



## Titanic Dinner was 'fabulously successful'

The Rotary Club of Brisbane Water has described its Titanic Dinner on Saturday, April 10, as "a fabulously successful event".

The club's major fund-raiser will see proceeds go to youth projects and to crisis accommodation service Coast Shelter.

Club president Mr Peter Mote said the final amount had yet to be calculated.

"Once the Treasurer has done his work, we will know exactly how much we have raised."

Mr Mote said: "All the passengers were dressed in the period style and entered into the spirit of the theme, which was wonderful to see.

"We were left with the impression that each and everyone had a great time."

Mr Mote attributed much of the success of the night to

"our passengers" and to Titanic historian Mr Michael Booth "for his filling the hall with the spirit of the ship of dreams and telling its story so well", playing Titanic Captain Edward John Smith in the process.

He said he had received a number of congratulatory messages from those attending.

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 15 Apr 2021  
Peter Mote, Rotary Brisbane Water

## Crouch to petition Minister for public inquiry into council

Member for Terrigal Mr Adam Crouch has called for support for a petition for a public inquiry into Central Coast Council

"The councillors were removed by the Local Government Minister last October, and unless a public inquiry begins, the councillors will be allowed to return to their positions on April 29," he said.

"I support the petition, which is being presented to the NSW Parliament in May, but I am going one step further by directly petitioning the Local Government Minister for a public inquiry.

"A public inquiry would expose who was responsible and help to ensure these terrible mistakes and failings are never repeated.

"I will be presenting this petition



to the Local Government Minister.

"Under no circumstances should the councillors be allowed to return on April 29.

"Please sign my petition at [www.adamcrouchmp.com.au/public\\_inquiry](http://www.adamcrouchmp.com.au/public_inquiry)."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 13 Apr 2021  
Adam Crouch, Member for Terrigal

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## Persson calls for administration while merger proceeds

Central Coast Council administrator Mr Dick Persson has recommended "a formal inquiry to determine what is needed to achieve the successful merger of the two previous Councils" in his final report to Local Government Minister Ms Shelley Hancock.

He also recommended the Minister "prevent the return of the currently suspended councillors" and "delay the September election" until after his recommended inquiry.

Mr Persson rejected calls for a fresh inquiry into what went wrong, stating that he had already done this.

"Usually such an inquiry is held by an independent person with extensive experience in the subject matter.

"Well with due respect to some members of the community, that is who and what I am.

"I have carried out an independent investigation into what has occurred at Central Coast Council.

Mr Persson acknowledged that "the merger of Gosford and Wyong Councils did not have strong community support at the outset".

"Regrettably, the performance of the councillors did little to build

community support.

"In fact, I feel there is quite widespread community antagonism towards the new entity."

Mr Persson implied that the situation was exacerbated by the fact that councillors were not faced with a merged council as a fait accompli when they were returned in 2017.

"There is considerable evidence that the merger was incomplete when the elected body returned in September 2017, and that there was little interest or effort in gaining further efficiencies-savings by the newly-elected body."

He said that neither the councillors nor the former chief executive were interested in achieving "merger-related savings".

"On the contrary, the council expanded all aspects of council spending with little regard or understanding of the financial consequences."

Mr Persson said: "My investigation has concluded that by far, the greatest reason the council became insolvent was due to mismanagement of their budget over the years following the merger and leading up to their suspension", although "unusual circumstances ... accelerated the collapse of the operating budget".

"Nothing excuses the negligence of those in charge for their relative inaction, which was manifestly much too little and much too late," he said.

Mr Persson said the use of Restricted Reserves, while not unimportant, was not the reason why the budget blew out.

"Even if those in charge thought those funds could be used for their expanded spending, they must have known they would eventually run out.

"To use them for capital spending is one thing, but to use them to prop up a rapidly deteriorating bottom line is inexcusable at best, and negligent at worse.

"None of those involved have explained what they were going to do when the Restricted Reserves ran out."

Mr Persson said that the best outcome for the council and the Central Coast would be a further extended period under administration.

This would allow the new general manager and the new administrator "adequate time to complete the merger and rebuild community confidence, without the distraction of elected representatives intent on playing out broader political agendas".

**SOURCE:**  
Central Coast Council agenda 2.1, 15 Apr 2021

## Peninsula News – now a supplement

For each issue of Peninsula News, we have more news than we have room to print.

This issue we had 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.

Now, we have also started Peninsula News EXTRA to take these articles.

This is another eight pages in electronic form, produced as a PDF, which will be published on the Thursday following the print edition.

Peninsula News EXTRA will be emailed to local organisations, inviting them to print them out and/or distribute them by email to their members. If you would like a copy, please email [distribution@peninsula.news](mailto:distribution@peninsula.news) with the request.

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Mark Snell, editor  
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# Peninsula News

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

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

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## Busy time for Marine Rescue

**Marine Rescue Central Coast has reported that the Easter long weekend was a busy time for the service.**

"Our crews and radio operators were incredibly busy over the three days, receiving multiple calls for assistance from people having issues such as engine failure and running out of petrol," said volunteer Ms Megan Loaney.

"The amount of debris in our waterways at the moment has been phenomenal," she said.

"Our crews have been picking up large loads of wood, palettes, large tree limbs and even a section of plastic slide from a playground.

On Easter Saturday morning, a rescue vessel was tasked to assist an 11-metre ketch that was having engine difficulties.

The vessel was located just near Anderson's Boat Hire at Ettalong, and it was pictured being towed to Killcare Marina.

On the following Friday, April 9, the service had a call from a boat where the skipper was having issues with the engine on his boat.

A rescue crew was called to assist the boater who was drifting, just off Box Head.

"One of our radio operators put a navigational warning out over the radio to ask nearby boaters for



assistance, while our crew made their way there.'

The call was heeded and another boat took the distressed vessel under tow, until Marine Rescue arrived.

The following evening, three people on board a small yacht were reported to have grounded between Pearl Beach and Patonga, having activated their EPIRB.

Marine Rescue Hawkesbury as well as water police and a rescue helicopter responded.

The police and helicopter ambulance departed when the occupants were found on land at Pearl Beach.

The crew from Marine Rescue

Hawkesbury was stood down because it is too risky to attempt to recover the yacht.

**SOURCE:**  
 Media release, 15 Apr 2021  
 Megan Loaney, Marine Rescue Central Coast

## Tickets for Anzac services

**Three Anzac Day services will be held at the Ettalong Diggers Club this year.**

The Dawn Service will be held at 5:30am, the Vietnam Veterans Service at 8am and then a Mid Morning Service at 10.30am.

The club has made a number of free tickets available to club members for the services.

"This is in addition to the arrangements in place for returned services, ex-service and current Australian Defence Force men and women," said chief executive Mr Bill Jackson.

"These free tickets will be available at a limit of two per person to Ettalong Diggers Club members who reside on the Peninsula.

"Due to Covid restrictions, only ticket-holders for the scheduled services will be permitted entry to the club prior to midday on Sunday, April 25."

**SOURCE:**  
 Social media, 11 Apr 2021  
 Bill Jackson, Ettalong Diggers

## Food for Coast Shelter

**The Rotary Club of Brisbane Water has presented bags of food to Coast Shelter.**

The non-perishable items like pasta, rice, tinned goods and tea were collected, in a joint food drive with an antiques store in Deepwater Plaza as the collection point.

"We are partnering with Woy Woy Antiques and Collectables to assist vulnerable people by donating to our joint food drive," said club president Mr Peter Mote.

Ms Jayne Mote is pictured overseeing a delivery to Coast Shelter.



**SOURCE:**  
 Newsletter, 15 Apr 2021  
 Peter Mote, Rotary Brisbane Water

## Little rain in last three weeks

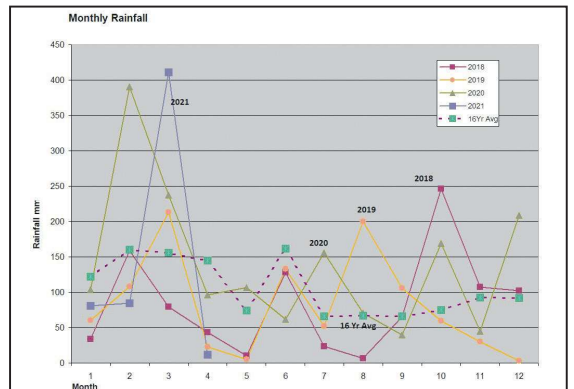
**Two weeks into April, just 11.7mm of rainfall has been recorded on the Peninsula for the month.**

This is just over eight per cent of the average rainfall for April of 145mm, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

In the last week of March, 12.9mm of rain was recorded, following two weeks in which more than 390mm was recorded.

Total rainfall for the year stands at 587.9mm, close to the average for the end of April of 583mm.

**SOURCE:**  
 Spreadsheet, 16 Apr 2021  
 Jim Morrison, Umina





## Mingaletta in consortium to deliver housing program

**Mingaletta Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation has been accepted as part of a consortium of formed to deliver a \$1.3 million housing program on the Central Coast.**

Central Coast Parliamentary Secretary Mr Adam Crouch said the \$1.3 million initiative would be led by Wyong-based Yerin Aboriginal Health Service, in partnership with Gudjagang Ngara Li-Dhl Aboriginal Corporation in Wyong and Mingaletta Aboriginal Corporation in Umina.

Housing would be provided by Compass Housing.

He said the program was an expansion of the NSW Government's Together Home program to reduce the number of people sleeping rough on the Central Coast.

Aboriginal people would provide culturally safe assertive outreach, housing and wrap-around support to their own community through

the initiative, Mr Crouch said.

"The funding is targeted at getting people off the streets for good.

"It will provide access to services to secure and maintain their tenancy, improve their health and wellbeing and move towards training and employment opportunities."

He said the NSW Government consulted with the Barang Regional Alliance to bring together specialist support services and deliver the program.

Alliance executive director Ms Vickie Parry said the initiative would bring about positive change for the community.

"The consortium will work with community who are homeless on the Central Coast and will provide intensive wrap-around support to sustain tenancies and improve their health, economic and wellbeing," Ms Parry said.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 8 Apr 2021  
Adam Crouch, Central Coast Secretary



## Rotary club views stained-glass panels

**The Rotary Club of Woy Woy has paid a visit to the Holy Apostles Anglican Church in Woy Woy to see the stained-glass panels.**

"It was an absolute joy and well attended by members, partners and friends," said club president Ms Joan Redmond.

"Artist and theologian Alexandra Banks, who designed and hand-crafted the faceted glass panels, took us through her journey from inspiration to installation."

Ms Banks told the club her journey began when she became immersed in the atmosphere created by Leonard French's stained glass windows at the National Library.

"Starting from scratch with no knowledge of how to do the task, she mastered techniques learned on YouTube and began the huge undertaking of creating the installation.

"As the evening light filtered through the panels, Alex explained the religious narrative and artistic imagery depicted on the collection of panels."

She described the presentation as exceptional and thanked the Rev Canon Michael Davies for arranging the visit.

"Afterwards, we all headed up the road to Yi An Restaurant for a Chinese Banquet."

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 13 Apr 2021  
Joan Redmond, Rotary Woy Woy



## Tesch calls for grant applications

**Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch is inviting local groups to apply for Community Building Partnership Grants.**

The program, which opens on Monday, makes \$300,000 available in the electorate of Gosford for projects for not-for-profit organisations such as schools, sporting clubs and charities.

"If your local sporting club, school or charity needs funding to upgrade amenities, purchase new equipment or buy a new vehicle then get onto these grants," said Ms Tesch.

"Community Building Partnerships offer grants of between \$5000 and \$150,000 for not-for-profit organisations looking to build capital works, upgrade

equipment or buy vehicles.

"Local charities in particular are feeling the pinch of a Covid-stricken economy and the need for better support in our community.

"These grants give an opportunity for charities and other valuable organisations to get the much-needed upgrades to come out of Covid stronger than ever," she said.

Applications are open until 5pm on Friday, May 14.

Program guidelines and other information about the NSW 2021 Community Building Partnership Program is available at the program website, [www.nsw.gov.au/cbp](http://www.nsw.gov.au/cbp)

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 14 Apr 2021  
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford



## First concert after lockdown

**After months of lockdown and strict conditions imposed on aged care facilities, a concert was held in Woy Woy on Friday, April 11.**

The concert given by Woy Woy entertainer Julie Hogarth-William's was held for the seniors

at Bluewave Living.

Among those attending was Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

"After an entire year of being unable to enjoy concerts, the residents were overjoyed singing and dancing throughout the concert," she said.

"The happiness and connection to fond memories was beautiful to see and it was heart-warming to see the residents having fun with their friends and the staff also enjoying the show."

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 13 Apr 2021  
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

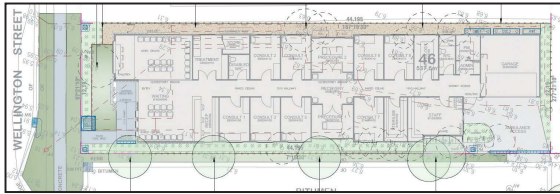


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## Medical centre plan to 'maximise site usage'

**A medical clinic costing \$625,000 has been proposed for 22 Wellington St, Umina, adjacent to the Alfred St carpark, in a development application lodged with Central Coast Council.**

The proposal includes the demolition of an existing house on the 537 square metre B2 business-zoned site.

It would be replaced with a building containing eight doctor consulting rooms, two procedure rooms, one pathology room, a sterilising room and a staff room, as well as a reception area and an administration area.

The clinic is expected to have six general practitioners and eight administrative staff.

"The proposal has been designed to maximise the site usage to provide a much-needed medical centre within the Umina Beach town centre," the application states.

The single-storey building has a floor area, not including its garage, of 332 square metres, resulting in a floor space ratio of 0.62:1.

The proposal includes two car spaces in a "secured garage" at the rear of the site, compared to a requirement of 41 spaces required by planning provisions.

The application, submitted by planning consultant Wales and Associates, quoted a 2015 NSW Roads and Maritime Services study in stating that the clinic was "only likely generate a peak parking demand of some 14 spaces".

This "demand is proposed to be satisfied by the ample public parking spaces in the immediate surrounding" area.

The application notes: "The site has already been substantially cleared of its natural vegetation."

"All existing introduced vegetation will be removed from the site in order to accommodate the proposed development."

A number of public submissions have been lodged, calling for retention of the existing trees on the site.

The public comment period closes on Friday, April 30.

**SOURCE:**  
DA Tracker, 17 Apr 2021  
DA61390, Central Coast Council

**The Central Coast Local Planning Panel has deferred determination of an application to subdivide a property at 68 Railway St, Woy Woy, containing a local heritage building known as Mrs Wilson's Shop.**

The Panel invited the applicant to submit an amended proposal within 21 days involving Torrens title subdivision of the heritage item and strata titling of the remaining two dwellings.

"Upon receipt of this information, the matter shall be subject of a further report by council staff as soon as practicable, which may be determined by the Panel through electronic means," according to the Panel's resolution.

The meeting minutes stated that there was common ground amongst the Panel that the proposal should be accompanied by a Clause 4.6 variation request regarding the floor space ratio.

"This was provided by the applicant and provided late to the Panel prior to the meeting, although not subject to analysis in the Council report (due to a different conclusion by Council staff to the Panel regarding its necessity) and without sufficient time for the Panel to properly assess the request."

"The Panel was of the view

this required further analysis prior to being able to determine the application."

The minutes reported that there was disagreement about whether the proposal, and the form of subdivision sought, should be supported.

"The majority of the Panel (all but Mr Jason Perica) were of the view that the proposal should be refused in the form put forward."

"Mr Perica generally agreed with the Council staff assessment report and the conclusions therein."

"The key issue of concern for the majority of the Panel related to the very significant size of the variation requests to lot sizes and the potential precedent, as well as the applicant's core objectives being able to be facilitated in an alternative way."

"The applicant's stated objectives for favouring a Torrens Title subdivision were that this would facilitate accurate identification of the heritage item (being part of the site and not the whole site), and that the dwelling(s) and commercial heritage lot would have different funding needs and this may cause unfair distributed costs in a shared strata scheme."

"Both arguments had some merit, although legally a heritage item is as defined and described in Schedule 5 of the LEP, not the

map. "Despite this, separate Torrens titling of the heritage item would reduce potential confusion."

"It is agreed the heritage and other lots are likely to have likely different ongoing maintenance needs and thereby associated costs."

"Having regard to this and balancing the precedential issues, the majority of the Panel were of the view that a Torrens title of the heritage item and strata subdivision of the two dwellings was preferable, meeting key applicant objectives, with less adverse precedential outcomes."

"Mr Perica understood this rationale, although also saw the Torrens titling of the two remaining dwellings as being consistent in principle to strategic directions in the draft LEP, as argued in the Clause 4.6 variation request."

"However, on reflection and balanced consideration, Mr Perica accepted the position to protect the adverse potential precedent was a reasonable concern (given the potential Torrens subdivision of dual occupancies contemplated by the draft LEP would ordinarily be on larger lots) and supported the position of the majority of the Panel, as a reasonable compromise."

**SOURCE:**  
Central Coast Local Planning Panel agenda 4.1, 8 Apr 2021



## Multi-unit development proposal retains existing house

**A development application has been lodged for the creation of three units on a 686.8 square metre site at 95 Paton St, retaining the existing house and building two new three-bedroom townhouses, at a cost of \$650,000.**

Access to the town houses is proposed via a driveway that would run along the southwest side of the site.

The proposal does not comply with the minimum lot size requirement of 750 square metres.

It does not comply with side or rear setback requirements. The

rear setback varies from 1.89 metres to 3.89 metres, compared to the six metres required by the planning provisions.

The length of the building at 37.8 metres exceeds the maximum of 25 metres.

The open space area provided for the second unit is 33 square metres, which does not comply with the required minimum of 50 square metres.

The upper floor ceiling height of 2.4 metres does not meet the required minimum of 2.7 metres.

The applications lists nine approved precedents in Woy Woy and Blackwall over the last four years which it claims have

"the same design scale, height, setbacks, site cover and parking".

The application states: "The public interest is well served by the proposed development. In view of the careful nature of the design it is considered that the health and safety of the public will not be affected."

"The proposal provides the local area with new dwellings on a site that is inherently suitable for such development."

The application is open for comment between April 23 and May 21.

**SOURCE:**  
DA Tracker, 18 Apr 2021  
DA61493, Central Coast Council

## Government reviews planning provision variations

**The NSW Government is reviewing the provision in its planning standards which allows "consent authorities, such as local councils, to approve a variation to development standards".**

The Department of Planning is proposing changes to clause 4.6 of the Standard Instrument LEP "to clarify the requirements for varying development standards, and improve transparency and accountability in the planning system".

The review has not been prompted by community submissions, but by "feedback from council and industry stakeholders".

The department had been told that "a convoluted and unclear application of clause 4.6, contributing to delays and cost burdens for applicants and councils in the development application process and resourcing implications for local councils and the courts".

The department also noted "the recent NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption inquiry into ... Canterbury Council" had raised "concerns that varying

development standards can dilute transparency in the planning system and subsequently open up opportunities for corruption".

The department claimed that "the proposed revised clause 4.6 will ensure that applications to vary development standards have a greater focus on the planning outcomes of the proposed development and are consistent with the strategic context of the site".

"The proposed revised clause 4.6 gives weight to the relevant planning objectives that have been developed by councils in consultation with communities and ensures variations are considered in that context."

"The Explanation of Intended Effect also seeks feedback on proposed measures to increase transparency, accountability and probity by strengthening council reporting requirements on variation decisions, in line with ICAC recommendations."

Further details can be found at <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/variations-review>.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 17 Apr 2021  
Variations review, NSW Planning Portal





## Community group joins in bank celebrations

The Umina Community Group recently joined in celebrations of the 15th year of its bank branch on the Peninsula.

"The Ettalong branch of the Bendigo Bank is a fantastic supporter of Umina Community Group and our projects," said community group secretary Mr

Peter Springett. Pictured are Mr Springett with Ettalong branch manager Mr Peter McKeon, community group director Mr Tony Winch and vice-president Mr Rod Unsworth.

**SOURCE:** Social media, 6 Apr 2021  
Peter Springett, Umina Community Group

## Book fair raises \$8500

Pearl Beach book fair has raised more than \$8500.

The Pearl Beach Progress Association's Easter Book Fair raised a total of \$8561.

This included income from a raffle and a cake stall as well as

the sale of books. The day was organised by association member Ms Alison Phillips and a team of helpers.

**SOURCE:** Website, 13 Apr 2021  
Pearl Beach Progress Association

## Bays group gears up for more events

The Bays Community Group has started planning for events at the community hall.

"The relaxation of restrictions in recent weeks has meant that the committee has been able more realistically to plan some events for the coming months," said group president Ms Gwynneth Weir.

The first was "Music at the Hall" held last Saturday, April 17, with John Kane and Andy Gordon.

The group committee has confirmed that the Bays Art Show will be returning this year in July. Tickets are now on sale.

"We are now taking applications from artists who would like to enter work for sale," said Ms Weir.

Opening night will be held from 7:30pm to 10pm on Friday, July 16.

The show will be open on Saturday and Sunday, July 17 and 18, from 10am to 4pm, with the cafe selling refreshments.

Bookings and entries can be made through the community group's website.

Other events planned by the committee include Drag Queen Bingo in August, Kids' Disco in September, and a Musical Event in October.

Monthly Bacon and Egg Takeaways will continue on the last Sunday of the month, except in April and December.

"We will not be holding an event in April as it falls on Anzac Day.

"The next Bays Bacon and Egg Roll event will be on Sunday, May 30, when we will be serving between 8am and 10am."

A Justice of the Peace will be in attendance between 9am and 10am on the day.

**SOURCE:** Newsletter, 16 Apr 2021  
Gwynneth Weir, The Bays Community Group

## Minister seeks ideas for purpose

The Peninsula's Uniting Church minister, the Reverend Patty Lawrence, has challenged her congregation to suggest a statement of purpose for Broken Bay Uniting Church.

"What areas of the life of the church would you put in the most energy into?" she asked in the church newsletter.

Preparing for a church Synod meeting, she observed the purpose of the Synod office was: "Serving the church to make a Jesus-shaped difference in the world based on the values of compassion, respect, integrity and collaboration."



It also sought renewed commitment to rural and regional ministry, to ministry with people born since 1970 and to "walking together with First Peoples".

It also sought ongoing commitment to the stewardship of the earth (climate action) and to working with presbyteries to organise ourselves to promote growth within and through our congregations.

Ms Lawrence said she would like to hear from her congregation.

"Please send me your written responses by email or at church."

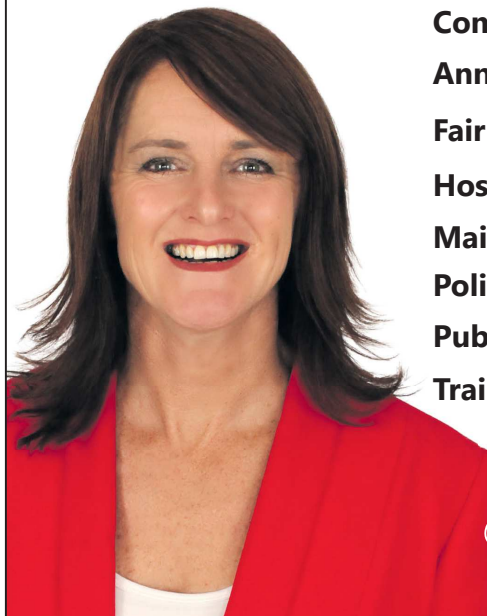
**SOURCE:** Newsletter, 11 Apr 2021  
Patty Lawrence, Broken Bay Uniting Church



**Liesl Tesch MP**  
Member for Gosford

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# Health

## Climber taken to hospital

A climber was taken to hospital after falling from a cliff face at Pearl Beach on Thursday, April 8.

A multi-agency response involving Fire and Rescue crews from Umina and Gosford resulted in a "safe rescue" of the man, "in challenging conditions as light faded into darkness".

NSW Fire and Rescue vertical rope rescue specialists were sent down to initially stabilise the man.

They were followed by ambulance paramedics who were then hauled up together with the patient who was then airlifted to hospital.

The man, Mr Shaun Hemsley, later thanked his rescuers.

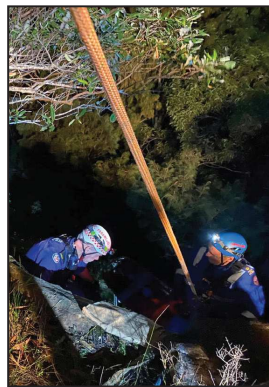
"I am safe and sound in Royal North Shore with pelvis fractures front and back, broken rib, partial lung collapse and missing a lot of skin," he said the following day.

"With all that, the teams worked super hard to get me up out of difficult terrain in the dark and get me to hospital safely.

"I would have been in deep trouble without their efforts.

"It is very much appreciated."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 8 Apr 2021  
Station 340 Umina, Fire and Rescue NSW



## Blankets donated

The Woy Woy branch of the Country Women's Association has made more than 200 lap rugs, 20 bed-size crocheted blankets and 20 patchwork quilts for the Elsie's Retreat palliative care project.

"Opening soon within Gosford Hospital, the inpatient centre is specially designed for adult palliative patients requiring acute symptom management," said branch president Ms Jane Bowtell.

"Some of these patients will be able to return home.

"However the centre will also provide support and care for those

patients, and their families, who cannot be cared for at home in the last days of life."

Ms Bowtell said each blanket or rug would be used by the one patient.

"They will be gifted to the patients family after their passing as a beautiful keepsake to remember their loved one.

"Central Coast residents will, for the first time ever, have a choice between receiving palliative care at home or in a hospital setting.

"Almost nine years in the making, it will be the first centre of its kind on the Central Coast."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 12 Apr 2021  
Jane Bowtell, CWA Woy Woy

# Forum

## A safe world for politicians and developers

Frank Wiffen makes a very pertinent point, when he highlights the spurious "consultation" process that we see from all levels of government and from all agencies ("Pretend consultation while secret decisions are made", Peninsula News EXTRA 516) in matters related to the development of Central Coast in general and of Woy Woy Peninsula in particular.

Anyone who has ever made a submission on the numerous matters put on exhibition over the past decade knows that the impact on final decisions will be negligible.

The whole procedure is mere window-dressing to comply with statutory requirements or to give a gloss of community involvement to a process from which the public is excluded in any meaningful way.

While Mr Wiffen is referring specifically to one development application now before Council, the same can be said, mutatis mutandis, for the redesign of Blackwall Rd, recently put on display ("Minimal feedback sought on intersection plans", PN 516) and for the brand-new, innovative, forward-thinking, dynamic, transformative, revelational Design and Place State Environmental Planning Policy now also in the "consultation" phase ("Group

rallies submissions on design and place policy", PN 516).

This latter document is the same old dreary rhetoric, with the same old concealed agendas, that we get with every one of these PR exercises, designed to give the impression that the public interest is being advanced at top speed while actually having no purpose but to create new opportunities for developers to damage our built environment and give the public less say in what is going on.

Anyone foolish enough to waste his time formulating submissions on this proposal will find that they get exactly the same attention given to all unwelcome criticisms, i.e., none at all.

Another case in point is the Central Coast Strategy now being prepared for us by the Greater Sydney Commission.

When invitations to comment were displayed, the Commission helpfully supplied a list of issues that it saw as the most important to be taken into account in the preparation of its Strategy.

Remarkably, now that the first steps have been completed, it turns out that the exact issues identified by the Commission turned out to be the ones that everybody approved of, and not a single issue that could have been raised beyond those originals proved to be important enough to influence the Commission's opinions.

We are fortunate to have such perceptive and totally informed experts in charge of our future: it hardly seems to be worth questioning their views when they are clearly so universally accepted.

Of course, it will be interesting to see whether the Commission's end-product is of any more value than the nugatory Central Coast Regional Plan prepared by the Planning Department or the much-heralded Gosford Central Plan prepared by the Government Architect.

It is easy to suspect that it will have no more real-world impact than these bygone exercises in futility and no more influence on the future of the Central Coast than the Hunter and Central Coast Development Corporations' trivial and money-wasting reworking of the Gosford Leagues Field.

A more suspicious person than I might think it possible that this constant issuing of invitations to comment, when all comments are routinely ignored, is a long-term strategy to wear out the interest of the public and exhaust the energies of community groups, so that future changes can be made without any irritating contrary views having to be entertained at all.

The world will then be safe for politicians and developers to do as they wish.

**SOURCE:**  
Email, 4 Apr 2021  
Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy

## When 8-4=0: 'No cuts' to ABC

On May 11, the Federal Budget will be handed down.

The October Budget 2020 did not contain any recognition of the ABC's outstanding community service during the bushfires and Covid 19, and projected funding figures in the Budget papers show an ongoing decline in funds allocated to our national public broadcaster.

When I wrote to Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks, our Local Member, regarding reduced funding of the ABC, it took me three different attempts, the first in September 2019, before I had a response dated 3 Feb 2021.

I quote from her reply: "It is not true that the ABC's budget has

been cut."

Working carefully through the rest of the response, I find it simply impossible to believe Ms Wicks, because 30 years ago then ABC managing director Mr David Hill reminded us that the ABC cost taxpayers just eight cents a day.

Unfortunately, in 2021 the ABC is allocated only four cents a day to work in a seriously more challenging, competitive and technological environment.

Remember the old saying: "You can't make a silk purse from a sow's ear."

"No cuts" Ms Wicks?  
Who's being fooled?

**SOURCE:**  
Email, 8 Apr 2021  
Gillian Telford, Booker Bay

## Precedents take over from planning provisions

With the surge in objections to the development application assessment process, it is appropriate to examine the role that council staff planning decisions have in creating precedents.

Lists of precedents are being used to justify a development application when the proposal is non-compliant with planning provisions.

Why is this acceptable in the assessment process?

There are numerous precedents listed to support the DA61194, as reported in Peninsula News on April 6.

Has the assessment process shifted to focus on precedents, totally excluding planning instruments from the assessment?

It is now relevant to consider whether precedents have become the standard for future development application submissions.

When an application is publicly exhibited, should consideration be based on planning instruments or on numerous precedents that have replaced the legal planning provisions?

What are the legalities attached to a precedent?

Has the Land and Environment Court made a ruling that confirms precedents replace planning instruments?

The convoluted development assessment process includes tangibles, and many intangibles.

Introduction of the "standard template" LEP and DCP planning instruments have been responsible for increasing the content of intangibles in the process.

**SOURCE:**  
Letter, 8 Apr 2021  
Norm Harris, Umina

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## Public Notices

**The Peninsula Day Branch of the N.S.W. Labor Party** meets the

**2nd Monday of each month** from February to December

The meetings commence at 1.00pm and are conducted in **the CWA Hall Woy Woy**, opposite Fishermen Wharf.

The meetings are well conducted and encourage interesting and diverse conversations.

**All interested persons are most welcome.**

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## College cross country attracts 200 students

**Brisbane Water Secondary College held its cross country competition with 200 students attending.**

The following students were the winners in their age division: Isabella Nicolussi, Alyssa Haremaker, Hannah Stevenson, Amy Russell, Keira Howell, Daisy Duguid, Lachlan Muldrock, Korbey

Hemsworth, Euan Murray (not pictured), Jed Hoyland, Oliver Ham and Ryan Brown.

The top six place-getters in each age group will represent the college at the zone carnival at Hylton Moore oval, East Gosford, on Friday, May 14.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 7 Apr 2021  
Kerrie O'Heir, BWSC Umina



## Jewellery class finishes term one

**The jewellery class has finished term one at the Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre, having produced a range of items.**

"This collection of beautiful jewellery pieces was made by the clever students in our Jewellery Design and Techniques classes with Celeste Boonearts," said centre president Mr Peter Mulholland.

"I can't wait to see what they make in term two."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 12 Apr 2021  
Peter Mulholland, EBACC



## Writers' festival program is released

**The full program for the Words on the Waves Writers Festival, taking place on the Peninsula over the long weekend of June 11-14, has been released.**

"On Friday, June 11, we are kickstarting the festival with a real treat for the book-loving people," said program co-ordinator Ms Mandi McIntosh.

"Broadcaster and author Richard Fidler will dive into his latest book, The Golden Maze, in a conversation alongside witty historical writer David Hunt.

"On Saturday, June 12, and Sunday, June 13, discussions and debates will be led by some of our country's most interesting thinkers and writers, all held at the Ocean Beach Surf Lifesaving Club."

Sessions would cover topics including: our environmental future with Tim Flannery;

a charity changing the world with Ronni Kahn; Australian history with David Hunt, Garry Linnell and Amanda Laugesen; and truth, brains and money with Malcolm Knox, Bri Lee and Rick Morton.

"To round out the festival on Monday, June 14, we will be putting words and ideas afloat in a memorable literary cruise upon Brisbane Water, with eminent historian Grace Karskens and

memoirist Vicki Hastrich."

Day passes are on sale now, with prices ranging up to \$89 plus booking fee for a Saturday pass.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 14 Apr 2021  
Mandi McIntosh, Words on the Waves

## Prize pigs at Easter Show

**Brisbane Water Secondary College's agriculture team has recorded wins at the Royal Easter Show.**

The school was won Champion Berkshire Boar with Rivergleng Brock and Reserve Champion Berkshire Sow with Brisbane Waters Star, and was also winner of the Supreme Berkshire Pig with

Rivergleng Brock.

The college was the only school to compete in the pig section of the show.

Agriculture teacher Mr Richard McKay, farm assistant Mr Luke Boxsell with the agriculture students.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 4 Apr 2021  
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy

## Schools to get new roofs

**All government schools on the Peninsula will receive new roofs under the NSW Government's school Roof Replacement Program, according to Central Coast Parliamentary Secretary Mr Adam Crouch.**

Both campuses of Brisbane Water Secondary College, as well as Ettalong, Umina, Woy Woy and Woy Woy South Public Schools, are listed for roof replacement among 38 others in the region.

Mr Crouch said the decision to re-roof the schools was "based on priority and community benefit" as assessed by the Department of Education.

However, no detail of the timing or the value of work in each case has been provided.

The NSW Government announced the \$60 program for regional schools as part of its Covid-19 Recovery Plan in November.

"New roofing provides better facilities for students, an improved work environment for teachers and staff, and more work for local tradespeople," Mr Crouch said.

"The Local Trade Scheme, a new online platform allowing local tradies to bid for work at local schools, will be used in the tendering of each project.

"Businesses across the Central Coast will benefit from this multi-million dollar investment, helping to stimulate economic growth and support local jobs as we continue to recover from Covid-19."

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 1 Apr 2021  
Adam Crouch, Member for Terrigal

## Catholic school enrolling

**The St John the Baptist Parish in Woy Woy has been told in the church newsletter that catholic high school enrolments for next year have started.**

"Fr Timothy will meet parents and children on Sundays between 8:30am and 9:15am to have their Parish Reference Forms signed."

School enrolments are also being taken for St John the Baptist Primary School.

With inquiries, phone 4341 0884 or visit the school website at [www.sjbwoywoy.dbb.org.au](http://www.sjbwoywoy.dbb.org.au).

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 4 Apr 2021  
St John the Baptist Catholic Church

## First trial

**Umina Bunnies Junior Rugby League Football Club played its first trial game on April 11.**

Club officials reported that players, coaches, trainers, managers and parents all had a "great day".

"Our season has started."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 11 Apr 2021  
Umina Bunnies JRLFC



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# Sport

## Roosters defeat Hawks 13-12 at Darren Kennedy Oval

**Woy Woy Roosters came up against Toukley Hawks and Terrigal Sharks at Darren Kennedy Oval in round three of Central Coast Rugby League on Saturday, April 17..**

Woy Woy 13 defeated Toukley 12 in first grade competition.

First grade coach Steve Coffey said it was a hard-fought match against a good Toukley outfit.

"We were strong in defence and kept grinding away.

"A well planned field goal from Jay Kissick to seal the match was a highlight."

Much thanks to Under-19 players Reece Rosewam and Oliver Haime backed up to play with the seconds and then first grade, said coach Coffey.

"Every player had top games. "Close standouts were Joe Williams, Shane Lewis, Justin McDermott and Luke Moore."

In Reserve Grade, Toukley defeated Woy Woy 54-0.

"It was a hard day up at Toukley, who were a well drilled enthusiastic team," said coach Bob Gordon.

"After struggling to put a side together, things didn't get any easier throughout the game," he said.

"We were well served once again by Dean Knott who didn't give up.

"Dean Knott and his son Jesse got to play together today, an experience not many players get."

In Under-19s, Woy Woy 26 defeated Toukley 4.

Coach Mick Wilson said it was great for the team to get its first win of the season.

"But we still have plenty to work on.

"We started slowly and Toukley were first to score.

"We could have dropped our heads but thankfully we went the other way and started to control the game and went into halftime up 10-4.

"The second half we saw what the boys are capable of with some strong defence and good attacking sets and eventually ran away with the game 26-4.

In Ladies League Tag, Terrigal 14 defeated Woy Woy 10.

Team manager Rachael Harrington said: "We took on Terrigal's second side at Darren Kennedy Oval.

"With all the rain we have had over the past few weeks, the oval was heavy under foot.

"With a lot of players not being able to play due to work or other commitments, we only had 12 players to take the field.

"We still showed we are a team not to be messed with.

The Terrigal White side were a pleasure to play and showed us what they were made of, seeing us go down 14 to 10.

"Our two tries went to Sophie Trengrove, who was Players' Player for the second time this year."

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 18 Apr 2021  
Christine McNally, Woy Woy Roosters RLFC

## Terry wins Major Singles final

**The Umina Beach Women's Bowls Club Major Singles final was played on April 16 and won by Terry Causby with Gale Hill runner-up.**

The Major Singles were played between March 12 and April 16, with 17 entries in this year's event.

In the semi-finals, Terry Causby defeated Janet Ellery and Gale Hill defeated Pat Neal.

"The final between Terry and Gale was played in ideal conditions," said club website

editor Ms Lesley Swales.

"Terry got off to a good start with four on the first end but Gale pegged her back.

"It was close for quite a few ends then Terry pushed ahead to win 25 to 11.

"It was lovely to see all the spectators support these two players," she said.

Pictured is Gail on the left and Terry on the right.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 18 Apr 2021  
Lesley Swales, UBWBC



## Selected for Central Coast softball team

Peninsula Ducks Softball Club has had four of its players selected to represent the Central Coast Softball Association for the Girls Under-10 State Championships on May 1 and 2.

They are Elise and Isla Abel, Louisa Morrison and Nicola Walsh.

Coach Di Barrymore was also chosen to coach the representative team.

The championships will be played at the Central Coast Sporting and Recreational Complex, Lake Rd, Tuggerah.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 13 Apr 2021  
Di Barrymore, Peninsula Ducks



## Medals for Umina surf club

**Umina Surf Life Saving Club members have won medals in the Australian Surf Life Saving Championships.**

Gold went to Kerry Armstrong-Smith in the over-40s, silver to Davara Marshall in the under-15s and Shelley Smith in the over-30s and bronze to Kirsten Miller in the

under-19s and Christine Bishop in the over-40s.

Bethwyn Caller took fourth place in the under-17s and Lachlan Braddish took fifth place in the under-19s.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 18 Apr 2021  
Umina SLSC

## Lions first round loss

**The Ourimbah Razorbacks proved too strong for Woy Woy in the first round of Central Coast Rugby Union competition played at Woy Woy Oval on Saturday, April 10.**

The Razorbacks ran out victors by 39 points to 5 after going into the halftime break leading by 17 points to 0.

However, the Woy Woy team was making them struggle for every point, according to CCRU president Mr Larry Thomson.

"Woy Woy had some effective players and they were certainly not

making it easy for the visitors.

"The second half saw the Razorbacks go on with it and they were able to post a further 22 points in the second half.

Best performers for Woy Woy were lock Philip Shaw, who crossed for their try, No.8 Jazper Doak-Stride, and centre Junior Stowers.

Woy Woy had a bye last weekend for round two games played on April 17.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 11 Apr 2021  
Larry Thomson, Central Coast Rugby Union

## Mixed pairs bridge

**The Brisbane Water Bridge Club Mixed Pairs Championship will be held today, Monday, April 19.**

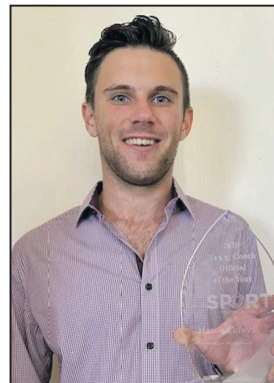
The championship serves as a qualifier for the NSW Mixed Pairs Championship and will be run as a single session event.

Non-mixed pairs and Monday

regulars may play in the red point event, but only mixed pairs can qualify as club champions.

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

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 18 Apr 2021  
Brisbane Water Bridge Club



## Young official award

**The Peninsula Touch Association's referee coordinator Mason Colwell has won the Central Coast Sports award for Young Coach-Official of the Year.**

Association officials commented that the award was well deserved.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 9 Apr 2021  
Peninsula Touch Association

## Pennant wins to Ettalong Eagles

**Ettalong Eagles bowling club has reported good results in round six of this year's Pennant season, with eight teams taking part.**

The club had wins in Grades 1, 2, 4 and 5.

The Grade 6 Reds and Blues

teams, and the Grade 7 Blue team also won.

Grade 7 Red had a bye. While the Grade 3 team suffered a loss, it still retained the overall lead.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 18 Apr 2021  
Ettalong Eagles BC

## President's Cup results

**Brisbane Water Bridge Club played its President's Cup on April 13.**

North-south results were:  
1. Christine Hadaway, Robin Vaughan 276.0 (63.89 per cent), 0.45 red points.

2. David Bowerman, Dasha Brandt 259.0 (59.95), 0.32.

3. Peter Hume, Warren Nicol 245.0 (56.71), 0.23.

4. Pamela Lumby, Judith Dunstan 238.0 (55.09), 0.15.

5. Kerrel Walker, Jenny Buckley 220.0 (50.93).

6. Jurate Laisve, Elaine Hume 216.0 (50.00).

7. Gai Mylne, Helen White 195.0 (45.14).

8. Robyn Serra, Meg McGregor 151.0 (34.95).

9. Geoffrey Maltby, Edith

Marshall 144.0 (33.33).

East-west results were:

1. Barry Foster, Jaan Oitmaa 272.0 (62.96), 0.45.

2. John Jensen, Meryl Duke 237.0 (54.86), 0.32.

3. Karen Ody, Chris Hasemore 236.0 (54.63), 0.23.

4. Hope Tomlinson, Martin Johnson 225.0 (52.08), 0.15.

5. Carolynne Mucharsky, Kathleen Bromley 219.0 (50.69).

6. Jacqueline Wilson, Alfie Nation 203.0 (46.99).

7. Walt Alma Van Der, Kathryn Ivits 199.0 (46.06).

8. Marcelle Goslin, Ron Meaney 184.0 (42.59).

9. Beryl Lowry, Tracey Dillon 169.0 (39.12).

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 13 Apr 2021  
Brisbane Water Bridge Club