



## Coastal Twist marches in Mardi Gras

Coastal Twist members took part in the Mardi Gras at the Sydney Cricket Ground last Saturday, March 6.

Their participation followed months of preparation and a dance

and dress rehearsal in Ettalong the previous weekend.

"With all the adversity we have had there is going to be people from all around the world watching, some still in lockdown and just to be able to put that cheer, sparkle

and celebrate love, freedom, equality is a wonderful offering," said Coastal Twist Festival co-head float designer Leigh Rijff.

SOURCE:

Media release, 2 Mar 2021  
Glitta Supernova, Coastal Twist

## Premier has not ruled out Council inquiry, says Crouch

Premier Ms Gladys Berejiklian has not ruled out an inquiry into Central Coast Council, according to Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast Mr Adam Crouch.

Responding to what he called "lies" being spread on social media, Mr Crouch said: "The Premier never said that she doesn't support an inquiry into the Council."

"The Premier did say that the NSW Government will make a decision at the conclusion of the Administrator's term."

Mr Crouch did not identify which social media posts he was responding to.

However, the NSW Central

Coast Incident Alerts, News and Information group reported in a social media post on February 26 that "the Premier also clearly stated on her visit that her government ... does not support any inquiry into the former Central Coast Council".

Mr Crouch said he supported the petition which called for a judicial inquiry.

"The Local Government Act does not provide an option for a judicial inquiry, but does allow for a public inquiry."

"The Administrator's term concludes on 29 April."

"The Local Government Minister will then choose to reinstate the councillors, or commence a public inquiry," Mr Crouch said.

"The Local Government Minister

and I do not support the proposed rate rise.

"As a ratepayer myself, I am furious that our community might be forced to pay for the mistakes and failures of a group of councillors and senior council staff."

"I believe that those responsible for the Council's financial situation must be held to account."

"We need to make sure that this appalling financial situation can never be repeated."

Mr Crouch denied that the amalgamation of Gosford and Wyong into the one council was the cause of the financial situation.

SOURCE:

Social media, 27 Feb 2021  
Adam Crouch, Member for Terrigal

## Greens call for vote on de-amalgamation

The Central Coast Greens have called for a popular vote on de-amalgamation to allow the community to indicate whether or not they support returning to the former Wyong and Gosford Local Government Areas.

"The push for the amalgamation of Wyong and Gosford Councils

lacked a popular mandate and has angered locals," said Central Coast Greens media officer Ms Chantelle Baistow.

"Resentment is still present in our community today."

"If a poll determines that the community wishes to de-amalgamate, we believe the State Government should commit to a de-amalgamation and guarantee

to cover the costs.

"Until the community has had its say regarding a possible de-amalgamation, the Central Coast Greens call for the sale of the Gosford Council offices to be immediately put on hold."

SOURCE:

Media release, 25 Feb 2021  
Chantelle Baistow, Central Coast Greens

## Arboretum seeks ephemeral art installations

The Pearl Beach Arboretum committee is seeking expressions of interest for "ephemeral art installations" at the arboretum in June.

An Ephemeral Art Trail, to be promoted as PBeat, is planned for three weeks from the June long weekend, June 12 to 14 June, to the end of the first week of the public school holidays on July 4.

It is proposed to have around 20 ephemeral artworks on display which are inspired by the Arboretum site.

There will be a \$500 cash "people's choice" prize.

"The Pearl Beach Arboretum Ephemeral Art Trail aims to create inspiring temporary public art that promotes nature conservation, supports community identity and increases the cultural vibrancy,"

said committee secretary Ms Mary Knaggs.

Artists are invited to submit expressions of interest online or via post for before April 5.

The selection panel will comprise Arboretum president Ms Victoria Crawford, Pearl Beach artist Ms Marijke Greenway and bushcraft teacher Mr Jake Cassar.

A number of spots in the arboretum will be reserved for local schools or community groups.

Ephemeral art is defined as being made with materials at hand and left for others to discover. It could also be a performance installation.

For further information, send inquiries to pbeat@pearlbeacharboretum.org.au.

SOURCE:

Website, 4 Mar 2021  
Mary Knaggs, Pearl Beach Arboretum

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## Peninsula News – the supplement

Each issue of Peninsula News contains as many news items about the Peninsula as our competitors.

Despite that we always news items that we do not have space to publish. These appear, along with the printed articles, on our website [www.peninsula.news](http://www.peninsula.news).

We are currently considering producing a Peninsula News EXTRA, which would contain these extra items, as well as other interpretive and commentary pieces.

This would be available to advertisers, volunteers and those who are willing to become Patrons of Peninsula News. Patrons would undertake to make regular donations to support Peninsula News and the aims of its voluntary non-profit community group owner, The Peninsula's Own News Service Inc.

A voluntary non-profit group has owned and operated

Peninsula News over the past 21 years, and continues in its 513th edition under the leadership of its founding editor Mark Snell.

More help and support are always needed, and community involvement is welcomed.

Volunteer opportunities are available in all aspects of the newspaper's production, from news gathering and photography, through to seeking advertising and administration.

Peninsula continues with the same editorial policies that have seen it develop an extraordinary level of recognition, appreciation and support over the years:

SOURCE:

Mark Snell, editor  
24 Feb 2021

Our next issue:

Monday,  
March 22

NEWS email: [contributions@peninsula.news](mailto:contributions@peninsula.news)

COUNT THE NEWS: The printed issue contains 39 articles

... and another 37 articles in this supplement

## News

# Peninsula News

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Peninsula News is a fortnightly community newspaper for the Woy Woy Peninsula, owned by The Peninsula's Own News Service Inc, a local non-profit incorporated association. Its aims include providing a viable, non-partisan news medium and forum exclusively for the Peninsula and developing a strong sense of community on the Peninsula.

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## Editorial policy and guidelines

**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.

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The newspaper's editorial policy reflects a desire to reinforce the Peninsula's sense of community.

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The newspaper is not regional or national in nature, so regional or national issues will not be canvassed except as they affect the Peninsula.

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

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

## Readability

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

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

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

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

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

Contributors are asked to keep their

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

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

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

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## Native plant stall at The Bays Hall

**With restrictions beginning to ease, The Bays Community Group has been able to open the doors to the hall again.**

"People are able to buy a bacon and egg roll and go on their way or mingle and chat inside the hall," said Group president Ms Gwynneth Weir.

"In February, there was also a plant stall selling native plants.

"This, too, was very popular and the committee is now hoping to offer a variety of stalls throughout the year."

Pictured at the plant stall are Mr Ron Taylor, Ms Jill Napier and Mr Ed Harvey. At the barbecue are Mr Dean Wignell and Mr Danny Moscatelli. Serving are Ms Sue Douglas and Ms Teri Calder.

## SOURCE:

Media release, 4 Mar 2021  
Gwynneth Weir, The Bays Community Group



## Driest January and February in 10 years

**The Peninsula has had the driest first two months of the year in 10 years.**

The cumulative total rainfall for January and February was 165.5mm, according to figures provided by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

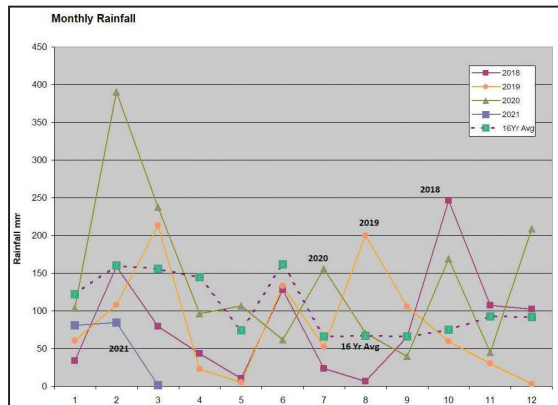
The average total for the two months is 282mm.

The February rainfall was 84.8mm, just over half the month's average of 160mm.

The least rain to fall on the Peninsula during January and February was in 2011, when the total was 104.9mm.

In 2019, the driest year in the last 16, the rainfall for the two months totalled 168.5mm, three millimetres more than this year.

In that year, rainfall for the year



was less than 80 per cent the average with a total for the year of 992.9mm.

**SOURCE:**  
Spreadsheet, 5 Mar 2021  
Jim Morrison, Umina

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## 'Meet the team' as GUST celebrates 500th tree planting

### Woy Woy to get upgrade to school oval

**Woy Woy Public School has been successful in gaining an upgrade for the school oval through the Regional Renewal Program.**

The upgrade is not expected to be completed until June next year. "The school has been trying for many years and has submitted many grant applications and put forward submissions in many rounds of government funding and to date had been unsuccessful," said school principal Ms Ona Buckley.

"The upkeep of the oval has

been an annual expense for the school budget over many years as well.

"The school oval will not be a proper sporting field but a green playing space for all our children.

"The oval being on a sand base has always had difficulty in growing grass and maintaining it successfully when our students constantly use it.

"It is extremely exciting to now be able to improve the quality of the school oval.

"This program is a recent initiative to support schools in

being able to do large scale works on school grounds.

"To be able to be part of this initiative, the school must put forward funds from its own school budget as well.

"The school will be working closely with the Regional Asset Management team during the upgrade.

"We have waited a long, long time."

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 19 Feb 2021  
Ona Buckley and Dan Betts,  
Woy Woy Public School

**The Grow Urban Shade Trees group has celebrated its 500th tree planting with an opportunity for residents to "meet the team".**

Supporters were invited to "talk trees with us" at Sydney 2000 Park, next to Mingaletta on Sydney Rd, Umina, between 11am and 1pm on Sunday, February 28.

Group member Ms Melissa Chandler said: "Being massive tree nerds, we really could talk trees all day long."

She said those who attended took the opportunity to talk about

other topics as well as trees: pets, politics and sensitive development among them.

"The hot sun also joined in today reminding us, yet again, how delicious and vital the shade is."

"We are quite proud that we are starting to make an impact on the Peninsula," said Ms Chandler.

Pictured above are tree group members Ms Deb Sunartha, Ms Lesley Harvey, Ms Jan Deighton, Ms Mel Chandler and Ms Jenny Wilder.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 1 Mar 2021  
Melissa Chandler, GUST

### Produce swapped at community garden

**Woy Woy Peninsula Community Garden held its monthly produce swap at the garden in Moana St on Sunday, February 25.**

The produce swap is held at the garden from 10am to 11am on the last Sunday of every month.

The garden organisers encourage backyard growers to bring their excess food to share with other growers.

"It is a very casual affair and

nobody keeps score," said co-ordinator Ms Tania Haydn.

"By bringing your produce, you are saying that you are happy for other swappers to take what they need because it is excess to your needs.

"It is simply a way of sharing your food with the fellow growers in your neighbourhood."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 25 Feb 2021  
Tania Haydn, Woy Woy  
Peninsula Community Garden

**The Pearl Beach Arboretum has received more than 70 responses to its community survey.**

"There were many comments about how peaceful it is," said arboretum secretary Ms Mary Knaggs.

"About half those responses were from local residents or regular visitors to Pearl Beach and others being less frequent visitors.

"What most people like best

about the Arboretum is its quiet tranquility and the ability to appreciate native flora and fauna.

"There was a high acknowledgement of the work of the Arboretum management committee and the many other volunteers who look after the Arboretum.

"There was overwhelming community support for native conservation, particularly regarding koalas being re-established in the

local area.

"There were some suggestions for sympathetic changes and new activities, for example more educational and cultural programs.

"We will take these comments on board over the coming years," Ms Knaggs said.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 23 Feb 2021  
Mary Knaggs, Pearl  
Beach Arboretum

### Survey responses appreciate arboretum's peacefulness



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## Education

### Umina school opens school grounds

**Umina Beach Public School is allowing parents and carers to enter the school grounds, as long as they follow coronavirus guidelines.**

This includes keeping a distance of 1.5 metres, using the QR code and minimising their time in the school.

"Socialising between adults should take place off school grounds to avoid group gatherings," said relieving principal Mr Chad Tsakissiris.

"At this time, we ask parents to phone the school to make

appointments to speak with their child's teacher as we need to keep our classrooms safe for students and staff.

"Afternoon departure procedures will remain in place where teachers will take students to their assigned gates.

"These guidelines are subject to change in line with NSW Department of Education and NSW Health advice."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 5 Mar 2021  
Chad Tsakissiris, Umina Beach Public School



### New staff welcomed at Woy Woy campus

**Brisbane Water Secondary College has a number of new teachers this year.**

They were officially welcomed with a barbecue at the school on March 2.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 2 Mar 2021  
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy

### New shared building at Ettalong school

**A new building is being erected at Ettalong Public School on the Karingi St side of the school.**

It will be parallel to K Block, the school's newest brick building.

"The building is to be shared between our school and our Before and After School Care provider,"

said school principal Ms Lynn Balfour.

"I am assured this new building has excellent facilities."

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 23 Feb 2021  
Lynn Balfour, Ettalong Public School

### Centre offers three jewellery classes

**Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre is offering three jewellery classes.**

They are held on Wednesday afternoons and evenings, with a

new class proposed for Monday evenings.

The Jewellery Design and Techniques classes are taught by local jeweller Ms Celeste

Boonaerts. Term lengths vary from six to nine weeks.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 24 Feb 2021  
Peter Mulholland, EBACC

### Approval to run outdoor discos

**Ettalong Public School has received Health and Education Department approval to run its outdoor discos this Wednesday, March 10.**

"We are thrilled to announce that this term's discos will go ahead," said school principal Ms Lynn Balfour.

"The NSW Dept of Education and NSW Health have confirmed that our Covid-safe, outdoor discos can take place on Wednesday,

March 10, as planned.

"This event is for Ettalong Public School students only.

"Parents will not be permitted on school grounds during discos."

They would be advised of collection arrangements, she said.

The disco for Stage 1 students will be held from 3:30pm to 4:30pm, for Stage 2 students from 4:45pm to 5:45pm, and for Stage 3 students from 6pm to 7:15pm.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 3 Mar 2021  
Lynn Balfour, Ettalong Public School

### Parents' association to hold elections at annual meeting

**Umina Beach Public School Parents and Citizens Association will hold its annual elections on Wednesday this week, March 10.**

Among the voluntary positions to be appointed are president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary and uniform shop coordinator.

The meeting will take place at

Umina Beach Surf Club at 7pm.

Due to restricted numbers, bookings are being taken for places at the meeting.

This meeting will be run in two parts:

The first part will be the association's ordinary general meeting, which will be addressed by school principal Mr Chad Tsakissiris as well as by the

association's office bearers.

The second part will be the association's "annual general meeting" which will appoint people for the key positions for the coming year.

Paid-up members of the association may vote in the election.

Mr Tsakissiris said: "I encourage parents and citizens of our school community to join the P and C and take an active part in making our school a great place to learn."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 5 Mar 2021  
UBPS P and C, Umina Beach Public School

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### Interviews by phone

**Parent-teacher interviews at Ettalong Public School will take place by phone this year.**

They will be held between Monday, March 15, and Wednesday, March 31, said school principal Ms Lynn Balfour.

Parents have been asked to book time and to ensure the school has correct contact numbers on file.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 27 Feb 2021  
Lynn Balfour, Ettalong Public School



## Women's network meets at Ettalong

The Central Coast Community and Business Women's Network met at Ettalong on Wednesday, February 24.

It was "another successful event on the Peninsula", said Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

"Thank you to Ettalong Diggers for hosting us."

The group plans to meet for another luncheon at Ettalong Diggers at noon on Wednesday, April 14.

SOURCE:

Social media, 24 Feb 2021

Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford



## Council adopts 'participation plan'

Central Coast Council has adopted a revised Community Participation Plan, following community consultation.

"The Central Coast Community Participation Plan is designed to make participation in planning clearer and easier for the local community," said council administrator Mr Dick Persson.

"It does this by setting out in one place the different types of applications, planning proposals, policies and strategies, the community participation objectives which are used to guide community engagement, how and when the

community can participate in the planning system, and council's role in determining planning matters."

Mr Persson said that access to simple and easy-to-understand planning information encouraged community participation.

"Council recognises that community participation in planning matters creates a shared sense of purpose, direction and understanding of the need to manage growth and change, while preserving local character," Mr Persson said.

SOURCE:

Media release, 23 Feb 2021

Dick Persson, Central Coast Council

## Tesch backs call to retain train guards

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has joined with other Central Coast State Labor members of parliament calling for train guards to be retained on regional routes.

"Older Australians and people with disability are reliant upon these train guards to provide the security and protection they need to comfortably travel each day for work," Ms Tesch said.

The call follows a ruling by the

Fair Work Commission that the NSW State Government must not abolish the role of Train Guards without first coming to an in-principle agreement with the Rail, Tram and Bus Union.

"The decision means that the State Government must now go back to the union and consult in good faith about the role of train guards in managing the safety of the new intercity fleet," said Ms Tesch.

"Transport Minister Andrew Constance needs to stop trying to sack railway workers and start listening to the passengers and crew who actually know how important train guards are in running a safe and efficient railway network," said the deputy Opposition leader Ms Yasmin Catley.

SOURCE:

Media release, 3 Mar 2021

Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

## Draft council policies on exhibition

Central Coast Council has a number of policies and draft plans on exhibition on its consultation website.

Those open for consultation at YourVoiceOurCoast.com include topics on the administration of council finances and on water planning, as well as a Mountain Bike Feasibility Study and an Active Lifestyles Strategy.

Administration and finance topics include Constitutional Referendum, Rates Harmonisation,

Draft revised Long Term Financial Plan, Securing your future with a rate rise, and Draft Debt Recovery and Hardship Policy

Water topics include Woy Woy Peninsula Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan, It's time to talk water, sewer and stormwater prices, Drought response desalination plant, and Planning our water future.

SOURCE:

Website, 2 Mar 2021

YourVoiceOurCoast.com



**Liesl Tesch MP**  
Member for Gosford

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## Health



### Aged care staff complete TAFE course

A number of care, catering and cleaning staff at a local aged care facility have recently completed on-site training in leisure and health.

The Peninsula Villages staff recently completed the nationally-recognised accreditation in a course delivered on site by TAFE NSW.

"Staff from met fortnightly for

theory and practical activities while also working with the well-being team, undertaking group and individual activities in line with our consumer-directed care model," said Village chief executive Mr Shane Neaves.

Pictured are Mr Neaves with the staff and their certificates.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 26 Feb 2021  
Shane Neaves, Peninsula Village

### Collecting food for people struggling with essentials

A Woy Woy business is collecting food for the homeless and other local people affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Woy Woy Antiques and Collectables is providing a collection point for non-perishable food that will be distributed by Coast Shelter to people struggling with day-to-day essentials.

Store manager Mr Mitchell Gordon said, "We are proud to provide practical assistance for people doing it tough during this difficult time."

He is seeking donations of "simple, non-perishable and useful items like pasta, rice, tea and coffee, school lunch spreads, snacks and tinned goods that can help create a meal".

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 7 Mar 2021  
Mitchell Gordon, Woy Woy Antiques

## Hospital visiting hours change

Local hospital visiting hours have changed as a result of advice from the NSW Department of Health.

Brisbane Waters Private Hospital is now open to visitors to medical, surgical and rehabilitation wards from 1pm to 8pm seven days a week.

The hospital's mental health clinic accepts visitors between

4pm and 8pm Mondays to Friday and from 1pm to 8pm at weekends.

Visitors are restricted to two visitors per patient at any one time.

More details about visitor restrictions are available on the hospital's website.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 27 Feb 2021  
Debra Ritter, Brisbane Waters Private Hospital

### Stroke survivor has paintings selected

A stroke survivor who moved to Daleys Point a year ago has had three of her paintings selected for display at Ettalong Diggers Club for Anzac Day.

Ms Suzanne Ghent is a full-time painter, photographer, published

poet and cabochon jeweller with jewellery in Gosford gallery.

She has also been nominated for a creative award with the Stroke Foundation.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release,  
Suzanne Ghent, Daleys Point

## Education

### Kindergarten departure gate changes

Umina Beach Public School has changed the departure gates for its kindergarten students to help reduce congestion.

"We will be relocating the Kindergarten departure gate from Monday, March 1, to the hall gate on Sydney Ave," said relieving principal Mr Chad Tsakissiris.

"Exiting through this gate will improve visibility for parents to see their child as they exit with their teacher.

"This has more space for parents to wait safely on the footpath and provides a dry area for our students on wet weather days.

"The previous Kindergarten gate will no longer be open as of this date.



"There are no changes to arrival gates.

"It does mean that there are more people congregated around the front entry of the school and

we remind everyone to socially distance."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 26 Feb 2021  
Chad Tsakissiris, Umina Beach Public School

### 'Gettalong' program at Ettalong

Ettalong Public School has introduced a "Gettalong" program for the school's playground and student well-being.

"Year 6 students and staff run various games, activities and interest groups that students can choose to join each and every lunch time," said school principal Ms Lynn Balfour.

"Activities include K-2 soccer, sport equipment, giant Connect 4, Lego club, art club, chess, disco, volleyball and the computer room

activities."

Students who are seen by a teacher demonstrating an aspect of the school motto - Respect, Responsibility, Ready To Learn - are given a "playground positive slip".

"Slips go into a weekly draw where one lucky student wins a free lunch order from the canteen to recognise their positive behaviour," Ms Balfour said.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 1 Mar 2021  
Lynn Balfour, Ettalong Public School

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## Annabelle wins in discus and shotput

Woy Woy campus student Annabelle Rodgers has represented Brisbane Water Secondary College at the NSW Country Athletics Championships, which ran from February 26 to 28.

She was first in para discus and shotput. She came first in open shotput, fifth in open discus and seventh in open javelin.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 28 Feb 2021  
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy

## Aussie Rules training

Aussie Rules football training will start for junior players for the Peninsula Swans on March 24.

Regular club training will be held on Wednesdays from 4:30pm to 6pm at Rogers Park, Woy Woy. "This is also a great chance for new players to come and have a try

of AFL and for everyone to just get a kick of the football," said Swans president Mr Jason Fulwood.

"Come down and see one of our friendly volunteers in a red shirt who will be happy to help."

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 1 Mar 2021  
Jason Fulwood, Peninsula Swans

## Bridge teams championships to be held next week

**Brisbane Water Bridge Club will hold its Open Teams Championship as an all-day event from 9.30am on Monday, March 15.**

The championship doubles as a qualifying event for the NSW Country Teams Championship.

Because of Covid requirements, participants must bring their own

lunch and refreshments.

The club will sponsor its three best teams to the regional final on July 24 and 25 at Long Jetty.

The club's Novice Teams Championship to be played over two Wednesday afternoons, from 1pm on March 17 and 24.

Beginners lessons will held over six weeks starting at 9:30am on Thursday, March 11, at the

Peninsula Community Centre in McMasters Rd, Woy Woy.

The lessons aim to help beginners with all aspects of the game in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere until they are ready to play in the club's regular sessions.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 1 Mar 2021  
Brisbane Water Bridge Club

## Autumn Pairs bridge results

**Brisbane Water Bridge Club played its Autumn Pairs competition on Wednesday, March 3.**

Open section results were:  
1. Peter Hume - Elaine Hume 141.0 (65.28 per cent), 0.50 red points.

2. Karen Ody - Martin Johnson 132.0 (61.11) 0.35

3. Jaan Oitmaa - Sylvia Foster 115.0 (53.24) 0.25

4. Marie Tucker - Carol Anderson 113.0 (52.31) 0.17

5. Warren Nicol - Edith Marshall 109.0 (50.46) 0.13

6. Hope Tomlinson - Barry Foster 106.0 (49.07)

7. Pam Gowthorpe - Jorgen Boettiger 101.0 (46.76)

8. Bobbie Lyons - Julie Teague

93.0 (43.06).

9. Christine Hadaway - Ann Snow 85.0 (39.35).

9. Meryl Duke - Jenny Buckley 85.0 (39.35).

Novice section results were:  
1. Fay Cole - Denyse Stephens 261.7 (69.24), 0.40

2. Jo Ampherlaw - Linda Cunningham 242.9 (64.25), 0.28

3. John Aldersley - Beryl Lowry 225.9 (59.75), 0.20

4. Graham Woolf - Chris Spikesman 221.1 (58.50), 0.13

5. Jann Small - Suzanne Harrison 217.9 (57.63), 0.10

6. Blair Glass - Ian Newton 200.1 (52.95), 0.08

7. Marcelle Goslin - Wendy Byrne 199.1 (52.68), 0.07

8. Liam Hannigan - Brian

Pickering 197.0 (52.12), 0.06

9. Vicki Halliday - Cesca Hannigan 178.1 (47.13).

10. Tony Langmead - Connie Lewis 171.9 (45.46).

11. Jan Mower - Jenni Murray 171.0 (45.24).

12. Carol Beresford - Coral Erikson 158.1 (41.84).

13. Fiona Galea - Maureen Lockwood 152.1 (40.25).

14. Colleen Guy - Elle Vickery 150.9 (39.91).

15. Robyn Fotheringham - Cheryl Pearce 144.9 (38.32).

16. Robyne Reeves - Sandy Shapley 131.3 (34.73).

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 5 Mar 2021  
Brisbane Water Bridge Club



## Ettalong bowls players in winning Shield side

Two Ettalong players were members of the Central Coast Under-18s bowls side which won the Metropolitan Shield against teams from Sydney and the Illawarra at Wyong on February 28.

Bailey Meti played in Team 1 of the Central Coast side, while Brendan Stokes played in Team 2.

The event was decided with a last match showdown between the undefeated sides of

Central Coast and a powerful Illawarra side who have won the great majority of these events in the past.

The Central Coast Side won convincingly with two rink wins and a draw in the other.

Central Coast has only competed in three of these events and has now won two of them.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 28 Feb 2021  
Doug Rose, Bowls Central Coast

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## Sport

# Southern Spirit holds eight-a-side social day



**Southern Spirit Cricket Club held its social eight-a-side cricket competition on February 28.**

Teams took the opportunity to dress up for the occasion.

Winners were Higgs's Team, pictured right.

Other teams included Hawaii 5-0, Reggies (top left), Rack Wilsons (middle left) and Globex Corporation (bottom left), Offies and Frothies, Kiss My Chavinda Vass, and Bash Brothers.

Volunteer helpers on the day included Scott Jones, Bill Gregg, Peter Hibberd, Jamie Doran and Paul Wright.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 3 Mar 2021  
Southern Spirit Cricket Club



## Campus represented by 35 swimmers

**Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College was represented by 35 students at the zone swimming carnival held at the Peninsula Leisure Centre on March 4.**

They included Millie Armstrong, Ellie Brett, Bridget Broome, Madeline Cameron, Yillen Clement, Caleb De Vivo, Jacob

Falconer, Kyan Fisher, Ami Giles, Macy Graf, Phoebe Graf and Ruby Graf.

Also swimming were Johnathan Hall, Cohen Hogan, Jed Hoyalnd, Catherine Kearney, Lucy Marshall, Elka McGann, Ava Muldowney, Lachlan Muldrock, Liam Orlowski, Hamish Pollock, Elise Pryde and Archie Rayner.

Others to swim were Elizabeth Rodham, Ben Russell, Aiden Simpson, Sienna Sinclair, William Slater, Charlie Sposito, Hannah Stevenson, Amelia Stocken, Ezekiel Watt, Sulaiman Wenham and Ella Yates.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 1 Mar 2021  
Kerrie O'Heir, BWSC Umina

## Netball grading completed

**Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association has completed its grading for the coming season.**

Competing in Senior Blue grade will be Fever, EE Spirit, UB Rosellas, UB Stingrays, TKT Ruby Reds, PL Margaritas, EE Harriers and BW Swordfish.

The Senior Green grade competition will be between PL Lions, PL Wildcats, EE Carawas, PL Panthers and BW Dolphins.

The Senior White grade competition will include BW Sharks, EE Falcons, PL Jags, TKT Pearls, TKT Diamonds and UB Goannas.

The IJ Blue grade competition will have five teams: PL Leopards, TKT Sapphires, EE Osprey, EE Griffins and EE Hawks.

The IJ Green grade teams will be UB Echidnas, PL Tigers, PL Lynx, TKT Gems and EE Imperials.

The Junior Blue competition will comprise eight teams: BW Bluebottles, PL Pumas, PL Pride, TKT Jades, EE Flyers, EE Aquilla, EE Stellars and UB Devils.

In Junior Green competition,

the teams will be PL Ocelots, BW Squids, BW Otters, TKT Opals and EE Kytes.

The following teams will play in NSG Blue grade competition: UB Wombats, UB Wallabies, EE Harpy and TKT Jewels.

Competing in NSG Green grade competition will be PL Cats, UB Bunnies, UB Koalas, EE Wings, EE Squawks and EE Kestrels.

The NSG Purple grade competition will be between UB bellbirds, PL Kittens, PL Kool Kats, TKT Crystals and BW Starfish.

In NSG White grade, the teams will be UB Bunyips, TKT Sparkles, BW Penguins, EE Nesters and EE Eagles.

The Senior Blue grade will be split at the end of the 15 rounds into a top three and a bottom five each competing for a spot in the grand final.

The Junior Blue grade will also be split at the end of the 15 rounds - into its top four and bottom four, each competing for a spot in the grand final.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 28 Feb 2021  
WWPNA



**Woy Woy Lions Rugby Union Club has appointed Wais Qalulu as its first grade coach for 2021.**

"Wais was born in Fiji and moved to Australia 27 years ago," said club treasurer Mr Luke Meany.

"He coached throughout Sydney from 2017 and is currently coaching the Australian Pacific Select 7s and helping the Australian 7s Team to select their squad for the Japan Olympics 2021.

"He played in the Shute Shield for over 15 years."

Wais said: "I'm very excited for what 2021 at Woy Woy Lions Rugby Club has in store for all of us as a club and community as a whole."

Pre-season training is held on Thursdays at 6:15 at Woy Woy campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 29 Jan 2021  
Luke Meany, Woy Woy Rugby Union

## Umina Beach men's bowls results

**Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club Major Singles Round 1 games were played on February 28.**

Results were: M O'Malley over H Rash, A Rhodes over J Phillips, V Gauci over A Glynn, M Hogden over D Stephens, S Stokie over M Ellery, G Godwin over B Butterworth, R Andersen over U Kila, G Collins over R Kaltenbacher, and P Springett over R Twells.

In the club's Fours

Championship semi-final, Michael O'Sullivan, Jim Phillips, Ken Harrison and Tom Burgmann won by one shot on an extra end over last year's champions Paul Trigg, George Boni, Peter Springett and Rob Andersen.

Tom's side were due to play Gary Arnold, Phil Poulton, Tony Potter and Lee Cribbs in the final played yesterday, March 7.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 28 Feb 2021  
Peter Springett, UBMBC

## Sports lunch for season launch

**Wallaby coach Dave Rennie and former Australian opening batsman Kerry O'Keeffe will be guest speakers at the season launch for the Woy Woy Rugby Union Club this Friday.**

The club will launch the season with a sports luncheon from 12 to 4pm at the Ettalong Diggers Club.

Master of ceremonies will be club patron Mr Peter "Fab" Fenton. For more information, contact the club by emailing functionwwru@gmail.com.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 3 Mar 2021  
Kevin Glew, Woy Woy Rugby Union