

## Memorial seat to be installed at Patonga for Malcolm Waters



**A memorial seat will be installed on the grassed area, adjacent to the boat ramp at Dark Corner, Patonga, in memory of the late Mr Malcolm Waters.**

The seat will recognise “his extensive contribution and outstanding voluntary service to the Central Coast community”.

An application to install the seat made by his wife Ms Shirley Waters was approved by Central Coast Council at its meeting on Tuesday, November 9.

Ms Waters will be responsible for the cost of purchase, installation and ongoing maintenance of the seat.

The council assessment stated: “A request for a commemorative

memorial will be considered only if the nominee has been deceased for at least six months, was of good repute and not likely to be the subject of controversy.”

It said that Mr Waters died on March 26 this year.

“The proposed seat is in memory of Mr Malcolm Waters for his volunteer work with Woy Woy Meals on Wheels for 15 years and with the Red Cross for 13 years as a Telecross volunteer.

“During his working career as a solicitor, Mr Waters also volunteered his service once a month as a duty solicitor at Minda Children’s Courts, in Lidcombe, to appear on behalf of children who required legal representation.”

Letters of support were provided

from The Australian Red Cross and Meals in Wheels Central Coast and the Patonga Beach Progress Association.

Progress Association secretary Mr John Quigg said the association fully supported the application for a commemorative bench seat and plaque.

“This support is based on Malcolm’s long association with Patonga and his attachment and appreciation of the village and the local community.

“Malcolm was a valued member of the community and through his actions made a strong contribution to the lives of many people.”

**SOURCE:**  
Central Coast Council  
agenda 2.3, 9 Nov 2021  
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## Funding agreement signed for Umina oval facilities

**The funding agreement between the Federal Government and Central Coast Council has been signed for the \$8.25 million redevelopment of the Peninsula Recreation Precinct in Umina Beach, Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks has announced.**

The project includes a new BMX and skate park as well as facilities for Umina United Eagles Soccer Club, Umina Bunnies Junior Rugby League Club and the Southern Spirit Cricket Club.

“The clubs that use Umina oval are growing at a rapid pace and they need the types of amenities that are going to grow with them,”

said Ms Wicks.

“That’s why it’s so important we worked to get this funding agreement right.

“The execution of a funding agreement means Central Coast Council have the funds to get on with the job of planning and constructing these improved facilities.

“I want to see shovels in the ground as soon as possible and I will continue to advocate until this project is delivered and able to be used by all in our community.

“This is a significant milestone for those who have worked to make this project a reality.”

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 12 Nov 2021  
Lucy Wicks, Member for Robertson



*Lucy Wicks has been on the hustings in Woy Woy and Umina over the past two weeks.*  
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# Peninsula News

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

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## Bacon and egg rolls resume

**Takeaway bacon and egg rolls will resume at The Bays hall on Sunday, November 28.**

"It is six months since out last takeaway but we will be back this month," said The Bays Community Group president Ms Gwynneth Weir.

"On this date, as well as the usual delicious bacon and egg rolls and coffee, we will have three stalls.

"The stalls will be located in the hall.

"To gain access to the hall you will need to provide evidence that you are fully vaccinated."

Ms Weir said the three stalls would be provided by Claire, Trudy

and Penny Howard.

"Claire was meant to be joining us in July ... and then August ... but she will be coming along in November with her very special homemade marmalades and relishes.

"Trudy will be selling her unique hand-made cards, along with handmade knitted and crocheted items.

"Penny from Bett and Perry will be bringing along her handmade textile items including baby quilts, toys, bags, jackets, aprons and bowls."

**SOURCE:**  
**Newsletter, 2 Nov 2021**  
**Gwynneth Weir, The Bays Community Group**

## Christmas tree sale

**Rotary Club of Woy Woy is planning its annual Christmas tree sale for the first two weekends in December.**

"Our sales team will be at Woy Woy, southern end of the commuter car park, and with a Covid safe sales area," said club president Ms Julie Jones.

The club plans to sell trees from 7am on the weekends of December 4 and 5 and December 11 and 12.

**SOURCE:**  
**Newsletter, 9 Nov 2021**  
**Julie Jones, Rotary Woy Woy**

## Three Rotary clubs make joint donation

**The Peninsula's three Rotary clubs have made a joint donation to a Woy Woy aged care home.**

The Rotary Clubs of Umina Beach, Woy Woy and Brisbane Water combined for a joint donation of \$1000 to Blue Wave Living.

Umina Beach Rotary president Mr Bruce Croft said: "This is a first for all three Rotary Clubs, to support a common project."



Blue Wave Living board chairman Mr Ross Pearce said: "The money will benefit all the residents of Blue Wave Living."

Pictured are Umina Beach Rotary youth director Mr Robert Meyer, Brisbane Water Rotary president Ms Cherie Simpson, Mr

Croft, Blue Wave Living activities co-ordinator Ms Michelle Nicholas, Blue Wave Living chief executive Mr Matthew Downie and Mr Pearce.

**SOURCE:**  
**Media release, 9 Nov 2021**  
**Bruce Croft, Rotary Umina Beach**

## Lucy Wicks hits the hustings

**Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks has been on the hustings over the last fortnight.**

She visited Umina on October 30 and Woy Woy on November 1.

"It was so nice to be out and about in Umina Beach chatting to locals about what we're delivering for the Peninsula," she said.

"It was brilliant to be out chatting to local residents in Woy Woy.

Ms Wicks listed projects where Federal funding had been allocated on the Peninsula.

These included upgrades to the

Everglades catchment in Umina, Mutu St in Woy Woy, Springwood St in Blackwall, and Gem Rd in Pearl Beach.

There was \$304,000 for an amenities upgrade at McEvoy Oval, \$488,000 for upgrades at James Browne Oval, including women's change rooms, and \$8.25 million to redevelop the Peninsula Recreation Precinct.

Seven new GP registrars were employed on the Peninsula and closed circuit TV installed at the Peninsula Recreation Precinct.

Construction would start soon on upgrades to the amenities

at Rogers Park and \$1.45 million spent for upgrades to the clubhouse at Lemon Grove Netball Courts.

An \$80,000 score board was installed at Woy Woy Oval after a \$3.5 million redevelopment of the precinct.

James Browne Oval upgrades were also complete with new change rooms for the growing women's team and a new canteen area for Southern Ettalong and United Football Club.

**SOURCE:**  
**Social media, 8 Nov 2021**  
**Lucy Wicks, Member for Robertson**

## First two weeks of month see 85mm

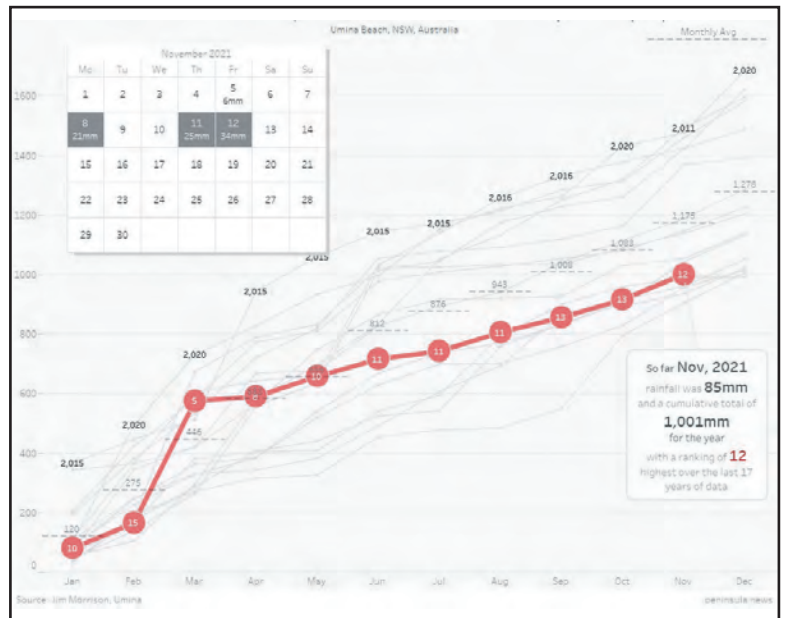
**A total of 85mm of rain has fallen in the first two weeks of November, just eight millimetres short of the monthly average of 93mm for November.**

Most of the rain came over three days, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison and Lachlan Mottlee of Umina.

On November 8, 20.5mm was recorded, with 25.0mm recorded on November 11 and 34.0mm recorded on November 12.

Cumulative total rainfall for the year to date is 1001.4mm, which is 15.6 per cent less than the average total at the end of November.

**SOURCE:**  
**Spreadsheet, 12 Nov 2021**  
**Jim Morrison, Lachlan Mottlee, Umina**







## All ages observe Remembrance Day

**Remembrance Day events involved all age groups across the Peninsula last Thursday.**

A well-attended service at the Vietnam Veterans' memorial on the Ettalong foreshore was held by the Central Coast branch of the Vietnam Veterans Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association of Australia, despite windy conditions and misty rain.

The WoyWoy, Ettalong, Hardys Bay RSL Sub Branch held a "small service" at the Ettalong Diggers Club.

The inclement weather brought about a late change of location, which was originally scheduled at Memorial Park in Woy Woy.

Students at Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy campus acknowledged Remembrance Day with an online Zoom presentation.

Umina Beach Public School students paid respect to fallen soldiers in outdoor Remembrance Day ceremonies in cohort groups.

At Booker Bay Preschool, the children made poppies to create a Remembrance Day display on the front fence for the community.

**SOURCE:**

Social media, 11 Nov 2021  
Ettalong Diggers, BWSC Woy Woy, Umina Beach Public School, Booker Bay Preschool

## Men's Shed to hold sale

**Umina Beach Men's Shed will hold its twice-yearly garage-shed sale in Woy Woy on Saturday, November 27.**

It will be held on the grounds of the old Woy Woy Leagues Club at 82 Blackwall Rd Woy Woy between 7:45am and 4:30pm.

"As in previous years the merchandise on offer will be pre-owned hand tools, machines and household items," said Men's Shed secretary Mr Vic Brown.

He said items for sale would be "well-suited for tradies, handy people, do-it-yourself enthusiasts, artists, house and garden lovers, campers, fisher folk and boaties, and antique tool collectors".

"As usual, it will be a pop-up sale: just on site for the day.

"This is a genuine clearance sale with all items priced to clear.

"The lads from the Shed will be

on hand, manning the stalls and looking after the customers.

"All the funds raised in these Gara-Shed Sales go back to the Shed to help cover operating expenses and replenish consumables.

"The items offered for sale have primarily been donated to the Shed but are surplus to our requirements, hence the clearance pricing.

"Many of the items have been checked out and serviced.

"There will also be a spot staffed during the sale, that will be set up to answer any questions about our Shed, its activities, joining, and what's happening with "the new Shed".

**SOURCE:**

Media release, 9 Nov 2021  
Vic Brown, Umina Beach Men's Shed

## Call for pilot Green Grid project

**The Woy Woy Peninsula Residents' Association has called on Central Coast Council to implement a Green Grid plan and pilot project for the Woy Woy Peninsula as a priority.**

The association made the request in a submission to the council's Draft Central Coast Green Grid: Our Place Strategy

"The Peninsula with its unique and stunning environment and population of some 40,000 people is well suited for a pilot project," said association committee member Ms Penny Rogers.

"The environmental and social problems it is facing are well known and documented.

"They include urban heat island effect, increased dwelling density,

endangered bushland and habitat, lack of adequate green canopy and spaces, increasing threat of foreshore erosion, groundwater extraction risks, and stormwater drainage and flood plain management."

Ms Rogers said: "Too often these problems are addressed as an afterthought or in an ad hoc, reactive way.

"The Green Grid initiative offers the opportunity for Council to respond to and meet local needs in a strategic way across the Central Coast.

"We strongly support the Peninsula's needs being addressed across the board as a discrete 'social planning district' and welcome its application in this Central Coast Green Grid initiative.

"A well planned, designed

and managed network of interconnected green spaces is vital in supporting the Peninsula community's amenity, living, health and wellbeing; in protecting and enhancing our environment and habitat; and in helping to adapt to climate change.

"The community must be an active partner in the process and the Association has offered to facilitate community consultation for the project."

The association aimed to serve as a non-partisan forum and give the residents of the Woy Woy Peninsula a collective voice on matters affecting the Peninsula's quality of life.

**SOURCE:**

Media release, 7 Nov 2021  
Penny Rogers, Peninsula Residents' Association



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# Documenting CWA branch history

A member of the Woy Woy branch of the Country Women's Association has taken on the job of documenting the history of the 13 branches in the Group.

Ms Johanna Reygersberg said her role as Group Historian was "simply one I innocently put on myself".

"Because our Woy Woy CWA Branch will be celebrating its 90th birthday next year, I got interested in its history.

"I am still working on that but then I learned that the State CWA will celebrate its Centenary next year.

"I thought it would be great to have some general historical information about the branches in our own Group. Just for ourselves, our own branches.

"It became a big job, as information was not always easily available.

"Many branches had closed.

"From the earlier 26 branches in the 80s or 70s, there are now only 13 left.

"But I thought that it would be interested to know about them too.

"So, I started off going to the head office in Sydney to dig in their archives.

"Then I visited branches,



libraries, emailed, and telephoned members from all the different groups.

"It takes a lot of time.

"Nevertheless I enjoy learning about the different branches and listening to the stories of the older members, some who have been involved for over 50 and 70 years.

"I haven't finished yet but my aim is to share this little bit of Central Coast CWA history.

"At the moment I do all the printing myself, but I will have to find a printer who can print about a minimum of 30 booklets."

**SOURCE:**  
Media statement, 13 Nov 2021  
Johanna Reygersberg,  
CWA Woy Woy  
**MORE HISTORY in Peninsula News EXTRA**

# Council to fix whale tails

Central Coast Council has told the Rotary Club of Umina Beach that it will repair whale tail sculptures at Umina oval.

"Council has the budget and the resources for the project," said club president Mr Bruce Croft.

In July, it had told the club it would not put money toward their repair.

Mr Croft said he and club members Mr Mike Curley and Mr Wayne Dowdle attended a meeting with Ms Charlotte Hilder from Council and a contractor at the Umina Precinct.

"Some of the six whale tails will be re-tiled and others will have the tiles removed and either indigenous or sea-side artwork applied in lieu of tiles."

Mr Croft said boxes of the tiles originally used for the sculptures were still available.

"This project needs to be costed by Council and prioritised with other art restorations in the pipeline.

"It seems that there is no definite role for Umina Beach Rotary Club in the restoration of the whale tails, other than being a community representative on any future decision-making panel run by Council."

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 9 Nov 2021  
Bruce Croft, Rotary Umina Beach



# For the 'hidden homeless'

Umina Beach branch of the Country Women's Association has donated sleeping bags and swags for the "hidden homeless" to Mary Mac's Place.

"The sleeping bags will go to the hidden homeless, those that spend their nights couch surfing with friends and family," said branch president Ms Rikki McIntosh.

"A sleeping bag makes it much easier to sleep on someone's couch without too much inconvenience.

"The swags help those with no access to indoor sleeping and provide protection from the elements with a slim mattress and sleeping bag inside."

The sleeping bags and swags were purchased with \$2726.37

that was raised from the branch's latest fundraising efforts.

"Our members sincerely wish there was no need for this kind of fundraising on the Peninsula," said Ms McIntosh.

"The need for government on all levels to invest in more affordable housing is paramount."

Ms McIntosh and branch secretary Ms Margaret Key are pictured delivering the sleeping bags and swags.

"We hope that this raises awareness of the good work that Mary Mac's does with our vulnerable residents," Ms McIntosh said.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 5 Nov 2021  
Rikki McIntosh, CWA Umina Beach



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Injections		
Total	25500	46500
> 50 years	14750	26250
< 50 years	10750	20250
Doses/person		
> 50 years	1.87	1.88
< 50 years	1.85	1.84
Percentages		
> 50 years		
One dose	94	95
Two doses	93	93
< 50 years		
One dose	93	93
Two doses	92	91
All ages		
One dose	94	94
Two doses	93	92

An analysis of figures from NSW Government covid data and statistics

### The Peninsula has reported had no coronavirus cases this month.

The most recent case was recorded in the 2257 postcode area on October 31.

The most recent case in the 2256 postcode area was recorded on October 22.

There are currently no active cases on the Peninsula.

Vaccination rates in both postcode areas are now above 90 per cent for first and second doses.

Both postcodes are showing a first vaccination rate of 94 per cent, with 2256 showing a second dose rate of 93 per cent and 2257

showing a second dose rate of 92 per cent.

In both postcode areas, the over-50 population shows a fully-vaccinated rate of 93 per cent.

For under-50s, the fully-vaccinated rate is 92 per cent in the 2256 postcode area and 91 per cent for the 2257 postcode.

The latest Government figures have reduced the numbers of eligible people in the 2256 postcode by 160 to 13,607 and in the 2257 postcode by 350 to 25,002.

SOURCE:  
Website, 13 Nov 2021  
Covid data and statistics,  
NSW Government

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## Jed provides support at hospital clinic

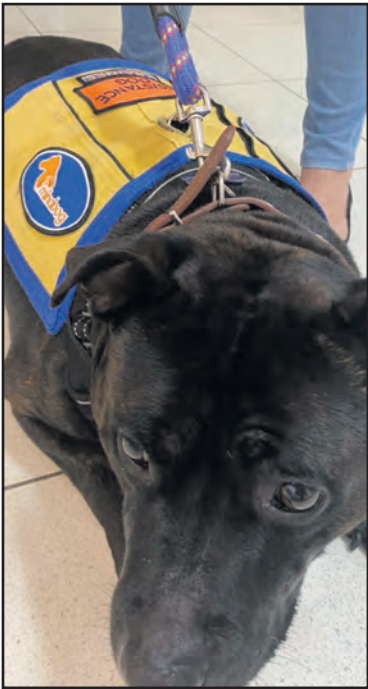
Jed is an assistance dog who accompanies his owner while she undergoes in-patient treatment at the Central Coast Clinic at Brisbane Waters Private Hospital.

Assistance dogs and trained companion animals are welcome at the clinic, said hospital chief executive Ms Debbra Ritter.

Jed has been training for the last eight months to assist his owner as she navigates life following the loss of her husband, she said.

"He is always on hand and attuned to triggers for her anxiety and grief, and provides emotional support while she receives treatment at the clinic."

SOURCE:  
Social media, 5 Nov 2021  
Debbra Ritter, Brisbane Waters Private Hospital



Forum

## Prime Minister's plan is like Regional Plan

The Prime Minister is relying on a rushed Australian-wide plan that is claimed to guide Australia's future over the next 29 years.

Residents will be familiar with the concept.

The Central Coast Regional Plan is claimed to guide the Central Coast over the next 15 years, 14 years less than the Coalition's plan.

How many actions in the regional plan have been completed and more importantly how many will not be completed?

The Federal Government is incapable of addressing this matter and has lost the public's confidence.

The PM has had over 900 days to show leadership on this matter, and his best effort to date is a

rushed glossy publication similar to the Central Coast Regional Plan.

Concern for the future has escalated as residents identify local changes that impact on their lifestyles,

Hazard lines on beaches were not a feature of the Coast in the 1990s, nor were DAs with a mandatory report on climate change.

What is the cost blowout these two items alone add to development?

Millions of Australians have lost patience with the PM and the coalition.

Discussing climate change facts is out dated.

Action is a better option.

SOURCE:  
Letter, 4 Nov 2021  
Norm Harris, Umina

## Don't dismiss water asset sale

At the just-closed almost-public hearing, Mr Rob Noble made the suggestion that Central Coast's water assets might be sold, as part of the reorganization of Council's finances.

This idea has some merit and shouldn't be arbitrarily dismissed, as the Administrator has apparently done.

We are already selling real estate holdings, at a financial loss, to try to reduce the debt burden, and this kind of sale represents a concrete reduction of community assets that can never be recovered.

On the other hand, to pass the water-supply service to another agency merely means that the operation will continue under a different authority, in the same way as before, while the cash value to

be realized could be applied to the Council debt, thus obviating the need for permanent rate increases on which our Administrator is so keen.

Central Coast is one of the few councils that are also a water authority, and putting the system into the hands of an agency that is specialized in the field might lead to greater management efficiencies.

It would be difficult to imagine that the service could be worse managed than it was under Central Coast Council, and it is not clear why the Administrator is so dead set against it.

That said, any transfer would have to be subject to some assurances that changes in water rates would be controlled in some way, or we could be even worse off.

While Sydney Water does not have an outstanding reputation with respect to service standards or price moderation, we already have agreements with Hunter Water, so why can't the possibility of a takeover be properly explored?

Our Administrator seems to be so obsessed with jacking up all our rates that I wonder how seriously he is exploring other avenues for meeting our revenue requirements.

Obviously, the idea of privatising the system would raise many other issues, but that is not what is being suggested here: What is being proposed is to transfer the responsibilities to another agency.

I'd be prepared to accept spending some money on a study of this possibility.

SOURCE:  
Email, 9 Nov 2021  
Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy.

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### Spot on, Vic Jefferies (Peninsula News 531).

I have wondered for many years just where retiring developers go. I know where I'd like them to go.

However backed by Chambers of Commerce, and now we learn also by money laundering from overseas and, if the ABC Four Corners program on the Obeids is to be believed, by corruption, there is no hope for the survival of any other species of animal on the planet. Quality of life for the dominant animal is also quite out of the question.

Vale Ettalong.

SOURCE:  
Email, 12 Nov 2021  
Margaret Lund, Woy Woy Bay

## Australia is becoming a stupid country

It is reported that business leaders are looking to the Government to boost the level of skilled professional people, such as engineers, to migrate to Australia.

This is because there is the forecast of a severe shortage of trained people available by the 2023.

This shortage has come about by lack of training of young Australians over a number of years.

In turn, this has been caused by the current Government, deliberately it seems, undermining public universities by starving them

of funding.

It is no doubt similar at universities of Australia in all states.

The University of Technology Sydney is in the process of reducing lecturing staff in engineering and science by 30 per cent.

Some years ago, Mr Hawke spoke of Australia becoming a "clever country".

There can be no doubt that the reality is the reverse.

Australia is becoming a very stupid country.

SOURCE:  
Letter, 1 Nov 2021  
WR Maynard, Woy Woy



## Fred Smith to perform at Troubadour

**The Troubadour Folk Club will be holding a special concert at the Everglades Club on Saturday, November 27, according to club president Mr Michael Fine.**

It will feature Fred Smith, who Mr Fine describes as "possibly Australia's best known and greatest living folk-country songwriter and performer".

Mr Fine said Bruce Elder had described Fred Smith as "Beyond writing some of the finest songs about Australians at war, he has created a repertoire that is wry, literate, witty, powerfully emotional and insightful."



He said Fred's new album, *Domestic*, had been described as "a stunning cycle of deeply personal songs about marriage, babies, love, tolerance, decency and the complexity of modern life...a sublime study in tenderness

and vulnerability."

The concert will include songs from *Domestic* as well as some from his earlier material, including some from his highly-awarded *Dust of Uruzgan*.

"A concert of this order from one of Australia's most highly regarded singer-songwriter performers is very special," said Mr Fine.

"It will be an event to remember." Tickets are \$20 and \$25 through <https://www.trybooking.com/BVDYX>

With inquiries, phone 4342 6716.

**SOURCE:**

Media release, 7 Nov 2021  
Michael Fine, Troubadour Folk Club

## Grants to four festivals

**Central Coast Council will contribute to the cost of four Peninsula festivals under its "Community Events and Place Activation Grant Program".**

They are the Woytopia Festival run by the Peninsula Environment Group, the Coastal Twist Festival run by the Naughty Noodle Fun Haus, the Bay-to-Bay Running Festival organised by the Terrigal Trotters and the Words on the Waves writers' festival.

The Woytopia Festival was described in the council assessment as a one-day, family-orientated community and sustainable living festival in its eighth year.

It will receive \$9922.31 for artists and sound production and event services.

The Coastal Twist Arts and Culture Festival was described as having 11 events across six days for all ages, sharing the vision for a more visibly-inclusive, social-equitable Central Coast.

It will received \$20,000 for various Council services, artist and sound production costs and event marketing and promotion.

This is in addition to a \$53,000 State Government grant.

The Bay-to-Bay Running Festival was described as an annual event between Woy Woy and Gosford that incorporates a range of events for runners of all ages and abilities including a half marathon, and 12, five and two kilometre options.

It will receive \$10,130.00 for various council fees and services.

Each of the three festivals was described as a "popular, long

standing and large-scale local community event".

"Community benefit is demonstrated, and all required information is provided."

The Words on Waves Writers' Festival was described as offering author panels, literacy conversations, book signings and writers' workshops.

It was also described as having a "good event concept with a growing audience".

It will receive \$10,000 for venue and event production costs.

In all cases, the grants were "conditional on all relevant event approvals (including COVID-19 related) being provided prior to the release of funds".

One application from Umbala Events Pty Ltd for its monthly markets at Woy Woy and Umina Beach was unsuccessful.

It was described as "supporting local small business and creating community spirit", but the "application intent does not meet the objectives of this grant program".

The program was "designed to support the community to deliver community events and activities that activate spaces and places to complement activity around town centres, foreshores, lakes and open spaces for families, community and visitors", said council administrator Mr Rik Hart.

"I'm pleased this funding will support these organisations to deliver a range of exciting, meaningful and fun events and programs for the local community and to activate our region," he said.

**SOURCE:**

Central Coast Council  
agenda 2.2, 9 Nov 2021

## Three-day open-air exhibition at Pearl Beach

**A three-day art exhibition will be held in the open in the Pearl Beach Arboretum between Friday and Sunday, December 3 to 5.**

The solo exhibition *Art in the Arboretum* by Pearl Beach artist Ms Marijke Greenway will be held "out in the open, no walls, just easels erected near the Arboretum Cottage for three days, during daylight hours".

"After that it all gets packed up and taken back to my gallery down the way in Green Point Rd," she said.

"The subject matter is painted either plein air inside the arboretum or nearby the arboretum, yet related.

"On wandering through, I discovered many paths that I had



not taken before.

"I hope that my exhibition will stimulate others to appreciate this treasure trove on our doorstep, that we cannot take for granted."

**SOURCE:**

Social media, 9 Nov 2021  
Marijke Greenway, Pearl  
Beach Arboretum

## School air-conditioning applications unsuccessful

**Umina Beach Public School, Woy Woy Public School and both campuses of Brisbane Water Secondary College have been unsuccessful in their applications for air conditioning under the Cooler Classrooms Program.**

"The program is designed to help boost student potential and improve learning outcomes with \$500 million supposed to be allocated over the five-year program," said Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

"After waiting more than two and a half years for the outcome of this round only 15 of the 447 schools that applied were successful."

Ms Tesch said, with summer around the corner, this was a real concern for students, teachers and parents.

"The funding of only 15 schools

is quite frankly an absolutely disgraceful move by the NSW Liberal Government.

"It is a slap in the face for students, teachers and education staff across NSW."

"As a former teacher, I know the impact the Aussie summer heat can have on students, especially when it comes to their ability to focus and their behaviour.

"Public education is at the core of our state and Australia's future.

"The lack of projects delivered in this round of funding, along with the continued school maintenance backlog and ongoing ignorance of the calls from the Teachers Federation is a huge indicator of the Liberal Governments lack of care for our future."

**SOURCE:**

Media release, 9 Nov 2021  
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford



## Class artwork on display

**Each Stage 2 class at Woy Woy South Public School has collaborated on a class artwork to celebrate being back together again.**

Their artwork was displayed on the School's fence.

Principal Mr Matt Barr said: "The

students were excited to be back with their friends and teachers.

"If you drive past the school, make sure to have a look at our colourful gates."

**SOURCE:**

Social media, 9 Nov 2021  
Matt Barr, Woy Woy  
South Public School

## Assessments online

**Ettalong students who are registered applicants for Year 5 Opportunity Class placement next year will be completing their assessments online at the school on Wednesday.**

A practice session was scheduled for students who had already applied.

"This is aimed to assist with familiarisation of the type of assessment, the venue in our school and the technology," said relieving principal Ms Jodie Campbell.

She said that Selective High School applications for 2023 were open until November 17.

"All applications must be made online at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>."

**SOURCE:**

Newsletter, 9 Nov 2021  
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong  
Public School



Sport



Shane Waddell wins Umina Major Singles title

Shane Waddell has won this year's Major Singles title at the Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club.

Shane, pictured above right, defeated Lee Cribbs in what club secretary Mr Peter Springett described as "a tight, see-sawing game."

"Shane claimed his maiden Major Singles title, after being runner up last year," he said.

Ken Robertson and Jim Phillips (below right) won the Major Pairs

title.

They defeated Roger Twells and Colin Mew "in another tight, see sawing game".

"Jim Phillips got his birthday present on the last end, to snatch the epic win.

"This is Ken Robertson's maiden championship win.

"All four players kept us on our seats right up to the very last bowl."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 6 Nov 2021  
Peter Springett, Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club



Umina Bunnies look for players

Umina Bunnies are looking for boys and girls who will be aged between five and 12 next year to play with the junior rugby league football club.

The club is also looking for boys turning 13 to 17 next year to play football for the 2022 season.

For further information, contact Cae Burgess on 0410 433 112 or email the Bunnies at [uminabunnies@outlook.com](mailto:uminabunnies@outlook.com).

Registrations will start in December.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 2 Nov 2021  
Cae Burgess, Umina Bunnies JRLFC

Hoping for second under-12 water polo team

The Woy Woy Wombats Water Polo Club is hoping to fill a second Under-12 Mixed team.

Registrations for the Under-12s mixed team reached capacity, but the club was taking expressions of interest "in the hope a second team will be allowed in the competition".

Under-11 Flipper Ball registrations remain open for Saturday competition 8:45am to 10am.

The Flipper Ball program is described as "an introduction to water polo and teaches young kids the fundamental skills of water polo in a fun environment".

Registrations are also open for a Newbies adult social competition, which is planned to be held from 2pm to 3pm on Saturdays, starting November 20.

Junior games for under-12s to under-16s are played Saturday mornings at either the Peninsula

Leisure Centre, Gosford or Wyong pools.

Seniors play Wednesday evenings at either Peninsula Leisure Centre or Wyong Pools.

Wombats training nights are Mondays for men and under-16 boys, Tuesdays for women and under-16 girls and Thursdays for under-14s and under-12s.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 8 Nov 2021  
Woy Woy Wombats Water Polo

Construction starts at Rogers Park

Construction has started for a new amenities building at Rogers Park, Woy Woy, for Peninsula Touch Football, Southern Spirit Cricket Club and Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Football Club.

"The new building will feature a canteen, two change rooms with showers, a referees' room, three storage areas and new toilets," said Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks after visiting the site.

"I am excited for the around 1500 young people on the Peninsula who play cricket, touch football or rugby league, who will have access to some of the best sporting infrastructure around the Central Coast.

"The start of construction is an important step forward to ensure local sporting clubs have safe, clean and useful facilities that support the important contributions they make in our community."

However, the project has not been without criticism, after a mature shade tree was felled by the Central Coast Council.

Ms Wicks said: "A white cedar tree has been removed from Rogers Park Oval, following a tree assessment by Central Coast



Council arborist in 2020.

"This was in preparation for an environmental assessment report as part of the planned works to upgrade the sports amenities building.

"The tree was assessed as unhealthy with poor characteristics.

"Council will be replanting two trees of a native species at the oval in its place once the replacement amenities works are complete."

Grow Urban Shade Trees group member Ms Melissa Chandler commented on the social media posting: "Hi Lucy, I really hope you will consider overseeing the

replanting.

"I suggest a new, super-mature white cedar. And two other local species.

"The replacement trees will take many, many years to reach the size of the one removed.

"Our community needs shade now, not in 30 years."

The project has also forced the closure of the Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club's monthly car boot sale, which used the car park and toilet block at the site.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 8 Nov 2021  
Lucy Wicks, Member for Robertson

Change rooms, canteen and storage

The Rogers Park amenities building will have 10 toilets, a canteen with storage, two change rooms with showers, a referees' room and three storage areas.

Central Coast Council administrator Mr Rik Hart said: "This improved sports amenities

building will help support local sports groups that make a valuable contribution to our community's health and wellbeing and provide a facility where everyone can participate."

Construction is scheduled for completion by the start of the winter sports season in April next

year, weather permitting.

This project is funded by the Australian Government under the under the Community Development Grants Program for \$800,000 with Central Coast Council paying for the remaining \$550,000.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 8 Nov 2021  
Rik Hart, Central Coast Council

Junior touch trials

Peninsula Junior Touch representative trials will be held on Sundays, November 21 and 28, at Rogers Park.

The 18 years boys will trial at 8am, and all other boys at 3pm.

The 12, 14 and 18 girls will also trial at 8am, with the 10 girls at 3pm and 16 girls at 4pm.

For further information, email [admin@peninsulajuniortouch.com.au](mailto:admin@peninsulajuniortouch.com.au).

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 5 Nov 2021  
Peninsula Junior Touch



Outrigger canoe club seeks new members

A Peninsula-based outrigger canoe club is seeking new members.

Central Coast Outrigger Canoe Club departs from Woy Woy and Patonga midweek and weekends.

"It allows an opportunity for newcomers to experience the beautiful waters of Brisbane Water and Broken Bay," said committee member Ms Debbie Sunartha.

"We are very fortunate to be surrounded by bodies of water that offer the opportunity for us to

explore a variety of conditions, not only in our local water but also the Hawkesbury River and Pittwater.

"The club is looking forward to introducing the sport of outriggering to men and women, over 18, who enjoy a sport that brings social and fitness benefits to all."

For further information, email [centralcoastocc@gmail.com](mailto:centralcoastocc@gmail.com).

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 8 Nov 2021  
Debbie Sunartha, Central Coast Outrigger Canoe Club