



## Meeting to discuss plans for Peninsula's future

A meeting to discuss planning the future of the Peninsula will be held by the Peninsula Residents' Association at Club Umina on Tuesday, February 15, at 6pm.

With a topic of "Woy Woy Peninsula: Heat Island or Green Townships?", the meeting will review two draft planning documents currently open for the comment: the draft Local Housing Strategy to 2036 and the Central Coast Regional Plan 2041.

Association secretary Mr Julian Bowker said the meeting would encourage local community members to ask: "What do we, residents of the Peninsula, want for our future?"

"How do we want to live?"  
"What can we do to keep our Peninsula a liveable, sustainable, social, and an environmentally-friendly place?"

Mr Bowker said the meeting would be held in line with Covid-safe practices, and would be a free ticketed event.

Tickets could be booked through the residents' association website at <https://www.peninsularesidents.org.au>.

"Join us to have your say and find out more."

"You are welcome to stay and continue discussions afterwards, or contact us with your thoughts if you cannot attend."

SOURCE:  
Media release, 1 Feb 2022  
Julian Bowker, Peninsula Residents' Association.

## Rapid antigen tests donated to women's health centre

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has given 20 rapid antigen tests to the Central Coast Community Women's Health Centre.

She said the tests had been allocated by the Perrottet Government to every electorate office across NSW.

Ms Tesch says giving the tests away was the only just option.

"Every day I am hearing of the lengths people are going to just to get their hands on a test which is not only inaccessible but also unaffordable, with price gauging only worsening."

"Politicians should not have better access to rapid antigen tests than the rest of the community."

"Instead we should know first-hand how much of a struggle it is to locate a test and how expensive it is."

"We should experience the panic every other person in

our community is experiencing, especially here on the Central Coast, where there seems to be less accessibility than in Sydney."

Ms Tesch said the Central Coast Community Women's Health Centre planned to distribute the tests across its three centres at Woy Woy, Wyoming and Wyong.

"The Centres provide women with counselling, medical services, social groups, childcare and offer advocacy for those in need."

Ms Tesch said: "It is absolutely ridiculous that we are living in the 21st Century yet we cannot get a PCR or rapid antigen test."

"The mismanagement of this Liberal Government at both the state and federal level is absolutely reprehensible and people in our community are suffering."

"Other countries have managed to handle their outbreaks well, facilitating the delivery of free tests to households and ensuring people could test from home."

"There's no excuse for NSW's and Australia's current situation. We should have been equipped to deal with this."

"The capitalisation on testing is of concern, with some places charging \$25 for one test."

"There's no sign of it ending any time soon according to an ABC report which said that until mid-February it is likely there will be a lack of test supply."

"An additional concern is that potentially Covid-positive community members are travelling between numerous pharmacies, supermarkets and service stations trying to source a test which could be perpetuating the spread of COVID-19."

"This is something the government should be proactive in preventing."

SOURCE:  
Media release, 14 Jan 2022  
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

## 'Significant additional net dwelling capacity'

The Peninsula has been identified as an area "with significant additional net dwelling capacity" in a discussion paper for Central Coast Council's Local Housing Strategy.

"The heat map shows areas which can accommodate additional housing under existing planning controls."

Figures supplied in an

accompanying "existing conditions report" gives the Peninsula a "theoretical capacity" of an additional 11,577 homes, consisting of 2699 new dwelling houses, 2699 dual occupancies, 1309 shop top housing units and 9028 units in residential flat buildings.

However, the report states: "Theoretical capacity assumes that development of each lot would take place to the maximum extent

permissible under existing controls and does not account for the likely take-up of development."

It provides two "take-up scenarios", which show figures totalling between 1663 and 2352 additional homes.

Submissions about the housing strategy will be accepted until February 24.

SOURCE:  
OurVoiceYourCoast, 1 Feb 2022  
Draft Local Housing Strategy, Central Coast Council

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Mark Snell, 1 Nov 2021



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Artworks exhibited in Gosford

Pearl Beach artist Ms Marijke Greenway currently has her works exhibited at two locations in Gosford.

Gosford Gallery is exhibiting her work until February 27 and other paintings are on display at Central Coast Antiques and Collectables.

"Ms Greenway is a self-taught, prolific artist," said antiques store manager Mr Mitchell Gordon.

"She travels widely throughout Australia, painting 'en plein air' and then reworks her memories into larger, more expressive paintings in her studio.

"Fluent in oils, acrylics, watercolours, encaustic and mixed media, she has taught each of these media at workshops near and far."

She is pictured with her encaustic painting, Shimmer.

Mr Gordon said Central Coast Antiques and Collectables was located in Watt St, Gosford.

Formerly trading in Woy Woy as Woy Woy Antiques



and Collectables, the business continued to donate a proportion of its profits to charity, he said.

SOURCE: Media release, 30 Jan 2022 Mitchell Gordon, CCAC

Dementia cafe planned

The Rotary Club of Brisbane Water has delayed its Dementia Cafe, Dcafe, until Monday, February 14.

"With current covid indoor restrictions, we are going to hold our next Dcafe outdoors 10am to 12pm at Jasmine Greens, Sydney Ave, Umina," said club president Ms Cherie Simpson.

"We would like to welcome people living with dementia and their carers to join us for a cuppa,

a chat and activities in a supportive and caring environment.

"Being active, physically, socially and mentally is good for the brain."

With limited spots, bookings essential and may be made with Heather on 0414 446 177 or Di on 0404 147 743.

SOURCE: Newsletter, 20 Jan 2022 Cherie Simpson, Rotary Brisbane Water

Goalkeeper wanted

Umina United Soccer Club's Women's Premier League team is looking for a goalkeeper for their Reserve Grade team.

Anyone interested should call coach Shane Blackman on 0426 828 195.

SOURCE: Social media, 17 Jan 2022 Umina United Soccer Club

Rainfall is less than half January average

The Peninsula has received 56mm of rain in the first three weeks of January.

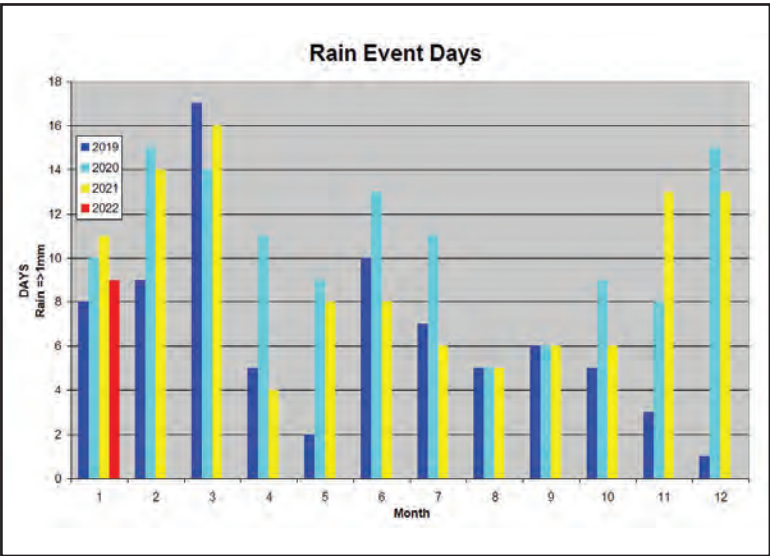
This was less than half the January average of 120mm.

However, only a further 30mm is needed to reach the median January rainfall of 86mm.

So far, the month has recorded nine days of rainfall greater than one millimetre.

This is a similar number to the last three January figures, where eight millimetres was recorded in 2019, 10mm in 2020 and 11mm in 2021.

SOURCE: Spreadsheet, 21 Jan 2022 Jim Morrison, Umina



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## Bridge work to proceed

**Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks has told St Huberts Island residents that Central Coast Council has decided to proceed with a bridge upgrade.**

Ms Wicks said: "A decision has been made to proceed with a safety upgrade for the St Hubert's Island Bridge that includes a tensile mesh design with triangular posts and tapered ends.

"This follows a number of rounds of community consultation. "Detailed designs are underway with a forecast completion date of January 28, 2023. "Construction is scheduled to commence in April." Ms Wicks said she would pass comments on the design to the Council.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 7 Jan 2022  
Lucy Wicks, Member for Robertson

## Rotary club secretary awarded OAM for international programs

**Brisbane Water Rotary Club secretary Ms Sue O'Neill has been awarded an OAM "for service to the international community through medical and humanitarian programs".**

"I was thrilled to be nominated and to have that confirmed was amazing," said Ms O'Neill, a Terrigal resident.

"I feel quite proud. It's a lovely recognition."

"The award acknowledges a history of involvement with Rotary and the establishment of the Pink Umbrella charitable foundation to enable the provision of humanitarian support and medical and dental equipment to health professionals in Uganda, Congo, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Vanuatu, South Sudan and Timor," club president Ms Cherie Simpson.

She is also the Eastern Region projects co-ordinator for Rotary Australia World Community



Service.

She is a former president of Kenhurst Rotary Club and was founder of Clint's Crazy Bargains.

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 31 Jan 2022  
Cherie Simpson, Brisbane Water Rotary

## The Bays experience influx of new residents

**The Bays area has experienced an influx of new residents over the past two years, despite the pandemic, according to The Bays Community Group president Ms Gwynneth Weir.**

"Amazingly, despite the challenges and headaches of moving at any time, we have welcomed many new people to The Bays during 2020 and 2021," she said.

"I have met several new residents of The Bays and, I have to say, every one of them has been delightful.

"Maybe our beautiful Bays attract beautiful people!

"I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new neighbours

who have moved into The Bays during the last two years.

"I can't wait to welcome all our new neighbours to events in the future.

"If you are new to The Bays and haven't already bought your tickets for the Art Show Opening Night then I strongly recommend you do it now!

"This event is certainly considered to be a main highlight of the Bays' Year.

"It is only \$20 and I have yet to meet anyone who thought it was not worth every single cent of that," Ms Weir said.

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 14 Jan 2022  
Gwynneth Weir, The Bays Community Group

## Honour for service to the non-profit sector and to business

**Mr Paul Murnane of Ettalong Beach has been awarded an AM in the Australia Day Honours for "significant service to the not-for-profit sector, the performing arts, and to business".**

His citation lists services to Multiple Sclerosis since 1996, as director of the Australian String Quartet since 2008

In the not-for-profit sector, he was director of So They Can from 2012 to 2021 and of Grameen Australia since 2010.

He has been senior consultant for Good Foundations since 2013 where he is described as "a corporate adviser and company director with over 35 years diversified experience in investment banking-financial services, consulting and general management in Australia and overseas".

"He has worked for Citibank and



Goldman Sachs and was a partner in a leading global professional services firm.

"He is currently a director of several companies and an advisor to a number of listed, public and government boards and CEOs on strategy, governance, business development strategies and leadership assessment.

"Paul also has extensive not-

for-profit experience across many sectors.

"He has started NFPs, revitalised and merged NFPs, helped build social enterprises to over \$100m size and advises many NFP boards and CEOs on strategy, governance and performance.

"Currently he serves on the boards and committees of a number of organisations involved in public policy, overseas development, education, health and disability services, medical research, the arts and corporate governance."

His citation also stated that he was director of The Sydney Institute from 1998 to 2018, deputy chair and director of the Library Council of NSW from 2002 to 2008, and a member of the Australian Graduate School of Management Council from 1998 to 2008.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 20 Jan 2022  
Rob Ayling, Australian Honours and Awards Secretariat



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# PAUL TONKIN

Central Coast Local Health District  
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## Booklet commemorates Paul Tonkin's time with Central Coast Health District

NSW Health has published a printed 16-page booklet to celebrate the 27-year contribution of Woy Woy lawyer Mr Paul Tonkin to the board of the Central Coast Local Health District.

The booklet covers achievements of the Health District in that time, the roles that Mr Tonkin has taken with the Health District and testimonials from people who have come into contact with Mr Tonkin through his involvement.

The booklet includes a photographic record of his attendance at public events.

It says Mr Tonkin was approached by board chair Professor Don George in 1994 to join the board.

It reports him saying: "I've always thought it's important to give back to the community."

"I hoped I would be able use my skills as a young lawyer to assist the health service and the community."

"Health was an area of interest to me given my long family history with the health system."

"My mother was a matron of a hospital in Sydney and two of my uncles wer doctors."

When Paul joined the board in 1994, the hospital had 723 beds and an operating budget of \$159 million, serving a population of 250,000.

When he left in 2021, the

hospital had 940 beds, a budget of \$919 million, and served a population of 350,000.

The booklet stated: "Paul has played a vital role in guiding policies, plans and initiatives for our local healthcare services, with a number of key positions on committees and councils."

His key appointments included board of directors on August 1, 1994, vice-chair from 1996 to 2004, committee chair of health outcomes council 1995 to 1999, committee chair of quality healthcare council 1999 to 2004, and chair of the medical and dental appointments advisory committee from 2002 to 2004.

He was member of the Northern Sydney and Central Coast Area Health Advisory Council from 2005 to 2011.

He was deputy board chair from 2007 to 2011 and board chair from May 16, 2011, to June 30, 2021.

Among the many tributes across four pages of the booklet was that of current board member Ms Jennifer Eddy, a former chief executive of Woy Woy Community Aged Care, now known as Blue Wave Living.

She said: "Paul has always given to his community."

"It's in his DNA, passed down from his parents."

Current board chair Professor Donald MacLellan said: "It is a unique and extraordinary achievement to have committed

27 years to the Central Coast community as a member on various health boards.

"It is said that leadership has three essential qualities - integrity, insight and inclusiveness."

"You have demonstrated these qualities in abundance over the years."

"On a personal level, I am most grateful for your support and advice over the last two years that I have spent on the Board under your chairmanship."

"I would sincerely hope that I could be as successful as you have been."

"I am following in your giant footsteps."

Former chief executive Mr Matt Hanrahan said: "Paul taught me many things and one of the most important was as a leader - when to lead from the front, whento lead by being next to and when to lead from being behind."

"Central Coast Health is not the only beneficiary of Paul's energy and wisdom."

"He has long been a contributor to many key services on the Coast and many a sporting club on his beloved Peninsula."

"Paul is not only a great leader. He is also a committed family man, an accomplished sportsman, a successful lawyer with a passion for all things community."

SOURCE:

Media release, 19 Jan 2022  
Donald MacLellan, CCLHD





# Program announced for Opera in the Arboretum

The program for Opera in the Arboretum to be held at Pearl Beach at 3pm on Saturday, March 12, has been announced.

Tenor Mr Rosario La Spina, soprano Ms Jane Ede, baritone Mr Jose Carbo and soprano Ms Clarissa Spata will perform arias and duets from La Boheme (Puccini), Marriage of Figaro (Mozart), Pagliacci (Leoncavallo), along with much loved favourites such as Un bel di, The Pearl Fishers Duet and Libiamo.

The event is the major fund raiser for the Rotary Club of Woy Woy and "a chance to promote Rotary to the community", said club president Ms Julie Jones..

"Funds raised will allow our club to donate to various local organisations."

The performance will also include cellist Mr Sebastian Hibbard performing Oblivion (Piazzolla) and Elegy (Faure).

It will be supported by young players from the Central Coast Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Mr Patrick Brennan, with accompanist Mr Francis Greep on piano.

"The scene is set for another sublime afternoon of opera favourites and ethereal melodies



Jane Ede

amongst the trees," said Ms Jones. "After all, what can be better than sitting under the trees on your camp chair, glass of wine in one hand and nibbles in the other while listening to world class talent?"

"We truly are fortunate to be able to carry on the vision created by Rotary member, the late Mr John Greenway.

"What a privilege." Ticket prices range from \$40 for high school students to \$85 for adults. Entry to the arboretum will be from Opal Close, Pearl Beach.

SOURCE: Newsletter, 11 Jan 2022 Julie Jones, Rotary Woy Woy

# Little Theatre gears up for postponed play

A play that was originally to be presented at the Peninsula Theatre last August will now be opening on Tuesday, February 18, for 10 performances.

"In five weeks, we will be opening Spirit Level, the delightful play that was postponed from last August," said director Mr Graham Vale.

"Rehearsals have resumed, sets and props are being built, costumes fitted and lights designed.

"It's just like real theatre again. "We are reducing our seat capacity to allow increased distancing.

"We are operating under NSW Health guidelines as a CovideSafe registered organisation."

Mr Vale said the play was about two spirits, Jack and Susie Cameron, who have returned to the country cottage where they once lived.

They were refused entry into heaven. Jack is an atheist.

In life Jack (played by Geoff Hay) was a famous crime writer and Susie (Judi Jones) his sophisticated wife.

In death, they have been quite bored, scaring off the estate agent



(Frank Wiffen) and prospective tenants.

When Simon (Robert Alexander Maxwell) and Flic (Josie Ginty) come along, things change, said Mr Vale.

Simon is an aspiring crime writer himself and idolises Jack Cameron and Susie loves the idea that Flic is pregnant.

Flic's monstrous mother, Marcia (Jenna Arnold), is doing her best to separate them.

Simon gets writer's block, so Susie draws Jack in to helping him – so Jack and Susie become drawn in to Simon and Flic's lives.

Nothing works so Susie calls down her guardian angel (Fran Kendall), who, much to her surprise, actually shows up.

"She shows Jack and Susie

a rather unorthodox way to help Simon with his writing which also ends up producing some hilarious scenes of utter confusion," said Mr Vale.

All bookings and payments are to be made online.

"If you are unable to do this then we can do that for you," said Mr Vale.

"Please email boxoffice@woywoylt.com.au or phone 4344 4737 and a volunteer will call you.

"In the event the show or a performance is cancelled due to the pandemic, or any other reason, tickets are fully refundable or transferable to another show."

SOURCE: Media release, 14 Jan 2022 Graham Vale, Woy Woy Little Theatre



Liesl Tesch MP  
Member for Gosford

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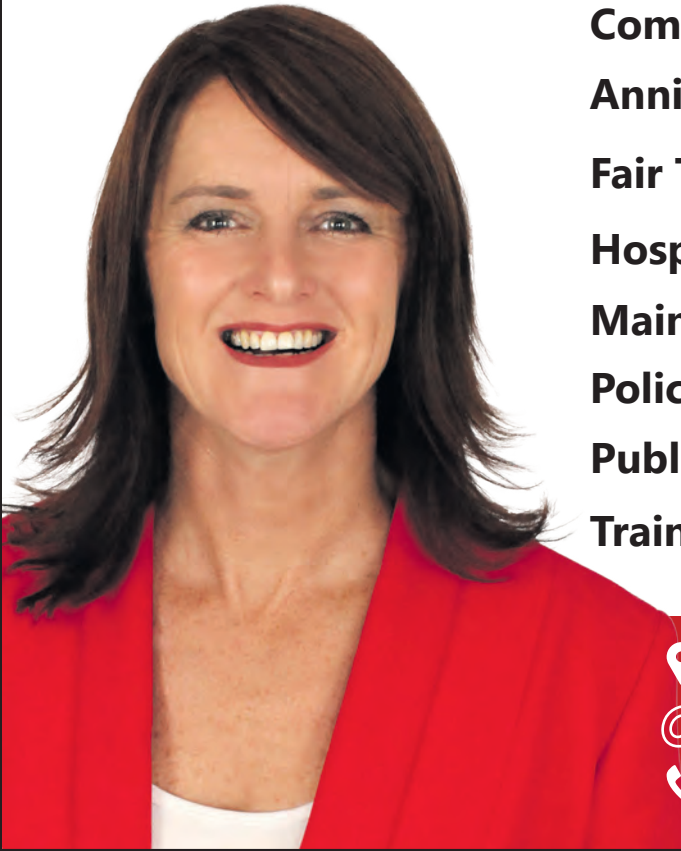
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Health

## Booster shots available after three months

From this week, a booster vaccination can be given as little as three months after the second Covid-19 shot at a State-run clinic, according to Central Coast Secretary Mr Adam Crouch.

Mr Crouch said: "Booster vaccines are not mandatory, but are highly recommended to help protect you, your family, friends and our community."

More information and booster bookings were available online at [www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/vaccination/get-vaccinated/boosters](http://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/vaccination/get-vaccinated/boosters), he said.

Mr Crouch said the photo was taken before the mask mandate was reintroduced.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 19 Jan 2022  
Adam Crouch, Central Coast Secretary



## Hospital offers new patients rapid antigen tests

**Brisbane Waters Private Hospital is offering rapid antigen tests for patients due to attend the hospital who cannot get a PCR test.**

"Under the guidance of NSW Health, we will need you to provide a negative PCR test from the 24 hours prior to your appointment," said chief executive Ms Debbra Ritter.

"We acknowledge that at this time there are some significant challenges and delays associated with PCR tests and result turnaround time.

"For this reason, if you are due to attend our hospital and can't get a PCR test, we will conduct a Rapid Antigen Test upon your arrival.

"This requirement extends to all who are attending our hospital, including day patients, and visitors with an exemption to attend the hospital.

"Please visit our website for further information."

SOURCE:  
Social media, 6 Jan 2022  
Debbra Ritter, Brisbane Waters Private Hospital

## Aged care forum organised by Labor candidate

**Labor Candidate for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid has organised an Aged Care Forum with Assistant Shadow Minister for Health and Ageing Ms Ged Kearney at Umina on Friday, February 4.**

"Labor wants to hear from voters in Robinson about their experience with aged care services," said Dr Reid.

"Whether you are old enough to require services for yourself or your partner, or a family member who cares for an ageing relative, this is an opportunity to come

along, share your experiences, listen and discuss how we can work towards positive outcomes for older Australians."

The forum will be held from 1pm to 2:30pm at the Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club in Umina.

Places are limited and registration is required and may

be made by email to [gordon@drgordonreid.com.au](mailto:gordon@drgordonreid.com.au) by Thursday, February 3.

For further information, call Ms Jo Lloyd on 0451 662 947.

SOURCE:  
Media release, 30 Jan 2022  
Michael Fine, Woy Woy

## Rip demo

**Umina Surf Life Saving Club has postponed its centenary celebrations, but proceeded with a "rip demonstration" at on Sunday, January 16.**

The demonstration included education on how to exit a rip.

Life savers also performed a CPR demonstration.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 12 Jan 2022  
Umina SLSC

Forum

## Rethink needed on flying national flag

**It is extremely disappointing to see that Central Coast Council has made the decision not to fly our National flag this Australia Day and also upcoming Anzac Day.**

Central Coast Council has made this decision, despite an overwhelming majority of people throughout our community wanting to celebrate these two important events with our national flag.

We live in the best region, in the

best state, in the best country in the world and we should be proud of it.

This is a very poor decision by Central Coast Council and I am writing to both the Administrator Mr Rik Hart and CEO Mr David Farmer encouraging them to seriously rethink this decision for future events.

SOURCE:  
Media release, 25 Jan 2022  
Adam Crouch, Central Coast Secretary

## Respect the real Australia

**There are many new residents arriving on the Peninsula and in the Bays.**

They were probably attracted to the area because of the natural beauty but like many of us they might not realise that we must be aware of certain things in order to keep it that way. For instance, the great display of yellow coreopsis along the verges are not a native flower. They are a weed.

I loved having agapanthus in bloom at Christmas but it is essential to dead head them after flowering. This is the same for

many plants.

Perhaps people forget that pets must by law be controlled in their owner's yard.

Cats particularly must be kept indoors for they kill many thousands of native species per year.

I watched a local dog in the Bays chasing the lyrebird round and round in a frenzy. It was very distressing.

The very soil must be treated with respect, for it contains many microbes, fungi and worms. We cannot live without this fantastic

bio diversity.

Australia Day is fast approaching.

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SOURCE:  
Email, 15 Dec 2021  
Margaret Lund, Woy Woy Bay

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Peninsula Junior Touch football club is looking for referees.

The referees will referee at the Junior State Cup on February 25, 26 and 27 in Port Macquarie.

For further information, email [admin@peninsulajuniortouch.com.au](mailto:admin@peninsulajuniortouch.com.au) or send a text to 0406 414 108.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 16 Jan 2022  
Peninsula Junior Touch



## Netball trials pushed back for sports academy

**Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association has told its members that opportunities still exist to apply for a place in the Central Coast Academy of Sport.**

The association said the academy had decided to push back the trials for this year's program until late January, due to

the extensive lockdown period in 2021.

Interested and eligible athletes should apply online at <https://thinksport.force.com/s/applications>.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 17 Jan 2022  
Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association

## Women soccer players wanted

**Southern and Ettalong United Football Club is seeking women players for the coming season.**

A meet and greet and information meeting was held at the clubhouse at James Browne Oval last week.

Training and trials have also started at 6.15pm each Tuesday

and Thursday at Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina campus.

For further information, contact Augusto Terra on 0410 997 987 or Marcus Warrick on 0400 690 977.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 18 Jan 2022  
Southern & Ettalong United Football Club

## Soccer club seeks authors of clubhouse graffiti

**Southern and Ettalong United Football Club is reviewing video footage, after its clubhouse was tagged with graffiti on New Year's Eve.**

The club executive was considering offering a reward in an attempt to identify those responsible.

"The clubhouse has been built over the years by many of our members who have volunteered countless hours to provide our great facilities," said club president Mr Glen Balneaves.

Removal of the graffiti was "money-wasting" and the club was hoping those responsible would be found and made accountable.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 2 Jan 2022  
Glen Balneaves, SEUFC



## Junior Lifesaver of the Year finals

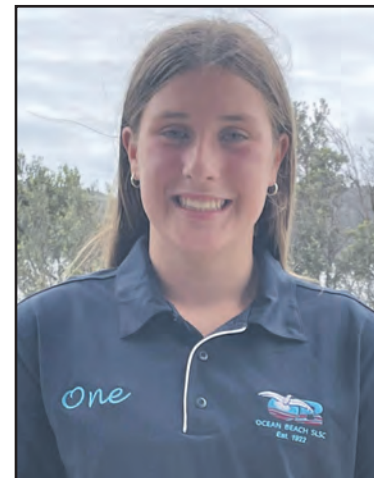
**Both Ocean Beach and Umina Surf Life Saving Clubs were represented at the Central Coast Junior Lifesaver of the Year finals.**

Zara Tucker and Billy Hawksley represented Ocean Beach (below), while Matilda Lawrence and Kai'zen Legget represented Umina (above).

The 2021/22 Junior Lifesaver of the Year interview and practical assessment was held on January 17.

In social media posts, both clubs were proud of their representatives' achievements.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 17 Jan 2022  
Ocean Beach SLSC  
Umina SLSC



## First interclub bridge competition in two years

**Members of Brisbane Water Bridge Club will play interclub bridge teams competition at Gosford on Thursday, February 3.**

Members of Long Jetty, Bateau Bay and Gosford clubs have been

invited to enter teams in the first interclub teams event in the region since March 2020.

Play will start at 9:30am at Central Coast Leagues Club with director Mr Ronnie Ng

Online entries will be accepted

until January 26.

It will be a Red Masterpoint event, open only to members of the four clubs.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 6 Jan 2022  
Brisbane Water Bridge Club

## Education

## MP urges young people to apply for youth parliament

**Applications are now open for the NSW Youth Parliament, a program designed to bring the voice of youth to NSW Parliament, said Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.**

Ms Tesch is encouraging young people in Years 10, 11 and 12, or the equivalent age range, to apply, to communicate the concerns of young people and ignite change.

"Youth Parliament is a program I look forward to every year.

"I realise most of the decisions we make today are going to impact the lives of young people.

"There are also problems people my age have never encountered that young people are currently navigating, like learning online and the lessening opportunity to socialise as a result of the pandemic.

"These issues are unique to the youth of today and it is crucial we have representatives who can be the voice of our region and evoke a change in policy to benefit their generation and the many generations to come."

The program includes legislative

debate and decision making exercises, with two camps and several other meetings scheduled in.

Ms Tesch said the NSW Youth Parliament had made tangible differences with about six pieces of legislation passing into NSW Law, including the Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme.

"As a former high school teacher and in my role as the Member of Parliament, I have been honoured to meet so many young people ready to speak their mind on policy that impacts them.

"Particularly in this day and age, there is a heightened need not only to hear but, most importantly, a need to listen to youth and seriously consider policy they want to push forward."

Applications close 28 February at 5pm.

More information is available at <https://www.ymcansw.org.au/community-services/youth/youth-parliament/>.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 31 Jan 2022  
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

## Teachers and parents concerned about return to school, says Tesch

**Teachers and parents are concerned with the measures being taken in returning students to schools, according to Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.**

"With school students across NSW set to return to the classroom, parents and teachers are apprehensive about returning to work and sending their kids back to school," she said.

She said the Ettalong-Woy Woy Teachers Association had said the plan was worrisome for many teachers and families.

She reported branch president Mr Chris Wright saying: "Rapid antigen tests are meant to be such a crucial part of the Government's scheme to keep schools open but the details of how that's going to work is still vague.

"How are we going to get students and teachers to get tests on a consistent basis and do we even have enough?

"We also know you can be

infectious with Covid for a number of days before you return a positive rapid test – so it is not a silver bullet.

"Adding to our concern is that Covid affects you worse the older you are.

"Largely the students will be less affected in terms of how they will be impacted by the virus if they contract it.

"I'm in my 50s and I am concerned."

"I don't want to be told let's loosen the rules on close contacts and let's just keep schools open.

"Individuals have rights and we are not just resources to be exploited just to keep schools open."

Ms Tesch said parents had told her they wanted to keep their children home until they were fully-vaccinated.

She reported parent Ms Jane Park saying: "I think it is reckless to send kids back to school if they are not fully vaccinated.

"It is sort of endangering the community because most likely there will be an outbreak and it will spread to more than just the school community.

"It will be the whole community.

"I am concerned about my daughters picking up the virus and passing it on to myself or my elderly mother."

Ms Tesch said Premier Perrottet's "let it rip" attitude had caused pain for so many.

"There's genuine concern among both parents and staff about letting Covid rip through our local schools.

"Unlike schools in Victoria our schools are yet to receive air purifiers and there's no plan to distribute these."

The Perrottet Government instead have said they will be distributed "where they are needed".

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 25 Jan 2022  
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford



Sport

Cycling group issues its own Covid guidelines

**Central Coast Bicycle User Group has issued its own guidelines “under the current circumstances with a high and increasing daily number of Covid-19 cases”.**

This is despite the NSW Health Order stating that “anyone can participate in sport, exercise, and outdoor gatherings”, and that check-ins, face masks and vaccinations are not required.

The bicycle group is asking riders to follow eight guidelines “for everyone’s safety”.

The group is asking riders not to join a ride if they are not feeling well, have not felt well in the few days prior to a ride or are considered a “close contact” and only to join a ride if you are fully vaccinated.

They are being asked to register for rides, and to keep group sizes to 10 or less.

They are being asked to follow Covid-safe practices whenever practical including checking-in at cafes, wear masks when not drinking or eating; maintain 1.5m from others and not sharing tools or equipment.

Rest and coffee stops should be in outdoor settings, and “no kissing and hugging”.

“If you become Covid-positive within five days after participating in a ride, advise the Bicycle User Group as soon as possible.

“We can then advise other ride participants.”

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 4 Jan 2022  
Alan Corven, Central Coast Bicycle User Group

Pennant unfurling at Ettalong

**Ettalong Bowling Club will hold an unfurling of its 2021 pennants on Saturday, February 12.**

The day will start with a meeting and information session for all State pennant final players and managers in Grades 1, 3 and 5.

The flags will be unfurled at

12:15pm, followed by a sausage sizzle at 12:30pm.

Bowls will be played from 1pm for those with names on the social sheet.

Trial matches for State finalists are scheduled for March 12.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 18 Jan 2022  
Ettalong Eagles Ettalong Eagles



Ben joins 1000-run club

**Ben Willoughby has joined the 1000-run club for Southern Spirit Cricket Club.**

Ben scored 54 not out in his

seventh grade match on January 8.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 15 Jan 2022  
Southern Spirit Cricket Club



Mark Ella inducted as Legend in NSW Hall of Champions

**Woy Woy Rugby Club honorary member, former Australian Rugby Union captain, Mark Ella has officially been recognised by SportNSW as a Legend in the NSW Hall of Champions.**

Ella was inducted as a Legend at the NSW Champions of Sport Awards held by the peak non-profit sports organisation on Monday, January 24.

He was selected as a 2020 winner of the award, but the induction was deferred to this year’s ceremony due to the coronavirus.

“Mark Ella is widely recognised as not only one of the greatest Rugby players that Australia has produced, but also one of the best that the world has seen,” said SportNSW media manager Mr Greg Campbell.

“A superbly gifted fly-half, Ella and his brothers were educated at Matraville High in Sydney where he was introduced to the game.

“The school’s first XV won the NSW Combined High Schools Waratah Shield in 1976 with all

three Ellas playing, and again in 1977 with Mark leading the side.

“Mark toured the UK with the famous ‘Invincibles’ 1977 Australian Schoolboys side who won all 19 matches.

“He played club Rugby for Randwick, guiding them to five consecutive Premierships between 1978 and 1982.

“Mark came to the fore in senior representative sides in 1980 in a Man of the Match performance for Sydney in a stunning 13-all draw with the All Blacks and then for NSW in a tight loss to the tourists.

“Ella debuted for Australia in the 1980 Bledisloe Cup when the Wallabies won a three-Test series against New Zealand for the first time in over 30 years to retain the trophy, with Ella figuring strongly.

“In all, he played 25 times for Australia, ten as captain, but is perhaps best known for his feats on the 1984 tour to Britain, where the Wallabies became the first Australian team to beat all four home nations.

“Ella created his own piece of history on the ‘Grand Slam’ tour,

scoring a try in each of the four Tests.

“Mark is the first and only Indigenous player to captain the Wallabies.

“Mark’s sublime handling skills and brave positional play, flat and close to the half-back, created extra room for his outside backs to exploit.

“In 1984, he stunned the Rugby world by announcing his retirement just as he was reaching the pinnacle of the game.

“In 1997, Ella was inducted into the International Rugby Hall of Fame and in 2005 became one of the original inductees to the Wallaby Hall of Fame.”

As an honorary member of the Woy Woy Rugby Club, Mark Ella has received the highest honour the club can bestow on a person who is not a member of the club.

The individual receiving it must have made a significant contribution to the club.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 27 Jan 2022  
Greg Campbell, Prism Strategic Communications

Junior grading sessions at Umina United

**Umina United Soccer Club will hold its junior grading sessions between February 8 and 19.**

Players aged from Under-8 to Under-16 must attend both grading days for their age group.

Under-5s, Under-6s and Under-7s teams are not graded, and only need to attend their team allocation sessions on February 12.

Players need to be registered to attend the grading and allocation

sessions.

Grading sessions will be held at Central Coast Sports College, Karing, on Tuesdays, February 8 and 15.

The Under-14s, Women’s 14s, Under-15s and Women’s 16s sessions start at 5:15pm.

The Under-13s start at 6:30pm.

Grading sessions will be held at Brisbane Water Secondary College, Woy Woy Campus, on Saturdays, February 12 and 19.

Sessions will be held on both days at 8am for Under-8s at 8am, Under-9s at 9.15am, Under-10s at 10.30am, Under-11s at 11.45am and Under-12s and Women’s 12s at 12.45pm.

Allocations will also be held at the college on Saturday, February 12, with Under-5s at 1.45pm, Under-6s at 2.30pm and Under-7s at 3.15pm.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 16 Jan 2022  
Umina United Soccer Club