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## Green Grid could see Peninsula tree planting projects

Central Coast Council has resolved to “endorse the Central Coast Green Grid Plan: Our Place” as “a key informing document for LGA-wide and local place planning activities”.

The plan listed a number of “potential projects” which include a number of tree planting projects for the Peninsula.

They also included additional commuter parking in Woy Woy, upgrades The Masonic Temple on Railway St, Woy Woy, and to re-establish an ocean pool at the southern end of Umina Beach with signage about the history of the pool that was there in 1960s and 1970s.

One potential project was to develop “priority planting concept plans” for the Peninsula “to inform operational street upgrades and

tree planting programs”.

Eleven of the Peninsula projects were said to have originated in “community feedback from workshops 2020”.

These included weed removal and new native plantings at the south end of Umina Beach where the headland begins and more native tree planting in Memorial Park along Brickwharf Rd, Woy Woy, highlighting its significance.

Others included tree planting for shade at sporting field peripheries such as Lemon Grove Park Netball Courts, James Browne Oval, Austin Butler Oval, Umina Oval and at Kitchener Park, Ettalong.

Street tree avenue planting was identified for the north side of Brisbane Ave, linking to Ocean Beach Rd; for Trafalgar Avenue from Wellington St to The Esplanade; and for Lone Pine from Rabaul Ave to Ocean Beach Rd.

Other projects included historical signage and additional landscaping at the Governor Phillip Memorial near the Rip Bridge in Blackwall, and Ettalong viewing platforms with indigenous and local history signage.

Another potential project was to link the Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland pocket behind Jasmine Greens Cafe to the creek, by planting of banksia and other endemic species and adding a walking track and signage.

The restoration of Pearl Beach lagoon, the Brisbane Water Cycling Loop section from Woy Woy to Kincumber, and mountain bike trails for the Broken Bay Sport and Recreation Centre in the Hawkesbury River were other listed projects.

SOURCE:  
Central Coast Council  
agenda 2.5, 26 Apr 2022

## Biodiversity and archaeological studies at Woy Woy tip

A “reallocation” of \$90,000 has been made in Central Coast Council’s budget for biodiversity and archaeological studies at Woy Woy tip.

The reallocation will also allow for road renewal and speed humps at the tip, as well as “pumps and pipework wheel wash area Buttenderry”.

The item was listed under 03.05. Waste and Resource Recovery

Management in Attachment 9 General Fund Materials and Services Proposed Budget Reallocations.

SOURCE:  
Central Coast Council  
agenda 2.2, 26 Apr 2022

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As founding honorary editor, this is the 23rd year I have taken on the responsibility for the news content of Peninsula News on behalf of the non-profit community group which owns it.

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Mark Snell, 20 Feb 2022



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# Peninsula News

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## Floating Landcare removes weeds

The Floating Landcare group joined Clean4shore to remove weeds from the secluded Lobster Beach beach.

Masses of polystyrene were removed from just 200 metres of rocky foreshore near Half Tide Rocks, said Clean4Shore Mr Graham Johnston.  
"The polystyrene and plastic pieces were not visible from the water and required 'rock hopping' to find the debris from behind the rocks.  
Large buckets, pieces of tank plastic, oyster trays and 12 bags of polystyrene and plastic bottles were removed, he said.  
"The Floating landcare group removed lantana and bitou bush with eight volunteers making the



barge trip to Lobster Beach.  
"Floating Landcare is funded by Clean4shore with two trips completed each month in the barge.  
"Community volunteers are welcome on these trips."  
**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 27 Apr 2022  
Graham Johnston, Clean4shore

## College wins \$500 youth week award

Brisbane Water Secondary School has been granted \$500 from Central Coast Council for its Youth Week Awards.  
It was one of "three local schools awarded in the nominator category, with each receiving \$500 to implement a program or activity that positively benefits students".  
Council administrator Mr

Rik Hart said the awards were developed to acknowledge the contributions of local young people from diverse backgrounds and abilities.  
"I am delighted to congratulate each of the award winners and nominees in the first Central Coast Youth Week Awards," Mr Hart said.  
"Each of our award winners should be extremely proud of being recognised by their community for their achievements and contributions that help make our home a better place."  
Award winners included Brisbane Water Secondary College student Charli Grant for "Excellence in Education".  
**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 27 Apr 2022  
Rik Hart, Central Coast Council

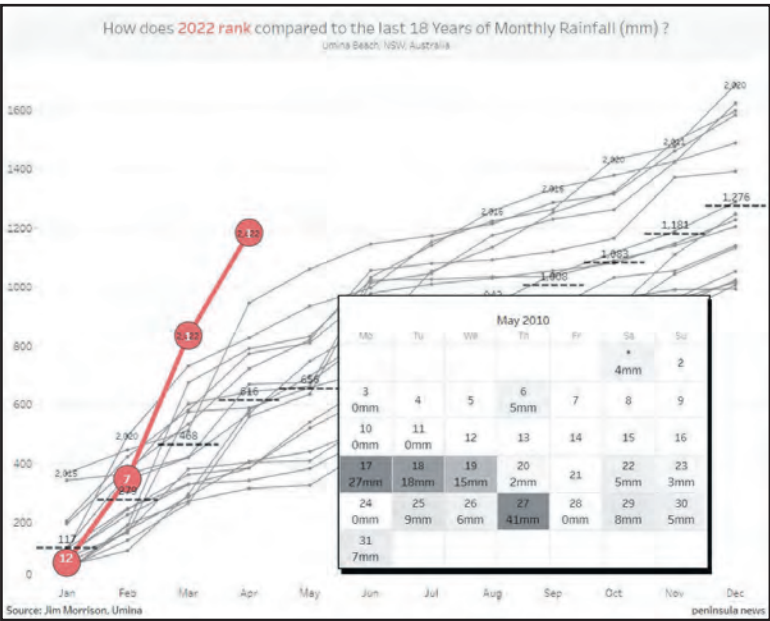
## Cross country run held at the school

Woy Woy South Public School held its Year 2-6 cross country run at the school.  
The event was to be held at Rogers Park, but was moved to the school when Rogers Park was closed due to the weather.  
The races started at 11:45am with the oldest children.  
It finished at 1:10pm with the youngest children.  
**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 29 Apr 2022  
Woy Woy South Public School



## Second highest March rainfall recorded

The Peninsula recorded 349.4mm of rain during March, the second highest March rainfall in 18 years.  
The highest March rainfall was 431.9mm in 2015.  
The March rainfall brings the year-to-date total to 1183.7mm, just 7.2 per cent below the yearly average of 1275mm.  
The total is more than the average cumulative total at the end of November of 1180mm.  
Of the total, 1118.9mm was recorded over February, March and April.  
Only 65mm fell in January.  
May's average rainfall is 75mm.  
**SOURCE:**  
Spreadsheet, 29 Apr 2022  
Jim Morrison, Umina



## Residents' association makes eight submissions

A meeting of the Peninsula Residents' Association has been told that the association has made eight submissions to Central Coast Council and other authorities since it started last September.

Submissions have been written for the council's Green Grid policy, the proposed new Woy Woy ambulance station and the council's draft housing strategy, association chair Mr Mark Snell told the meeting on April 19.

Submissions were also made on the State Government's draft Central Coast regional plan, its "New Approach to Rezoning", the council's "delivery program", to IPART opposing the extension of the rate rise and about the council's management of the Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland.

Mr Snell said the association had identified a number of issues of concern.

These included strategic planning, medium density housing, high density rezoning and development, the heat island

effect and lack of shade trees and vegetation, flooding and ground water, provisions for walking and cycling, council rates and financial management.

Specific issues were the Pelican Park playground, Blackwall Rd intersections, Mt Ettalong reserve and the impact of regional facilities on the community.

"The Peninsula Residents Association aims to serve as a non-partisan forum and give the Woy Woy Peninsula community a collective voice on matters affecting its quality of life," he said.

He said the association held committee meetings fortnightly, general member meetings once every two months and themed public meetings or workshops three or four times a year.

The association is seeking new members.

Further information about the association can be found on its website at <https://www.peninsularesidents.org.au/>

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 30 Apr 2022  
Jen Wilder, WWPR



## New bush firefighters at Pearl Beach

**Pearl Beach Fire Brigade has six new bush firefighters.**

They completed their assessment on Saturday morning, April 30, demonstrating a range of foundational skills spanning the operation of pumps and hoses, hand tools, and radios.

"Being qualified in bush firefighting adds to our capacity to assist in protecting our community during bushfires and other emergencies," the brigade said in

a social media post.

The Pearl Beach Brigade is looking for members from the Peninsula, including Umina, Ettalong and Woy Woy and surrounds, as well as from Pearl Beach.

For further information, send an email to [secretary.pearlbeach@ccrfs.org.au](mailto:secretary.pearlbeach@ccrfs.org.au).

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 30 Apr 2022  
Pearl Beach Brigade, NSW RFS

## Classic cinema club starts in Pearl Beach

**The Pearl Beach Classic Cinema Club will meet 2:30pm this Wednesday, May 4.**

It will then meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month through winter.

A joining fee of \$20 is charged and then \$5 per film afternoon

including light refreshments or a drink for a donation.

Following each film, there will be an opportunity to have a light-hearted discussion.

For further information, contact 4344 2319.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 26 Apr 2022  
Pearl Beach Progress Association

## Ettalong lacks open space, study finds

**Ettalong does not have enough open space unless a 200 metre radius is included in the calculation, a study presented with the Central Coast Green Grid has found.**

Ettalong centre had just 0.01 hectare of public recreation land zoned RE1, a deficit of 39 hectares.

"This analysis found that all centres exceeded the target of three hectares of open space per 1000 people, using the 2016 population numbers when the planning area for open space included the centre, plus a 200 metres distance," the study found.

However, even including the extra 200 metres, more than half the population of Ettalong were outside a 200 metre radius of public open space.

"Greater availability of open space should be integrated into development plans," according to the Access to Open Space report, attachment five to the Central Coast Green Grid Plan.

The Ettalong Beach centre had a 2016 population of 12,660 and contained 58.2 ha of public open space within 200 metres the centre.

"Based on this population, there is 20.3 hectares of additional public open space above the target.

"While there is sufficient open space, only 48.6 per cent of residents were within a 200 metre radius of open space.

The predominant open space consists of foreshore beach reserves in the south of the centre and a number of 'local' parks.

It also included the inaccessible southern escarpment of Blackwall Mountain.

The report acknowledged: "These analyses did not consider the quality of the open space or the type of recreational opportunities that are available, including whether these are currently restricted.

"Some areas of bushland with limited recreational opportunities are zoned RE1, making them unsuitable for playing ball sports but suitable for jogging or walking if trails occur.

"Further research is needed to determine if the location of available recreational types relate to the local demand."

Similarly, with Woy Woy, "there is currently 32.9 hectares of public open space within and adjacent to



the Woy Woy centre".

"Based on a 2016 population of 4722 people, there is 18.7 hectares of additional public open space above the target."

However, the map accompanying the report showed recreational land to include the multi-storey commuter carpark at Deepwater Plaza, a large area of inaccessible mangrove foreshore in Woy Woy Bay, Woy Woy library, paved carparks and the restricted area of Woy Woy oval.

The report states: "While there is sufficient open space, only 73 per cent of residents were within a 200 m radius of open space.

"The open space in this centre consists of a number of large sporting facilities, such as Woy Woy Oval, which offer quality opportunities for active recreation.

"However, there is a low number of smaller 'local' parks."

Elsewhere in the report, it states: "In areas of current and predicted high density, it is important to provide diversity in open space to serve the diverse demographic.

"As the Central Coast priority growth areas face increasing

development pressure to meet new housing and employment targets, it becomes even more important to develop an open space network that improves the accessibility and quality of open space.

"It is recommended that these areas have a renewed focus on the implementation of greening initiatives and public domain improvements, to improve the existing open space and where possible provide additional areas of open space."

The report explained that the study area of each centre was based on a permitted floor space ratio greater than 0.6:1, and included a 200 metre distance catchment.

The study area used the ratio rather than existing town center boundaries, as it was often larger than the town centre boundary.

The number and percentage of dwellings and people within 200 metres was found to give an indication of "the level of 'walkability' for each centre".

**SOURCE:**  
Central Coast Council  
agenda 2.5, 26 Apr 2022



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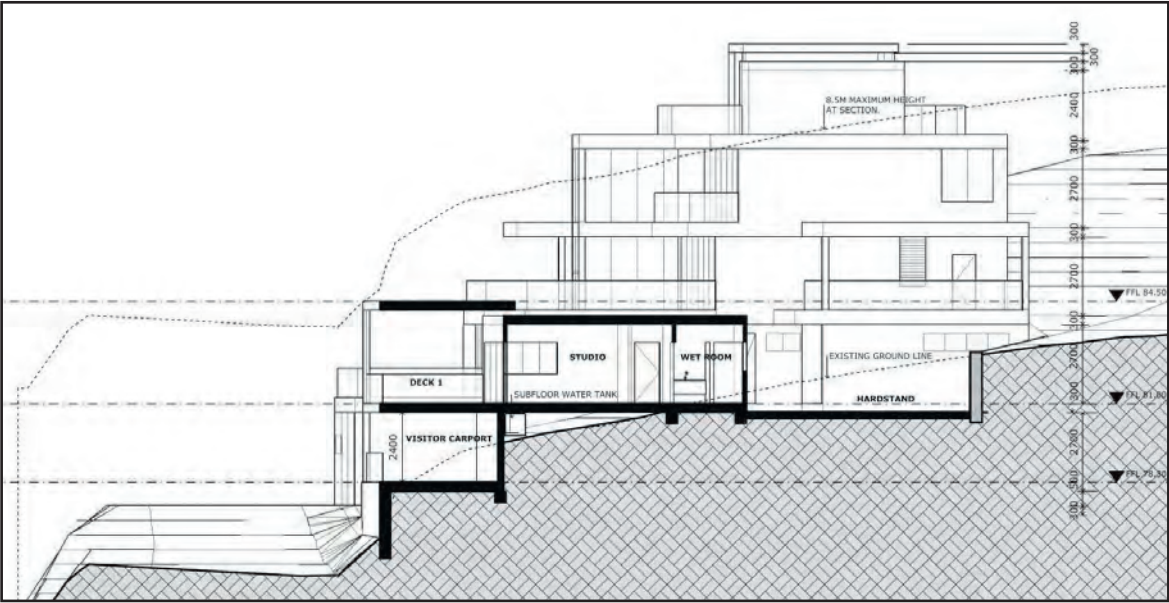
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## Five-level proposal for The Sanctuary

Central Coast Council has received an application for a five-level residence at 11D The Sanctuary, Umina Beach, with a swimming pool and detached studio with a total cost of almost \$1.3 million.

The application submitted by architect Mr R J Blackmore states: "The proposed development is consistent with the desired character of Umina 10 – Woodland Hillside.

"The design intent is to construct a new dwelling that nestles amongst the surrounding properties with least impact to same.

"The residence consists of multiple split levels and with a faceted footprint to best follow the natural contours of the land.

"The northern side of the residence opens up to abundant natural light and outlook and the south side is very private and robust and provides a solid anchorage to the existing bedrock."

An arborist's report catalogues 31 trees, of which 29 are proposed to be removed.

The report states: "That the removal of 29 remaining trees, which will be subject to major and unsustainable levels of encroachment, is approved subject



to the provision of compensatory replacement planting."

The application states: "Existing vegetation (is) to be managed in accordance with bushfire requirements.

"The bushland setting (is) to be complimented with preference for indigenous and drought-tolerant plant selections."

It says the proposal complies with the council's development standards: "The proposed design complies with DCP2013."

Both floor space ratio and site coverage would be below the maximum permitted.

It claims the building would fit within the permitted building envelope.

"The proposed development does not breach maximum height limit of 8.5m."

The Bushfire Hazard Assessment Bushfire produced by Bushfire Planning and Design concludes: "Regardless of the variable 40-47m of managed land to the north, north east and north west, the effective slope being greater than 20 per cent downslope will create a possible flame length of in excess of 70m.

"Defendable space is provided however an insufficient Asset Protection Zone is provided to avoid flame contact.

"It is a requirement that the proposal is submitted to the NSW Rural Fire Service for their review."

A review by the NSW Rural Fire Service is not visible on the Council's planning portal.

The application, at time of writing, had a status of "advertising notification".

However council staff advised that the public exhibition period ended on April 28.

Adjoining residents were advised of this development application by mail but it was not included in "current development applications" on the Central Coast Council website and would not have appeared in Council's Connect eNews.

**SOURCE:**  
**DA Tracker, 30 Apr 2022**  
**DA505/2022, Central Coast Council**

## Six-unit development to remove 'high value' trees

Central Coast Council has received an application to build and strata subdivide six two-storey three-bedroom townhouses over two lots at 3 Ridge St and 53 Broken Bay Rd, Ettalong.

The proposal does not comply with setback, building spacing or floor space ratio requirements of the planning provisions, and removes all trees from the site including two of "high retention value".

"Units 1 to 4 will present to Broken Bay Rd and Ridge St, with Units 5 and 6 presenting to the rear lane," according to the application submitted by consultants Barker Ryan Stewart for the Follow Property Group.

Four of the units will have double garages and the other two single garages.

"A common pedestrian access point is provided centrally through the development, providing access from Units 5 and 6 to Broken Bay Road.

"Private open space areas are provided both in the rear yard areas of the proposed units, as well as within first floor balconies.

"The development adopts an overall building line of six metre to the Broken Bay Rd and Ridge St frontage, excluding the front porch and first floor balcony, which are proposed with a 4.5m setback.

"Units 5 and 6 support a zero lot line to the rear laneway.

"The development proposes a 900mm setback to the western and eastern side boundary to Units 1 and 4, and 1.15m and 2.85m to Units 5 and 6 respectively. These setbacks are increased at the first floor level to each elevation."

The floor space ratio of 0.549:1 which exceeds the planning provision limit of 0.5:1.

The deep soil area is 282 square metres which is 22 per cent



of the site.

The strata subdivision proposes lot areas between 248 square metres for Lot 1 and 273 square metres for Lot 4.

"The development provides deep soil zones of 0.9m along side boundaries, which is less than the 2.0m requirement," the application states.

"The proposed setbacks ensure sufficient deep soil areas and landscaping are provided for the development.

"Separation is provided in accordance with this control for the majority of the development, with the exception of a variation at the distance between Unit 4 and 6 where separation is reduced to 4.84m."

The trees to be removed from the site include five angophora floribunda, two of which were described in the arborist report as having "high retention value" and one "moderate retention value".

A public notification plan showing the design of the proposed buildings was not available last week on the Central Coast Council's planning portal.

**SOURCE:**  
**DA Tracker, 29 Apr 2022**  
**DA 1052/2022, Central Coast Council**

## Planning panel unanimously rejects Paton St application

The Central Coast Local Planning Panel has unanimously refused development application 61493/2021 for 95 Paton St, Woy Woy.

The application was for a multi-dwelling housing development, which would have retained the existing dwelling on site and added two further three-bedroom dwellings.

The application was recommended for approval by council planners.

The decision was made at the Panel's online meeting on April 21 which heard four speakers against the application and owner Mr Thomas Bowyer speaking for the application.

One of the speakers against, Mr Ventry Bowden, a neighbour,

spoke of the complete lack of privacy that would ensue when he was sandwiched between two multi dwellings.

He said that a lot of things had changed in Paton St over the years and they were not always good such as speeding "rat runners" and the rise of multi dwellings.

Ms Sue Fletcher spoke about the numerous non-compliances contained in the application.

She also complained that the changes made to the drawings by the applicant after the initial exhibition were not clear and they should have been re-exhibited.

Ms Fletcher said that the community was not asking for design excellence just adherence to minimum standards.

Mr Francis Wiffen spoke about the amount of work that the Council itself had put into producing the

planning provisions and how it would become meaningless if this application, with so many non compliances, was approved.

He also challenged the basis of the applicant's 4.6 variation on lot size.

He said a large area that should have been deep soil would now be covered in concrete.

It was therefore untrue to claim that there was no increased environmental impact caused by using a smaller lot size, he said.

Applicant Mr Bowyer claimed that there were only 10 unique submissions and the rest were copies.

He argued that if a duplex was built it would result in even smaller setbacks than the ones being complained about.

He also spoke about how Woy Woy already had a housing crisis

before the pandemic and that it had got a lot worse with the migration of Sydneysiders to the Coast.

When questioned by the panel on why he had decided to retain the original house he replied that it was for affordability reasons.

He stated that since he put in the application a year ago construction had become even more expensive by a large margin.

Other possibilities for the site, such as a duplex or secondary dwelling were not economically viable, he said.

The Panel's reasons for rejecting the application included the statement: "Compliance with the minimum lot sizes standard would not be unreasonable in the circumstances of the case, and there are insufficient environmental planning grounds to justify contravening that development

standard.

"Further, the Panel considers that the proposed development will not be in the public interest because it is inconsistent with the objectives of the development standard and the objectives for development within the R1 General Residential zone in which the development is proposed to be carried out."

Other reasons given by the Panel included that "the proposal is an overdevelopment of the site by virtue of the ... nature of the built form (retaining the existing dwelling), inadequate landscaping, lack of deep soil planting ... lack of provision of adequate private open space".

**SOURCE:**  
**Local Planning Panel agenda 3.2, 21 Apr 2022**  
**DA/61493/2021, Central Coast Council**

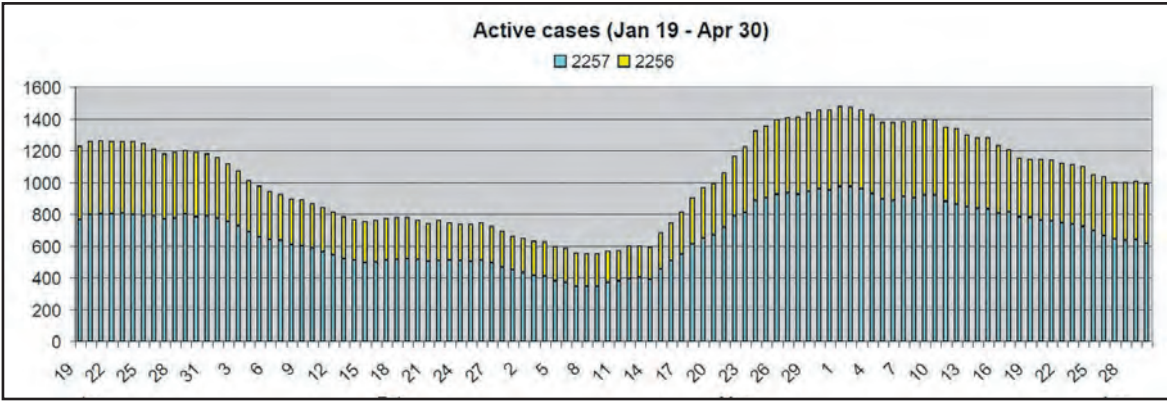
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Health



## Flown to Westmead after injury at college

A teenage boy was taken by Careflight helicopter to Westmead Childrens Hospital after being injured at Brisbane Water Secondary College on Wednesday, April 27.

The report from the NSW Central Coast Incident Alerts social

media page also said an adult female was transported by road to Gosford Hospital.

The report said the two people had been injured after a one person fell from a balcony onto another person below.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 27 Apr 2022  
NSW Central Coast Incident Alerts

## Cases level off at 1000

Active coronavirus cases on the Peninsula have levelled off at around 1000 over the last four days.

Numbers have dropped to about two-thirds of the high of 1479 on April 1, but are still well above this year's lowest figure of 548 on March 8.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 1 May 2022  
Covid data and statistics, NSW Government

## Lesbian workshops held at Ettalong

Lesbian meet-up workshops with Nia and Ageless Grace Playshops will be held at Ettalong over four Saturdays until May 21.

Both the Nia and Ageless Grace Playshops will be conducted by lesbian women who are trained educators in these modalities.

They claim over 40 combined years of experience in education and health, and over 20 years combined experience specifically in teaching and training in Nia and Ageless Grace.

Nia Playshops aim to empower lesbian, queer and trans women to feel comfortable in and connected to their own bodies through movement and music.

Nia supports participants to embrace movement and

expression in their own body's way to support healing and growth in their physical, emotional, cognitive and spiritual selves, according to the organisers.

Ageless Grace Playshops cater for and support our elders in the lesbian, queer and trans community as well as lesbians with a disability to find health and well being through movement, music brain stimulating exercises and creativity.

Ageless Grace encourages social interaction, playfulness and fun, and empowers participants to feel stronger and more confident.

Register at <https://naughtynoodle.com.au/whats-on/playshops/>

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 27 Apr 2022  
Coastal Twist Festival

Forum

## Megacity thought bubble lacks substance

A little while back, our Premier released a thought bubble about an East Coast Megacity, and, now, it seems that a legislative framework has been set up to give some semblance of reality to the idea.

Of course, over the years, we have seen many administrative structures come and go, with great promises of the benefits they were going to confer but with little or no impact on the ground.

Does anyone recall the fanfare that accompanied the appointment of our modern Coordinator-General so recently, and can anyone point to a single improvement that resulted from that appointment?

Even more recently, the Greater Sydney Commission was hailed as a moving force towards transformational action in Central Coast, but has anyone seen any impact, after all the talk at the time?

Appointing a new Commission

bears more resemblance to the action of a Council in appointing a subcommittee than it does to a real-world attempt to meet the needs of the six cities involved in this initiative.

The powers of this new Commission are undefined, the qualifications of the Commission members are uncertain, and the relationship of the Commission to all the other actors involved in regional development seems as nebulous as ever.

Confidence in this new move would have been strengthened, if somebody had defined beforehand exactly why this body was needed, exactly how it would function and exactly how it would link to the local government authorities who make up the megacity.

As it is, it looks more like political grandstanding with no substance and no recognizable role, beyond providing a few jobs for the boys.

Of course, we have the usual mantra about "streamlining the

planning process" which, by now, we all recognize as code for reducing community involvement in all planning decisions and offering developers the freest possible rein in undertaking profitable projects.

Other than that, I have yet to see a statement that indicates that anyone has grasped what would be required to establish a workable megacity.

What I foresee is just more opportunities for squabbling about the priorities of the constituent parts of the megacity, with no sense of principles, goals, standards or implementation mechanisms that should underpin a real new direction in regional integration.

In other words, just another bass-ackwards political gesture whose real intent is probably yet to emerge but which will, almost certainly, prove to be to our disadvantage.

**SOURCE:**  
Email, 30 Apr 2022  
Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy

## Little athletics holds AGM

Woy Woy Peninsula Little Athletics will hold its annual general meeting and presentation night on Saturday, May 13.

Our annual meeting will be held at Ettalong Diggers at 5.30pm ahead of the presentation night at 6pm.

All members are invited to attend and nominations for the

committee are encouraged.

The Season Presentation will be held in the Ettalong Diggers Broken Bay Ballroom following the meeting.

A light dinner will be provided to all athletes on the night.

Athletes should wear their uniform.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 22 Apr 2022  
Woy Woy Peninsula Little Athletics

## Traditional custodians challenge council 'accord'

A group of local "traditional custodians" is challenging Central Coast Council's adoption of a "Central Coast First Nations Accord" which recognises the Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council at their expense.

Direct descendant of historical figure Bungaree, Mr Paul Craig said: "Council has rightfully stated that native title has not been successfully claimed in this area."

He said: "The Guringai were the traditional custodians of the coastal region and the Darkinoong were our neighbours to the West."

"People need to learn the distinct difference between Darkinjung Land Council and the Darkinoong people."

Mr Craig said Bungaree was born in Patonga, and became famous for circumnavigating Australia with Captain Matthew Flinders in the early days of settlement.

"We can prove our ancestral connection to this area and we are in the process of officially doing that."

"Meanwhile we urge locals to do some research into my direct ancestor Bungaree."

Mr Craig said: "Hundreds of

people identify as Guringai.

"Bungaree was certainly not a Darkinoong man."

"There's no evidence suggesting that."

"Our main clans were the Garigal, Walkalowa, Wannangini and the Wannabe."

"Guringai was a general name given to Bungaree's people by an 18th century linguist," he said.

"The word Guringai was used due to our local word for man being Guri or Koori and the word for woman was Ngai."

"The words Guri and Ngai were blended to form the name Guringai and the term was used for many clans up and down this part of the East Coast."

Mr Craig said the Guringai were "still well and truly in the process of working towards being officially recognised as the first people of the Central Coast".

He said it was "a complicated, lengthy and expensive process, but nevertheless something that we are absolutely pursuing."

"Our people have been through so much over the past 233 years since 1500 souls landed on our shores from Europe in 1788."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 23 Apr 2022  
Jake Cassar, Coast Environmental Alliance

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## Scholarships open for young people with disabilities

**Young people with disabilities are being encouraged to apply for sports and academic scholarships of up to \$5000.**

The scholarships are provided by Coastability and its ambassador, Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch, is encouraging all eligible young people to also apply.

“To be eligible for the sports scholarships, you must be 10-23 years old, have a primary physical or multiple disabilities, have outstanding sporting achievements

or competed at a state or national level,” she said.

“To be eligible for the academic scholarships, you must be 16-23 years old, have primary physical or multiple disabilities, sound academic record and acceptance or enrolment in accredited post-school course of study, or in a course as part of high school studies.”

“Coastability is an incredible non-profit organisation that has long supported disabled young people in being able to achieve

their dreams, whether it be to attend university or to compete on the international stage in big sporting events such as the Paralympics.

“I have had the privilege of meeting so many young, talented and disabled people on the Coast who are achieving incredible things.”

Further information is available on the Coastability website at <https://www.coastability.org.au/>.

**SOURCE:**  
**Media release, 29 Apr 2022**  
**Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford**



## Shade tree group plants 700th tree

**The Grow Urban Shade Trees has planted its 700th tree.**

“This one is a hibiscus tiliaceus rubra, a fast growing Australian native with a broad canopy and stunning flowers,” said group member Ms Debbie Sunartha.

“The GUST team is happy to celebrate another milestone.

“Heavy rainfall and that thing

called Covid, has slowed our progress over the last year but it is still a big number in our eyes.”

She said the group wanted to encourage residents to plant a tree “to support the GUST vision of a greener, cooler, more liveable Peninsula”.

**SOURCE:**  
**Social media, 26 Apr 2022**  
**Debbie Sunartha, GUST**

## Reid launches campaign with 300 supporters

**Labor’s candidate for Robertson, Dr Gordon Reid, has launched his campaign with more than 300 supporters at Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club,**

He was joined by the Shadow Minister for Regional Services, Territories and Local Government and Shadow Minister for Housing and Homelessness, Mr Jason Clare.

“As an emergency doctor, it is my job to show up when people need help, listen and solve the problem,” he said.

“Residents want a government

that will focus on them by reducing the cost of living, making childcare cheaper, protecting and strengthening Medicare, addressing the GP shortage, and investing in education and training.” Dr Reid said.

“I have spent my entire life on the Central Coast and will always be there for my community.

“I want to see our region reach its full potential.

“We need to build back stronger after Covid-19, fix the NBN so that businesses can succeed, invest in affordable housing, and make sure that our community has the access

to vital resources that it needs, like health and disability services.

“If I am given the honour of representing the people of Robertson, I will make sure that our people and our region receive the representation that they deserve.

“The Central Coast deserves a strong voice and the right to be heard.”

Dr Reid said: “After 9 years of broken promises by Scott Morrison and the Liberals, the Central Coast is tired of being taken for granted.”

**SOURCE:**  
**Media release, 21 Apr 2022**  
**Gordon Reid, Labor candidate for Robertson**



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## Roosters play Erina Eagles in ‘tale of two halves

**Woy Woy Roosters played Erina Eagles in round one of first grade competition.**

It was a tale of two halves for the new look Roosters when they came up against a formidable Erina outfit in round one at Woy Woy Oval.

Led by captain-coach Toby Marks, the Woy Woy team featured an extremely promising number of former Roosters Juniors, with a range of both youth and experience in key positions.

Three debutants - Taine Jacob, Braydan Purcell and Ashton Carroll - donned the Woy Woy First Grade jersey for the first time on Sunday afternoon.

Following a touching Anzac tribute prior to play, it was the Roosters who took first control of the contest.

After some early sustained pressure with the ball, some nice ball movement saw winger Billy James cross over for the first four pointer of the season.

Woy Woy's big men, led by some strong hit-ups from Brae Verheyen, wrestled momentum towards the home side.

However, some errors and poor discipline saw Erina cross over twice through the middle of the park to claim the lead midway through the half.

Woy Woy then showed their determination and desire to stay in the contest, with debutant Braydan Purcell crossing the stripe early



into his first stint to tie the game at 12.

After both teams were reduced to 12 men with five to play in the half, it was Joe Williams who beat his man to score Woy Woy's third, which gave the Roosters a well-earned 18-12 lead at the break.

Following the half time interval, it was Erina who got the jump on the Roosters, scoring three quick tries within 10 minutes to build a 12-point gap.

Marks and hooker Darcy Etrich helped to settle down the Eagles momentum, forcing back to back line drop outs with their short kicking games.

With 20 minutes to play, Erina found space through the middle of the park once again, and pushed the lead out to 18 points.

For the final stanza of play however, Woy Woy didn't lay down, and they kept the pressure on the Erina defense right up until the final whistle.

With 10 to play, Scott Gowans found himself inches from drawing Woy Woy closer, but some stoic Erina defense kept the Roosters at bay.

The final score was 36-18.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 26 Apr 2022  
Woy Woy Roosters RLFC

## Woy Woy suffers 51-5 rugby union defeat

**Ettalong Oval saw a one-sided battle in which The Lakes recorded 51 points to five victory over Woy Woy.**

This match was moved from Woy Woy Oval where a drainage issue made the oval unavailable.

This score line alone indicated the progress of the match.

The Lakes took control early in this match and never looked back.

They controlled proceedings from start to finish and gave Woy Woy little scope to get back into the match.

The Lakes went to the halftime break leading by 26 points to nil so the match was very much in their control even then.

They continued in the same vein in the second half and were able to post a further 25 points in the final 40 minutes.

Woy Woy gave it their all but simply found the visitors too strong on the day.

Best players for The Lakes were centre Lathan Hutchinson-Walters, winger Daniele Cakuseru, and flanker Peni Rauluni.

Woy Woy gave it their all and their best players were No.8 Tali Sitani, flanker Jazper Doak-Stride and centre Posiano Kamoto, who scored their lone try.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 1 May 2022  
Larry Thomson, CCRU

## Group holds ‘relaxed’ ride

**Central Coast Bicycle User Group will hold a Brisbane Water Loop “relaxed” ride on Thursday, May 5, from 8am at Woy Woy Fishermen’s Wharf.**

The 45 kilometre ride is expected to take three hours at an average pace of 19-22 km/h.

It is described as “a cruising-paced ride around Brisbane Waters, starting and ending at Woy Woy”.

“This ride is perfect for those stepping up from easier rides, like the CCBUG Woy Woy to Gosford

Boomerang ride or other easy and easy-medium graded rides,” said ride leader Mr Alan Corven.

“It is mostly on road shoulders and shared paths, with some normal traffic roads, so you need to be comfortable cycling on the road with some passing traffic.

“Ride pace will be slower on the shared path sections, picking up on the road sections.”

For further information, call Alan on 0414 538 977.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 23 Apr 2022  
Alan Corven, CCBUG

## Southern Spirit Cricket awards presentations

**Southern Spirit Cricket Club has held its awards presentation nights for junior players on Friday, April 22, and for senior players on Saturday, April 23.**

Senior award winners included:

Lachlan Cork for Turf Player of the Year, Leading Wicket-taker of the Year, 1st Grade Batting Award for 230 runs with an average of 25.56, 1st Grade Bowling Award for 29 wickets average 9, 1st Grade T20 ODI, 1st Grade T20 two-day overall, Glenn Rowlands Shield Bowling.

Sean Dickson for Over-40 Masters Batting, and Ken Johnson and Kim Steele Memorial Trophy.

Jack Channon for Synthetic Player of the Year

Brad Handley for Leading Run Scorer of the Year and for 6th Grade Batting, Bowling and Players' Player.

James Leary for Wicketkeeper of the Year, Under-21 Player of the Year and Glenn Rowlands Shield Batting

Jaylen Johnston for Colt of the Year, and 2nd Grade Bowling. Jaylen also won Junior Cricketer of the Year and Under-16s Batting and Bowling.

Liam O'Farrell for 1st Grade T20 Batting and Players' Player.

Ben Willoughby for 7th Grade Batting and Players' Player. Ben also won Under-16s Fielding.

Ross Watson for 1st Grade T20 Bowling.

Blake Weir for 2nd Grade Batting.

Liam McIntyre for 2nd Grade Players' Player.

Scott Aitchison for 4th Grade Batting.

Luke Brusich for 4th Grade Bowling.

Col Handley for 4th Grade Players' Player.

Nathan Willoughby for 7th Grade Bowling.

Ant Zadravic for 8th Grade Batting.

Matt Donnelly for 8th Grade Bowling.

Bill Gregg for 8th Grade Players' Player.

Adrian Witten for 9th Grade Batting.

Mick Henderson for 9th Grade Bowling.

Craig Allister for 9th Grade Players' Player.

Shane Higgins for Over-40 Masters Bowling.

Phil Melville for Over-40 Masters Players' Player.

Danielle Harris for Women's Cricketer of the Year and Women's 2nd Grade Batting.

Megan Fiddock for Women's 2nd Grade Bowling.

Kim Gleeson for Womens 2nd Grade Players' Player.

Junior Awards included the Lee White Junior Club Person of the Year to Bec Tomlinson, the Intermediate Player of the Year to Levi Papps, and the Ryan Sainty Rising Star of the Year to Patrick Crowdy.

Girls 6ers League Batting and Bowling awards went to Ella Davidson, Fielding Marci Lane, Coaches Chloe Ferreria.

12B White Batting and Bowling awards went to Eli Zadravic, Fielding and Coaches Patrick Crowdy.

12B Purple Batting award went to Danny Silverstone, Bowling Harry Waters, Fielding Damon Hopkins, Coaches Charlie Karsten.

14B Batting and Bowling awards went to Levi Papps, Fielding Arlo Todd, Coaches Liam Downs.

U16s Fielding award went to Ben Willoughby, Coaches Kade McManus.

Male Youth League Batting award went to Sanjay Sharma, Bowling Kaden Warner, Fielding Raj Sharma, Coaches Felix Tebbutt.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 28 Apr 2022  
Southern Spirit Cricket Club

## Paul was ‘swimmer of the meet’

**Ettalong Pelican Masters swimmer Paul Lemmon has been named Male Swimmer of the Meet at Masters Swimming Australia national championships.**

Paul broke six national records at the championships.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 24 Apr 2022  
Ettalong Pelicans Masters Swimming



## Appeal for \$7000 drinking fountain

**A member of Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Football Club is running an appeal to raise \$7000 for a drinking fountain and bottle refill station at Rogers Park.**

Ms Brooke Preston said new amenities at Rogers Park.

Five local sporting clubs used Rogers Park, including Woy Woy Juniors, Peninsula Junior Touch, Southern Spirit Cricket, Peninsula Swans AFL and Umina Bunnies, she said.

Others to use the facility included the Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club for its car boot sales, schools for cross country running and other sport, and community members for social games and dog-walking.

“We’ve learned there are no funds left in the budget to install a certified drinking water fountain and water bottle refill station,” she said.

“We can all agree that this is something all sporting complexes

should just have.

“No-one should need to refill a water bottle in a bathroom.

“Therefore, we’re asking families of our clubs and members of our community to make a contribution to this cause.”

Donations can be made through the gofundme.com website under “Certified Drinking Water Fountain for Rogers Park”.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 10 Apr 2022  
Brooke Preston, Woy Woy JRLFC