Deluxe in Gosford at 4pm, next Sunday, December 15.

The album is described as "a love letter to its precursor, with some extra tracks that have a similar feel and come from the same era".

"The album originally centred around the urban-industrial vibe of parts of the Central Coast and drew from Ruby's teenage experiences in those places.

"The new songs explore the more beautiful parts of those places and that era, rather than the grimy parts.

"The new tracks will mark the end of a beloved era which was painful and beautiful but must now



come to an end."

The launch will be held at the Funhaus Factory in Donnison St, Gosford. Tickets are available online.

SOURCE:
Media release, 8 Dec 2024
Giitta Supernova, Funhaus Factory

Greek-theme authors hold books signing

Two authors of Greek-themed books will hold a book-signing at a Greek restaurant in Woy Woy from 12pm to 3pm on Saturday, December 21.

Ms Sally Jane Smith who launched her travel memoir Unpacking for Greece at Woy Woy Library as part of the Words on the Waves writers' festival was recognised recently by the Greek-Australian Cultural League of Melbourne.

They have awarded her first prize in the "Prose in English" category of their 2024 book awards.

"To see my name listed with

those of so many accomplished Greek-Australian writers is an indescribable honour," she said.

"As a non-Greek who owes a great deal to Greece – the country that turned me into a writer and helped me fall back in love with my own life – I feel enormous gratitude."

Ms Smith will be joined by Umina romance writer Ms Ella McLaughlin, whose first book Finding Me and You is set on a Mediterranean cruise and features Santorini on its cover.

She is currently writing her fifth novel, set in Greece.

SOURCE:
Media release, 3 Dec 2024
Sally Jane Smith, Gosford

Pearl Beach book fair

The Pearl Beach Progress Association will hold its annual Summer Book Fair on Saturday, December 28.

The sale promises a wide selection of books including fiction and biography, as well as

children's books and games.

It will be held from 9am to 1pm on December 28 at the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall, with proceeds going to the Association.

SOURCE:
Website, 3 Dec 2024
Pearl Beach Progress Association



‘Regular eye checks’ was the message

A “vocational visit” to an optometrist in Ettalong by the Rotary Club of Woy Woy has highlighted the need to get your eyes checked regularly, particularly as you get older.

Club president Mr Tom McCann described the visit to Bay Optical on Tuesday, November 26, as “a fun and informative evening”.

“Optometrist Dr Simon Della Vedova regaled the 20 members and partners in attendance, with facts and stories about eyes, eye-related issues and personal anecdotes about eyes for just over an hour,” he said.

“During that time, those in attendance learned about the impacts and causes of cataracts, glaucoma and age-related macular degeneration.

“While cataracts are reasonable easy to treat, glaucoma and age-related macular degeneration are not so.

“Simon assured us that through early detection, management of these conditions can significantly reduce their impact.

“The lesson from the evening is to get your eyes checked regularly for these conditions, particularly as we age.”

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 3 Dec 2024
Tom McCann, Rotary Woy Woy

Walk to Sydney for breast cancer care

A 60-kilometre walk from Woy Woy to the Sydney Cricket Ground will be held in early January to raise funds to support women with breast cancer.

Killcare Heights residents Ms Tammy Jackett and Mr Adam Glover will be among those participating in The Big Three Trek over Thursday and Friday, January 2 and 3, to raise funds for the McGrath Foundation.

The walk will see participants commence their journey at The Bayview Hotel in Woy Woy and finish at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Held across two days, participants can complete the whole journey or choose to cover a portion.

Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid has urged local residents to support the walk.

“If you can, please donate,” he said.

“Since its creation three years ago, \$285,791 has been raised to support the McGrath Foundation.

“Through initiatives like this, the McGrath Foundation can continue to raise awareness for early detection and support Australian women with breast cancer.

“The McGrath Foundation is an outstanding charity supporting women with breast cancer and



their families.

“We all know someone who has been impacted by this terrible disease.

“And we know that awareness and early detection is our best weapon against breast cancer.”

This is the second year in a row that Tammy and Adam have been involved with the walk.

Ms Jackett said: “The whole journey is 60km and will end at the SCG.

“It will be tough but it’s for an

amazing cause.

“Participants completing the journey will arrive for the Pink Parade Walk before day one of the iconic Pink Test.

“Every donation counts and is going towards a really worthy cause,” she said.

More information is available online via <http://PenNe.ws/BMmnhx>.

SOURCE:
Media release, 4 Dec 2024
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson



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Education



Carols on the Beach was a not-so-silent night

Umina Beach Public School held its "Carols on the Beach" on Monday, December 2.

Neighbours were advised in advance of the "not-so-silent",

which ran from 5pm to 8pm. "This is a much-anticipated community event for our students, staff and families," they were told. "We trust you'll enjoy the toe-tapping entertainment, perhaps

sing along with us and appreciate the spirit of this special event." Principal Ms Karen Wardlaw said: "It was a thrill to watch each performance and see our students shine on stage."

She thanked the parents and citizens association for its "vision, planning, organisation and commitment which ensured the night was a success". She said the school's "amazing

staff provided such fantastic opportunities for our students to showcase their skills and talents".
SOURCE:
Social media, 2 Dec 2024
Umina Beach Public School



Musical takes audience to outer space and beyond

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School has held its annual end of year musical extravaganza at St Edward's College, East Gosford, on Tuesday evening, December 3.

St John students took their audience on a journey through outer space and beyond, in a fun-filled night with the whole school community entitled Star Warts: The Umpire Strikes Back.

The action opened with the

school's 30-piece concert band. Music teacher Ms Kerryn Cooper said: "The children's performance was incredible. "The have been diligently rehearsing all term and indeed The Force was with them as they took the stage. "I'm so proud of the entire cast, all the students and parents involved. "I love seeing our young people shining so creatively."

SOURCE:
Social media, 6 Dec 2024
SJB Catholic Primary School

Sing-along

Woy Woy South Public School Years K-2 staff and students will hold a Christmas sing-along at 2pm tomorrow, Tuesday, December 10.

It will be held in the school hall. Students are encouraged to wear any Christmas-themed or coloured clothes to school for the day.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 22 Nov 2024
Woy Woy South Public School



Presentation days

Ettalong Public School will hold its presentation days this week.

The Kindergarten presentation will be at 1:35pm on Wednesday, December 11.

The presentation for Years 3-6 will be held at 9am on Thursday, December 12, followed by the Years 1-2 presentation at 11:30am.

"We can't wait to celebrate the achievements of our students this year," said school principal Ms Jodie Campbell.

SOURCE:
Social media, 26 Nov 2024
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong Public School

A week saying goodbye

Students from Years K-2 at Woy Woy South Public School have spent a week saying goodbye to their "Fairy Tree".

The tree has been condemned as unsafe by arborists and will be

chopped down. Classes did writing, drawing and painting to remember the times they have had at the tree.

SOURCE:
Social media, 28 Nov 2024
Woy Woy South Public School



Year 6 students hold fete

Ettalong Public School held its Year 6 Mini Fete between 10am and 1pm on Friday, December 6.

The Year 6 students held their annual Mini Fete to raise funds for their end of year activities and gift to the school.

A variety of stalls included games, face painting, a sausage sizzle and a white elephant stall,

with activities ranging in cost from 50 cents to \$3.50.

"We had a fantastic day at our Mini Fete," said principal Ms Jodie Campbell.

"Well done to the students for running a great event and their teachers for all the effort they put in behind the scenes."

SOURCE:
Social media, 7 Dec 2024
Ettalong Public School

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Almost 19,000 visit Ocean Beach

Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club has released statistics showing almost 19,000 people have visited Ocean Beach.

"It's only seven weeks into the season and our lifesavers have been busy keeping beach goers safe.

"Over 18,902 people enjoyed Ocean Beach, there have been eight rescues, seven First Aid attendances and 89 preventative actions."

SOURCE:
Social media, 29 Nov 2024
Ocean Beach SLSC



Number one bowling green named

The number one green at Umina Beach Bowling Club has been named after member Mr Steve Stead.

"Thank you Steve for your significant contribution to Umina

Beach Men's Bowling Club over the past 25 years," said club secretary Mr Peter Springett.

SOURCE:
Social media, 29 Nov 2024
Peter Springett, UBMBC

Peninsula netball association elects 'seven new faces'

The Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association has elected seven new faces to its committee at its Annual General Meeting.

The meeting also adopted a new constitution.

"This is a positive step for our

association as it gives us more flexibility with the policies that underpin the new constitution and also saw some of the executive committee roles be renamed or created," said president Ms Nicole Barnes.

"All roles were accepted last night, and our first council meeting was held after the annual meeting with the new executive committee and all clubs.

"A huge shout out must go to our executive committee members who are hanging up their netball bibs.

"There is many years of experience and commitment to netball that will sadly leave our courts this year.

"Our very new looking executive committee is ready to take that centre pass and keep moving forward."

Members of the new executive are president Ms Nicole Barnes, vice-president Alex Marshall, secretary Ms Jenni Blacker, treasurer Ms Lisa Kennaway, competition co-ordinator Ms Amanda Harris, representative teams convenor Ms Michelle Stone, umpires convenor Ms Lynne Bates and coaches convenor Ms Rita Perl.

Other office-bearers are assistant secretary Ms Kirsty Hardy, canteen coordinator Ms Shannon Planicka, special events coordinator Ms Alison Pardey, assistant umpire convenor Ms Lisa Holt, Net Set Go coordinator Ms Jenna Salvaterra and media and marketing officer Alex Marshall.

SOURCE:
Social media, 3 Dec 2024
Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association

Touch committee member steps down after 15 years

Peninsula Touch committee member Mr Matthew Sawyer has decided to step down after more than 15 years.

"Matt has worn many hats while volunteering his time for our club and everything we stand for as a club comes back to his dedication," said president Mr Rod Dillon.

"Although his experience and passion will be missed, we would again like to thank Matt and wish him a stress free 'retirement' from the committee."

SOURCE:
Social media, 30 Nov 2024
Peninsula Touch Association Inc



WHAT'S ON at ETTALONG BOWLING CLUB

Don't miss out on the ultimate New Years Eve celebration at Ettalong Bowling Club! Join us for an unforgettable night with everyone's favourite soloist, Errol, performing in our main lounge from 4pm. Then head over to the Audi and rock out to some classic hits with BIG WAY OUT band from 8:30pm.

Best of all, both performances are completely FREE! So raise a glass and cheers to a fantastic night filled with great music, delicious food and drinks, and good company. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

Not only do we have 80 hams up for grabs on Wednesday 11th & 18th December at our Ham Raffles, we have also included hams in our Friday and Sunday Club Raffles. Friday's drawn at 6.15pm and Sundays at 12.30pm.

On behalf of our staff, management, and directors we would like to wish you all a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a Safe & Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you again in 2025.



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Sport



Umina bowling club celebrates 65 years

The Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club celebrated its 65th birthday at its Presentation Day held on Tuesday, November 26.

A game of bowls was played in very hot conditions, followed by presentations at 12pm.

Life members Ms Lesley Swales and Ms Sue Craske joined club president Ms Pat Neal to cut the

65th birthday cake.

Members were asked to bring in toys to be given to needy families on the Peninsula.

This year Vinnies was asked to distribute the toys on the club's behalf.

SOURCE:
Website, 3 Dec 2024
Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club

Cycle group to ride to Gosford and back

Central Coast Bicycle User Group will hold a ride from Woy Woy to Gosford and return, starting at Fishermen's Wharf on Thursday, December 12, from 8am to 10:30am

The route is described as an easy ride along the shared path to Gosford and back, about 25kms in total, with a potential

extension to Pt Frederick.

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

The ride will stop for coffee somewhere along the route.

For further information, phone ride leader Mr Alan Corven on 0414 538 977.

SOURCE:
Social media, 5 Dec 2024
Central Coast Bicycle User Group



Hemi Palmer wins Ettalong Major Singles

Hemi Palmer has won the Ettalong Eagles Major Singles for 2024-25.

Palmer defeated Anthony Wakefield 25-3, after Wakefield

won his semi-final against D Weige 25-22, and Palmer won his semi-final against B Bowring 25-13.

SOURCE:
Social media, 1 Dec 2024
Ettalong Eagles

SEU announces 'two huge names'

Southern and Ettalong United Football Club has announced "two huge names" returning to the club for the coming season.

They are Todd Balneaves and Emily Diaz.

"As a cornerstone of our team, Todd's leadership as captain and his commanding presence have been instrumental to our success," said club president Ms Stevie Skene.

"Known for his incredible vision, rock-solid tackles, and unmatched long throw-ins, Todd brings experience, grit, and passion to every match.

"His commitment to the team, on and off the pitch, sets the tone for our squad, and we couldn't be more excited to see him lead us into what promises to be an



unforgettable season."

"We couldn't be more excited to announce the return of Emily Diaz to Southern and Ettalong United Football Club for the 2025 season.

"A former Golden Boot winner and one of the most electrifying



players to ever wear the Southern jersey, Emily is known for her unmatched skill, relentless drive, and her ability to turn any game on its head."

SOURCE:
Social media, 29 Nov 2024
Stevie Skene, SEUFC



Judo club holds presentations and party

Woy Woy Judo Club has held a presentation day and Christmas party for its students.

Parents, friends, families and coaches attended to see members presented with their trophies.

A couple of weeks of training

remain, before a holiday break until training resumes next year.

SOURCE:
Social media, 7 Dec 2024
Woy Woy Judo Club

Summer teams bridge competition results

Results of Summer Teams competition at Brisbane Water Bridge Club after four of four matches were:

1 Dasha Brandt, Dorothy Berzins, David Bowerman, Wendy Mitchell 58 Imps (57.24 VPs) 3-0-1 W-D-L, 0.42 red points.

2 Jan Clarke, Alan Bustany, Pauline Caust, Di Coats 43 (51.76) 2-0-2, 0.28.

3 Marcelle Goslin, Ron Meaney, Donelle Foate, Christine Hadaway 12 (45.92), 3-0-1, 0.42.

4 Chris Hasemore, Martin Johnson, Barry Foster, Hope Tomlinson 15 (43.43), 2-0-2, 0.28.

5 Karen Ody, Jim Routledge, Jaan Oitmaa, Sylvia Foster 13 (42.84), 3-0-1, 0.42.

6 Joan Walsh, Faith Ross,

Jenny Buckley, Carol Long -3 (39.73), 2-0-2, 0.28.

7 Tracey Dillon, Daryll Knowles, Kevin F. Hughes, Jorgen Boettiger -15 (38.03), 2-0-2, 0.28.

8 Bernard Davidson, Pamela Lumby, Kerry Dwyer, Lorraine Lindsay -6 (37.94), 2-0-2, 0.28.

9 Felicity Fane, Matt Raj Mal, Elaine Hume, Peter Hume -4 (36.99), 1-0-3, 0.14.

10 David Adams, Ross Templeton, Deborah Guthrie, Fiona Templeton -29 (29.39), 1-0-3, 0.14.

11 Edith Marshall, Hilary Owen, Frankie Craven, Spider Redgold -84 (16.73), 1-0-3, 0.14.

SOURCE:
Website, 8 Dec 2024
Brisbane Water Bridge Club

Umina life savers to hold golf day

Umina Surf Life Saving Club will hold a Golf Day on Monday, December 30, at Everglades Country Club.

Breakfast will be served at 7am with bacon and egg rolls.

Tee-off will be at 7.30am with a shotgun start.

The four-person Ambrose event will cost \$65 per player.

The club recommends booking in groups of four, but will organise others into groups of four, if needed.

A presentation will be held at Everglades following the round.

SOURCE:
Social media, 26 Nov 2024
Umina Surf Life Saving Club