

## Wellington prompts reminiscences of times gone by



### Wellington the Clydesdale is a favourite

Residents at a Woy Woy aged care home are no strangers to "pet therapy".

One of the favourites at Blue Wave Living is Wellington, the gentle Clydesdale horse.

Chief executive Mr Matt Downie said the visits prompted the residents to talk about their past experiences with "these beautiful creatures".

SOURCE:

Social media, 7 May 2021  
Matt Downie, BlueWave Living



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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 83 articles, of which we were able to fit 36 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.

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  
19 Apr 2021

**Our next issue:**

**Monday,  
May 31**

## Public comment accepted on Patonga Creek addressing

**Central Coast Council's "consultation" for waterfront addressing of properties in Patonga Creek is currently on public exhibition.**

Feedback will be received until June 7.

The council claims the "formal addresses" will "comply with the Australian and NSW Government standards and policies".

The Council resolved to allocate waterfront addresses at its March 23 meeting.

It resolved to have a "28-day consultation period and seek

comment from all affected property owners and other government departments".

The resolution stated "that following the consultation period, a further report be provided to Council for the purpose of considering submissions received".

Water-based addressing will be applied to properties accessible by water only.

"The river-creek name is adopted in lieu of a road name.

"Properties accessible by water and a named road are addressed to the named road.

"The gazetted suburb is adopted

as the locality;

"Each property is allocated a unique house number based on its distance from the zero datum point of the respective river-creek.

"Zero datum point is established at the centre of the river/creek mouth with numbering increasing upstream from that point;

"Formula for the house number is derived by dividing the distance (metres) by 10 and rounding to the nearest number."

SOURCE:

Website, 13 May 2021  
YourVoiceOurCoast,  
Central Coast Council

## News

# 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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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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# Community group planning future events

**The Bays Community Group's new committee is busy planning future events, according to group president Ms Gwynneth Weir, and is seeking ideas for events.**

"If you have any ideas for future events then do let us know," she said.

She said the committee was working on other projects as well.

These included investigating grants the group was entitled to

apply for, pursuing issues with the council and researching the original aboriginal names for the area.

Ms Weir said that bookings for The Bays Art Show in July were now open.

"Tickets for the Grand Opening Night on Friday, July 16, are strictly limited so don't miss out."

Details were on the web site both for those wanting to attend and for artists who would like to submit artwork for sale.

Ms Weir said bacon and egg rolls would be on sale again at the hall on Sunday, May 30.

"Takeaway your rolls and coffee or linger in the hall or garden to catch up with old friends, or make new ones," she said.

Ms Weir said residents could contact the group by email at thebaysemail@gmail.com.

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 14 May 2021  
Gwynneth Weir, The Bays Community Group

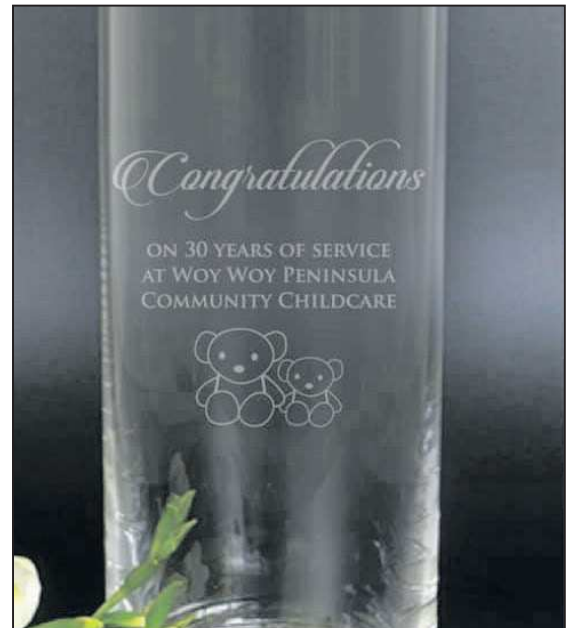
## Thirty years of service in childcare at Woy Woy

**Woy Woy Peninsula Community Childcare has congratulated its second-in-charge for 30 years of service.**

In that time she has worked as an early childhood teacher, a room leader, educational leader, librarian and casual cleaner.

She currently leads the Starfish Room teaching and prepares the children for their transition to primary school.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 6 May 2021  
Woy Woy Peninsula Community Childcare



# Rainfall pattern returns to average

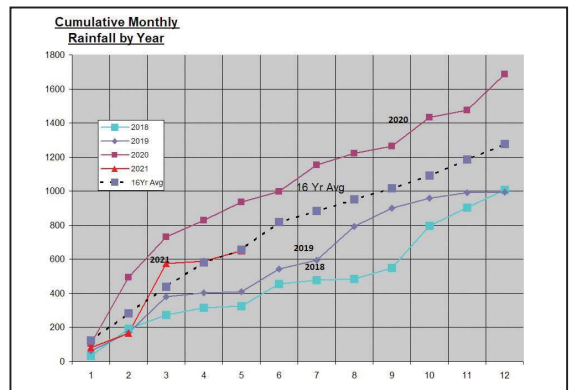
**Rainfall has returned to a more normal rate in the first two weeks of May, after two months of extremes.**

A total of 59.4mm fell in the first two weeks of the month, which compares to a May average of 74mm, according figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

The cumulative total for the year stands at 649.2mm, near the average figure for the end of May of 657mm.

March was the second wettest March in 16 years and April the second driest April in 16 years.

**SOURCE:**  
Spreadsheet, 14 May 2021  
Jim Morrison, Umina



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## Panel deletes deck in Pearl Beach approval

**The Central Coast Local Planning Panel has granted consent for a second-storey extension at 2C Amethyst Ave, Pearl Beach.**

However, the approval is subject to deleting a proposed deck on the eastern side of the first floor.

The decision follows consideration of an application which received 31 public submissions.

In giving its reasons, the Panel stated that it accepted "that the proposal can be determined as alterations and additions to an existing lawfully created dwelling

house on a lawfully created lot".

"The existing lot, whilst undersized, was lawfully created.

"Nevertheless, the Panel was concerned with the extent of the first floor decking off the proposed living area.

"Given the proximity of the decks to the boundaries and the adjoining residents, it was considered undesirable due to amenity impacts to have a deck and its associated screening on the eastern boundary.

"In relation to the access to the proposed upper level from an external stair, whilst this would

allow both levels of the building to be occupied independently, this is not proposed and the position put by the applicant's architect in respect of the minimal space in the existing ground floor for a stair is reasonable in this case.

"On balance, the proposal has merit subject to the deletion of the eastern side deck and the proposed conditions of consent would address any potential detrimental impact."

The decision was unanimous.

**SOURCE:**  
DA59347, CCLPP minutes  
3.2, 13 May 2021



## Council referendum to proceed

**Central Coast Council will proceed with its referendum on councillor and ward numbers despite its council elections being postponed**

The referendum will be held on 4 September 4, the same day local government elections are being held across New South Wales.

The referendum will ask:

Do you favour a reduction in the number of Central Coast

councillors from 15 to nine?

"This will result in three wards with each ward electing three councillors," said Administrator Dick Persson.

He said the referendum was continuing so that any structure changes could take effect at the next local election.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 12 May 2021  
Dick Persson, Central Coast Council

## Ettalong bowls pair defeated

**Ettalong's Shane White and Shane Starkey have been defeated in the semi-final of Zone 15 BCC 2021 Open Pairs Championship.**

They were beaten by Bateau Bay's Peter McCarten and Chayne Edwards who went on to claim the Open Pairs title.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 4 May 2021  
Peter Springett, Bowls Central Coast

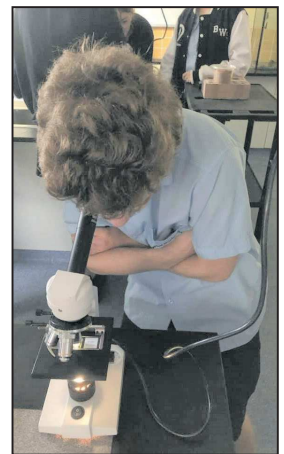
## Measuring the size of cells

**Year11 biology students at Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy have been studying cells recently.**

They have been investigating the size of cells with a light microscope.

Student Aidan Attard got close to the known size with a measurement of 8.6 micrometres.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 7 May 2021  
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy



## Aged care workers recognised for service



**Two local aged care employees have been recognised for their service.**

Ms Judy Moroney from the wellbeing team at Peninsula Village in Umina was recognised for 15 years of service.

Ms Katherine Howe from the administration team was awarded April's Employee of the Month.

The achievements were celebrated at the monthly CEO Afternoon Tea.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 5 May 2021  
Shane Neaves, Peninsula Village



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## Protests at proposed Council park sales

### ACF branch calls to keep open space

Central Coast branch of the Australian Conservation Foundation has called on Central Coast Council not to sell off any open space on the Peninsula.

The lack of open space on the Peninsula has already made the Peninsula's suburbs in the 10 hottest suburbs on the Coast, said branch president Mr Mark Ellis.

"The land surface temperature across the Woy Woy Peninsula is increasing every year," he said.

"Umina, Ettalong, Booker Bay and Woy Woy are in the top 10 hottest suburbs on the Coast.

"Woy Woy also has the greatest area of impervious cover on the coast at 3.94 square kilometres, followed by Umina Beach at 3.54 square kilometres.

"Yet the council wants to sell off even more of the dwindling open space on the Woy Woy Peninsula."

Mr Ellis urged residents to email theadministrator@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au and ask@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au to say that livability is more important than money.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 10 May 2021  
Mark Ellis, ACF Central Coast

### Tree cover is already inadequate, says PEG

The sale of council land on the Peninsula would further reduce the already inadequate urban tree cover, according to the Peninsula Environment Group.

Group president Mr Grant Focas said that the reserves at Brisbane Ave, Umina, at Memorial Ave, Blackwall, and behind Woolworth's in Woy Woy would be developed for housing and a carpark.

The group supported the protest rallies.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 6 May 2021  
Grant Focas, Peninsula Environment Group



### Park sale decision 'should not be made by one man'

Save Woy Woy Waterfront has said that Central Coast Council should protect the Peninsula's tree cover and the decision should not be made by one man.

Group president Mr Ross Cochrane said that areas that cherish trees were sought after.

"Ask yourself: what makes the leafy green North Shore so nice?" said.

"What makes Pearl Beach so sought after?

"Why do those suburbs cherish their trees and the Peninsula is happy to clearfell the lot for housing?

"Once it has gone, it is not coming back.

"People are saying hands off Council. It is not one Administrator's to sell."

SOURCE:  
Social media, 7 May 2021  
Ross Cochrane, Save Woy Woy Waterfront

### Park sale would be 'loss for community'

Tree-planting group Grow Urban Shade Trees took part in a protest on May 8 to keep the park at 85 Brisbane Ave, Umina, in council ownership.

Group member Ms Michelle Chandler said the protest was to "tell Central Coast Council that our pocket parks and green spaces have more than just dollar value".

"Selling them is short term gain for them, but long term loss for us, the community," she said.

"Moreover, the effort to replace the lost habitat will cost more in energy and resources in the long term anyway.

"We should know."

SOURCE:  
Social media, 8 May 2021  
Michelle Chandler, GUST





## Veterans' bowls day at Everglades

**A Veterans' and Super Veterans' Bowls Day will be held at Everglades Country Club on June 28 for clubs at the southern end of the region.**

"Bowls Central Coast moved it to later in the year as early March was proving too hot, especially for Veterans," said Bowls Central Coast secretary Mr Doug Rose.

"The day is open to all bowlers over 70 (Veterans) and over 75 (Super Veterans) who are registered with Bowls NSW.

"Unfortunately due to Covid

issues, we will not be offering lunch.

"It will still be a great free day of conviviality and fun with special prizes and raffles and all veterans will be presented with a Veteran's or Super Veteran's badge if they have not received one already.

The southern clubs involved are Ettalong Memorial, Everglades Country Club, Gosford City, Mooney Mooney, Ourimbah RSL, Woy Woy and Umina Beach.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 11 May 2021  
Doug Rose, Bowls Central Coast

## Prizes at CWA State conference

**Members of the Umina Beach branch of the Country Women's Association have won prizes at the association's Bega State Conference.**

Ms Fiona Duckworth won first place for her relish.

Ms Lin Griffiths won first prize for her Gluten-free Slice.

Will McDonald won first for his Jam Drops.

Ms Rikki McIntosh was also commended on her knitted jacket.

The branch won the Heather Howard Cookery trophy.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 4 May 2021  
Rikki McIntosh, CWA Umina Beach



## Antique store relocates

**A local antique store is relocating within Woy Woy.**

Woy Woy Antiques and Collectables will move within Deepwater Plaza to shop T54.

"Our new location was renovated to better accommodate our growing customer base," said manager Mr Mitchell Gordon.

"The revamped store will continue to accept donations and collect dry goods for Coast Shelter and donate a percentage of profits to local charities."

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 13 May 2021  
Mitchell Gordon, Woy Woy Antiques

## Parish starts confirmation program

**The Catholic Parish of Woy Woy Peninsula is seeking registrations for its confirmation program for primary school aged children.**

The program is for baptised Catholic children who are currently in Years 3 or 4 and have reached the age of discretion, "normally

about eight years of age", for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The parent or guardian who will accompany the child through the program is required to attend an Information night at 7:30pm on Monday, May 24, in the Walter Baker Hall, 100 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

Enrolment forms will be handed

out on the night.

Attendance at the meeting is compulsory for registration of children for the Sacramental Program.

For further information, call the Parish office on 4341 1073.

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 5 May  
Woy Woy South Public School

## Hospital visitor guidelines updated

**A local hospital has asked visitors to familiarise themselves with updated visitor guidelines.**

All visitors to Brisbane Waters Private Hospital must wear masks while in hospital if they are aged 12 years and older.

They must sign in via the QR code screening tool, undergo temperature checks and adhere to distancing requirements of two square metres per person.

All patients are required to wear masks if tolerated outside their room and must undergo pre-admission screening.

Patients may have up to two visitors per day.

The hospital website has further information at <https://brisbanewatersprivate.com.au/visitors/visiting-hours>

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 10 May 2021  
Deb Ritter, Brisbane Waters Private Hospital



## Centre of light technique taught

**The week two class for watercolour students has been held at the Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre.**

This class was taught the Centre of Light technique.

The instructor was Ms Judith Hoste.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 4 May 2021  
Peter Mulholland, EBACC

## Changes for visits to aged care home

**Peninsula Village has changed visiting guidelines based on the latest health advice.**

Staff and visitors are now required to wear a mask in the facility.

A maximum of two visitors may be permitted per resident per day.

All visitors must wear a surgical mask.

Visits should take place outdoors where possible.

Visitors must not enter the facility at all if they have been

to any close or casual contact locations in NSW or interstate places of high concern.

They must not enter if they have Covid-19 symptoms, are a close contact of a person with confirmed Covid-19, live in a household with a person who is self-isolating or are waiting for a test result.

From June 1 to September 30, visitors must show evidence that they have received a dose of the 2021 influenza vaccine.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 6 May 2021  
Shane Neaves, Peninsula Village

## Arts

### Jill publishes second book of poems

**Woy Woy writer Ms Jill Neville has published a second collection of her poems entitled A Scent of Frangipani.**

Her first poetry book, A Scent of Pines, was published in 2010.

Several of the poems in her new book celebrate the beauty of the Peninsula, including the

Woy Woy waterfront in Among the Mangroves and Winter at Ettalong.

Ms Neville also writes about the pleasure she finds in her garden and the company of her dog.

Personal poems tell of past loves, both for people and pets, as well as more sombre subjects in Let Me Go and Thief.

Another theme of the collection

is Jill's love of Greece.

A number of the poems have a Greek theme.

Ms Neville said she enjoyed writing traditional rhyming poems, but used free verse when it suits the subject, and also liked writing limericks and other light-hearted pieces.

She said her other interests were travel stories, gardening and theatre.

Her poetry has been published in anthologies, newsletters and journals.

A member of the workshop group, Friday Night Poets, Ms Neville said that the suggestions and support of other poets have helped her develop her writing.

A Scent of Frangipani from Ms Neville at jnev747@yahoo.com.au.

**SOURCE:**

Media release, 11 May 2021  
Jill Neville, Woy Woy



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## Forum

### Has anything changed in 17 years?

**The Peninsula Urban Directions Strategy was adopted by Gosford Council after extensive consultation which took place in 2004.**

Consultant Mr Brett Newbold held a workshop with "Business and Development Industry representatives" on June 15 that year.

The following comment is recorded in the notes from that meeting reproduced in the appendices of the consultants' report: "The property industry recognises that a degree of tension with established residents has been a consequence of that growth (population) over recent

years."

The "Resident Groups" workshop days later on June 17 noted "the perceived failure by Council to assess development proposals according to the provisions of the character statements that were produced after extensive consultation".

This is significant as the opinions are expressed two days apart.

Has the Council addressed residents concerns or has it favoured the business and development industry?

This year residents have again gathered to repeat the same resident opinions and observations from 2004 with the sale of vital

Peninsula character features which enhance quality of life and health.

What does it take to accept the obvious? :

Public community consultation proved to be a public relations exercise and has carried on similarly for 17 years.

The amalgamation public inquiry should focus on the rejection of public comment to favour the interests of the council.

The sale of Council assets should be included in the public inquiry.

**SOURCE:**  
Letter, 10 May 2021  
Norm Harris, Umina

### Council: Someone has to be held to account

**There are elephants in some rooms in the Central Coast Council house that need to be identified and dealt with.**

The first is that the current council situation was caused by either incompetence or corruption, or complicity in either or both.

Someone has to be responsible, and someone has to be held to account.

Next is the inadequate public service system.

It requires the Administrator to use people and processes that were part of the problem, to come up with solutions to the problems they created.

That just does not work.

And then there's the usual public service tactics of obfuscation, and divide and conquer, to deter accountability and protect their jobs.

These destructive work practices are making the situation worse.

Council is still pushing out impractical and unworkable plans and proposals.

Staff can no longer blame the (suspended) councillors.

The final elephant is that, ultimately, the NSW Government is responsible.

That's why there is an Office of Local Government with a Minister in charge - aided by (very) highly paid bureaucrats and staff.

They are employed to oversee provision of effective local government. They have failed - which brings us back to the first elephant.

While it was not the residents who caused the council failures, the residents are being penalised for them.

But it was Central Coast residents who did help to get the Government elected.

The residents won't forget.

**SOURCE:**  
Email, 9 May 2021  
Ian Weekley, Umina Beach

### Its own QR code check-in

**A local aged care home has introduced its own QR code check-in for visitors.**

BlueWave Living requires visitors to check-in each time they come.

"You can use the camera on your phone to scan the QR Code located at reception," said chief executive Mr Matt Downie.

However, he said the code was not a Service NSW QR Code and cannot be read using the Service NSW App.

"You must use your phone camera or a QR Reader on your phone."

"If your camera doesn't scan the code, please download a QR Reader by going to your phones app store and searching for QR Code Reader," he said.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 11 May 2021  
Matt Downie, Blue Wave Living

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## Writers' festival Saturday program sold out

The adults' Saturday program at Words on the Waves writers' festival to be held on the Peninsula over the June long weekend has already sold out.

Tickets are still available for the Sunday sessions at \$75 plus booking fee.

The sessions include Past Histories, Present Fictions from 9:30am to 10:30am, Growing Up

in the Age of Terror from 11am to noon, Mindfulness Matters from 1pm to 2 pm and Better the Devil You Know from 2:30pm to 3:30pm.

Coronavirus policies and procedures will be in place, including social distancing.

Participants will be required to register their attendance on the day.

**SOURCE:**

Media release, 12 May 2021  
Words on the Waves Festival

## Musical event at Pearl Beach

Another musical event is scheduled for the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall.

The Don Hopkins Blues Party will run from 2:30 to 5pm on Sunday, May 30.

Don Hopkins is a piano player, vocalist, and songwriter whose music comes from blues and roots traditions, with the emphasis on New Orleans piano styles.

Numbers are limited and bookings are essential. Ticket cost is \$35. Call 4344 2319 for details.

**SOURCE:**

Website, 3 May 2021  
Pearl Beach Progress Association



## Patchwork progress

The Monday patchwork group at the Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre are continuing to show progress on their creative projects.

"Ms Gwynneth Weir brought in her completed quilt made for one lucky granddaughter," said centre president Mr Peter Mulholland.

"All the bees, butterflies and flowers are buttoned on and can be moved around the quilt."

Projects by other members at the centre included fine blanket stitching for wool applique blocks, and a completed bright and cheery butterfly crib quilt.

Another was a completed "heart" quilt, combining different fabrics in rich tones.

**SOURCE:**

Social media, 3 May 2021  
Peter Mulholland, EBACC





## Education

# Praise for students walking to school

**Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has praised students and parents who walked to school last Friday, May 14, Walk-to-School Day.**

"It was so great to see so many kids walking to Umina Beach Public School," she said.

"Well done to all the kids and parents who made the effort to start their day actively.

"We love to see it and we certainly want to see more of it."

The objectives of National Walk Safely to School Day were to encourage parents and carers to

walk to school with primary school age children and to promote the health benefits of walking and create regular walking habits.

They were also to help children develop road crossing skills and ensure children up to the age of 10 years hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.

The aim was also to reduce car dependency, traffic congestion and air pollution and to promote the use of public transport.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 14 May 2021  
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford



# Cross country team runs in zone championships

**Woy Woy South Public School's cross country team has represented the school in zone championships.**

They were pictured "moments before doing us proud", said school principal Mr Matt Barr.

He said there were "some incredible individual performances up the front and the entire team did us proud with metronomic steady running".

He thanked the team for "representing our school

with distinction and excellent behaviour".

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 14 May 2021  
Matt Barr, Woy Woy South Public School



# Testing for Years 3 and 5

**Naplan testing has started at Woy Woy South Public School.**

"We are very proud of Year 3 and Year 5 who are trying their best," said principal Mr Matt Barr.

"They are showing a growth mindset when approaching each assessment."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 12 May 2021  
Matt Barr, Woy Woy South Public School

# Netball teams wins its way to third round

**Woy Woy South Public School Stage 3 netball team is into its third round of netball competition.**

The team won its first game against Ettalong Public School.

The following week it travelled to Sydney to compete against Oyster Bay Public School and won that game.

School principal Mr Matt Barr said the team showed "great

teamwork skills and determination" and were into the next round.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 10 May 2021  
Matt Barr, Woy Woy South Public School





# New sports uniforms at Woy Woy campus



**Brisbane Water Secondary College senior students at Woy Woy campus have new sports uniforms.**

Boys and girls teams modelled the new uniforms.

There are different uniforms for soccer (top photos) and for touch football and rugby league (bottom photos).



**SOURCE:**

Social media, 11 May 2021  
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy



**Liesl Tesch MP**  
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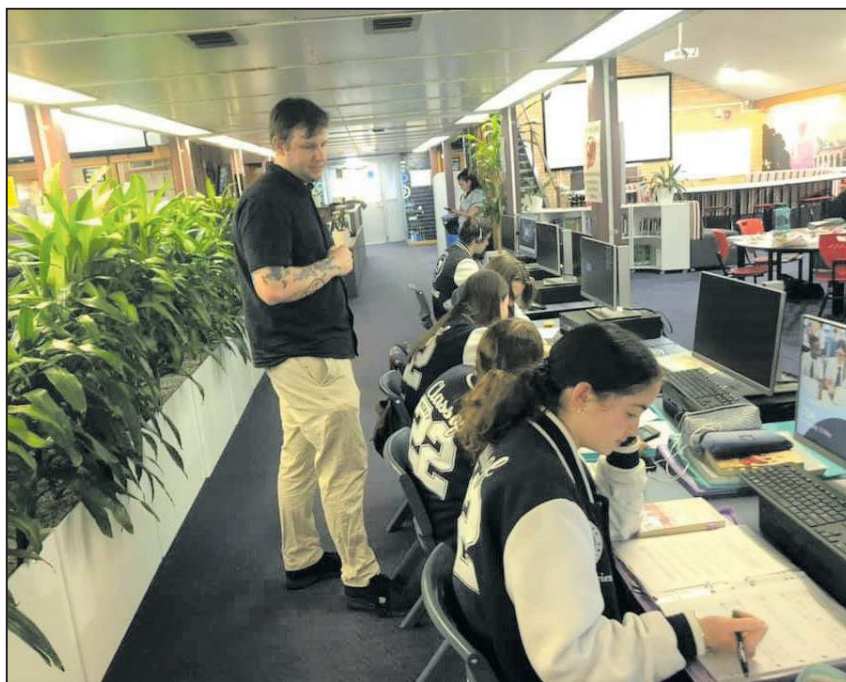
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## Education



### Information session about kindergarten

**Ettalong Public School is planning to hold an information session for parents interested in learning about next year's kindergarten classes.**

The session will take place at 9.30am on Thursday, 3 June 2021. Those attending will be taken

on a tour of the school grounds and hear of the many programs on offer at the school.

For more information, call 4341 3655 during school hours.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 13 May 2021  
Lynn Balfour, Ettalong Public School



### Check-in reminder for parents

Parents of students at Ettalong Public School have been reminded to sign in using the QR codes on display before entering school grounds.

Principal Ms Lynn Balfour asked for continued co-operation.

"While masks are not compulsory, parents are reminded they are not permitted in classrooms," she said.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 7 May 2021  
Lynn Balfour, Ettalong Public School

### College runs HSC workshop seminars

**Brisbane Water Secondary College has added Wednesday HSC workshop seminars to its Tutorial Tuesdays for Year 11 students and it homework club on Wednesdays.**

The workshop seminars are held throughout the term between 3pm and 4pm at the Woy Woy campus library

Subjects covered will be PDHPE and business studies (week four), Weeks 5 and 6: science (weeks five and six), modern and ancient history (weeks seven and eight), and society and culture, CAFS and legal studies (weeks nine and 10).

"These sessions will be invaluable in showcasing how to achieve excellent HSC results,"

said campus principal Ms Rebecca Cooper.

"They are designed and implemented by our fabulous and experienced staff."

Tutorial Tuesdays is held during periods five and six every Tuesday afternoon.

"This is where our tutors can offer specialised assistance aimed and targeted for our senior students," she said.

"Wednesday afternoons is our traditional Homework Centre, open to all students."

Pictured is the homework club in progress.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 12 May 2021  
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy

### Touch typing speed

**Year 10 students at Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy campus have undertaken a touch typing program.**

Among the best was Liam Burley who "impressed everyone with his speed and accuracy".

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 5 May 2021  
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy



### Preschool seeks mobile dog groomer

**Booker Bay Preschool is looking for a mobile dog groomer, who can come to the preschool to wash its new dog**

The dog, Princess, was a "valuable member of our team and enjoys being with the children, families and staff", said pre-school owner Ms Rhonda Waters.

"We would really like this experience to involve the

children to learn about caring and helping for others.

"This may involve in small groups walking Princess to and from the van with our educators, watching and helping to wash and brush."

Ms Waters has asked for recommendations.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 12 May 2021  
Rhonda Waters, Booker Bay Preschool



## Indigenous high school art students wanted for mural

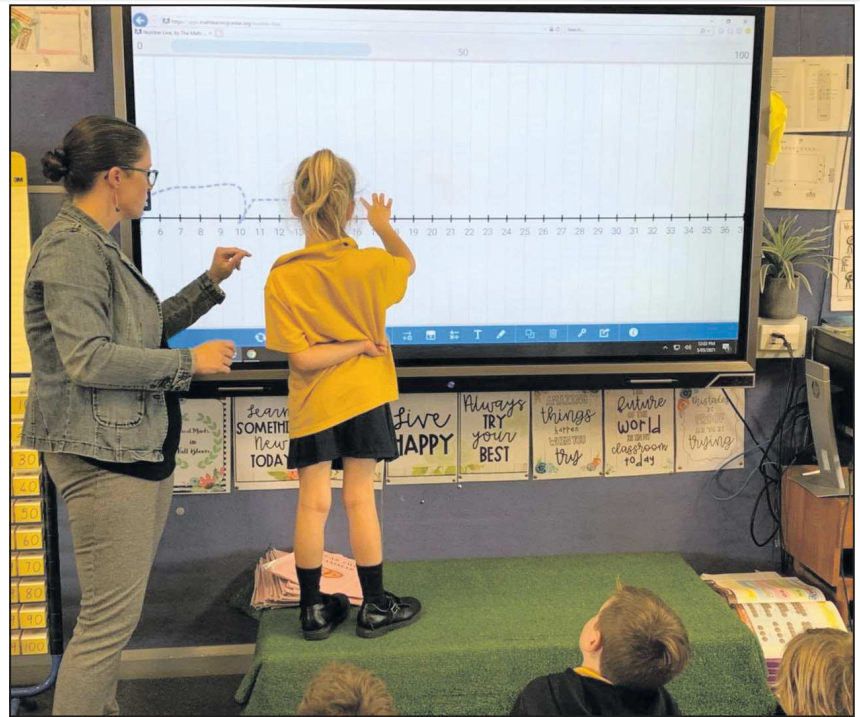
**A local hospital is seeking indigenous high school art students to create a mural at the hospital.**

"We're looking for a local high school art students with Indigenous backgrounds who would like to design and create a lasting mural in our Brisbane Waters Private Hospital Mental Health ward," said hospital chief executive Ms Deb Ritter.

"This is a chance to contribute

to a commissioned piece of work that honours, acknowledges and supports the traditional owners of the land upon which we provide care to our patients." More information, including a full brief, is available from the hospital's mental health nurse unit manager Ms Georgina Moore.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 30 Apr 2021  
Deb Ritter, Brisbane Waters  
Private Hospital



## Campus loses power

**Woy Woy campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College lost power on Thursday, May 6.**

"We have no power or phones at the moment," principal Ms Rebecca Cooper told parents in a social media post.

"Ausgrid believe it will be restored by 9am.

"School is still operational at this stage.

"The canteen will not be

operational until power returns, so students are required to bring their lunches."

Power was restored during the morning.

"We had no power for a short time.

"However, thankfully we were up and running by 9:20am with power."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 6 May 2021  
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy

## Learning about number patterns

**Ettalong Public School teacher Ms Alicia Kelly is teaching Year 2C students about number patterns in**

**maths at present.**

Students used number lines and their knowledge of skip counting by twos, threes, fives and 10s to

complete their work.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 5 May 2021  
Lynn Balfour, Ettalong  
Public School



## School gets worm farm running

**Woy Woy South Public School's gardening club has got the school's worm farm up and running again.**

The students were helped by Ms Lisa Wriley from Rumbalara Environmental Education Centre.

"There is nothing like the smell of compost and the feel of wiggly worms in your hands," said principal Mr Matt Barr.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 5 May 2021  
Matt Barr, Woy Woy South Public School



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## Sport



### Graduates have bridge session

#### Brisbane Water Bridge Club's first post-Covid learn-to-play lessons were recently completed.

Of the 14 beginners attending the six-week course run by Ms Christine Hadaway, 13 attended their inaugural session of duplicate bridge on Friday, April 30.

Pictured are Robyn Bull, Beverly Broadly, Jennifer Voorwalt, Christine Hadaway, Jan Mower, Robyn Fotheringham, Fiona Galea, Cheryl Pearce, Jenni Murray, Chris Curtis, Carol Beresford, Maria Gabriella Molan, Elle Vickery and Colleen Guy on the day.

The next round of six beginners lessons start at 1pm on Wednesday, May 19 at the club's venue, the Peninsula Community Centre on the Ocean Beach-McMasters Rds intersection.

The cost is \$60. For more information and registration, call Christine on 0488 194 737.

Results from the Beginner's Graduation games were (north-south):

1. Peter Hume - Chris Curtis 28.0 (58.33 per cent), 0.06 green points.
2. Fiona Galea - Carol Beresford

- 26.0 (54.17), 0.04.
3. Ann Snow - Jennifer Voorwalt 24.0 (50.00).
4. Colleen Guy - Elle Vickery 18.0 (37.50).

East-west results were:

1. Graham Woof - Robyn Bull 31.0 (64.58), 0.06.
2. Beverly Broadly - Maria Gabriella Molan 23.0 (47.92), 0.02.
2. Jan Mower - Jenni Murray 23.0 (47.92), 0.02.
4. Robyn Fotheringham - Cheryl Pearce 19.0 (39.58).

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 10 May 2021  
Brisbane Water Bridge Club

### Bridge pairs charity day raises \$1300

#### Brisbane Water Bridge Club held its Jean Pelham Pairs charity day on Thursday, May 13.

The day raised \$520 sales in raffle tickets and a further \$814 on the day from table fees, donations and sales of donated foods.

Money raised including all table fees on the day was donated to Woy Woy Women's Health Centre.

The club's annual major charity event is named for founding president of Brisbane Water Bridge

Club, Ms Jean Pelham.

Before play commenced, Ms Lorraine Lindsay told of the history of the club, which started in the 1980s, and its president Jean Pelham.

Bridge games saw an above-average attendance of 14 tables.

Noel and Shirley Crockett were the north-south winners and Chris Hasemore and Chris Hannan the east-west winners.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 15 May 2021  
Brisbane Water Bridge Club

North-south results were:

1. Noel Crockett - Shirley Crockett 393.7 (60.75%), 0.70 red points.
2. Christine Hadaway - Dee Logan 370.8 (57.22), 0.49.
3. Sharon Mayo - Lorraine Lindsay 357.5 (55.17), 0.35.
4. Robyn Scahill - Judy Wulff 341.0 (52.62), 0.23.
5. John Jensen - Meg McGregor 336.1 (51.86), 0.18.
6. Tracey Dillon - Beryl Lowry 334.8 (51.67), 0.14.
7. Cathy Russell - Jenny Buckley 330.5 (51.00).
8. Kathryn Ivits - Walt Alma Van Der 328.1 (50.63).
9. Ann Snow - Louise Hyman 322.1 (49.71).
10. Felicity Fane - Heather Brown 297.8 (45.96).
11. Wendy Potts - Bobbie Lyons 278.6 (43.00).
12. Linda Brown - Tom Tomlinson 265.9 (41.04).
13. Adam Moffat - Laurie Powell 243.7 (37.60).

East-West results were:

1. Chris Hannan - Chris Hasemore 427.6 (68.52), 0.70.
2. Dasha Brandt - David Bowerman 382.6 (61.32), 0.49.
3. Jaan Oitmaa - Sylvia Foster 351.2 (56.27), 0.35.
4. Elaine Hume - Peter Hume 348.3 (55.81), 0.23.
5. Karen Ody - Martin Johnson 339.7 (54.44), 0.18.
6. Hope Tomlinson - Barry Foster 333.7 (53.48), 0.14.
7. Jurate Laisve - Trish Byrnes 316.9 (50.79), 0.12.
8. Janette Kukura - Susan McCall 307.8 (49.33).
9. Lynne Rainford - Hilary Owen 301.3 (48.29).
10. Jorgen Boettiger - Joan Walsh 288.1 (46.16).
11. Marcelle Goslin - Ron Meaney 285.1 (45.69).
12. Anne Birt - Graham Woof 273.8 (43.88).
13. Geoffrey Maltby - Edith Marshall 245.1 (39.28).
14. Beverly Broadly - Maria Gabriella Molnar 163.9 (26.26).

### Men of League bowls day

#### A Men of League Bowls Day will be held at Ettalong Bowling Club on Monday, May 31.

The day will help raise funds for the men, women and children of the rugby league community, said Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club secretary Mr Peter Springett.

"The format is three-bowl turnaround triples with two games of 15 ends."

Registration is at 8:30am and the cost of \$20 includes bowls, lunch, refreshments and prizes to be won.

For more information, contact Trevor Andrews on 0412 694 857 or Eddy Johnson on 0457 810 564.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 5 May 2021  
Peter Springett, UBMCB

## Peninsula netball results

#### Results from Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association games played on May 8 were:

Senior Blue Grade: Fever def Margaritas 44-19. UB Rosellas def TKT Ruby Reds 63-22. UB Stingrays def by EE Spirit 0-0. EE Harriers def BW Swordfish 41-30.

Senior Green: Lions def by Wildcats 35-56.

Senior White: UB Goannas def by BW Sharks 29-33. TKT Pearls def EE Falcons 34-18. TKT

Diamonds drew Jaguars 34-34.

IJ Blue Grade: Leopards def EE Hawks 23-14. TKT Sapphires def by EE Griffins 25-58.

IJ Green: TKT Gems def Tigers 47-9. WWPNA 11'S Devt def by EE Imperials 0-0. UB Echidnas def by Lynx 5-30.

Junior Blue: Pumas def by EE Stellars 3-22

Junior Purple: TKT Opals def BW Otters 31-2.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 8 May 2021  
WWPNA

## Grade changes in junior netball

#### Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association has made changes to junior grades for the second time this season.

"The association's games and grading committee have been hard at it again this week and have completed regrading for 2021," said association president Ms Sharon Bailey.

"After much back and forth, all

agreed that some changes were needed to our junior grades."

The changes will see TKT Opals moved from Junior Green to Junior Purple and EE Flyers moved from Junior Purple to Junior Green.

"No changes were made to any other grades."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 10 May 2021  
Sharon Bailey, WWPNA

## Ducks at State softball championships

#### Peninsula Ducks Softball Club's junior players have represented the club in the State Championships.

They played five games on the Saturday and two on the Sunday.

Club president Ms Di Barrymore said the players gave it 100 per

cent, made some amazing plays and made new friends.

She said the smiles on players' faces told how much fun they had.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 2 May 2021  
Di Barrymore, Peninsula Ducks Softball Club

## Southern Spirit to hold AGM

#### Southern Spirit Cricket Club will hold its annual meeting at 7pm on May 31 at the Ettalong Bowling Club.

Elections will be held for president, vice president, junior vice president, secretary, treasurer, registrar - seniors, registrar - juniors, gear steward, canteen manager, social media manager and club social events manager.

"We encourage and welcome new faces with fresh ideas who are keen to be part of our working

committee," said current president Mr Anthony Clarke.

"For our club to grow and be successful, we need many more volunteers to help it to happen."

"We need junior players parents to get involved in helping to grow, develop and promote our juniors."

To find out more about a role or nominate for a position, email the secretary at southern\_spirit@yahoo.com.au

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 15 May 2021  
Southern Spirit Cricket Club

## Mothers' Day raffle sales

#### The under-12s girls team at Southern and Ettalong United Football Club were involved with pink raffle ticket sales on Mother's Day.

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch caught up with the team and thanked parents for spending the day "sporting with your kids".

"It was great to catch up with the girls pre-game."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 9 May 2021  
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

