



It was Greek Theme day at Blue Wave Living aged care on Thursday, March 25, when they had a concert where they dressed up for a dance.

## Tesch suggests groups apply for women's sport grants

**Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch is encouraging local sporting groups to apply for Sport Her Way grants.**

She said the program was an initiative designed to increase the number of women in sport and leadership and improve the sporting culture.

Applications will close on Monday, April 12.

Grants are available from \$10,000 to \$50,000.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to progress your women's sporting programs and ensure they are up and running to expand for years to come."

Ms Tesch says supporting more women in sport is so important.

"Growing up, I had to play

wheelchair basketball in the men's team because there were no women's teams.

"Today there are a lot more opportunities for women in sport but I know we still have a long way to go and our progress starts with engaging in ways to get more girls into sport."

Earlier this year, the Southern Ettalong and Umina Football Club had new female change rooms built.

She said this meant that women's teams would no longer have to change in tents, "a huge win for these clubs and the wonderful women who compete in them".

**SOURCE:**

Media release, 1 Apr 2021

Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

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## Peninsula News EXTRA – the supplement

**For each issue of Peninsula News, we have more news items about the Peninsula than we have space to print.**

This issue, we have 82 articles, of which we were able to fit 35 into the printed edition.

Those articles not in the print edition are always included on our website.

Peninsula News EXTRA is an electronic supplement to printed edition, which contains these extra items.

As you see, this is produced with the same layout as the print edition, but is in PDF form only, published on the Thursday following the print edition.

As advertising support allows, these pages will be included in the print edition.

We expect Peninsula News EXTRA will normally have eight

pages.

However, on this occasion, we have had the material and the time to produce 12 pages.

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

Offers of assistance in the production of Peninsula News EXTRA would be welcome:

**SOURCE:**

Mark Snell, editor  
4 Apr 2021

**Our next issue:**

**Monday,  
April 19**

## Emergency planning workshop at Ettalong

**A workshop on the topic of emergency planning for seniors will be held from 9:30am to 12pm on Tuesday, April 20, at the Ettalong senior citizens centre.**

Run by Central Coast Council's environmental education team, topics will include having an emergency plan, emergency evacuation kit and where to find help and information in an emergency.

"Emergency situations can arise rapidly and quickly develop into life threatening situations," said environmental education officer Ms Anni Griffiths.

"The single most important factor to your survival is planning and preparation.

"These workshops have been developed for seniors over the age of 55 and are designed to help you build strategies to stay safe in extreme weather events like fire, flood, storm or heatwave.

"Attending households will receive the emergency evacuation kit components."

Light refreshments will be served.

Places are limited, bookings essential, and the workshop will comply strictly to Covid Safe requirements.

For further information, contact Ms Griffiths on 0419 400 283 or at learning@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au.

**SOURCE:**

Website, 3 Apr 2021  
Central Coast Council

## Foreshore parking proceeds

**Central Coast Council has decided to proceed with a visitor-based paid beach parking scheme through an Expressions of Interest process.**

Council Administrator Mr Dick Persson said ratepayers currently carry the financial burden of visitors and in the current financial climate it was necessary to explore alternative revenue options.

"The next step now is to determine willingness for an external supplier to partner with Council so we can progress the scheme at no cost to Council."

**SOURCE:**

Media release, 23 Mar 2021  
Dick Persson, Central Coast Council

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# Peninsula News

Community Access

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.

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 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

contributions to the matter at hand, and to focus on the issues and not abuse or insult others.

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#### Corrections

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.

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

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

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

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

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

The following descriptions are used:

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



## Helping with flood clean-up

Members of Patonga Volunteer Rural Bush Fire Brigade have travelled to Taree to help with the clean-up of flood damage.

Among those lending a hand was brigade senior deputy captain Mr Matt Hauser, pictured.

**SOURCE:**  
 Social media, 26 Mar 2021  
 Patonga Rural Fire Service



## New signboard for St John's church?

St John the Baptist Catholic Church in Woy Woy is saving up for a new electronic signboard.

The church newsletter said the old one had been out of action for a long time because parts weren't available for it to be repaired.

"We are in the process of arranging a brand new one that will be elevated above the wall at the pedestrian gate."

The new sign is expected to cost \$22,000.

"If you are interested in making a donation, please see Fr Timothy or the parish office."

**SOURCE:**  
 Newsletter, 31 Mar 2021  
 St John the Baptist Catholic Church

## Different activity each day in imagination zone

A local shopping centre is holding a School Holidays Imagination Zone where children can take part in a different activity each day over six days.

Deepwater Plaza centre manager Ms Marcelle Proper said

children could design their own dream catcher, learn how to draw cartoons and design their own dinner plate.

Spaces will be limited and must be booked online.

Four 30-minute sessions would be held between 10am and 1pm

each day from Wednesday, April 7, to Friday, April 9, and from Monday, April 12, to Wednesday, April 14.

The Zone will be located outside the Reject Shop.

**SOURCE:**  
 Website, 29 Mar 2021  
 Marcelle Proper, Deepwater Plaza

## Third wettest month in 16 years

March was the third wettest month on the Peninsula in 16 years.

A total of 410.7mm was recorded for the month by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

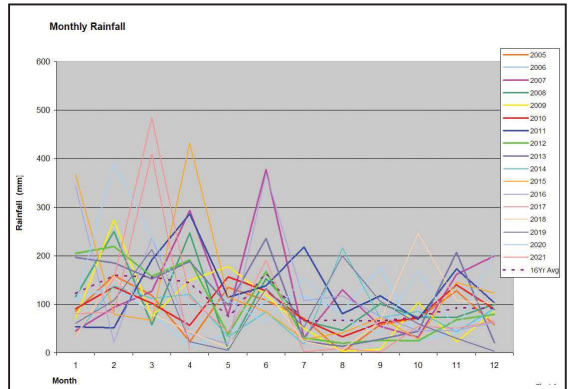
More than 80 per cent (339.6mm) of this came in the week between Thursday, March 18, and Wednesday, March 24.

The most substantial falls were recorded on March 19 (89.3mm), March 20 (48.0mm), March 21 (98.5mm), March 22 (44.0mm) and March 23 (38.6mm).

The wettest month in the last 16 years was March 2017, which recorded 485.2mm, and the second wettest was April 2015, which recorded 431.9mm.

Seven of the eight wettest months in the last 16 years have been in the last six years.

All have been falls of more than



340mm. All other monthly totals have been less than 300mm. the average for March being 156mm.

The Peninsula's average monthly rainfall is 106.5mm, with

**SOURCE:**  
 Spreadsheet, 2 Apr 2021  
 Jim Morrison, Umina

TIDE TIMES and Heights	Mon, Apr 5	Thu, Apr 8	Sun, Apr 11	Wed, Apr 14	Sat, Apr 17
	0231 1.66	0548 1.66	0145 0.52	0334 0.50	0538 0.60
	0938 0.53	1225 0.46	0752 1.63	0937 1.48	1135 1.28
	1546 1.24	1831 1.45	1404 0.45	1528 0.55	1705 0.73
	2109 0.78		2016 1.63	2149 1.71	2340 1.62
	Tue, Apr 6	Fri, Apr 9	Mon, Apr 12	Thu, Apr 15	Sun, Apr 18
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	1045 0.52	0634 1.67	0827 1.59	1014 1.42	1225 1.22
	1655 1.29	1302 0.45	1432 0.47	1557 0.61	1749 0.79
	2225 0.74	1909 1.53	2047 1.67	2223 1.70	
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30 mins	1140 0.49	0715 1.66	0901 1.54	1052 1.35	0729 0.68
Low water	1748 1.37	1335 0.44	1500 0.51	1629 0.67	1325 1.18
40 mins	2329 0.68	1944 1.59	2118 1.70	2259 1.67	1846 0.84



# Submissions raise 14 issues with intersection plans

A consultation report issued by Transport for NSW last September has reported that 30 submissions have raised 14 issues with the intersection plans for Blackwall Rd.

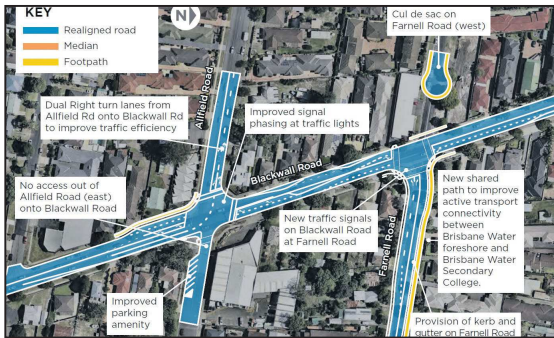
None of the 30 submissions has resulted in a change to the intersection designs.

Several of the responses said the issues raised would be "subject to further refinement as the project design and planning progresses".

Only in one case did Transport for NSW seem to indicate it was willing to reconsider a small part of its plan.

A comment was made about the plans for Allfield Rd east that: "Angled parking is on wrong side of the road and at a cost to parallel parking."

The Transport NSW response was: "Further design and planning stages will include refinements



to the Allfield Rd east layout to minimise impact on Home Timber and Hardware customers and suppliers in consultation with the business.

"This may include reverting to parallel street parking."

Resident concerns included making Allfield Rd east a one-way street, routing trucks and buses

down Farnell Rd East, slowing traffic with two sets of traffic lights at Farnell Rd as well as Allfield Rd, the creation of "rat runs" in the back streets, garbage collection in Allfield Rd east, and increased use of Edward St.

The next design and planning stages identified in the report included detailing active transport

crossings, landscape planning, drainage provisions, noise impact and environmental assessment, pedestrian crossings and turn restrictions.

In a section on pedestrian and cycle facilities, the next planning stages "will further detail the active transport crossings and connectivity to existing and proposed paths in the adjoining local roads"

They "will include landscape plans that will identify new planting to offset the loss of any trees that need to be removed".

They "will examine drainage provisions in Farnell Rd to ensure the existing impact is not increased with the implementation of the proposed upgrade".

"Operational noise impact and possible treatments will be investigated and addressed in the environmental assessment which is the next planning phase for the

project.

"Further investigations aimed at improving pedestrian safety at pedestrian crossings will be taken place in the next phase of design and planning."

At McMasters Rd, "the exact location of the pedestrian activated lights is subject to further refinement as the project design and planning progresses".

"As the design and planning progresses we will investigate restricting the northbound right turn from Blackwall Road into Farnell Road to limit eastbound traffic on Farnell Road."

The report recommends "continuing consultation with the community ... throughout the next planning stages".

**SOURCE:**  
Report, Sep 2020  
Consultation Report,  
Transport NSW



## Fundraising event for Rotary project in Uganda

A fundraising event at West Gosford has led to a donation to the Rotary Club of Woy Woy for its Pure Joy Women Empowerment project in Uganda.

Ms Laura Gillingham held a

Pamper with Laura event at West Gosford RSL.

The event raised enough money to make and distribute 60 reusable sanitary kits to disadvantaged schoolgirls when the girls return to school after their year-long shutdown.

Pictured is Laura with Rotary club president Ms Joan Redmond, the club's project manager of Pure Joy, who gave a presentation on the day.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 2 Apr 2021  
Joan Redmond, Rotary Woy Woy

## Free seniors activities

A number of free activities will be offered to people on the Peninsula over the age of 50 during Central Coast Council's Seniors Festival.

Senior Strength Training will be held at the Peninsula Leisure Centre from 7:30 to 8:30am Mondays to Fridays, between Monday, April 12, and Friday, April 23.

The free introductory classes are based on a gym-based strength training program for the over 50s.

Those interested are advised to "arrive early as numbers are limited".

Tai Chi will also be held at the Peninsula Leisure Centre on Fridays, April 16 and 23, from 11:15am to 12:15pm.

The sessions are described as "promoting serenity and inner peace while improving balance, posture, concentration, and overall wellbeing".

"A gentle martial art that is well known for its health benefits."

A free low-intensity aqua fitness class suitable for beginners will be held at the Peninsula Leisure Centre on Thursdays, April 15 and 22, from 7:30 to 8:30am.

With inquiries about these

activities, phone 4325 8123.

Ettalong Senior Citizens' Centre will hold an "open week" from Monday, April 19, to Friday, April 23.

Activities available will include indoor bowls, darts, table tennis, and arts and crafts, and each includes morning and afternoon tea.

With inquiries about these activities, phone 4304 7222.

Free four-week IT courses are also being offered at the centre on Tuesdays between April 13 and May 4.

Three streams will be held, covering Apple iPads and iPhones between 10am and 11am, Windows laptops and tablets between 11.30am and 12:30pm, and Android phones from 1.30pm to 2.30pm.

All will include topics such as using apps, managing email, searching the internet and getting started with communications software, such as Whatsapp, Zoom and Messenger.

Places are limited and bookings essential for each program.

These can be made by calling 4304 7065.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 3 Apr 2021  
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Chihuahua Eddie doing his job: Being cute and providing comfort for residents of Blue Wave Living nursing home in Woy Woy.

## Environment group decides 'priority actions'

**The Pearl Beach Environment Group has announced its priority actions, following its recent formation.**

They include environmental education and making submissions on government policies and strategies as well as individual development applications.

Group convener Ms Mary Knaggs said the group's activities would include community environment conservation education and awareness-raising through publication and events.

She said that, representing its members, the group would lobby and make submissions about relevant local government and government policies and strategies and about the implementation of those policies and strategies.

It would also make submissions on selected individual development proposals where the group's aims and the aims and objectives of the relevant legislation and guidelines were not being met.

She said it would help individuals make their own submissions and provide information on its website about how to make a credible submission.

The group would liaise with similar groups in Pearl Beach and on the Central Coast.

Ms Knaggs said the group had been formed as an independent group from the Pearl Beach Progress Association but with its support.

She said the objective was "to protect and enhance the environment and encourage nature conservation within the village of Pearl Beach".

The group defined "environment" in its broadest sense and included the man-made and the natural environment, and included the sensory as well as the physical environment.

"We will also be concerned with issues that are outside of Pearl Beach but which might impact on our 'environment,'" she said.

Ms Knaggs said the group had six draft aims:

1. To educate property owners, residents and visitors about the special qualities of Pearl Beach and its setting, including its environmental and cultural significance.

2. To promote recognition by authorities and other relevant

groups of the special qualities of Pearl Beach and its setting.

3. To promote the principles of sustainable development.

4. To conserve biodiversity and protect and enhance indigenous wildlife populations and habitats - to promote the conservation, planting and maintenance of native vegetation, particularly vegetation indigenous to the area, and especially to protect existing tree cover.

5. To promote development that is sympathetic to the Pearl Beach environment and character - and to the immediate context of each development - particularly with regard to discouraging intrusive designs with excessive site coverage, bulk and height. To recognise that to achieve this often a level of urban, architectural and landscape design skills are required.

6. To work with other relevant groups in Pearl Beach and on the Central Coast to achieve these aims.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 23 Mar 2021  
Mary Knaggs, Pearl Beach Environment Group

## Monday patchwork powers ahead

**The Monday patchwork group at the Ettalong Beach Art and Craft Centre have been "powering ahead with varied projects and learning new skills", according to centre president Mr Peter Mulholland.**

Among them were a table runner that featured hand-painted flowers and a cot quilt with "such a great combination of colours and patterns".

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 22 Mar 2021  
Peter Mulholland, EBACC



## Tesch welcomes easing of restrictions

**Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has welcomed the easing of coronavirus restrictions for Easter.**

This year the Easter Show is back.

"Visiting family outside of your household is allowed.

"Places of worship are open.

"You can have as many visitors as you want in your house.

"Singing and dancing is back.

"And there's no limit on your groceries.

"Last year we were unable to enjoy these special moments with the ones closest to us and I'm thankful this year we will have the opportunity to reunite and enjoy a normal Easter holiday."

Ms Tesch said the restrictions that were necessary to halt the spread of the coronavirus had "made us all more appreciative of what we have".

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 1 Apr 2021  
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

## Lack of debate on petition draws criticism from Tesch

**The State Government's refusal to debate the petition calling for a public inquiry into Central Coast Council finances has drawn criticism from Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.**

Ms Tesch said that she and other Central Coast Labor Members of Parliament had tried

to force a debate.

She said the petition was signed by 21,000 residents.

"The Liberal Government including Member for Terrigal Mr Adam Crouch wouldn't even debate it.

"We're furious."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 22 Mar 2021  
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

## Proud recipients of Principal's Award

**School principal Mr Matt Barr dropped in on new students in kindergarten class KW at Woy Woy South Public School last week.**

He presented two Principal's Award to proud students Sullivan and Georgina for their good work."

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 31 Mar 2021  
Matt Barr, Woy Woy South Public School





## Marine Rescue offers radio licence course

A VHF Marine Radio Operator Licence course will be run by Marine Rescue Central Coast from tonight, April 6, to Tuesday, April 27.

It consists of four Tuesday nights at the Point Clare Base of Marine Rescue Central Coast.

Any person intending to operate a marine radio should complete this training course.

The price is \$220 for members of the public and \$190 for MRSS members.

This includes the cost of the tuition, the examination fee and the cost of a licence issued by the Office of Marine Communications.

For further information, phone the Marine Rescue radio room on 4325 7929.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 4 Apr 2021  
Marine Rescue Central Coast



## Morning tea for Rotary women

A morning tea for the women of the Rotary Club of Umina Beach will be at 10am next Wednesday, April 14.

It will be held at the Fat Goose Cafe in Killcare.

All are welcome, but bookings are necessary to confirm numbers.

Phone Colleen on 4342 4839 or 0407 558 468 for details.

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 24 Mar 2021  
Bruce Crofts, Rotary Umina Beach

## Food drive for Coast Shelter

The Rotary Club of Brisbane Water is holding a food drive for crisis accommodation service Coast Shelter.

Club president Mr Peter Mote said the drive was "to assist vulnerable people by donating non-perishable items like pasta, rice, tinned goods and tea".

Woy Woy Antiques and Collectables is the collection point in Deepwater Plaza Shopping Centre.

"Please help if you can," he said.

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 1 Apr 2021  
Peter Mote, Rotary Brisbane Water

The St John the Baptist Catholic Church newsletter has suggested that parishioners might like to support the voluntary Mingaletta Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation.

Describing Mingaletta as "this wonderful organisation", the newsletter said Mingaletta ensured

there was a meeting place where all can be part of a community and celebrate their culture.

"Mingaletta also offers range of activities, programs and services including health and welfare programs, advocacy services for cultural programs, social support community engagements and educational programs, to enhance the wellbeing of everyone.

"They especially assist those

who are homeless, displaced or at risk of family breakdown.

"When necessary, such cases are referred to varying support services."

Contributions could be made by phone on 4342 7515 or by visiting the centre at 6 Sydney Ave, Umina Beach.

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 31 Mar 2021  
St John the Baptist Catholic Church

## Church newsletter support for Mingaletta



**Liesl Tesch MP**  
Member for Gosford

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Arts

## Children's leaf artwork workshop at Woy Woy library

A leaf artwork workshop for children aged five to eight will be held at Woy Woy library next Monday, April 12, from 10:30-11:30am.

Children will be able to decorate their own plant pot, construct a leaf press decoration and create leaf artwork.

Tickets to the event are \$2 per child, which payable only on the day and only by Eftpos.

There is no charge for a parent to attend, but a limit of one parent per child.

Children who are not participating in the program will not be admitted.

All children under the age of 12 years must be supervised by an adult throughout the duration of the program.

Bookings are required and strict limits on overall room capacity

due to Covid-19 restrictions will be followed.

All attendees will be required to sign in prior to the program commencing.

Hand sanitiser will be provided prior to entering the program space.

To book, ask library staff or phone 4304 7500.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 3 Apr 2021  
Central Coast Council

## Writers' Festival announces six featured authors

The Words on the Waves Writers' Festival has announced six authors that will be featured in Umina over the June long weekend, June 11-14.

They are Sydney Morning Herald writer Malcolm Knox, Stiff Gins singer and novelist Nardi Simpson, OzHarvest charity founder Ronni Kahn, scientist Tim

Flannery, human rights advocate Randa Abdel-Fattah and author Anna Downes.

The Festival aims to be "a long weekend of storytelling, author talks and panels" and "to connect with each other, with inspiration, with environment and with country".

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 31 Mar 2021  
Words on the Waves

Forum

## Pretend consultation while secret decisions are made

For a while now, it's been quite obvious that state and local governments are hell bent on "expediting" their own agenda by limiting community involvement.

The so-called Low Rise Housing Diversity Code is a clear example of this.

At a local government level, we can see the effects of this in various ways.

One is the pathetic pretence at "public exhibition" of major development applications.

DA060666 is a current example. This is a "second bite at the cherry" application for a site comprising five formerly separate properties located at the intersection of Blackwall and Farnell Rds.

The previous application for this block was DA 54551 which was approved after a cursory discussion by councillors more interested in getting back to their incessant political grandstanding than seriously studying the proposal.

Perhaps the reader might think that it is unfair to councillors to make this unsubstantiated accusation.

But the closer you look at DA 060666, the worse it gets.

Even though DA 60666 is a completely different building design from DA 54551, documents from the first application have been reused unchanged.

Presumably, they thought this was an acceptable cost saving

measure but it makes a mockery of the development application process.

The arboricultural report is invalid because it refers to trees being retained or removed due to the requirements of the previous application's building footprint, a completely different footprint from the one actually proposed this time round.

The traffic and parking study is even worse as it describes in great detail the basement parking which is not in this application with no mention of the highly dubious 95 metre "dead end" laneway which is.

Ironically, this very traffic study was the subject of a previous letter to Peninsula News (Issue 510).

It concerned Mr Norm Harris's question to the Council administrator as to whether they were granting credence to "fake traffic studies", this one was given as a prime example.

Mr Harris's question was basically flicked aside on that occasion because it referred to DA 54551 and was therefore a historical issue which Mr Persson could not assist with.

However, now that this same Traffic Study has "resurfaced" in a current development application, perhaps Mr Persson will reconsider if asked the same question again.

In any case, the traffic study is totally irrelevant due to major planned changes to the intersections of Farnell and Allfield Rds with Blackwall Rd.

According to Transport for NSW, the design for these changes was finalised in March 2020 after "appropriate consultation with the community".

This "consultation" didn't seem to involve actually telling many people about what they were planning - no media statements for instance, another example of deliberately limiting community involvement.

The Statement of Environmental Effects accompanying DA 060666 shows signs of being a "cut and paste job" from DA 54551.

The most obvious of these being references to "basement parking" which have confused many people including some making submissions on DA 060666.

There's several things in the Statement which may or may not be direct copies from DA 54551, so there's not much that can be fully trusted.

There is much information which is not available on line.

There is no first floor or ground floor plan supplied on line. These are secret.

However, the landscape plan shows a plan of the ground floor which is just as well, as there's not much to show much in the way of landscaping.

When DA 060666 first appeared on line, there was a sense of relief that it was so much smaller than the previous application with only 18 "low rise" units compared to DA 54551's total of 34 units made up of six one-bedroom apartments,

17 two-bedroom apartments, 11 three-bedroom apartments and seven three-bedroom townhouses.

Everyone assumed, looking at the crowded site, that the new applications would be a similar mix to the first one in terms of number of bedrooms per unit. However it was not possible to tell from the drawings supplied.

Another thing missing from the online documents was a copy of the minutes of the "Pre-DA meeting" dated March 7, 2018.

According to the Statement, this document must be read in conjunction with the application.

One of the agenda items discussed at the Pre DA meeting was "setbacks".

As the current application is non-compliant in a number of setbacks, it would be interesting to know what "advice" had been given to the developer.

It is doubtful that the application would have been submitted in such a non-compliant state if the developer had not had some sort of assurances from council staff that it would be ok to do so.

On enquiry at the council offices, I was told that I was not allowed to see the Pre-DA minutes as it was confidential between the council and the developer. More secret stuff.

When I politely pointed out that the Statement had stated that it was mandatory to read this document "in conjunction" with the application, the extremely helpful and patient counter person

made several enquiries and I was eventually told that I would have to submit a GIPA (formal request to access government information).

I did this and am still waiting for a reply, not very hopefully.

My enquiries about the number of bedrooms was more successful as the helpful counter person was able to look at the "secret" plans and count the number of bedrooms for me.

It turns out that this application contains a mix of three-bedroom and four-bedroom units.

Initially, I thought that there was to be three four-bedroom and 15 three-bedroom units, making a total of 57 bedrooms.

But after trawling through the minutiae of the Basix Report, I now believe there are four four-bedroom units, making a total of 58 bedrooms.

The average person simply does not have enough spare time to investigate these things.

It's not just Central Coast Council that are allowing developers to limit the amount and quality of information available about planned developments other Councils do it as well.

It will gradually get worse as developers realise they can get away with it.

It can only be stopped by the community telling Council loudly and clearly to either stop the sham of "public exhibition" completely or to make sure it's done properly.

**SOURCE:**  
Email, 3 Apr 2021  
Frank Wiffen, Woy Woy

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## School motto resonates with mural artist

**The artist responsible for the new mural at Woy Woy South Public School says the school motto resonates with her.**

"The school focuses on Respect and Responsibility like most public schools but has chosen Relationships as its third core value," said Ms Angela Clark.

"I really subscribe to this choice and have celebrated and translated it in more kid-friendly terms in this mural to remind them how they may employ these values each day."

Respect becomes kind words.  
Responsibility becomes helping hands.

Relationships becomes happy hearts.

"They're each very dependent on the other," she said.

"My hope is that this colourful piece becomes a passive teaching tool and trigger for playground conversations around positive school culture.

"And that it just brightens their day."

Ms Clark said that happy hearts were important for everyone.

"Happy hearts - That's all we really want for our children (and

ourselves), right?"

"If your heart is happy, everything is in place in your world regardless of what that looks like.

"You could have everything or nothing as long as your basic needs are met, and your heart can still be happy because it's a mindset.

"Knowing what makes your heart happy is the thing.

"For me, it is lots of little things, which may be insignificant to the next person, and relationships.

"Having people in your life that you truly relate to is the biggest signifier of positive emotional health.

"This can make or break a heart."

Ms Clark said eyes featured in her mural because "I'm an eye-person".

"I love them.

"I love to draw them, paint them, look into them.

"Sometimes the colour can be so magnetic to me.

"But what really gets me is when someone looks as deeply into mine, not necessarily in a romantic sense, but in an 'I see you' sense.

"Culturally we aren't too comfortable with an extended

gaze.

"It can be awkward I know, because it's a vulnerable place to enter, 'seeing' someone and perhaps opening a window for them to see you too?"

"But when those moments happen, even without a word spoken, so much more can be exchanged.

"That non verbal communication is much more powerful and disarming in the context of almost any relationship - friends, family, lovers.

"That opportunity to connect and see each other is something I have come to give greater attention and value.

"Truly a window to the soul, if you take the time to look with your heart you can see light, joy, maybe pain, grief, pride, fear...and perhaps appreciate what is going on inside a little better (which is all anyone could ever ask).

"And how wonderful is it when you recognise kindness, and the look of love in someone else's eyes for you.

"There is no greater affirmation."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 1 Apr 2021  
Angela Clark, Norah Head





# Arts



## Local performers take folk club floor spots



**Local performers took floor spots at the Troubadour Folk Club concert on March 27, supporting the main act We Mavericks.**

Among the local performers were the Troubalukers (above left), Sweet Songs and Soft Guitar (above right), Miguel Heatwole (left), and Mary O'Mahony and Michael Fine (right).

For further information about the Troubadour Folk Club, visit the club's website [www.troubadour.org.au](http://www.troubadour.org.au) or phone 4342 6716.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 28 Mar 2021  
Michael Fine, Troubadour Folk Club



## Blues music brought to Ettalong

**Two entertainment groups have come together to create a new blues music series in Ettalong.**

Girrakool Blues Festival and Naughty Noodle Fun Haus will present the first Blues at the Fun Haus on May 1.

Girrakool Blues festival director Mr Bruce Johnson said it would be "an evening of high energy, swinging style of traditional blues".

He said Tomcat Playground would feature with Woodie McClean supporting.

"Music is in our veins, and we are jumping out of our skin to be

able to bring the Blues back to Central Coast, and what better way to work than with the Naughty Noodle Haus in Ettalong," he said.

Naughty Noodle creative director Ms Glitta Supernova said: "Sometimes, co-branding partnerships aren't just cool projects between two organisations, they actually have practical value."

"Covid rules have eased and we are ready to bring music to the region."

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 24 Mar 2021  
Glitta Supernova, Naughty Noodle Fun Haus

## Art works on display

**A selection of artworks will be on display in Ettalong this month, organised by Central Coast Council.**

It will be held in a "pop-up retail space" at 199A Ocean View Rd, thanks to a grant from the Regional Tourism Bushfire Recovery program.

The works will be for sale. "Each pop up space will be taken over by a line-up of talented local

makers to showcase and sell their wares, including fashion, produce, art and ceramics," according to council literature.

However, none of the artists are identified as Peninsula residents.

The event is described as "part of the inaugural creative activation Blank Canvas Central Coast".

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 3 Apr 2021  
Central Coast Council

## Guitar concert planned for Pearl Beach

**Pearl Beach Progress Association has organised a guitar concert to be held in the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall at 7:30pm on Friday, April 30.**

"The Pearl Beach Progress Association is proud and excited to present the guitar duo of Guy Strazz and Mark Johns," said concert organiser Ms Lynne Lillico.

"The Memorial Hall will once again resonate with the sound of lovely music for the community to come along and enjoy."

"Guy and Mark are looking forward to performing Great Guitars in a concert showcasing the music of wonderful composers such as Joseph Kosma, Chick Corea, Antonio Carlos Jobim, Harold Harlen, Consuelo Velazquez and George Gershwin.

"Their guitar arrangements, which also include ukulele, take the audience on a musical journey of past and present with great tunes such as Summertime, All of Me, Take Five, Over the Rainbow, Sunny, Autumn Leaves, Spain, and one or two of Guy's award-winning compositions such as Mandela, Afro Bouban and the brand-new Overture Samba.

"Guy Strazz has previously



performed at Pearl Beach and is a renowned master guitarist and awarded composer.

"He is at home playing diverse styles of music – from classical to funk and jazz to samba and bossa nova.

"Mark Johns is the ultimate all-round player.

"He has recorded and toured with artists including Jeff Beck, Faith Hill, Whitney Houston and

Enrique Iglesias."

Ms Lillico suggest people book early, "as we will be following Covid requirements including QR code check in, social distancing and limiting numbers".

For further information and to book, contact Ms Lillico at [lilli77@bigpond.com.au](mailto:lilli77@bigpond.com.au) or on 4344 2319.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 15 Mar 2021  
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association





## Touch football win

**Open Girls Touch Football team at BWSC Woy Woy campus has started its Combined High Schools knockout competition.**

It was a competitive match against The Forest High School, which the team won 4-2.

"The girls held their own and with

patience and good communication skills the girls came away with the win," said school principal Ms Rebecca Cooper.

The team will proceed to the next round later this term.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 23 Mar 2021  
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy

## Libraries resume Storytime sessions

**Umina and Woy Woy libraries are running Storytime sessions for pre-school aged children and their families.**

The sessions are held at 10:45am on Tuesdays at Umina Beach Library and at the same time on Wednesdays at Woy Woy Library.

Places are limited and the sessions are ticketed events.

Tickets are available at each branch on the day from 10.30am.

Our other in-branch children's programs are currently suspended.

For further information, see library staff in the branch or phone 4304 7500.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 3 Apr 2021  
Central Coast Council



## Teachers take part in Connecting to Country course

**Woy Woy Public School teachers Ms Whitney Williams and Ms Emily Bartlett have taken part in Connecting to Country "professional learning", delivered by the NSW Aboriginal Education Consultative Group.**

"The purpose of the program is for principals, teacher and all department staff to establish respectful relationships with aboriginal students, families and communities at a local level," said school principal Ms Ona Buckley.

"The program supports teachers to plan, develop and implement culturally inclusive programs, underpinned by productive pedagogy and practices whilst increasing child-student expectations and performance.

"Ms Williams and Ms Bartlett look forward to sharing this new knowledge with their colleagues and incorporating more aboriginal perspectives into the preschool and K-6 learning spaces."

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 31 Mar 2021  
Ona Buckley, Dan Betts,  
Woy Woy Public School

## Parents told of need for Working with Children checks

**Volunteering to help at your local school is not as easy as it once was.**

All volunteers must complete a Working with Children Check declaration form, parents at Woy Woy South Public School have been told.

They must also provide the school with 100 points of identification by way of a combination of driver's licence, birth certificate, passport, Medicare or credit card or other means.

Even those who already have Working with Children clearances are required to produce the 100 points of identification.

"We are enormously appreciative of the large number of parents who come into our school to volunteer their time whether it be in the canteen, helping with school banking or assisting with an excursion," said school principal Mr Matt Barr.

"However, the school admin staff are required by the Department

of Education to sight these ID documents and take photocopies of your identification, to go along with the declaration form.

"Working With Children Check declaration forms can be found in our school office.

"If you need any clarification on this or would like further information, please contact the school office on 4341 1899."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 23 Mar 2021  
Matt Barr, Woy Woy  
South Public School

## Reading for 25 nights

**Seven students at Woy Woy Public School have reached 25 nights of home reading, according to teacher-librarian Ms Cathy Walker.**

They are Mikey Burgess (3-6C), George Kassi-Hurley (K/6PG), Kaide Hayter (K/6PG), Callum

Tickner (K/6PG), Aidan Betts (K/6PG), Chace Browne (K/6W) and Bentley Everingham-Bascour (K/6W).

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 31 Mar 2021  
Cathy Walker, Woy Woy  
Public School

## Titanic Dinner

**The Rotary Club of Brisbane Water is "well on track for our Titanic Dinner", according to club president Mr Peter Mote.**

Tickets for the dinner have sold out.

"The ticket sales have been a great success," he said.

"Now we need to do the same with its execution.

"We will be running a silent Auction as well as a raffle on the night.

"Some members and local businesses have been generous with their support.

"The committee is well advanced with its duty roster and we have asked to enter the hall an hour earlier at 1pm to ensure we are completely set up on time.

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 1 Apr 2021  
Peter Mote, Rotary Brisbane Water

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**Education**

## Charli calls for nominations to Minister's Student Council

**Brisbane Water Secondary College Year 10 student Charli Grant has called for students to nominate to be a member of the Minister's Student Council.**

The council aims to provide students with direct input and influence on education and school policy through discussion with the Minister for Education and NSW Education officials.

It will involve 24 "advocates", with three students elected from each of the eight educational directorates in the State.

Charli was one of 13 students appointed to a steering committee to design the council.

In a video featured in the education department's social media, Charli called for interested students to submit a three-minute video.

Applications closed last night, Monday, May 5.

**SOURCE:**

Social media, 31 Mar 2021  
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy



## Steps to access support from external providers

**Increased opportunities for children to access additional support during school hours has led to Woy Woy South Public School to ask parents to understand the school's requirements.**

School principal Mr Matt Barr said that, in recent times, National Disability Insurance Scheme funding had resulted in opportunities for some families to access additional support from external providers.

"This is highly beneficial for our students, but conversely creates a significant addition to our administrative workload.

"The Department of Education asks us to adhere to certain requirements in relation to the delivery of programs by external

providers."

He said that parents were asked to attend to follow key steps.

They should ask the school in writing if the service can be used, and meet with school staff to discuss the details of the service.

"The principal will consider your request, taking in to account the needs of your child, other students and the operations of the school," Mr Barr said.

"The principal lets you know whether or not the provider can deliver their service at the school."

He said the for further information about the support of external providers was available from the school office.

**SOURCE:**

Newsletter, 31 Mar 2021  
Matt Barr, Woy Woy South Public School

## Well-being programs support 45 students

**More than 45 students have been involved in targeted well-being programs at Woy Woy Public School in the last term, according to assistant principal Ms Michelle Williams.**

"Our well-being programs have been very successful this Term," she said.

"Through these well-being initiatives, students develop self-awareness, self-control, and interpersonal skills that are important for school, work and life

outcomes.

"Our well-being programs aim to develop understanding and skills to nurture a positive sense of self, promote respectful relationships and build capacity to manage emotions, behaviours and interactions with others."

Parents interested in a well-being program for their children should contact their classroom teacher or Ms Williams.

**SOURCE:**

Newsletter, 31 Mar 2021  
Michelle Williams, Woy Woy Public School

## School publishes strategic plan

**Woy Woy Public School has published its Strategic School Plan on its website, the school's principals announced last week.**

"The new 2021-2024 Strategic Improvement Plan for our school will go up on the website this week for everyone to view," said

principals Ms Ona Buckley and Mr Dan Betts.

"Through a very extensive situational analysis process, where everyone was able to give input, the school has been able to accumulate all the information gathered and formulate a plan going forward.

"The plan has a number of measures to be achieved by 2024 and sets out how the school will go about ensuring these are achieved."

**SOURCE:**

Newsletter, 31 Mar 2021  
Ona Buckley, Dan Betts, Woy Woy Public School

## Historic first student win in annual volleyball tournament



**Students have had a historic first victory in the annual Staff versus Students Volleyball Tournament at the Woy Woy campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College.**

Michael Weathers led his student team (left) to the victory in the final against Globo Gym (right), comprising teachers from the PE faculty.

In the semi-final, the unbeaten Science Superstars (below left) were dispatched by the PE faculty.

In the other semi-final, Michael Weathers and Co, also undefeated in the group stages, won against the staff team Friendlies Fiends (below right), made up of a group of teachers from different faculties.

The final was an intense affair with both sides making impressive blocks and shots, according to the school's social media post.

**SOURCE:**

Social media, 1 Apr 2021  
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy







## Umina wins two out of three pennant games

**Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club has won two of its three games in round four of pennant competition, played on March 27.**

The Umina Grade 3 team lost at home to Ettalong, 0-10.

The side is still fourth on the table, above Halkulani and Bateau Bay.

Umina Beach Grade 6 defeated the Everglades team, 9.5-0.5, in a game played Everglades.

The Umina side is top of section three by half a point over second-placed Davistown.

The Umina Beach Grade 7 side also defeated Everglades, with a score of 10-0 in a game played at home.

This side is top of section four by half a point over second-placed Woy Woy.

**SOURCE:**

**Social media, 27 Mar 2021  
Peter Springett, UBMC**

## Ettalong bowlers represent zone

**Pictured above are Ettalong bowlers Roger Townend, Carl Wilson, Gary Eggleton and Michael Braham who represented the zone in the President Reserves**

**section of the State Fours Championship.**

A team from Cabra Vale Diggers ultimately won the section.

In the last issue of Peninsula News EXTRA, we included a

picture of the team from Cabra Vale, not the Ettalong team.

**SOURCE:**

**Social media, 18 Mar 2021  
Peter Springett, Bowls Central Coast**

## Sets of bowls go missing

**The Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club is looking for two sets of bowls that went missing from the club's locker room on March 27 or 28.**

The bowls belonged to two new bowlers and were not in lockers.

One set was a new blue set in a blue bowls bag.

The second set was believed to be black.

There was also some used bowls clothing taken from the ladies locker room.

Anyone knows anything about the missing bowls, bags or clothing was asked to contact women's president Ms Joan Murphy or men's club secretary Mr Peter Springett.

**SOURCE:**

**Social media, 2 Apr 2021  
Peter Springett, UBMC**



## Cricketers win association awards

**Three Southern Spirit Cricket Club players have been recognised at the Central Coast Cricket Association's presentation night.**

Sally Oman and Leisel Collins

were named in the Central Coast Women's T20 Team of the Year.

Liam "Baz" O'Farrell was named in the Central Coast First Grade Team of the Year.

Liam also won the award for the

highest first grade score with 111 runs.

**SOURCE:**

**Social media, 25 Mar 2021  
Southern Spirit Cricket Club  
Photo: Nick Friend, P Wright**

## Bridge club to hold four red point events this month

**The Brisbane Water Bridge Club will hold four red point events in April.**

The Easter Pairs were held on Monday, April 5.

The President's Cup will be held at 12:30pm on Tuesday, April 13.

Anzac Day Pairs will be held at 12:30pm on Saturday, April 24.

The club's Mixed Pairs Championship will be held on Monday, April 19, with a 9:30am start.

The championship event will be held over two sessions and serves as a qualifier for the NSW Mixed

Pairs Championship.

Non-mixed pairs are welcome to this red point event, but only mixed pairs can qualify as club champions.

The best three mixed pairs will gain entry to the NSW final on May 29 and 30.

Cost will be \$15 per person, with players expected to bring their own lunch and refreshments.

Pre-registration is required online or via the club noticeboard.

**SOURCE:**

**Website, 4 Apr 2021  
Brisbane Water Bridge Club**

## Unicycle club starts at Woy Woy

**A unicycle club has started at the Peninsula Community Centre on Saturdays from 9:30am.**

"We started with lots of keen people who had unicycles but only a handful knew how to ride them," said organiser Mr Andy Long.

"The only qualification to join is a willingness to give it a go."

He said there was a wide range of ages and abilities among those in the club.

**SOURCE:**

**Media release, 23 Mar 2021  
Julian Bowker, Woy Woy Unicycle Club**



## Touch association to hold annual meeting

**The Peninsula Junior Touch Association will hold its annual general meeting in the Ettalong Diggers Boardroom on April 19.**

The meeting will hear annual reports and will elect a vice-president and a treasurer.

The agenda also includes the appointment of a public officer and election of a number of office-bearers.

These include director of referees, registrar, judiciary chairperson, canteen supervisor, gear steward, general committee member, grounds officer and canteen supervisor.

All nomination forms must be emailed to admin@peninsulajuniortouch.com.au before 5pm on Friday, April 9.

**SOURCE:**

**Social media, 19 Mar 2021  
Peninsula Junior Touch Association**



# Sport



## Footy Bowls Day attracts 80 bowlers

More than 80 bowlers, many in their football jerseys, attended Ettalong Bowling Club's Footy Bowls Day on Wednesday, March 24.

"Our green keepers did a remarkable job in getting the greens ready after the deluge over earlier days," said bowling club vice-president Mr Ken Dixon.

"Great pizzas were supplied

by our restaurant and all of our bowlers had a great time as usual."

Mr Dixon said: "New bowlers are always welcome."

"For the cost of \$10, you get a game of bowls, a meal and the chance to win a jackpot every Wednesday at Ettalong Bowlo."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 24 Mar 2021  
Peter Springett, Bowls Central Coast



## Junior cricketers receive association awards

Two Southern Spirit Cricket Club players received awards at the Central Coast Cricket Association's junior presentation night on March 23.

Jaylen Johnston was named under-16s champion player and received the competition batting award for scoring 331 runs.

He also received two under-14 representative



awards.

He received both the batting award, for 156 runs, and the bowling award, for nine wickets.

Corey Hubbard received the under-14c competition fielding award for nine dismissals.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 23 Mar 2021  
Southern Spirit Cricket Club



## Boat crews win their sections in regional series

Two Ocean Beach boat crews and one boat crew from Umina Beach have won their sections in the Surf Life Saving Central Coast boat series.

Ocean Beach Odyssey, pictured above, won the overall point score in the Open Women's division, while Ocean Beach Hooligans (below) won the Under-19's Male division.

The Ocean Beach Reginas came sixth in the Reserve Female division.

One Umina Beach boat crew

won its section, and another came second in its division.

Umina G-Zingers won the Under-19 Female division and The Lepers 180s came second in the Masters Male division.

The Umina crew It's Thirsty Work came fourth in the Masters Female division.

The series was open to both Central Coast and Hunter crews, running from October to the final event on March 27.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 31 Mar 2021  
Ocean Beach SLSC



## Championship bowls delayed

Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club will hold its next round of championship games on Sunday, April 18, after the recent wet weather.

"Our club championship games are a bit behind our anticipated schedule," said match chairman

Mr Terry Brown.

"Hopefully we can complete some games on Sunday, March 28.

"If so, our next round of championship games will recommence on Sunday, April 18.

"The reason for the delayed restart is that we have players in

the Zone Pairs Senior and Open on April 11.

"We also have many club members playing in the 100 Club event in the morning of April 11."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 25 Mar 2021  
Peter Springett, UBMBC

## Ourimbah to play Lions in first rugby round

Ourimbah will travel to Woy Woy Oval to play Woy Woy in the first round of Central Coast Rugby Union next Saturday, April 10.

"Ourimbah will go into this match as favourite based on performances from last year," said rugby union president Mr Larry Thomson.

"However, anything could happen in this match. "Ourimbah had a disappointing end to last season when they were eliminated in the preliminary final.

"Woy Woy had a difficult season last year, so hopefully for them things have steadied and they can have a much improved year in 2021.

"Woy Woy at home are always difficult and will prove a real obstacle for Ourimbah.

"Woy Woy has a new coach this year in Wais Qalulu.

"Ourimbah has retained Matt Hopkins as coach and he has left nothing to chance in his efforts to get a great start to the season for his team.

"Ourimbah have had one of the best preparations for this season compared to all other clubs."

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 4 Apr 2021  
Larry Thomson, CCRU

## Inflatable obstacle course for school holidays

The Peninsula Leisure Centre is offering an inflatable obstacle course in its 50m pool for young people during the school holidays.

The pool inflatable course will be run daily from 11am to 12pm and 1pm-2pm until April 16.

The waterslide will also be open daily from 11am to 12pm and 2pm

to 3pm.

Participants must be under the age of 18, weigh less than 100kg and be less than 1.8m tall.

They must be able to demonstrate their swimming ability to a lifeguard, by jumping into the pool from the side, swimming across three lanes and back to the side and getting themselves out.

No booking is required.

The course is accessible as part of the cost of pool entry - \$4.60 for non-members under 18 years of age.

For further information, phone 4325 8123.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 3 Apr 2021  
Central Coast Council