

All set for Saturday election

All is set around the Peninsula for Saturday's election.

Pre-polling has been busy over the last fortnight at the old National bank with queues stretching up Blackwall Rd from the corner of Oval Ave in Woy Woy.

Footpaths on all sides of was crowded with campaign workers distributing leaflets.

A-frame signs proliferated along both sides of Blackwall Rd, until a council ranger had them removed other than in the near vicinity of the pre-poll booth.

However, despite its popularity, the centre was not open on Sunday.

Polling booths on the Peninsula for Saturday's election will be at:

Both campuses of Brisbane Water Secondary College - Umina campus, 120 Veron Rd, Umina Beach and Woy Woy campus, 53A Melba Rd, Woy Woy
South Woy Woy Progress

Association, 76 Woy Woy Rd, Woy Woy

Woy Woy South Primary School, 1 The School Mall, Woy Woy

Umina Uniting Church Community Centre, 346 Ocean Beach Rd, Umina Beach

Umina Community Hall (Mingaletta), 6 Sydney Ave, Umina Beach

Umina Beach Primary School, 14 Hobart Ave, Umina Beach

Ettalong Beach Primary School, 23 Karingi St, Ettalong Beach

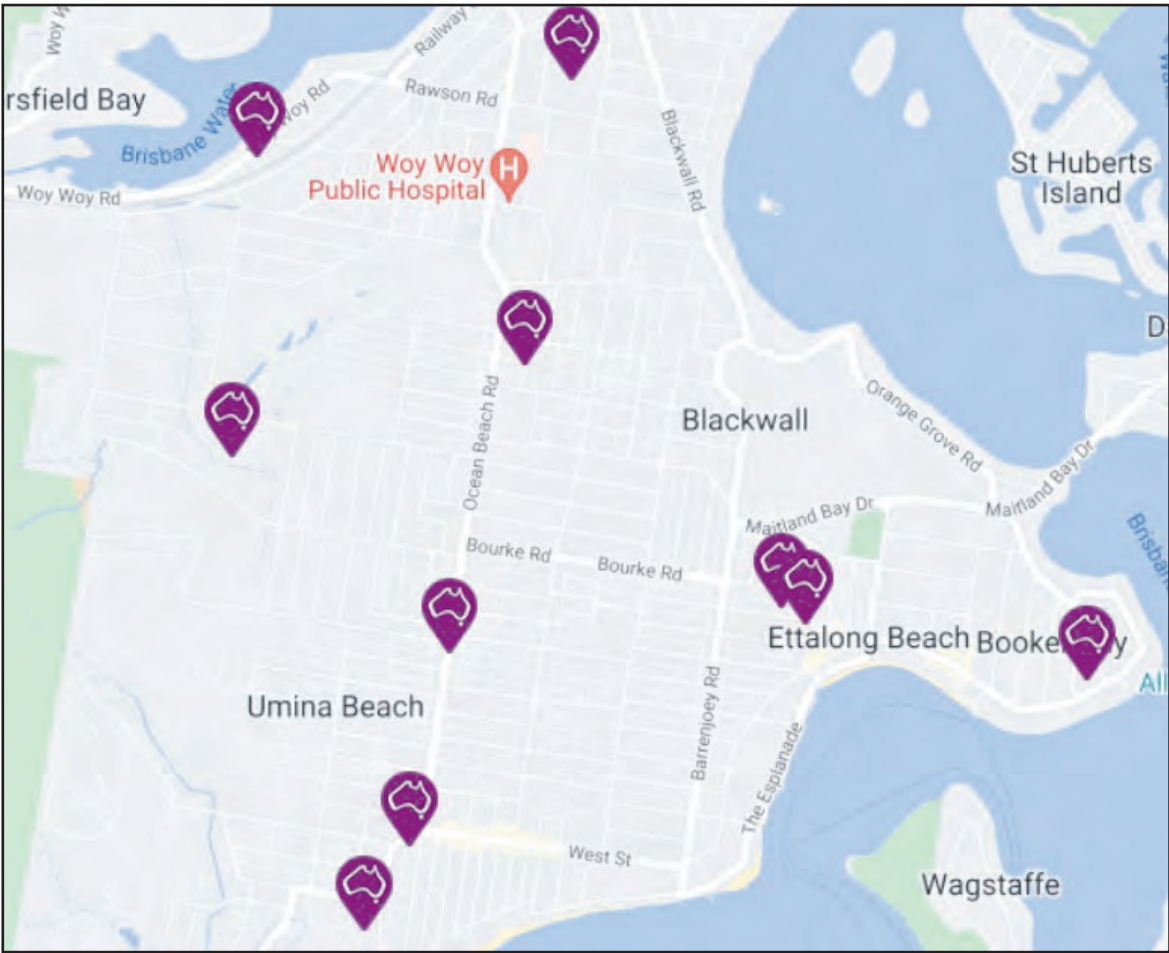
Ettalong 50 Plus Leisure and Learning, 5-7 Broken Bay Rd, Ettalong

Booker Bay Pre-School, 32 Telopea St, Booker Bay

Many of these venues will also have fundraising stalls for their hosts.

SOURCE: Website, 13 May 2022 Australian Electoral Commission

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Polling booth locations



Work starts on building Men's Shed

The Umina Beach Men's Shed group has finally been able to make a start on its new shed located at 90 Osborne Ave.

"It has been a long road with many hurdles placed in our way," said secretary Mr Vic Brown.

"However, we have made good progress on the ground in recent weeks."

The development application for the new shed was approved by Central Coast Council in mid-2020.

While the considerable amount of work to get the shed out of the ground commenced immediately, it is only recently that the work has been evident, Mr Brown said.

Now, he said: "The site is fenced with temporary fencing, pegged out and the office building is in place."

"There is more work to be done. The next major step is laying of

the slab which, weather permitting, should occur within the next couple of weeks."

Mr Brown said members were all attending the Woy Woy Lions Club's monthly car boot sale is held in the Rogers Park car park.

"Shed members man a stall

to sell quality items that are not required at the shed," he said.

The next car boot sale is scheduled for May 29 from 7am to 1pm.

SOURCE: Website, 13 May 2022 Vic Brown, Umina Beach Men's Shed



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Mark Snell, 13 May 2022



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

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

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Contributors are asked to keep their

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It should not be assumed that the article is a verbatim reproduction of the source. Similarly, it should not be assumed that any reporter listed is necessarily responsible for writing the whole news item. Source lines are not by-lines.

Often articles come from a number of sources. They are edited for readability and reader interest and given different headings, and consequently can be expressed quite differently from the source material.

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The following descriptions are used:

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Writers' festival is on again

The Words on the Waves Writers Festival will be held around the Peninsula for the second year on Saturday and Sunday, June 4 and 5.

A number of special events will running outside these dates.

These include Late Night Lit on Thursday, June 2, An Evening with Hannah Kent on Friday, June 3, a cinema screening on Saturday, June 4, and a Literary Cruise on Monday, June 6.

The main venues will be the Umina Beach Surf Life Saving Club and the Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club.

Some events will also take place at Naughty Noodle Fun Haus in Ettalong, the Work Collective in Umina, at Woy Woy Library and in Umina Beach Public School Hall.

The aim of the festival is "to deliver an immersive annual festival of stories, ideas and connection, and to enrich the

cultural landscape of the region year-round. Its vision is to become one of Australia's leading regional literary festivals, known for its vibrant and diverse program as well as its unique setting".

Sessions must be booked and tickets cost around \$90 per day or \$160 for the weekend.

SOURCE:
Media release, 11 May 2022
Words on the Waves
Writers' Festival



Years of voluntary service with Marine Rescue

Members of Marine Rescue Central Coast have celebrated a combined contribution of just over 295 years of volunteer service.

The organisation held its awards night at the Gosford Golf Club on Tuesday, May 3, presenting members with Marine

Rescue NSW long service award and National Medals.

Special mention went to Mr Sherwin Hensby who has volunteered with Marine Rescue and other emergency services for over 45 years.

Guests on the night included Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch, Member for Terrigal Mr

Adam Crouch, Marine Rescue NSW Deputy Commissioner Alex Barrell, Central Zone Commander Darren Schott and district operations manager Mr Steve Raymond.

SOURCE:
Media release, 13 May 2022
Mitch Giles, Marine
Rescue Central Coast

Rotary club holds annual soup night

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy will hold its annual Soup Night, as a fundraiser for the Rotary Foundation, on Tuesday, May 24.

It will be held at the Blackwall Guides Hall, in Memorial Ave, Ettalong, from 6pm.

Every year the Rotary Club of Woy Woy holds an event to mirror the original donation of \$26.50 made to the Rotary Foundation.

The cost to attend the Soup Night is \$26.50 per head and all proceeds on the night go to the Foundation.

Volunteers are required to make and bring soup for the event.

There will be bread and dessert, and tea and coffee will be provided. Friends and family are welcome.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 10 May 2022
Julie Jones, Rotary Woy Woy

Stalls at Uniting Church on election day

The Broken Bay Uniting Church will hold fundraising stalls when the church hall at 346 Ocean Beach Rd, Umina, is used as a polling booth next Saturday, May 21.

Stalls will include plants, cakes and slices, lamingtons, jams and pickles, and a barbecue.

The church has called for help to transport plants, set up tables, with the barbecue, and to make cakes, slices, jams and pickles and label all ingredients.

The church will also be selling surplus pews, that have been replaced by chairs, at \$120 each.

"The pews that are currently in

the church will be staying there," said minister the Reverend Patty Lawrence.

For further information, phone Keith Wood on 4344 7989.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 9 May 2022
Patty Lawrence, Uniting
Church Broken Bay

May rainfall close to average

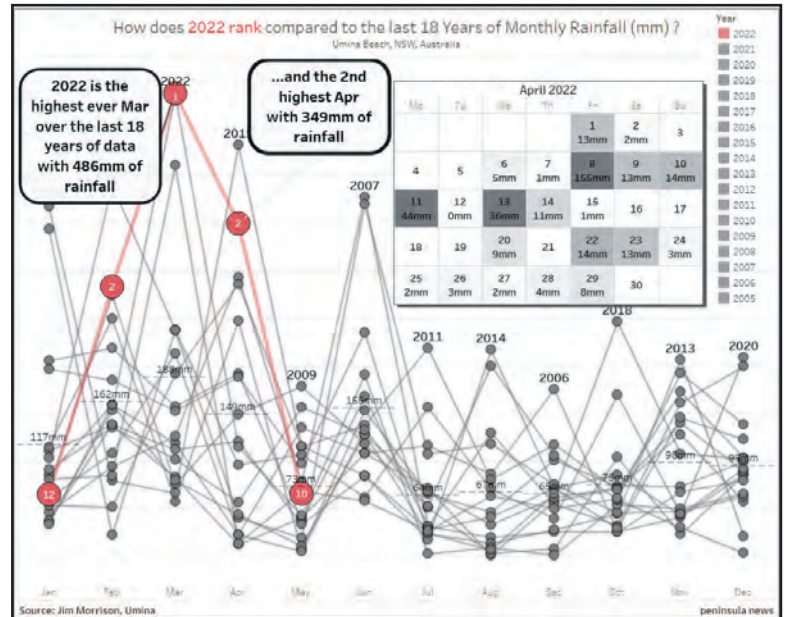
The Peninsula has received 90 per cent of its average May rainfall in the first two weeks of the month.

Falls totalling 65.6mm have been recorded for the month to date by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

The average May rainfall is 73mm.

Rainfall this year totals 1249.3mm so far, within 26mm of the annual average of 1275mm.

SOURCE:
Spreadsheet, 13 May 2022
Jim Morrison, Umina



Gosford City Rotary Club donates \$5000 to Mingaletta

The Gosford City Rotary Club has raised \$5000 to support Mingaletta in Umina.

Club president Mr Paul Jones presented a \$5000 District Grant to provide additional financial support for important programs like the Didge and Dance Group at Mingaletta.

“Rotarians work hard to raise funds to support initiatives making a tangible difference at the grassroots level.

“Mingaletta is an ideal partner for us because we can see the

difference these programs make to our local community.

“We can also get involved in a voluntary capacity to support Mingaletta with general cleanups, barbecues and family days for Mingaletta members,” Mr Jones said.

Mingaletta Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation chairperson Ms Dianne (Aunty Di) O'Brien said: “It's great to collaborate with Gosford City Rotary.

“Rotarians respect the work we

are doing here and want to help out.

“Our programs are all about building strength, identifying any issues in our community and working alongside our members to solve them.”

Gosford City Rotary recently held a book launch for Aunty Di's memoir “Daughter of the River Country” to raise the funds for Mingaletta.

SOURCE:

Media release, 3 May 2022
Peter Clark, Rotary Gosford City



Wicks promises \$1.4M for youth hub

A re-elected Morrison Government would spend \$1.4 million for a new youth hub on the Peninsula and \$137,000 to help upgrade the Umina Beach CWA Hall, Member for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks announced last week.

She joined Prime Minister Mr Scott Morrison on a visit to Umina to make the announcement.

“The Youth Hub will be set up and run by Regional Youth Support Services to help more than 500 marginalised and at-risk youth on the Peninsula,” she said.

The Peninsula Youth Hub would

be modelled on the Gosford Youth Hub, which “provides innovative solutions for families and works with high-risk young people”.

“The funding for the Umina CWA Hall means the building will be able to be used as a refuge centre during natural disasters,” she said.

“The Umina Beach branch of the CWA is always giving back to the local community.

“I am proud to be part of a government giving back to them and to the many people who use the hall on the Peninsula.”

SOURCE:

Social media, 11 May 2022

Lucy Wicks, Member for Robertson



‘Large quantity’ of polystyrene removed by Clean4Shore

A large quantity of polystyrene has been removed from Lion Island's very small sandy beach by the Clean4Shore crew, according to co-ordinator Mr Graham Johnston.

The team launched from Patonga and encountered larger flood debris items along the headlands towards Lion Island, he said.

“Car tyres, aluminium cladding, lounge chair debris, pallets and bulk polystyrene were recovered.

“Closer to the headland the surging swell prevented the “rock hopping process” with a large mass of litter sited at the tip of the headland.”

Mr Johnston said: “Lion Island had clearly visible flood debris and, upon a safe landing, the team was confronted by masses of polystyrene, plastic drums, car tyres, marine ply and a wave ski mould.

“Twenty full bags of polystyrene, the

largest plate size and masses of smaller hand-sized polystyrene was collected from just 40 metres of foreshore still covered in timber debris.

“The tides and swell has pushed this polystyrene in and around the larger rocks and high on the tidal mark.

“All of the polystyrene removed was in very poor condition and breaking up into much smaller pieces.

“This is the worst Clean4shore has seen in bulk polystyrene from the March floods, with much of the rocky foreshores closer to the mouth of the Hawkesbury hiding more polystyrene.

“Clean4shore will focus on removing this environmental hazard with priority.”

Mr Johnstone said 520 kilos of debris off loaded at Woy Woy tip.

SOURCE:

Social media, 2 May 2022
Graham Johnston, Clean4shore



The ABC found to be fair and impartial. (No surprise there!)

Government, some commercial media and other critics are continually attacking the ABC with allegations of bias, but —

The media complaints authority ACMA, in more than 110 reviews of alleged impartiality by ABC TV and Radio, found only four breaches in the decade 2011-21.

What's more, 19 independent quality assurance reviews into the ABC's impartiality and accuracy found no serious breaches of its charter.

These attacks are designed to bully and intimidate the ABC and reduce its credibility, making it easier to sell off.

Next time you vote, make sure it's for a candidate who supports a well-funded, independent ABC.



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Election

What would you offer the Peninsula as Member for Robertson?

Peninsula News invited all Robertson candidates to tell readers what they would offer them as Member for Robertson if elected on Saturday, May 21.

We are asked candidates to write up to 250 words about

Gordon Reid Labor Party

First and foremost, our Peninsula deserves true local representation.

Born and raised in Umina, I know the people, I hear their needs and understand their frustrations of being unheard and forgotten.

Representing my home would be an honour, allowing me to give back to the community that helped shape me.

Our community needs and deserves to be heard.

The Peninsula needs Federal financial support.

We need improvements to the roads that help connect us to the rest of the Central Coast, like upgrading Avoca Dr.

Our local health sector desperately needs support –our people need to be able to access GPs and medical attention, they should not have to “schedule” to be sick; and if elected, Labor will prioritise relieving the GP crisis and establishing a bulk-billed urgent care centre so our people can access the medical care they need and deserve.

Our people are feeling the weight of the growing cost-of-living burden –Labor’s Powering Australia Plan and childcare plans endeavour to ease this burden by lowering electricity costs, supporting clean energy transitions, and supporting our young families with affordable childcare.

Further, local small businesses are pillars of our Peninsula economy –we need to support them, not leave them to struggle.

Aside from notable council issues, our community desperately needs someone to stand up for equitable and affordable access to healthcare, fix aged care, reduce cost-of-living burdens, protect our fragile environment –our home, and empower local small businesses to thrive.

SOURCE:
Media statement, 13 May 2022
Gordon Reid, Australian Labor Party

Barbara-Jane Murray United Australia Party

We have as a nation a looming financial crisis that should be on everyone’s radar, but only the United Australia Party are talking about it, there is already Mortgage Stress on the Central Coast and it will get worse if Interest rates are left to rise x 4 times this year according to the RBA.

The United Australia Party will legislate to cap HOME LOANS at 3 per cent for 5 years to protect home ownership.

We will also pay of the 1.4 trillion debt that has been accrued by the recent Govt without any new taxes using a 15 per cent Export license on our Iron Ore.

This essentially means that Asia will pay the debt for Australia.

We have a policy that will help families on the Peninsula,

The first 30,000 dollars on your home loan will be tax deductible, this will put extra money in the pockets of all families on the Peninsula.

We also have the Zonal Tax Policy, if you are more than 200 km from Sydney with your home or business you will get a 20 per cent tax concession.

This will give people the choice to move to regional areas for work or a better quality of life and more affordable housing.

This will re invigorate our regional areas.

We will also help the younger adults by abolishing HECS Debt and forgiving any current HECS Debt and making Higher education free.

SOURCE:
Media statement, 11 May 2022
Barbara-Jane Murray, United Australia Party

NO RESPONSES WERE RECEIVED from the following candidates:

Patrick Murphy, Animal Justice Party; Jeffrey Wayne Lawson, Indigenous – Aboriginal Party of Australia; Billy O’Grady, Pauline Hanson’s One Nation; Kate Mason, Informed Medical Options Party; Alexandra Hafner, Australian Federation Party.

what difference they would make for the Peninsula, what Federal money should come to the Peninsula, and what they saw as our most pressing needs.

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Paul Borthwick, Australian Citizen Party

Thank you for the opportunity to write a brief outline of my future for the seat of Robertson if elected on Saturday, May 21.

The Australian Citizen Party policies are mainly for the entire country as a whole. But the number one (1) policy of the creation of a public Post Office Bank would help the people of Robertson once it is created.

There would be a bank branch in most suburbs on the Central Coast, your deposits would be guaranteed by the country and the Bank would allow loans for local business etc.

The problems I see for the Robertson and the Central Coast are the following,

We need to improve public transport on the central coast to emission free transport to reduce the use of cars.

More permanent GP’s for the central coast.

Fix public aged care on the central coast which is overseen by the Federal Government.

Relocate more businesses & industry from the Sydney Metro area to the central coast.

The funding for the above issues I have raised for the Robertson and the central coast would be raised by the creation of the Postal Bank and a National Infrastructure Bank which are the first and second policies of the Australian Citizen Party.

Please look at our policies online prior to you vote.

SOURCE:
Media statement, 12 May 2022
Paul Borthwick, Australian Citizen Party

Bentley Logan Liberal Democrats

The Liberal Democrats promote individual responsibility, reduced government and lower taxation under the Freedom Manifesto.

This allows individuals to live their lives free from government overreach.

The Liberal Democrats will allow small business on the Peninsula to provide increased job security and retain locals to establish productive businesses without relying upon increased subsidies or leaving to work outside the Central Coast.

Our current tax laws negatively impact small business through increasing interest rate rises, wage increases, mandatory superannuation and high energy prices.

We will deliver lower taxation. Individuals will receive \$40,000 tax free threshold and flat 20% income tax above.

A company tax rate of 20% on profit and no tax on reinvested profits. Combined with voluntary superannuation and no minimum wage cap for employers and employees to achieve flexibility and be competitive.

People are concerned that the government’s encroachment upon individual choice is creating discrimination under temporary public health orders which are reshaping the society we live in.

We will end mandates and ensure that the harms of lockdowns are not repeated.

Small business can be sustainable and competitive by removing the regulatory burden of red tape and green tape of environmental restrictions.

The Liberal Democrats advocate for cheap and reliable energy using our existing resources now, not for the ever increasing higher costs of electricity that we will experience domestically and internationally with the pursuit of renewable energy targets and net zero.

The promotion of a free energy market to remove climate alarmist ideology and overregulation will provide certainty for everyone now.

SOURCE:
Media statement, 12 May 2022
Bentley Logan, Liberal Democratic Party

40,000 - about one third of the Robertson electorate.

It is owned by a non-profit voluntary community group which has no political affiliation.

SOURCE:
Mark Snell, 13 May 2022

Lucy Wicks Liberal Party

The Morrison Government has a plan for the Peninsula.

We plan to upgrade local roads through our \$126.5 million Central Coast Roads Package. This includes upgrading the Rawson Road and Ocean Beach Road roundabout, which is a \$36.5 million project.

Construction on the improvements to the Everglades Catchment Drainage have started. A re-elected Morrison Government will also upgrade Rabaul Ave and Haynes Ave in Umina Beach, Broken Bay Rd and Schnapper Rd in Ettalong and Booker Bay Rd in Booker Bay.

We’re delivering more commuter car parking at Woy Woy station, with construction starting at the end of the year.

Support for families and young people is important on the Peninsula. A re-elected Morrison Government will deliver \$1.4 million for a Peninsula Youth Hub to work with at-risk youth.

We are also upgrading the Umina Beach CWA Hall to become a refuge centre in case of natural disasters.

People on the Peninsula care about local sport. Our sports investment for the Peninsula is over \$11 million.

The cost of living is a huge issue for locals. That’s why we’re delivering a \$250 payment for almost 21,000 pensioners across the Central Coast.

Low- and middle-income earners will receive about \$1500 in tax relief and we’ve cut fuel tax in half.

The Peninsula is one of the best places in Australia to work, live and raise a family. People on the Peninsula want to work close to home. A Morrison Government is delivering record low unemployment and will continue to create jobs.

SOURCE:
Media statement, 13 May 2022
Lucy Wicks, Liberal Party of Australia

Shelly McGrath The Greens

The Robertson electorate is a diverse area with complex needs and deserves engaged and reflexive representation.

Residents are sick of inaction and broken promises—like voters—the Greens value integrity, which would be the key difference in my approach to representing the Peninsula.

The Central Coast is neglected in budgets, despite our proximity to Sydney and exponential growth, which has put more and more pressure on local services over recent years. Federal funding should be coming in to fully fund public schools and make childcare free.

We need serious investment to address the housing crisis, the Coast has an area issue with homelessness, with young people one of the worst groups affected.

Federal money should support the Greens’ costed plan to invest in affordable housing, creating jobs and better social cohesion.

It’s time politicians listened to the real concerns of residents and followed through on election promises.

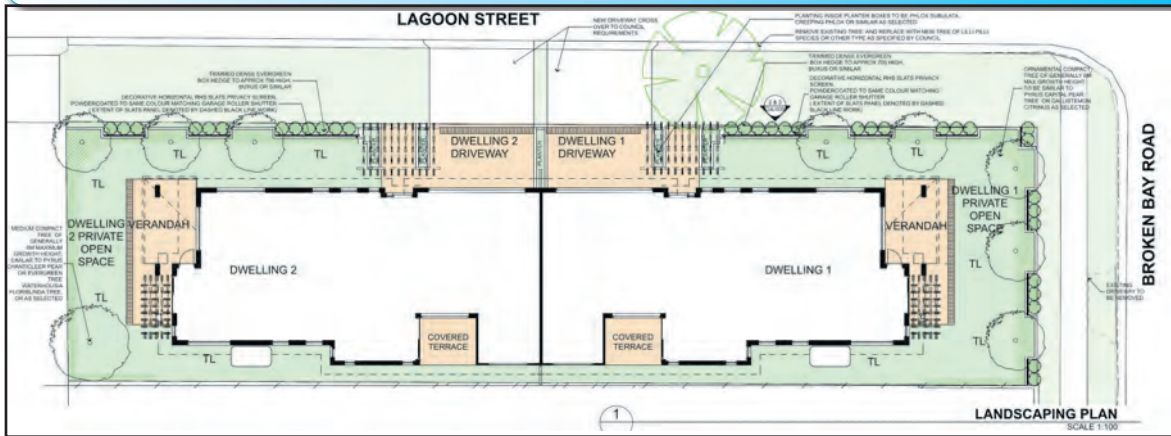
Voters want transparency and action, not more empty rhetoric — a federal ICAC holding politicians to account would restore trust in our politics.

We need to take real action on climate change to our coasts from erosion, and poor water quality and invest in infrastructure.

Adequately funding public education would benefit the area, remove financial barriers and create opportunities for young people. Investment in health services is also critical— with a large elderly population and a growing number of young families—improving accessibility and affordability is key to a healthier society.

The Greens are fighting to have dental and mental health free under Medicare.

SOURCE:
Media statement, 5 May 2022
Shelly McGrath, The Australian Greens



Application for strata-subdivided dual occupancy

The Central Coast Council has received development application for a two-storey dual occupancy and strata subdivision at 97 Broken Bay Rd, Ettalong Beach

The application includes the demolition of the existing timber framed fibro duplex.

The application prepared by SJH Planning and Design states that “Both dwellings have integrated access to extensive open space and utility court provisions exceeding requirements in terms of area and dimension enhancing the ‘liveability’ of each.

“The inclusion of an accessible powder room at the ground floor, together with lifts, ensure that, subject to future owners’ furnishing

preferences, each of the dwellings are ‘accessible’.”

The two double storey dwellings will be connected at a central point by “oversized” double garages accessed from Lagoon St on the north side of the site.

This results in compact driveways, a fact which is reflected in this development’s lack of variations to planning requirements for setbacks, deep soil areas and “private open space”.

All of the requirements are said to be met or exceeded apart from the building envelope provision about which the application states that the building is “generally within, eaves protrude”.

In common with many multi unit proposals, this application claims

“roofed terrace” areas, enclosed on three sides and roofed over, are part of “private open space”.

This development will require the removal of three trees including one street tree to “facilitate the proposed driveway”.

The “Landscape Principles Plan” proposes a total of 11 new “compact” trees to be planted on the property.

According to the Central Coast Council’s planning portal, the application has a status of “advertising notification” and was lodged on May 3.

However, the portal does not say when the “public exhibition” period ends.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 13 May 2022
DA184/2022, Central Coast Council

Controversial planning portal listed in excellence awards

Central Coast Council has been listed as a finalist in the Local Government Excellence Awards for its Property and Rating Consolidation IT project, the project responsible for the council’s controversial new planning portal.

The portal has been plagued with problems, including slow response times and timeouts, since its introduction over Christmas.

The project is listed as a finalist in the Partnerships and Collaboration category.

Peninsula residents have been critical that the portal represents a substantial reduction in service, both in terms of responsiveness and in content, compared to the former Gosford Council system it replaces.

Regular users say the portal no longer includes cost estimates for developments and that, often, necessary documents have not appeared with development applications.

It no longer displays start and closing dates for exhibition

periods, meaning that residents are not aware how long they have to make a submission.

Residents say the new portal lacks transparency and procedural fairness and may not comply with legal requirements.

“The NSW Local Government Excellence Awards celebrate outstanding achievements across Local Government that promote innovation and improvement within the community,” Council general manager Mr David Farmer said in a media release.

He appeared to be unaware of criticism of the IT project.

“The recognition as award finalists is validation of the commitment we have had in building a new Corporate Affairs Directorate focused on improving systems and processes to deliver better service for our ratepayers and residents.”

The 2022 NSW Local Government Awards will be held on Thursday, May 26, at The Fullerton Hotel in Sydney.

SOURCE:
Media release, 3 May 2022
David Farmer, Rik Hart,
Central Coast Council

Red Shield collection to be held on Brisbane Water Dr

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy will hold its Red Shield Appeal roadside collection on the “water side” of Brisbane Water Dr on Saturday, May 29.

The club has organised helpers into morning and afternoon shifts, to cover the day from 8am to 5pm. More collectors are welcome.

For further information, contact Ms Sue Tee by email at suedon6@bigpond.com.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 10 May 2022
Julie Jones, Rotary Woy Woy

Two-storey manufactured home for waterfront site

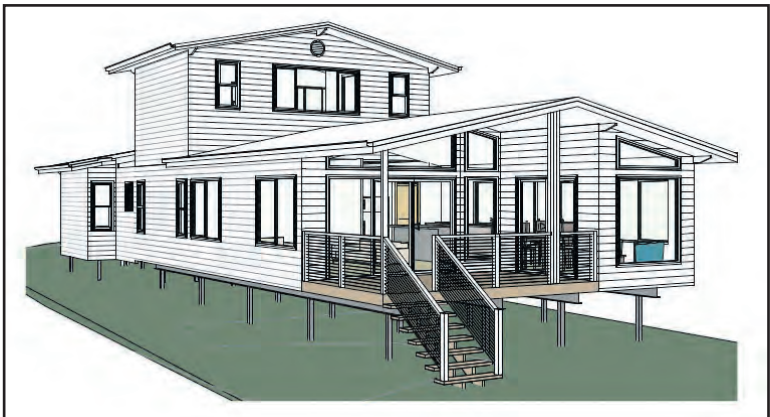
An application has been lodged for the construction of a two-storey manufactured house at 47 Waterview St, Woy Woy.

The site is a “battle axe” waterfront site with an existing dwelling which would be demolished.

The building would be constructed off site by Parkwood Modular Buildings.

The application which was prepared by Parkwood Homes on behalf of Madeline Spielman, states: “The proposal is for a new two storey manufactured dwelling which has been designed to complement the appearance and character of the area and surrounding properties.

“Minimising the impact on the adjoining properties, the dwelling will be built off site and



to the appropriate standards of all relevant AUS/NZ standards.”

All planning requirements have been met according to the application which requests no variations.

Although a Basix certificate is not required for manufactured dwellings, the application lists a

number of energy conservation measures, including solar panels, wall and roof insulation, a minimum three-star rating for plumbing

fixtures and 600mm eaves for increased shading.

Emphasising the low environmental impact, the application states that the proposal intends to use “An existing gravel driveway entering from Waterview Dr to provide all-weather access to prevent tracking and sediment.”

Development application 614/2022 currently has a status of “advertising/notification”.

However the end date for submissions has not currently published on the Central Coast Council website.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 13 May 2022
DA164/2022, Central Coast Council

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Nature has reclaimed the balance of power

At this critical time in human history, the consequences Federal election will last far beyond the term of the next Government. The incumbent Government is not fit for purpose for climate change action, although it is supported by the Prime Minister. This area has not experienced the extreme fire and flood events experienced elsewhere.

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Written and authorised by Norman Harris, Lovell Rd, Umina

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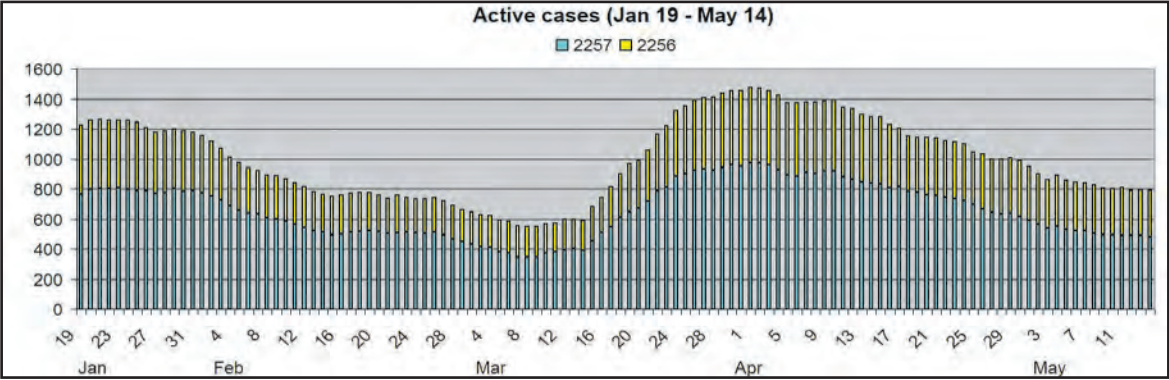
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Health



Case numbers drop 20 per cent in two weeks

The number of active coronavirus cases on the Peninsula has dropped by 20 per cent in two weeks, from around 1000 to around 800.

The number was 797 on May 13, down from 1008 on April 29.

However, numbers are still well above the lowest number for the year of 548 on March 8.

The infection rate for the Peninsula stands a 1.69 per cent, compared to the Central Coast figure of 1.80 per cent.

The infection rate for the 2257 postcode area is significantly less than the rate for the 2256 postcode area, where in the past they have been similar.

The infection rate for the Woy Woy (2256) is 1.88 per cent, while

for the 2257 postcode area, which includes Ettalong and Umina, is 1.59 per cent.

This means Woy Woy has about 37 more active cases than the Peninsula average and the 2257 postcode about 17 fewer cases.

SOURCE:
Website, 14 May 2022
Covid data and statistics, NSW Government

Voters asked consider aged care Royal Commission findings

The chief executive of a local aged care home has asked voters to pay regard to the Royal Commission into Residential Aged Care when casting their vote on Saturday.

"We would hope that aged care is front and centre as one of the key issues the parties should be addressing," said Blue Wave Living chief executive Mr Matt Downie.

"I would encourage all who have an interest in aged care to review the commitments the relevant parties are making in respect to

our Industry.

"The simple reality is we have been an industry that has been under-resourced financially for many years.

"This was highlighted in the findings of the Royal Commission.

"There needs to be a serious commitment by the Commonwealth to address this, so as we can continue to grow and provide quality aged care services for our elders in our community," Mr Downie said.

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 12 May 2022
Matt Downie, Blue Wave Living

Charity bowls day raises \$3400 for Guide Dogs

A charity bowling day on Sunday, May 1, at the Ettalong Bowling Club has raised an \$3400 for Guide Dogs Australia.

Central Coast Volunteer Support Group publicity officer Ms Lynne Lillico said: "The sun shone, and a number of Ettalong Club bowlers and Pearl Beach Bowlers with representatives from Guide Dogs head office joined together and enjoyed a fun-filled morning of exciting and competitive bowls.

"Four clients with their guide

dogs and other members of the Central Coast Volunteer Support Group, which was formed in 1982, managed a merchandise stall in the lobby of the club.

"The group shared their experiences with visitors and discuss how Guide Dogs provide services to help people with low vision and blindness.

"Friends and visitors enjoyed the club facilities and generously supported the auction of a Central Coast water scene painted by Pearl Beach artist Marijke Greenway.

"This was followed by the raffle

with a variety of prizes donated by local businesses and friends which created a frenzy of ticket sales."

Guide Dogs fundraising manager Mr Gary Bristow presented a new "Donation Model Dog" to the club to replace a much loved but very old dog, said Ms Lillico.

Bowlers and visitors suggested a variety of unusual and interesting names for the new dog.

The final choice of Champ was unanimously accepted.

Support group president Ms Merran Rudder said: "With the

cost to breed, train and raise one life-changing guide dog costing \$50,000, every dollar from the community counts.

"Guide Dogs NSW-ACT only receives minimal government funding.

"We appreciate the Central Coast community who continue to visit our stalls."

Pictured are Guide Dog client Ms Angela Allen with Piper.

SOURCE:
Media release, 11 May 2022
Lynne Lillico, Central Coast Support Group



Forum



Council keeps putting up rates, but doesn't repair roads

I am sick and tired of seeing articles and political advertisements about what they are doing, such as upgrading our roads.

The Council keep putting our rates up but don't repair any roads in need of urgent repairs.

Pictured is Beach St, Ettalong Beach,

and the buses come up this road everyday - terrible,

I have emailed the Local Members on several occasions about this road buy alas still no good.

SOURCE:
Email, 11 May 2022
Alan Kirby, Ettalong

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Vandalised trees to be replaced

Four street trees planted by students and families outside Umina Beach Public School will be replaced after they were irreparably damaged by vandals on Tuesday, May 3.

“The trees were funded and planted by the school community in 2020 on Melbourne Ave and have been watered and cared for by students,” said P and C president

Ms Penny Jope.

“The association is taking donations for new trees and tree guards.”

Anyone who would like to contribute should contact pandc2257@gmail.

SOURCE:

Media release, 4 May 2022

Penny Jope, Umina Beach Public School P and C Association



A hairdresser for 30 years

Local hairdressing salon “Hair Anew”, described by its owner Ms Sharon Clarke as the “oldest hairdressing salon in Umina”, will be closing its doors on May 28.

Manager for the last 30 years, Sharon is retiring a few months short of her 70th birthday in September.

The salon will not continue as a “going concern” due to the lack of interested buyers.

It will be the “end of an era”, she said.

Sharon first started hairdressing in Umina from the age of 16 when she lived in Hornsby.

The family moved to the Coast shortly afterwards in 1967.

In her 54 years of hairdressing, Sharon said she had seen the rise

and fall of the perm in women's hairdressing.

However she described herself as “old school”.

“The old methods can be used to achieve the same or better results,” she said.

Sharon said that gardening was her favourite pastime.

She described her garden as a “garden of memories” of the customers who gave her the original cuttings.

“The business has been like an extended family and will be sorely missed.

“I've already had a couple of tear sessions with long term customers” she said.

SOURCE:

Interview (Frank Wiffen), 12 May 2022

Sharon Clarke, Hair Anew

The Troubadour Folk Club has a double bill for its meeting at the Everglades Country Club at 7pm on Saturday, May 28

They are Snez from the NSW North Coast and the Go Twos from Sydney, according to club president Mr Michael Fine.

“Snez comes from an immigrant family, where stories about hardship, romance and work ethic have been passed down through generations,” he said.

“She subtly weaves these influences into her own stories and songs, featuring traditional Macedonian songs from her parents’ mother country into the Australian folk music tradition,

producing extraordinarily beautiful music that is both enchanting and powerful.

“While this is her first performance at the Troubadour, she comes with a big reputation from her the national awards she has won and her performances at many large concerts and festivals around Australia.”

Mr Fine said the Go Twos was a duo with two of our most beloved and well known folk-country artists.

“Also known as the Rosie and Nigel Duo, Rosie McDonald and Nigel Lever are both well established in the folk and festival scene, having played in numerous band and line ups, apart and together.

“Rosie is a fabulous singer and

great player of acoustic guitar, Irish bouzouki and bodhran.

“Nigel is a master of bluegrass mandolin, flatpick acoustic guitar and octave mandolin, as well as a much-loved vocalist.

“Rosie and Nigel draw upon the rhythmic and melodic lines that weave through Australian, Irish, Scottish, English and American folk traditions as well as presenting their own material which they are currently recording for their debut CD.”

Tickets are available through Trybooking. With inquiries, contact Mr Fine at 4342 6716 or through www.troubadour.org.au.

SOURCE:

Media release, 14 May 2022

Michael Fine, Troubadour Folk Club



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Sport

Avoca too strong for Woy Woy rugby side

Avoca Beach proved far too strong for Woy Woy in Saturday's rugby union match, running out winners by 62 points to 7 at Ettalong Oval.

This match had been transferred to Ettalong Oval due to the closure of Heazlett Park.

Avoca Beach controlled this match from start to finish.

They proved far too strong in the set pieces and by half time had jumped to a 31-nil lead.

Much the same continued in the second half where Woy Woy had no answer to the onslaught.

The result sees Avoca Beach in great form and one of the Premiership contenders at this stage of the season.

Woy Woy's best performers were fullback Cory Delaforce, who scored their lone try, hooker Sione Fanua and halfback Tiraho Pakai.

SOURCE: Media release, 14 May 2022
Larry Thomson, CCRU



Boxing at PCYC

Boxing is being held at the Umina Beach PCYC every Monday and Wednesday.

Juniors is held from 4pm to 4.45pm, youth from 5pm to 5.45pm

and seniors from 6pm to 7pm. Phone the PCYC on 4344 7851 for more information.

SOURCE: Social media, 3 May 2022
PCYC Umina Beach

Executive filled ahead of Little Aths annual meeting

Woy Woy Peninsula Little Athletics filled its executive positions for the coming year ahead of its annual general meeting on Friday, May 13.

With just one nomination for each position, the executive will comprise president Christine Murphy, vice-president Fiona Wadeson, secretary Zoe Brookes, treasurer Sylvia Turnbull and registrar Rochelle Martin.

Three non-executive committee positions also received just one nomination.

They were coaching officer Slav Arkhipov, equipment officer Tom Szymanski and trophies officer Deborah Van Breugel.

"We still have a lot of committee

positions to fill," said president Ms Christine Murphy.

"We still have plenty of minor roles available.

"Most do not require a lot of work and many hands make light work.

"We have several committee members stepping down this year after 10 years or more of service to the club, so we need some of our newer parents to step up and get involved.

"The outgoing committee will be around to help incoming members."

SOURCE: Social media, 12 May 2022
Christine Murphy, Woy Woy Peninsula Little Athletics

Ocean Beach to host IRB premiership

Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club will host the NSW IRB Premiership on June 25 and 26.

The club is one of 16 competing in the championships.

The first round was held at Terrigal at the weekend.

Director of surf sport Mr Don van Keimpema said: "The NSW IRB Premiership is a feature event on the state surf sports calendar.

"It provides a great spectacle

and showcases the skills of our membership," he said.

Events in the championship include IRB Rescue, Mass Rescue, Teams Rescue, Rescue Tube and IRB Relay.

Male and female divisions include Rookie (second year driving, over 18 years old), Under-23, 35+, 45+ and Open.

SOURCE: Media release, 11 May 2022
SLS NSW

Roosters storm home in first victory for season

On the back of a washout round, the Woy Woy Roosters stormed home against The Entrance to claim their first victory of the First Grade season at Woy Woy Oval on Sunday, May 8.

Earlier in the day, the Woy Woy Ladies Tag team went down convincingly to a strong Tigers outfit, while St. Edwards scraped a victory in the Open Age fixture.

The Reserve Grade Roosters claimed their first scalp of the year, a Luke Moore double helping Woy Woy to a comfortable 20-10 win.

The First Grade fixture began with a bang, as The Entrance capitalised on some ill-discipline from the Roosters, taking a 12-0 lead within the first 15 minutes of the contest.

From there, Woy Woy wrestled themselves back into the contest on the back of some strong bursts from Brae Verheyen and Joel Bodie off of the bench.

Looking much improved from their opening fixture, Woy Woy appeared fluent with their ball-playing attack, and looked to have crossed over on a spectacular Ashton Carroll finish.

However a forward pass in the lead-up denied the Roosters their hit back before the half.

Cashing in on their momentum to end the first stanza, Woy Woy found the chalk early in the second, Joe Williams finding room through the Tigers defence.

As The Entrance had done to



begin the match, Woy Woy quickly made it back to back four pointers on the back of some individual brilliance from winger Billy James.

The kicking game from both Woy Woy halves caused havoc amongst The Entrance back three, using the blustery conditions to force a number of errors.

Controlling much of the field position in the second half, the Roosters looked the more threatening of the sides.

With less than 20 minutes to play, Williams' second try of the day squared things up at 12-12.

With a tick over 10 to play, a penalty close to The Entrance goal line gave the Roosters the advantage for the first time in the game, Captain Toby Marks calmly slotting through the two points.

Another Tigers mishap at the

back from the resulting set saw Guy Pearson and Jessi O'Neill pounce on a loose ball, with O'Neill crossing for his first top grade try to give Woy Woy a 20-12 lead.

In a tense final stanza of play, The Entrance showed their resilience and crossed over under the sticks with just six minutes to, cutting the deficit back to two once again.

In the dying moments, a final roll of the dice from the Tigers saw them create a scoring chance.

However, the play was halted by a forward pass, Woy Woy clinging on to a well-deserved victory at home.

SOURCE: Media release, 13 May 2022
Ethan Jones, Woy Woy Roosters RLFC
Photo: Nick Friend

Interclub bridge comp attracts 12 teams

Brisbane Water Bridge Club hosted 12 teams for round two of the Interclub Teams competition.

Brisbane Water fielded eight teams with Gosford, Bateau Bay and Long Jetty making up the rest.

The local club's Team Tomlinson won the tournament with six wins giving them a nine-point VP buffer over their closest opponents Team Coats.

Brisbane Water filled the next four spots making it a great day for the club.

The event was directed by Ronnie Ng.

Lunch, drinks and nibbles were supplied throughout the day.

Results after six of six matches

were:

1 Chris Hasemore, Martin Johnson, Hope Tomlinson, Barry Foster 116 Imps, 93.21 VPs, 6-0-0, 1.93 red points.

2 Jan Clarke, Di Coats, Sally Clarke, Garry Clarke 102, 84.43, 5-0-1, 1.47.

3 Lorraine Lindsay, Jan Davis, Sylvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa 22, 64.40, 2-0-4, 0.83.

4 Ed Vaughan, Robin Vaughan, Jorgen Boettiger, Julie Teague 9, 63.08, 3-0-3, 0.79.

5 Shirley Crockett, Noel Crockett, Christine Hadaway, Chris Hannan 2, 61.70, 3-0-3, 0.43.

6 Trish Byrnes, Jurate Laisve, Alma Van Der Walt, Kathryn Ivits 2, 60.12, 3-1-2, 0.50.

7 Barbara Grant, Louis Koolen, Pauline Caust, Alan Bustany -24, 54.08, 3-0-3, 0.43.

8 Jim Routledge, Marcelle Goslin, Jenny Buckley, David Snow -23, 52.96, 2-2-2, 0.43.

9 Roy Cotton, Sue Eastman, Matt Raj Mal, Marilyn Scott -22, 52.58, 2-0-4, 0.29.

10 Carol Parker, Sharon Versteeg, Wanda Little, Pam Townsend -54, 49.55, 2-1-3, 0.36.

11 David Bowerman, Dasha Brandt, Marilyn Whigham, Joan Walsh -47, 44.71, 1-0-5, 0.14.

12 Elaine Hume, Peter Hume, Felicity Fane, Hilary Owen -83, 39.18, 2-0-4, 0.29.

SOURCE: Website, 13 May 2022
Brisbane Water Bridge Club

Cricket club to hold annual meeting

Southern Spirit Cricket Club will hold its annual meeting at 7pm on May 23 at Ettalong Bowling Club.

Positions to be elected include president, vice-president, junior vice-president, secretary, treasurer, registrars for seniors and juniors, female cricket promotions manager, gear steward, canteen

manager, social media manager and club social events manager.

The club says it encourages new faces with fresh ideas who are keen to be part of our working committee.

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

Parents of junior players have

been asked to get involved in helping to grow, develop and promote our juniors within the club.

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

SOURCE: Social media, 8 May 2022
Southern Spirit Cricket Club