



Students help Clean4Shore in Riley Bay

Hawkesbury River flood debris in Brisbane Waters has been removed by students from Brisbane Waters Secondary College's Umina Campus at Rileys Bay on the seaward side of the Rip Bridge, according to Clean4Shore co-ordinator Mr Graham Johnston.

"A large emptied chemical drum

was reported two weeks ago by the Bouddi Bushcare group with volunteer Dave Reed assisting the student in the removal of this item and more products from deep mangroves in this secluded bay," he said.

"With Simon returning and Damo assisting the students, the barge required pushing into the shallow waters for the task of loading the 580 kilos of foreshore

rubbish and small litter.

"Supervising teaching staff praised the efforts of the students, showing quality team work and self-confidence to get a difficult completed.

"Bright autumn sunshine made for an enjoyable morning, with a healthy Clean4shore lunch to finish the day," said Mr Johnston.

SOURCE:
Social media, 6 Apr 2022
Graham Johnston, Clean4shore

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Mark Snell, 1 Nov 2021



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Chamber renews call for railway crossing traffic lights

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has renewed its call for traffic lights at the intersection of Rawson Rd and Railway St, Woy Woy.

"The Chamber made approaches to Central Coast Council back in April 2019 for the installation of traffic lights at the intersection in a bid to improve safety at the rail crossing without the necessity of spending millions of dollars on expensive underpass or overpass solutions", said Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales.

"There is never going to be a case in the foreseeable future for the replacement of the rail crossing with an overpass at the base of Bulls Hill which proved far too expensive and would never have met the cost-benefit thresholds with a projected cost of \$120M".

"It's well past time to accept that a more modest and cheaper solution needs to be considered", said Mr Wales.

"With the existing intersection at the Rawson Rd rail crossing becoming more congested and an increasing safety risk, the Chamber wants the NSW State Government to re-consider installing traffic lights with traffic lights on the western side of the rail crossing".

"The existing rail crossing warning lights and boom gates should be retained as part of major synchronised upgrade of the intersection", he said.

"These improvements would improve traffic flow and safety both during normal traffic conditions and when the rail crossing is in operation.

"This option is increasingly important with the prospect of

the Ocean Beach-Rawson Rd intersection due for reconstruction in 2024 with a resulting increase in traffic using Railway St as a bypass route", said Mr Wales.

"Without these upgrade works, the vehicle and pedestrian safety concerns at the rail crossing intersection will increase not only from the extra bypass traffic but with commuter conflicts crossing the rail line heading and returning from the M1.

"The Chamber is extremely disappointed that neither Central Coast Council nor the NSW State Government have made any substantive reply since 2019 to our request for the intersection upgrade", said Mr Wales.

SOURCE:
Media release, 2 Apr 2022
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

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The newspaper's editorial policy reflects a desire to reinforce the Peninsula's sense of community.

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The newspaper is not regional or national in nature, so regional or national issues will not be canvassed except as they affect the Peninsula.

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

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

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.

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Parents elect new committee

Ettalong Public School's Parents and Citizens Association has held its annual meeting to elect a new committee.

The 2022 executive team for the association includes president Ms Kerry McMorro, vice-presidents

Ms Jennifer Luke and Ms Mary Pooley, secretary Ms Kylie Becker and treasurer Ms Raechel Neville.

Taking the non-executive role of uniform shop co-ordinator is Ms Rebecca Hutchison.

Anyone wanting to get involved in association projects should email epspandc@gmail.com.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 22 Mar 2022
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong Public School

Book sale

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy is planning its annual PCYC book sale, and is seeking donations.

Club member Mr Vic Brown is organising the sale.

"If you have any books, hold on to them," said club president Ms Julie Jones.

"We appreciate all donations, provided they are in good condition."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 5 Apr 2022
Julie Jones, Rotary Woy Woy

Flare disposal

Emergency flare disposal will be available at Woy Woy at the end of April.

It will be available at the Lions Park boat ramp, North Burge Rd, Woy Woy, on Saturday, April 30, from 7am to 10am.

SOURCE:
Social media, 31 Mar 2022
Marine Rescue Central Coast

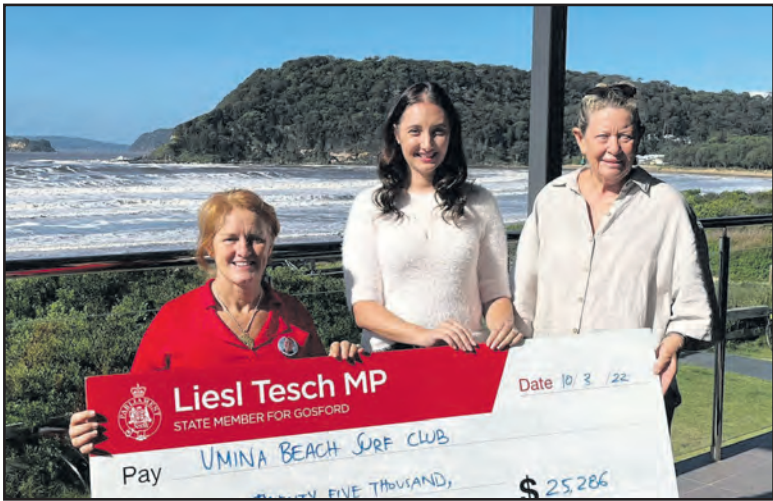
Trivia night

Woy Woy soccer club will hold at trivia night at the Everglades Country Club at 5:30pm on Saturday, April 30.

The first social evening of the season will have prizes, games, a silent auction, dancing and entertainment.

Dress theme will be the letter W. Tickets are \$10 each or \$180 for a table of 10.

SOURCE:
Social media, 31 Mar 2022
Woy Woy Football Club



Surf club wins \$25,000

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has presented the Umina Beach Surf Life Saving Club with a grant of \$25,000 for upgrades to the club.

"It was a pleasure to be able to award them funding to get these improvements underway

through my Community Building Partnership program," said Ms Tesch.

Pictured are club members Ms Rebecca Simonet and Ms Wendy Cook receiving the cheque.

SOURCE:
Social media, 26 Mar 2022
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

Third highest daily rainfall in 18 years

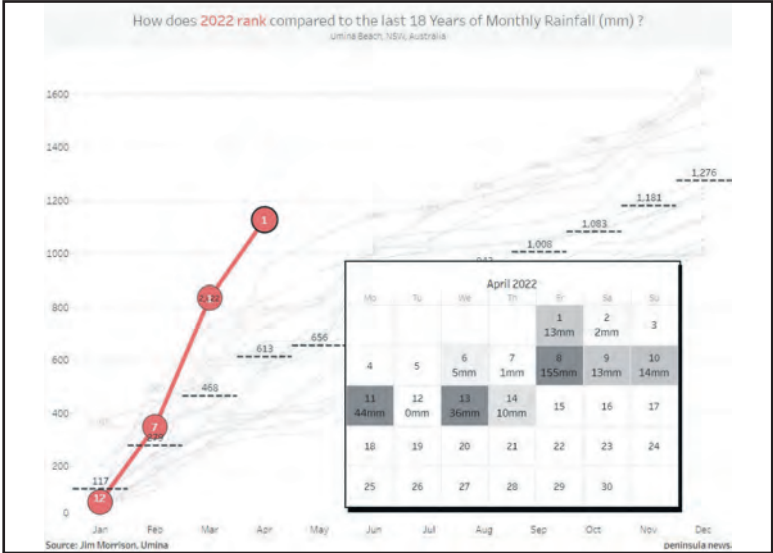
The third highest daily rainfall in the last 18 years on the Peninsula was recorded earlier this month.

A fall of 154.7mm was recorded in the 24 hours to 9am on Friday, April 8, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

A fall of 161mm was recorded on February 9, 2020, and the highest daily fall of 165mm was recorded on January 19, 2015.

Mr Morrison has recorded more than 1000mm in 11 weeks, since February 1.

OURCE:
Spreadsheet, 4 Mar 2022
Jim Morrison, Umina



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Waterwatch testing in Teatree Creek

Year 7 science students at Brisbane Water Secondary College have participated in a Waterwatch Citizen Science activity.

The water-testing exercise was undertaken at Teatree Creek, which runs through the college's Umina campus.

"Waterwatch develops an understanding of the sustainable use and management of catchments and the health of our waterways through hands-on, discovery-based learning experiences," said Umina campus principal Ms Kerrie O'Heir.

SOURCE:
Social media, 23 Mar 2022
Kerrie O'Heir, BWSC Umina



Wicks promotes commuter carpark

Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks was at Woy Woy railway station last Tuesday, April 12.

She was promoting Federal funding for the Woy Woy commuter car park.

"Construction will start by the end of this year and include new lighting, a footpath and CCTV to keep locals safe," she said.

SOURCE:
Social media, 12 Apr 2022
Lucy Wicks, Member for Robertson



Chamber opposes special rate rise extension

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has opposed the extension to the Central Coast Council Special Rate Variation which extends the approved three year rate rise for the further seven years.

Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales said: "This is particularly unacceptable when we are told by the Council that the rate hike is necessary to simply maintain existing services and that no new works will be undertaken in the foreseeable future."

"Effectively, ratepayers in the south will be slugged an extra 30 to 40 per cent over the next 10 years but get absolutely nothing for it", said Mr Wales.

"It is the Chambers view that this is an over-simplistic solution to the Council's \$565M debt problem as opposed to a more responsible approach to paying down its debt obligations."

"This comes at a time when suburbs like those on the Peninsula are falling into neglect with our local road network lacking kerb and gutter, stormwater drainage and footpaths. Roads are potholed and crumbling before our eyes."

"It is an absolute embarrassment that the Peninsula, which is one hour from Australia's premier City of Sydney, has 70% of roads without kerb and gutter and drainage".

"On top of this, our town centres of Umina Beach, Ettalong Beach

and Woy Woy are barely being maintained by Central Coast Council where we are now being told that maintenance services will be further slashed due to Council's financial woes", said Matthew Wales.

"To add insult to injury, our beachfronts are a disgrace with weed-infested dune areas, eroding shorelines and sub-standard surf club carparks and forecourt areas."

"And we shouldn't forget our overgrown parks and reserves, neglected streets riddled with weeds and potholed roads."

"Rather than take the easy road, the Chamber wants the Council to think more laterally than simply slugging the ratepayer for more money."

"The Council should be further investigating the sale of surplus land and assets rather than capping those sales at the \$60M threshold required by the bank. If the land or asset is not productive or useful, sell it off and pay down the Council debt."

"Peninsula residents have had enough of being Council's cash cow and getting nothing in return", said Mr Wales.

"We have waited long enough for improved roads, services and community facilities. Nothing for the next 10 years is simply unacceptable."

SOURCE:
Media release, 2 Apr 2022
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

Murphy drops defamation action

Central Coast Council has confirmed that no settlement payment has been made by Council in relation to former chief executive Mr Gary Murphy's defamation claim against Council and former interim administrator Mr Dick Persson.

Mr Murphy filed a Notice of Discontinuance of the matter in the District Court of New South Wales on Thursday, March 24.

SOURCE:
Media release, 25 Mar 2022
Central Coast Council

Region's first rainbow dance party for 12-17 year olds at Umina PCYC

The region's first Rainbow and Friends dance party for 12 to 17 year olds will be held at Umina PCYC from 6pm on Friday, April 22.

The dance party is free, but those attending must have a ticket to enter.

Organised by the Naughty Noodle Fun Haus, creative director Ms Glitta Supernova said the spirit of the dance party was a place "where we can dress to express ourselves, bring a mate or a date or come on your own and meet new friends".

"Spend the night celebrating

with other beautiful rainbow youth and their friends.

"Everyone is welcome here."

"We are a safe space for everyone and there is zero tolerance for anything less than acceptance of all people."

Youth workers from the PCYC and from Headspace would be present to "ensure everyone has a safe and supported experience".

Ms Supernova said there would be free pizza, soft drinks and juices and a free "pop-up make-up booth for party transformations from 90s to Glamour, Drag or Festival".

There would be spaces to get changed into costume and to chill

out.

She said there were "strict policies ensuring all volunteers and staff comply with child safety laws and checks, and strict rules ensuring the event is drug, smoke and alcohol-free."

The event would be a "parent-free zone", and there was a parent information link on the Naughty Noodle website.

"This is a safe space to be you."

Doors will open at 5:30pm and close at 10pm at the PCYC at 101 Osborne Ave, Umina.

SOURCE:
Social media, 29 Mar 2022
PCYC Umina Beach



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Ferry operator regrets Opal exclusion

Local ferry operator Central Coast Ferries has express regret that it is excluded from the Opal ticketing scheme, and is not included in free travel over the Easter school holidays.

"It's a decision made by Transport for NSW, not Central Coast Ferries."

Transport for NSW announced last week that, for 12 days during the Easter school holidays, commuters would be able travel for free across Greater Sydney by

train, bus, light rail, Metro and ferry.

The Central Coast is included in the fare-free days which run from 4am on April 14 until 3.59am on April 26.

SOURCE:
Social media, 29 Mar 2022
Central Coast Ferries

Arts



Swing into Jazz at Pearl Beach

Pearl Beach Memorial Hall will host a Swing into Jazz evening on May 14.
It will feature George Washingmachine with Jim Pennell on guitar, Brendan Clarke on double bass and Andrew Dickeson on drums.
“The band have selected a terrific range of tunes penned by some of the world’s greatest composers, the arrangements are freewheeling and give each member a chance to show off their considerable skills,” said Pearl Beach Progress Association

publicity officer Ms Lynne Lillico.
“Concert proceeds will go to Memorial Hall upkeep and environmental initiatives.”
Drinks will be available for a donation.
The evening starts at 7:30pm.
Bookings of tickets costing \$45 are essential and may be paid by card or cash.
Phone 4344 2319 or email lilli77@bigpond.com for further information.
SOURCE:
Website, 20 Mar 2022
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association

Tutor holds exhibition at Gosford

A watercolour tutor from the Ettalong Beach Art and Craft Centre is holding an exhibition in Gosford.
Tutor Ms Judith Hoste has an exhibition at Gosford Community Gallery East Gosford.
SOURCE:
Social media, 14 Apr 2022
Peter Mulholland, EBACC



Helpers sought for charity sewing project

The Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre is seeking helpers for a charity project
“We are seeking experienced people to help sew in our charity project called Boobs and Bags,” said president Mr Peter Mulholland.
“This project makes comfort cushions for breast cancer patients

on the whole of the Central Coast, which are distributed by the breast care nurses at Gosford Hospital.”
Anyone wanting to help should be fully vaccinated and call Dorothy on 0400 224 440.
SOURCE:
Social media, 20 Mar 2022
Peter Mulholland, EBACC

Patchwork achievements

Patchwork group members at the Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre have recently shared their achievements.
They included a “stunning” Rachel Daisy heart quilt and a “gorgeous” batik quilt, according to centre president Mr Peter

Mulholland.
“A couple of weeks ago Ally showed us this gorgeous pin cushion that she made with her first ever patchwork blocks.”
SOURCE:
Social media, 5 Apr 2022
Peter Mulholland, EBACC



Health



New staff at aged care home

Nine new staff members have joined a Umina aged care facility.
The new staff at Peninsula Village include two care partners, a catering assistant, four new domestic staff, an aged care

assistant, and one school-based traineeship in care services, pictured above.
They join another nine employed two weeks earlier, pictured below.
SOURCE:
Social media, 14 Apr 2022
Colin Osborne, Peninsula Villages



Building works at aged care home

Major building works at a Woy Woy aged care home have progressed well despite delays due to rain.
Demolition and excavation work are continuing, according to Blue Wave Living chief executive Mr Matt Downie.
“The majority of perimeter fencing is now in place, and excavation works on the eastern side of The Shores in preparing the pad level is well progressed,” he said.
Demolition work and excavation

was continuing around the western side of The Shores, and including areas to the rear of the main kitchen-delivery yard area, the chapel and waste area, and the northwest corner of The Cove courtyard.
“All these spaces are being re-built over the coming months, including a new chapel, a new waste collection area, and a rebuild and extension of our main kitchen, and a new delivery yard area.
“The main air conditioning units servicing The Shores eastern

wings will have to be temporarily relocated to allow the works to continue on that end.
“There will be periods where the air conditioning will not be operational during the week on some days.
“However the builder will try to keep those outages as short as possible.
“On the eastern end, in-ground plumbing work is expected to get underway.”
SOURCE:
Social media, 25 Mar 2022
Matt Downie, BlueWave Living

Hospital was finalist in clinical awards

A Woy Woy hospital has been name a finalist in the Clinical Excellence category of the Australian Private Hospitals Association Awards.
Brisbane Waters Private Hospital presented its Caring for Kids program as part of the Awards, said chief executive Ms

Debbra Ritter.
“We’re proud to be among three finalists recognised for our approach to paediatric patient experience and care.
“When it comes to supporting our littlest patients, the biggest reward for our team is seeing the smiles on their faces and the

impact this has on their parents.
“Our Caring for Kids program helps to transform stressful experiences into adventures and is a source of pride for our staff.”
SOURCE:
Social media, 5 Apr 2022
Debbra Ritter, Brisbane Waters Private Hospital

Reid launch at Ocean Beach

Federal Shadow Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government, Mr Jason Clare joined Labor candidate for Robertson, Dr Gordon Reid, for his campaign launch on Saturday, April 9.

The launch was held at Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club, where he was joined by family,

friends, and members of the Australian Labor Party to listen to his vision for a better future for the Central Coast.

Among those attending were State and Federal Labor parliamentarians.

SOURCE:
Media release, 8 Apr 2022
Gordon Reid, Labor candidate for Robertson



Field day events postponed

Central Coast Council has informed Bays Bushcare that the Community Field Day events has been postponed from April 10 until May.

The events are expected to include guided bushwalks and a

barbecue.

However, a small group of volunteers proceeded with a sale of native plants from the Community Environment Network.

SOURCE:
Media release, 9 Apr 2022
The Bays Community Group

Removing graffiti

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has taken time out to remove graffiti from the big Umina chair at Umina Beach.

"Please do not graffiti our beautiful community furniture," she said.

SOURCE:
Social media, 14 Apr 2022
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford



Water police lead outrigger rescue

Broken Bay Water Police headed a multi-agency operation to rescue six people who entered the water after their outrigger canoe capsized in the large and powerful swell east of box head.

It is understood the experienced crew was having its usual Saturday morning training session, when a "freak wave" on an otherwise calm day hit causing the canoe to overturn,

The paddlers boarded a Marine Rescue boat and the canoe was towed back to shore.

No-one was injured. Water police reminded all boaters to be cautious.

"Although the winds are light, large and powerful waves are still present."

SOURCE:
Social media, 16 Apr 2022
Marine Area Command, NSW Police



Liesl Tesch MP
Member for Gosford

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Education

Open day for next year's kindergarten

Ettalong Public School will hold its open day for parents of Kindergarten 2023 on Thursday, June 9. Relieving principal Ms Jodie Campbell said it would be an opportunity to learn about formal schooling, how kindergarten and Ettalong Public School operates and enjoy a range of student performances.

She said those attending would "hear about the wide range of curricular and extra curricular programs and activities available to our students and take a guided tour our school grounds".

SOURCE:
Social media, 11 Apr 2022
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong Public School



Easter presents for Hammond Care

Woy Woy South Public School students have made Easter presents to Hammond Care residents. They presented letters and Easter chocolates to "Grandpa Fred" and other residents. The gifts gave the Hammond Care residents "so much joy", said school principal Mr Matt Barr.

SOURCE:
Social media, 12 Apr 2022
Matt Barr, Woy Woy South Public School



Night under Stars held at Woy Woy campus

Brisbane Water Secondary College held a Night Under The Stars at its Woy Woy campus earlier this month. "The music students put on such a fantastic set of music of all genres," said campus principal Ms

Rebecca Cooper. "The students, who participated in preparing and performing on Monday night, supported each other so well and I'm so proud of you all. "I'd also like to thank the Year 12 Photography students for

videography and photography on the night. "It was truly wonderful to see so much support from our teachers, families and community."

SOURCE:
Social media, 8 Apr 2022
BWSC Woy Woy

Planter box built over two days

Year 10 construction students at Brisbane Water Secondary College have built a mobile planter box over two days at the school. Career advisor Mr Michael Strappazzon said: "There were two days involved, one being an information session and the other the practical day at school." Three organisations supported the project: Construction Trade Qualifications, Regional Industry Enterprise Partnerships and Central Coast Group Training. "We look forward to future projects with these partners," said Mr Strappazzon.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 30 Mar 2022
Michael Strappazzon, BWSC Woy Woy



Baby Harper is born

Ettalong Public School teacher Ms Beck Crowther and her partner Andrew have announced the birth of their baby Harper Mabel on Friday, April 8. "The incredibly proud, first time parents are completely in

love and enjoying being with the newest member of the family," said relieving principal Ms Jodie Campbell.

SOURCE:
Social media, 13 Apr 2022
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong Public School

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School band recruits members

Umina Beach Public School band is still recruiting members for this year. "We will be commencing classes in term two," said principal Ms Karen Wardlaw. "We have a variety of different instruments, including flutes, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone and euphonium." The band will be part of the Central Coast Conservatorium's school band program.

The program offers small group lessons at school with specialist instrumental teachers. It offers whole band rehearsals with experienced Conservatorium conductors and opportunities for performances at school and external events. "This is a great opportunity to learn an instrument and play in the school band," said Ms Wardlaw. "The Conservatorium charges fees of \$195 which must be paid

for the entire term regardless of attendance. "The school hires instruments at \$45 to cover on-going maintenance, service and repair of instruments, the purchase of music, new instruments and other musical equipment. "These hire fees are due each term and can be paid via the school website."

SOURCE:
Social media, Yester2022
Umina Beach Public School

Busy month for Umina bowling club

April has been a busy month at Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club with Scroungers restarting, Easter events and Pennant nominations being taken.

Club president president Mr Tom Burgmann said the Scroungers mufti event would be held "every Sunday afternoon when we have green space available".

"The initial handicaps will be based on pennant gradings."

The Easter Saturday Mixed Triples was played with three games of 10 ends.

On Easter Monday, the women's club ran a mixed turnaround triples tournament over 21 ends.

Mr Burgmann said: "Pennant nominations are closing on April 28.

"At the moment we only have 36 nominations, which is only enough for three Pennant sides with no reserves.

He said he was hoping for at least one more Pennant side.

"We are also going to allocate points towards the Bowler of the Year and Achievement Awards for those players who participate in Pennants."

The club will hold its 2021 Presentation Day on Saturday, April 30.

"This will be an evening event, with presentations, a meal, music, dancing, entertainment and a lot of fun," said Mr Burgmann.

Tickets are \$25 a head.

SOURCE:

**Social media, 7 Apr 2022
Peter Springett, UBMBC**

Riley wins five gold medals in Australian championships

Riley Moore has won five gold medals in the Australian Age Para Swimming Championships in Adelaide with five personal best times.

He won the 50m freestyle in 26.85, giving him a world ranking of sixth.

He won the 100m freestyle in 57.97 for a world ranking of seventh.

He swam the 100m fly in 1.05.68 for a world ranking eighth.

He swam the 50m backstroke in 32.05 for ranking second in the world.

He swam the 50m fly in 29.40 for a world ranking of seventh.

Riley began swimming at the Peninsula Leisure Centre when it opened in 2005 and has continued through to the squad program, under coach Graeme Carroll.

SOURCE:

**Social media, 13 Apr 2022
Peninsula Leisure Centre**



Southern and Ettalong United appoint new junior director

Southern and Ettalong United Football Club has appointed a new junior technical director.

He is Jason Van Blerk, who has a distinguished playing career as a professional spanning 16 years in Belgium, the Netherlands, England and Australia, according to club president Mr Glen Balneaves.

He has played for Millwall, Manchester City, West Bromwich Albion and Hull City.

"Jason played 33 times as a Socceroo and represented Australia at Youth and School Boy level," he said.

"Jason has recently had senior coaching roles with GHFA Spirit FC and the Central Coast Mariners Academy."

Mr Balneaves said: "It is exciting times for all our junior players and our club.

"Jason is passionate regarding youth development.

"With Jason overseeing our youth program it certainly provides development and opportunity pathways for our junior players.

"Many of our juniors players currently travel off the Peninsula at great expense for potential pathways.

"We believe with Jason's appointment our juniors now have greater opportunities."

SOURCE:

**Social media, 29 Mar 2022
Glen Balneaves, SEUFC**



Shane wins through to quarter finals

Umina Bowling Club member Shane Waddell has won through to the quarter finals of the Zone 15/BCC 2021 Champion of Champions Singles Championship at his first attempt.

Club secretary Mr Peter Springett said Shane had a good win 31 - 24 against Brett Colman of Ourimbah on April 10,

"Shane came up against one of the championship favourites, Shane White from Ettalong.

"Shane Waddell played very well, but went down to Shane White 31 - 19."

SOURCE:

**Social media, 10 Apr 2022
Peter Springett, UBMBC**

Ettalong Major Singles champion

Adam Lewis has won the Ettalong 2022 Major Singles Championship.

Adam won the championship over Alan Thornhill 25 - 15on the weekend of April 9 and 10.

SOURCE:

**Social media, 15 Apr 2022
Peter Springett, Bowls CC**

Physie club has women's classes

Woy Woy Recreational Physical Culture Club is seeking women aged 30 to 60 years, beginners to advanced, to join its women's classes.

Classes are held Tuesday mornings at 9.30am, and Tuesday and Thursday nights at 7pm.

"Our Thursday night class was

a blast this week," organisers said.

"The kids can't have all the fun.

"Escape the house and socialise while getting fit, dancing up a storm and having fun.

"It's never too late to join."

SOURCE:

**Social media, 26 Mar 2022
Woy Woy Recreational Physical Culture Club**



Ninth in men's open flags

Ocean Beach SLSC member Will Adams came ninth in the Australian men's open flags on Saturday, April 9.

Club members followed Will, who came up through the juniors at Ocean Beach.

They watched him online, with events from the Australian championships being streamed.

SOURCE:

**Social media, 9 Apr 2022
Ocean Beach SLSC Juniors**

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Sport

Charity bridge day for flood relief

Brisbane Water Bridge Club held its Flood Relief Charity Day at its Monday Open competition on April 11.

North-South results were:

1 Chris Hasemore, Hope Tomlinson 213.0 (63.39 per cent), 0.35 red points

2 Jorgen Boettiger, Julie Teague 185.0 (55.06), 0.25.

3 Christine Hadaway, Chris Hannan 184.0 (54.76), 0.18.

4 Meg McGregor, Hilary Owen 181.0 (53.87).

5 Sally Clarke, Janet Clarke 158.0 (47.02).

6 Joan Walsh, Marilyn Whigham 138.0 (41.07).

7 Felicity Fane, Heather Brown

117.0 (34.82).

East-West results:

1 Linda Cunningham, Jo Ampherlaw 187.0 (55.65), 0.35

2 Ed Vaughan, Robin Vaughan 177.0 (52.68), 0.25

3 Noel Crockett, Shirley Crockett 176.0 (52.38), 0.18

4 Jaan Oitmaa, David Snow 173.0 (51.49).

5 Susan McCall, Pamela Joseph 170.0 (50.60).

6 Jim Routledge, Marcelle Goslin 160.0 (47.62).

7 David Howells, Sue Eastman 133.0 (39.58).

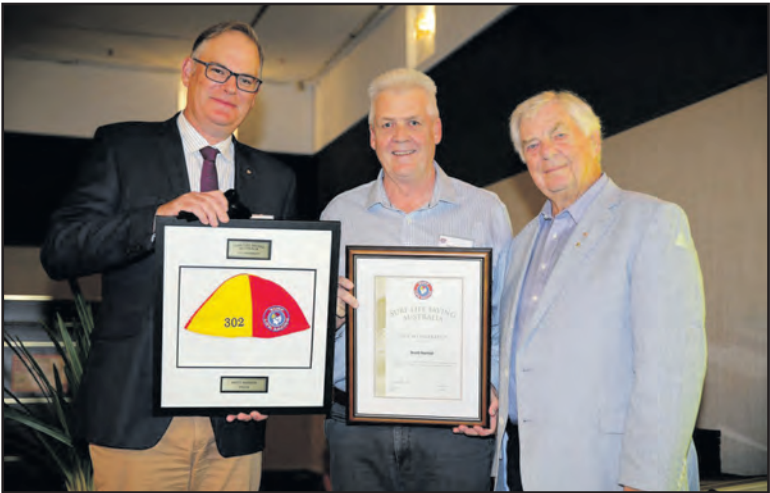
SOURCE:
Website, 14 Apr 2022
Brisbane Water Bridge Club

Brett Harrod officially inducted as SLSA life member

Umina Surf Life Saving member Brett Harrod has been officially inducted into Surf Life Saving Australia Life Membership with cap number 302 at the Australian championships.

Brett Harrod has made a sustained and distinguished contribution to surf life saving, according to Surf Life Saving Australia president Mr John Baker.

Brett has been president of Umina SLSC, Surf Life Saving Central Coast, Surf Life Saving New South Wales and a director of Surf Life Saving Australia.



“As a SLSA Board member, Brett chaired and facilitated working groups that implemented a number of lifesaving initiatives that have been implemented nationally by SLSA and other states,” said Mr Baker.

“Brett achieved the SLSA strategic goal of financial sustainable by securing \$24 million to build eight new surf lifesaving clubs, allowing them to generate revenue and engage with the local community.

“Further to this, Brett expanded surf lifesaving services by leading and managing the implementation of the commercial operations of SLSNSW services that included the lifeguard and commercial training of SLSNSW.

“Other significant achievements included developing the Standard Operating Procedures

for lifesaving services and a state-wide emergency services response system which created a national best practice standard.

“He introduced the 13SURF 24-hour rescue call out service.

“He developed a national event venue selection matrix which enabled a review of venues against a criteria to determine its suitability to conduct events, as well as a revised bid hosting criteria and agreements.

“In addition to all of this, it is Brett’s 46 years of membership in Australia’s most iconic volunteer movement where he has found joy, connection and most definitely made a difference.

“He has created wonderful friendships from all around Australia and overseas, had opportunities for personal development through mentoring and participation, seen and been involved with some of

the greatest athletes and water people in the world and been involved in the development of the world’s best lifesaving technology and resources.

“After 15 years, he is part of a group that created the surf lifesaving tagline, ‘create great Australians and build better communities’, he believes it is still so relevant and exactly what we do or aspire to do.

“He sees this take place through training, saving lives in the aquatic environment, developing athletes, creating health and fitness pathways and providing development for youth and nippers.”

Brett Harrod is pictured with SLSA president John Baker and SLSA life governor Alan Whelpton.

SOURCE:
Social media, 11 Apr 2022
Umina Surf Life Saving Club

Tributes for Lyle Besley

A memorial service has been held for Mr Lyle Besley, who died early this month.

Mr Besley was involved with the Woy Woy Roosters RLFC and the Woy Woy Juniors, as well as the Woy Woy and Southern Spirit cricket clubs.

Both the Roosters and Southern Spirit paid tribute to him in social media posts.

“Bez was apart of the Roosters back in the 80s and a much loved character,” the Roosters’ post said.

“He was also a big part of the Woy Woy juniors as a trainer, coach and committee member.

“He was always there to help set up the oval in the early mornings and happy to be there packing up and enjoying an ice cold refreshment at the end.

“Bez touched a lot of lives, and with his dry humour, love of the Sharkies, Elvis impersonations and the occasional Tooheys New.

“He would always put a smile on peoples faces where ever he went.”

The Southern Spirit post said: “Lyle was involved with both Woy Woy and Southern Spirit cricket clubs for many years as both a player and junior coach and was a popular club man.



“Lyle’s quiet, easy going manner, dry humour and outstanding Elvis impersonations always brought a smile to those around him.

“He was a great friend to many in the local cricket, rugby league and golfing communities and will be missed by many.”

The private memorial service was held on April 14, attended by close family and lifelong friends.

He is survived by his wife Tiffany, and his children Jon, Lisa and Luke.

SOURCE:
Social media, 15 Apr 2022
Woy Woy Roosters RLFC

Extra dollar idea for Umina lucky bowler draw

Umina Beach Men’s Bowling Club president Mr Tom Burgmann is considering an idea that could see some lucky Thursday bowlers go home with more money than they came with.

“We have had a suggestion from one of our members that an extra dollar for Thursday entry fees could be used for a lucky bowler draw, initially on Thursday afternoons.

“This would mean entry fees for Thursday would be \$10, consisting of eight dollars for green fees, one dollar for the jackpot draw and one

dollar for the lucky bowler draws.

“Using the numbers on the entry sheets for the draw, all of the money from this extra \$1 would be given out on the day in the form of \$20 prizes, then \$10 or five dollars prizes until all monies were distributed.

“If there are any odd dollars, they could then go into the wrong bias charity tin.

“For example, if we have 76 players, there would be three \$20 winners, one \$10 winner, one five dollar winner and one dollar would go into the wrong bias charity tin.”

Mr Burgmann said: “I thought this was a good idea, as it would

give the players another incentive to play, as they would then have winning and losing rinks, jackpot draw and the lucky bowler draws.

“Where else can you get an afternoons entertainment for \$10 with the possibility of going home with more money than you went out with?

“This lucky bowler draw has been given approval by the committee if the majority of Thursday bowlers are in agreeance.

“If it ever stops raining, we will have a vote when Thursday bowls is on.”

SOURCE:
Social media, 7 Apr 2022
Peter Springett, UBMC



Sports hall closed

The sports hall at the Peninsula Leisure Centre will be closed until Tuesday, April 26, for floor resurfacing works.

There will be no 8.30am Active Over-50 group fitness class on

Tuesday, April 19.

All group fitness classes until Sunday, April 24, will be delivered in the group fitness studio.

SOURCE:
Social media, 15 Apr 2022
Peninsula Leisure Centre

Southern and Ettalong United Football Club is looking for an enthusiastic and tech-savvy person to assist with social media in the coming season.

“The position would involve working closely with our current marketing members,” said club president Mr Glen Balneaves.

“The person would create and present content on our social media platforms, such as Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Lion TV.”

For further information, contact him on 0407 454 963.

SOURCE:
Social media, 27 Mar 2022
Glen Balneaves, SEUFC

eninsula Ducks Softball Club president Ms Di Barrymore has been presented with an award by the Central Coast Softball Association.

She was awarded the 2021-22 CCSA Association Member the Year.

SOURCE:
Social media, 21 Mar 2022
Peninsula Ducks Softball Club

Tech-savvy person wanted

Softball