



## Clean4Shore removes polystyrene from Patonga

A large amount of polystyrene and aluminium cladding has been removed from Patonga and the Broken Bay Sport and Rec Centre beaches by the Clean4Shore crew.

The crew were joined by staff from Broken Bay "to remove and load a huge amount of flood debris onto the Clean4shore barge", according to Clean4Shore co-ordinator Mr Graham Johnston.

"Our morning commenced with several large logs dragged clear of the the busy Patonga jetty with

aluminium cladding being washed up on the previous evening.

"Local residents had successfully stacked smaller items close to the shoreline to allow quick access and loading by the team.

"The small bay to the south of Patonga had visible large pieces of polystyrene, however the tidal ocean surge did not allow access.

"The Sport and Rec jetty also had polystyrene and cladding which the team removed.

"At the main beach, staff assisted with loading previously collected litter and debris.

"More aluminium cladding and a large mattress were loaded, and with a very heavy load the barge slowly returned to Patonga."

Mr Johnston said skip bins had been promised at Patonga so they could off load and return to the water.

However, no skip bins were there.

This required the 1.62 tonne load to be transported to Woy Woy tip, costing \$183.06 in tip fees.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 13 Jul 2022  
Graham Johnston, Clean4shore

## Community spirit shown in beach clean-up

Local community members and groups worked alongside Central Coast Council on Saturday, July 9, to clean up Umina Beach after extensive flooding and storm surges left piles of debris.

Peninsula Ocean Swimmers member Mr Tony Trichter said it was a true community effort to clean up the beach.

"This is by no means the first time our community has rallied together to clean up our beautiful beach.

"It was all-hands-on-deck for the last two major flooding events earlier this year and it was the same this time around.

"The Peninsula Ocean Swimmers and the other users of the beach always feel very privileged to have such a beautiful place to do the activities that we love, be it swimming, or surfing, or simply enjoying the beach.

"We feel it is the least we can do to give something back to what nature has provided us."

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl

Tesch thanked the Peninsula Ocean Swimmers, the Council and others who ensured that the beaches on the Peninsula were restored as soon as possible.

"Community spirit has come through again."

The clean-up was no small feat, with Mr Trichter mentioning that very large objects left on the beach had to be removed.

These included a spa, a shed, a box trailer and trees.

SOURCE:  
Media release, 12 Jul 2022  
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

## Beekeepers urged to remain vigilant

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has urged local beekeepers to remain vigilant about the health of their hives after a biohazard emergency alert was issued by NSW Department of Primary Industries.

The alert was issued after the varroa destructor mite which is deadly to bees was detected after it arrived in Australia via the Port of Newcastle on June 22.

"It has been detected at 24

locations across NSW, including Calga on the Central Coast," said Ms Tesch.

She said a 10km eradication zone had been declared round the Calga site, with a 25km surveillance zone.

"All local beekeepers are encouraged to 'sugar-shake' their bees to detect varroa infestations.

"Unfortunately, it is necessary to euthanise honeybee colonies in the eradication zones and destroy internal hive equipment such as brood and honey frames."

Ms Tesch, an amateur beekeeper herself, said: "Beekeepers on the Central Coast need to check their beehives for varroa mites and report back to the NSW DPI, as we've had a serious biosecurity breach and outbreak in our community.

"I recognise the impact of the eradication process has on our honeybee industry locally and state-wide."

SOURCE:  
Media release, 11 Jul 2022  
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

## Gordon Reid is sworn in

Dr Gordon Reid has been sworn in as the new Member for Robertson at the opening of Federal Parliament in Canberra on Tuesday, July 26.

Dr Reid said: "I am honoured by the privilege of representing the people of Robertson in the 47th Parliament of Australia.

"It is also exciting to think about the positive contributions I can make, as part of the new Albanese Labor Government, for the community I was born in, raised in and now represent in our nation's parliament." Dr Reid said.

"I look forward to getting down to the business of helping secure a better future for the people of the Central Coast and delivering on the election promises that I made during the recent federal election."

Dr Reid said.

Dr Reid is the 15th Member

to represent the Robertson electorate, which was named after Sir John Robertson, the fifth Premier of New South Wales.

Dr Reid is the seventh Member from the Australian Labor Party to represent the electorate.

"I was also pleased to have in the gallery watching the swearing in ceremony, my beautiful partner Shaylee, my supportive mother and father, Leanne and Bryan, along with my sister, Grace," said Dr Reid.

"It meant so much to me to have my family watching and be by my side during this historic occasion.

"As a proud Wiradjuri man, the commitment of our new government to implement the Uluru Statement from the Heart in full is something I am extremely proud of," said Dr Reid.

SOURCE:  
Media release, 28 Jul 2022  
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson

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For each issue of Peninsula News, we have more news items about the Peninsula than we have space to print.

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This is produced with the same layout as the print edition, but is in PDF form only, published on the Thursday following the print edition.

As advertising support allows, these pages will be included in the print edition.

Volunteer opportunities are available in all aspects of the newspaper's production, from news gathering and photography, through to seeking advertising and administration.

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SOURCE:  
Mark Snell, 1 Nov 2021



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# Peninsula News

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It welcomes and relies on the contributions provided voluntarily and at no cost by local organisations, groups and residents.

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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.

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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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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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## Work at aged care home continues despite rain

**Despite on-going rain challenges, progress has continued on building works at the Bluewave Living aged care home at Woy Woy, according to chief executive Mr Matt Downie.**

"Framework has begun going up on the eastern side slab."  
He said he was hopeful that once roofing was in place it would allow work to continue even on rain days for much of the rest of the build..  
"On the western side, the first stage of the western slab has been poured."  
Framework on the western

side was expected to commence shortly.  
"At the rear of the main kitchen, all the initial external demolition and in-ground plumbing work has been completed."  
"Formwork for the slab for the extension should be ready for slab pour within two weeks."  
"Once the Western slab is fully established and cured, work will begin on landscaping the two internal courtyards."  
"These works are due to be completed prior to being built out because of the extensions."  
"Once completed, these courtyards will become fully accessible to residents."

"The coming few weeks will continue to see initial framing, then roofing established over both the eastern and western ends."  
"Services such as air conditioning, electrical, plumbing and data will be roughed in over the coming weeks once the roof is in place."  
"While the overall build program has been heavily impacted by rain delays, we are working with North Construction to find ways to help catch up on the program."  
"We are still hopeful of a completion of these Stage One works prior to the end of this year."  
**SOURCE:**  
**Website, 19 Jul 2022**  
**Matt Downie, Bluewave Living**

## Teacher has baby girl

**Ettalong Public School Year 5 teacher Ms Shay Cox gave birth to a baby girl recently.**

She has been named Hazel Leigh.  
"Congratulations to Ms Cox and her husband Cameron, on the birth of Hazel," said relieving principal Ms Jodie Campbell.

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

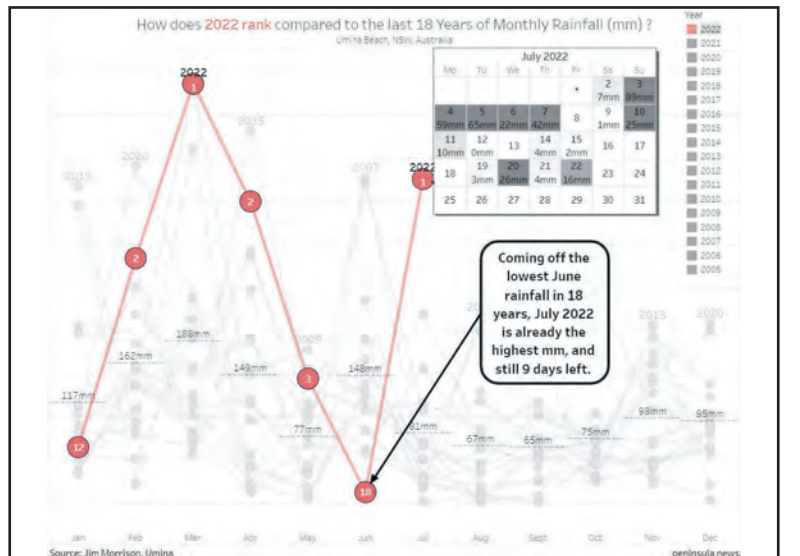


## Wettest year recorded in 18 years

**Falls of 91.9mm of rain in the last two weeks have brought the month's total for the Peninsula to 375.4mm, according to readings taken by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.**

The cumulative total for the year at the end of June at 1340.8 was already above the annual average of 1275mm.  
The year's current total of 1716.2mm is now the highest in 18 years.  
The greatest annual total prior to this year was 1685.6mm recorded in 2020.

**SOURCE:**  
**Spreadsheet, 22 Jul 2022**  
**Jim Morrison, Umina**



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# Greens ask for immediate council elections

The Central Coast Greens are asking the Minister for Local Government Ms Wendy Tuckerman to hold immediate council elections on the Central Coast with a five-year term.

The five-year term would “avoid holding two elections in two consecutive years”, according to Greens local government spokesperson Mr Jamie Parker.

“If the Minister succeeds in delaying the election until 2024, the Central Coast will have been without Councillors for four years,” he said.

“Four years is too long to wait for local people to get a democratically elected voice back on their council.

“We’re calling on NSW Labor to commit to bringing this election forward if they win government in March 2023.”

“Initially, residents were led to believe that two years of administration plus a lengthy public inquiry were adequate.

“In fact, according to the administrator Mr Rik Hart, the

troubled financial affairs of the Central Coast Council have now substantially been addressed.

“To suspend an elected government requires exceptional circumstances.

“The Greens contend that exceptional circumstances no longer exist at Central Coast Council and that Ms Tuckerman must return the normal governance by elected councillors at the earliest practicable occasion.”

Since the announcement, many signatures have been added to a resident’s petition to have the Minister reconsider her decision have accumulated.

“Only one election is needed to restore councillors to the council, and that election should be held sooner rather than later,” Mr Parker said.

“Government by elected representatives remains the expected form of all government in Australia.”

SOURCE:  
Media release, 15 Jun 2022  
Chantelle Bastow, Central Coast Greens



Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch, GUST members Ms Deb Sunartha, Ms Jan Deighton, Mr Mike Wilder, Ms Jen Wilder, Mr Gary Machin, Ms Lesley Harvery, Council chief executive Mr David Farmer and Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid

# Queen’s Jubilee grant for mature waterfront fig tree

Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid has announced the Peninsula Environment Group and its Grow Urban Shade Trees group have been awarded funding through the federal government’s Queen’s Jubilee Tree Planting Program.

“They will use this funding to acquire a mature fig tree to plant on

Woy Woy Waterfront to recognise The Queen’s Jubilee celebrations,” said Dr Reid.

Dr Reid attended the waterfront with Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch to meet with group members.

“Huge congratulations to Peninsula Environment Group and the GUST team for receiving the Queens Jubilee tree planting grant funding,” said Ms Tesch.

“The Woy Woy Waterfront will be receiving fabulous new ficus in the weeks to come.

“Thanks to Dr Gordon Reid and Central Coast Council for their support to make our community greener cooler and stronger for the climate future ahead.”

SOURCE:  
Social media, 22 Jul 2022  
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson  
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

# CWA branch at homelessness inquiry

The Woy Woy branch of the Country Women’s Association has attended the State Inquiry into Homelessness amongst Older People Aged Over 55 in New South Wales, held at Central Coast Council Chambers in Wyong last week.

Branch president Ms Jane Bowtell and CWA NSW policy manager Mr Andrew Connolly.

Also attending was branch member Ms Johanna Reygersberg, whose motion to the CWA State conference led to their invitation to address the inquiry.

The motion resulted in a

submission being made to the NSW Legislative Council advocating for an increased supply and availability of affordable housing and crisis accommodation in rural, regional and outer metropolitan areas.

It called for funding for a specialist older person’s housing information and support service, comprising of both early intervention and crisis response.

It requested the priority age for social house eligibility be lowered from 80 years “as a matter of urgency”.

The submission also sought “building 5000 social and affordable homes per year for 10 years, at least 20 per cent of which

to be dedicated to older people”.

Ms Bowtell said: “After the Legislative Council received this submission, we were invited to attend the inquiry and provide witness statements pertaining to our personal and professional experiences surrounding homelessness amongst older people in NSW.

“We are thankful for the opportunity to represent our community and provide a voice for the voiceless.

“This is not the end, but the beginning of what will hopefully signal massive social change.”

SOURCE:  
Social media, 18 Jul 2022  
CWA Woy Woy Branch



# Jams sold through cafe

A local cafe has agreed to sell jams produced by the Woy Woy branch of the Country Women’s Association without commission.

“You can now find our jams, pickles and preserves for sale at Locomotive Station in Tascott,”

said branch president Ms Jane Bowtell.

“All money from the sales go straight back into the community and helps us continue our work.”

SOURCE:  
Social media, 20 Jul 2022  
Jane Bowtell, CWA Woy Woy

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Rendering of the approved development

## Non-compliant three-unit development approved by Panel

**The Local Planning Panel has approved an application for multi-dwelling housing with three units at 37 Paul St, Umina.**

The application did not comply with planning provisions for ceiling height, setbacks, articulation, separation distance, private open space, and a requirement to plant a canopy tree.

Council planning staff had recommended approval.

A total of 16 submissions were received about the proposal.

In its reasons for its decision, the Panel stated: "While the proposal does not comply with a number of Development Control Plan requirements, the impacts on adjoining properties are not significant for reasons including the orientation of the site with respect to solar access.

"The proposal is satisfactory having regard for the relevant environmental planning instruments, plans and policies.

"There are no significant issues or impacts identified with the proposal under s.4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act," the Panel stated.

The decision was unanimous.

The approval removed a

requirement to plant canopy trees as part of the development.

Planning provisions requiring a six metre square courtyard planted with a large canopy tree for buildings between 25 and 35 metres in length.

A courtyard for Unit 2 will be less than six metres square and will not be planted with a canopy tree.

The building length of 44.4 metres is 26.8 per cent greater than what is permitted under the planning provisions.

The approval allows a first floor ceiling height of 2.55 metres, a 5.6 per cent variation.

It allows reduction of deep soil setbacks of between 42 and 80 per cent.

The eastern deep soil setback for Units 1 and 3 is 1.16 metres, 0.84 metres or 42 per cent less than the provisions.

Deep soil on the western side of Unit 3 is just 1.04m, 0.96 metres or 48 per cent less for a length of 4.6m.

Setback on the driveway verge is just 20 centimetres, 80 per cent less than required in planning provisions.

Setbacks to exterior walls were up to 70 per cent less than the four metre average and 3.5 metre minimum required by the planning

provisions.

On the eastern side, ground floor setbacks were 67 per cent less, and western side setback for unit 3 was 70 per cent less for a length of 4.6 metres.

The upper floor eastern setback had an 18 per cent variation.

The rear setback of as little as 2.66 metres was 56 per cent less than the six metre requirement in the planning provisions.

The application stated that a nine metre separation distance required by the planning provisions would not be achieved to adjacent dwellings.

At ground level, the separation would be 2.3 metres from Units 1 and 3, and four metres from Unit 2.

The upper level of Units 1 and 2 would be separated by 4.2 metres to the east and six metres to the west.

Unit 3 had only a four metre separation from the dwellings to the north at 32 Harold St and eight metres to 34 Harold St.

The minimum dimension of private open space is as much as 46 per cent less than the minimum dimension specified in the planning provisions of 3.5 metres.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 21 Jul 2022  
DA62203, Local Planning Panel

## Get fourth dose - Reid

**Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid has encouraged those who are eligible to receive a fourth dose of the Covid-19 vaccine to get one.**

"This will ensure that you are up to date with your protection and reduce the severity of the illness if you contract the virus". Dr Reid said.

"Vaccines save lives and reduce the risk of severe illness and death.

"It is important residents understand that their risk is increased if they do not stay up to date with their vaccinations". Dr. Reid said.

Dr Reid has also urged residents to be conscious of extra precautions you can take to minimise the risk of catching and spreading the virus.

"Additional precautions can be taken when in confined or indoor settings with low ventilation.

"This includes wearing a face mask and physical distancing where possible.

"Regular hand washing and cleaning of high-contact surfaces are also of benefit." Dr. Reid said.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 12 Jul 2022  
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson



## Replacing lantana with local species

**Last term the Year 5 Bushcare team at Umina Beach Public School cleared a huge area of lantana from the bush adjacent to the school.**

Last week, students from classes 5C and 5E planted local native species in its place.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 19 Jul 2022  
Penny Jope, UBPS P and C.

## Dual occupancy refused due to overshadowing

**The Local Planning Panel has refused a development application for a dual occupancy at 16 Sydney Ave, Umina, due to overshadowing.**

The application was recommended for approval by council planning staff.

"Shadow impacts on the adjoining property are unacceptable and approval of the proposed development would therefore not be in the public

interest," it stated in making its decision.

"The proposal does not comply with a number of clauses in the Gosford Development Control Plan."

These included building envelope provisions and requirements for private open space, minimum amount of sunlight, privacy and facade articulation.

"The proposed filling of the land on the site is likely to exacerbate the negative impacts of the

proposed development," the panel stated.

Peninsula Residents' Association committee member Ms Debbie Sunartha spoke against the proposal at the Panel meeting.

Residents of a nearly-completed dwelling opposed the application, due to the overshadowing.

A "consolidated" development control plan replaces the current plan on August 1.

It reduces the requirement for direct sunlight for three hours in winter from 70 per cent to 50 per

cent of living space and private open space..

The new plan removes clauses requiring the applicant to provide shadow diagrams and tables of solar access have been removed.

It also states: "Council may consider adopting a lesser standard than provided under this provision in circumstances where ... the proposed development complies with the building height and building envelope setbacks, the proposal adequately considers site constraints including slope

and site orientation, (and) it can be identified that the adjoining development has not sufficiently considered likely future development and site constraints such as lot orientation in the location of private open space."

It is expected this is likely to make it much more difficult for neighbours to successfully object on the grounds of solar access.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 25 Jul 2022  
DA63260, Local Planning Panel



# Mental health sessions offered

**Brisbane Water Secondary College is publicising two mental health education sessions offered by Headspace mental health service this term for parents, carers and community members.**

These sessions are online and free.

"The sessions aim to strengthen your understanding of mental health definitions, enhance a

conversational approach to mental health and well-being," said Woy Woy campus principal Ms Rebecca Cooper.

"They aim to build skills and strategies to support young people, including transition to work and study, and to build awareness of local, state and national supports available to young people.

"They should increase knowledge and understanding of the mental health challenges facing young people today and introduce

some skills and strategies."

A session about Navigating uncertainty and change will be held from 12-1:15pm on Tuesday, August 9.

A session about Connecting and communicating with young people will be held from 6:30-7:45pm on Monday, September 12.

For further information, contact [programsupport@headspace.org.au](mailto:programsupport@headspace.org.au).

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 15 Jul 2022  
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy



# Daisy is Griffin of the Week



**Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy campus student Daisy Duguid has been named Human Society and its Environment Griffin of the Week.**

"Daisy has infectious energy and is an absolute HSIE superstar, currently placing first in all her HSIE courses," said campus principal Ms Rebecca Cooper.

"She has the deadly trifecta of a HSIE Hall of Fame candidate: intelligence, resilience and diligence.

"Daisy is in the final stages of completing her compelling social research paper on 'The disproportionate rates of Indigenous Youth Incarceration and it's current and future implications for the social inclusion of First Nations people'."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 22 Jul 2022  
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy

# Designing and controlling their own models

**Students at Ettalong Public School have used computer tablets to design and control their own models.**

"The Year 3F class used new Lego kits where they could program their designs to move using iPads,"

said relieving principal Ms Jodie Campbell.

"They were a big hit."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 21 Jul 2022  
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong Public School

# Target program interviews in August

**Target program interviews for Ettalong Public School students entering Year 7 at Brisbane Water Secondary College next year are being held during August.**

Avid Program interviews will be held between August 16 and 18.

CAPA Program auditions will be held between August 16 and 18.

Enrichment Program

examinations will be held on August 10 and 11.

Target Sport Program interviews will be held between August 16 and 18.

Relieving principal Ms Jodie Campbell said parents and carers of students who had progressed to targeted program examinations, interviews and auditions should have received individual times and

requirements.

"Please don't hesitate to contact Ms Jessie Heighington from Brisbane Water Secondary College with any questions you may have, via phone on 4341 9066 or email [jessie.heighington@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:jessie.heighington@det.nsw.edu.au).

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 22 Jul 2022  
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong Public School

# Volunteers wanted for book fair

**Ettalong Public School is seeking help with a book fair at the school to be held in Week 4 this term.**

One or two helpers are needed for 30 minutes at 8:30am or 3pm each day Monday to Friday, August 8 to 12.

They will "assist with crowd control, payment and general

business".

Volunteers should email the office at [ettalong-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ettalong-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) or call 4341 3655 with their name, number and availability.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 22 Jul 2022  
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong Public School



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## ICAC raises questions about the integrity of pork barrelling

**On 3 June 2022 the NSW Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) held a Forum to examine the practice of pork barrelling, including whether it is lawful and ethical and whether it could constitute corrupt conduct.**

The Guardian reported the outgoing ICAC chief, Peter Hall QC, telling the forum that the NSW Stronger Communities fund was on the "other side of the line" of what was permissible. This is particularly relevant to the Central Coast and the council merger process.

The \$252 million Stronger Communities fund was originally designed to help councils that amalgamated with the costs of merging. Mr. Hall referred the fund as an example of pork barrelling, where "almost its sole motive was political". (The Guardian, 3/6/22).

In a 2018 briefing note, Berejiklian's staff wrote that they were "working to get the cash out the door in the most politically advantageous way" (The Guardian, 3/6/22).

Perhaps the most notorious use of the Stronger Communities Fund was the awarding of \$90million to Hornsby Council—which wasn't amalgamated.

There were no assessments and no guidelines - projects were identified by staffers in the offices of the Premier and Deputy Premier. These staffers asked government MPs to propose projects for funding.

The Central Coast was cited as an example of how this worked. In a parliamentary inquiry, a staffer from the Deputy Premier's office described the process of identifying projects:

*[T]he office ... spoke to local MPs about putting forward projects. A number of projects were put forward from the local member, Mr Crouch, and those were passed on to the Office of Local Government, as requested*

In February 2022, the NSW Audit Office found that the assessment and approval processes for this program lacked integrity.

The Report from the NSW Audit Office listed twenty-

five projects on the Central Coast provided with a total of \$5,500,520. Of these 25 projects, 21 were located in the State electoral seat of Terrigal.

There is no doubt that most, if not all, projects and groups receiving funding are worthy - however, that is not the core issue. At question is the governance, probity and integrity of public processes and our politicians, at all levels.

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Arts

## Patchwork projects at crafts centre

**Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre has reported “plenty of beautiful projects completed and underway” at the start to term 3 in its patchwork class.**

“Gwynneth Weir put the finishing stitches on the binding of her heart quilt,” said centre president Mr Peter Mulholland.

One member brought in an embroidered child's apron that her mother made many years ago.

“She is replacing the ties so a lucky granddaughter can use it.”

Another member has completed a sock for her daughter, with the second one in progress.

Among other work was a “Beatrix Potter” baby quilt, with a

matching wet bag made from left over pieces.

“Our tutor Penny finished the binding on her vibrant red, black and white quilt that was made from blocks completed in a workshop she gave last term on curved piecing.”

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 18 Jul 2022  
Peter Mulholland, EBACC



## Reid visits Umina CWA

**Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid visited the Umina Beach branch of the Country Women's Association on Wednesday, July 13.**

“We were able to ask lots of questions and he was very informative,” said branch president Ms Rikki McIntosh.

Dr Reid said: “It was a pleasure to meet with the Umina Beach

CWA members and listen to their plans to improve their facility and make it more flexible for the whole community.”

He thanked the branch “for the warm welcome and interesting questions”.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 13 Jul 2022  
Rikki McIntosh, CWA Umina Beach  
Social media, 14 Jul 2022  
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson

## Little Theatre stages David Williamson's Travelling North

**Woy Woy Little Theatre will present 10 performances of David Williamson's Travelling North at Peninsula Theatre, opening on August 5.**

The Australian classic will be directed by the Little Theatre's vice-

president, Mr Andrew Thomson. “It is a beautifully written play that has at its centre two wonderfully drawn characters dealing with the complexities of lives well lived,” said publicity officer Mr Graham Vale.

“Frank and Frances find a new life, much to the consternation of their conventional children.

“Their dream takes them both north to the sunshine, but no sooner do they find their paradise than signs of mortality betray Frank's lion spirit.

“Travelling North is David Williamson's tribute to the generation that fought for change in Australia from the 30s to the 70s.

“Set in the early 70s, this play explores the attitudes of the era with great heart.

“However, there is another dimension to this play and that is, simply, that life is about renewal, growth and moving on.

“This is David Williamson at his best and we have pulled together a great cast.”

Simon Doctor plays Frank with Christine Vale as Frances.

The daughters are played by Kelli Ward as Helen, Diane Warman as Sophie and Karen Rowe as Joan, Frank's daughter.

Mark Austin plays Saul, the local doctor, and David Wicks plays Freddy the new northern neighbour.

Douglas Kent doubles up as a marriage celebrant and a gallery attendant.

Tickets are available online through the Little Theatre website.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 21 Jul 2022  
Graham Vale, Woy Woy Little Theatre

Expressions of interest

**Committee member**

The Peninsula's Own News Service Inc

Peninsula News is owned and run as a community service by a voluntary non-profit community group, The Peninsula's Own News Service Inc.

The challenges of running a local newspaper have increased as regionalism and digitalisation increase and as involvement in the local community through voluntary activity declines.

A recent Federal Parliamentary committee inquiry into the future of regional newspapers has recognised their social importance, and the need for them to show “resilience and innovation” and to “identify and implement alternative, sustainable business models”.

From the start, Peninsula News has taken this approach and now seeks to build on its strengths and achievements for its second 25 years of operation.

We are seeking expressions of interest from people of any age to help provide the strategic direction which will enable the newspaper fulfill its aims:

- to provide a comprehensive news coverage of community life and forum for Peninsula residents
- to support and encourage active interest and participation in the community, including in the production of Peninsula News, and
- to strengthen the social fabric, the sense of belonging and health of the community

We know there are many talented people in our community, some of whom have retired to the Peninsula, and we ask you to consider contributing to the future of Peninsula News as a member of the association committee.

Please email [editor@peninsula.news](mailto:editor@peninsula.news) by August 17

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Tide Rising



(Re)presenting Earth

# Winners of ephemeral art trail announced

The winners of Pearl Beach Arboretum Ephemeral Art Trail were announced at an Afternoon of Bush Music on Saturday, July 9, in the Pearl Beach Community Hall.

The theme was "Only One Earth".

The winner was "Which Super Wildflower are You?" by local artists Ms Anna Westcott and Ms Cecile Ferguson.

Their artists' statement asked:

"Majestic vibrant waratah, melodic velvety flannel flower, brilliant banksia or a wild dancing echinacea?"

"May these rising psychedelic flowers inspire us to play more, be vibrant and to care for this land we are lucky to call home."

The second prize went to "Tide Rising" by Ms Jojo Fuller.

She explained her work: "The signature umbrella forms and trailing tentacles of jellyfish, bleached white and suspended in

the trees, are a stark reminder that, on earth, even the oldest and most resilient of life forms are fiercely battling for territory, for survival.

"Jellyfish can draw on over 500 million years of collective wisdom.

Scientists confirmed last year that biodiversity is declining faster than at any time in human history.

"We have a choice about what we do next."

The winner of the People's Choice Award was the "Octopus's Garden" by Pearl Beach artist Mr

Malcolm Davison.

Malcolm explained "Oceans and waterways have been battered by the floods and storms.

"Plastic has been caught up in this rubbish.

"I want to draw attention to the hazard this brings to our marine creatures".

Colin Husband's giant snake "(Re)presenting Earth" was Highly Commended.

Colin said: "We have a visceral, complicated relationship with

snakes.

"Not just here and now, but in old and new cultures on all the lands they slither.

"Is the snake's attention ominous warning or promise of hope?"

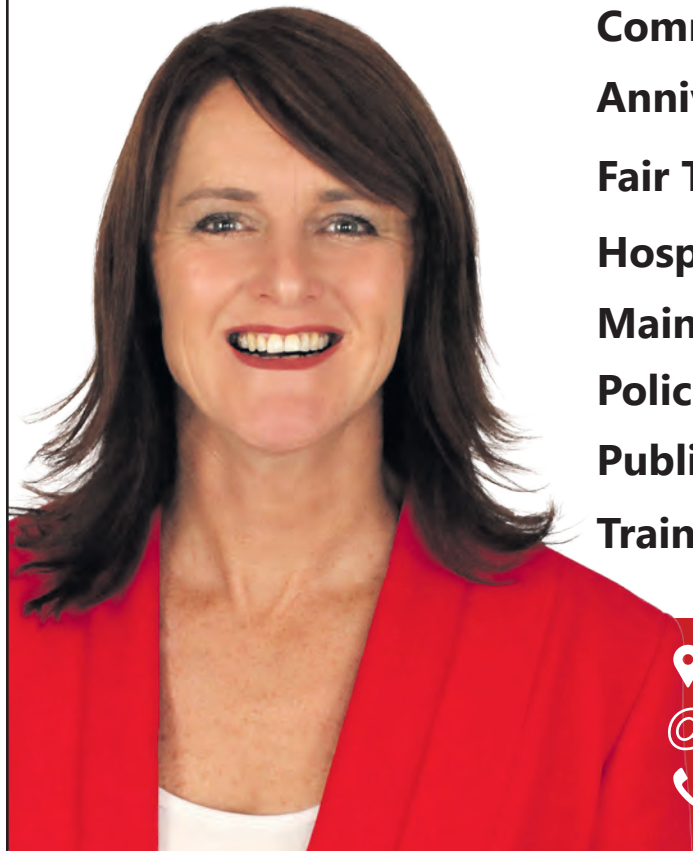
The winners were judged by Central Coast Council gallery director Mr Tim Braham.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 12 Jul 2022  
Mary Knaggs, PBEAT



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Sport

# Soccer club presentation is now in October

Umina United soccer club has postponed its senior presentation to be held at Ettalong Diggers Club until October 8.

The presentation was postponed following the extension of the season to accommodate the washout round.

The event will include a two-course dinner and band.

The theme will be black and

white with formal or semi-formal dress expected.

There will be prizes for the best dressed and a lucky door prize and raffles.

Tickets costing \$43.29 including booking fee must be bought online, with drinks to be paid for separately.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 18 Jul 2022  
Umina United Soccer Club



# Junior basketball season starts

Junior basketball started last Thursday, July 21, and runs through to Thursday, September 22.

Learn to Play for beginners and intermediates aged 6 to 11 is held at the Peninsula Leisure Centre on Thursdays from 4pm to 5pm.

Game Skills for players aged 10 to 16 who have played full court basketball is held on Thursdays from 5pm to 6pm.

Cost is \$107 for the 10 week term.

Limited spots are available to attend weekly at a cost of \$12.70 per session.

A junior basketball competition is held on Friday afternoons team spots available in the 10s, 12s and 14s age groups at a cost of \$520 for the 10-week season.

For more information, email Bill. McMahon@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au

SOURCE:  
Social media, 13 Jul 2022  
Bill McMahon, Peninsula Leisure Centre



# Presented with reserve champion prizes

Three members of the Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club were presented with their zone Reserve Champion prizes recently.

Shane Waddell, Lee Cribbs and Colin Mew were presented their

Zone 15 Bowls Central Coast 2021 President Reserve Champions prize money by zone secretary and treasurer Doug Rose at Club Umina.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 19 Jul 2022  
Peter Springett, UBMBC

# Cheerleading team qualifies for national championships

The cheerleading team from Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College have scored high enough to progress on to the

National Championships in Queensland.

"Because of date changes, we are unsure if the team can perform at the competition," said campus

principal Ms Kerrie O'Heir.

The school has asked students about their availability.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 13 Jul 2022  
Kerrie O'Heir, BWSC Umina

# Touch coaches wanted for representative season

Peninsula Junior Touch is seeking suitable qualified coaches to lead its teams for the 2022-23 representative season.

Anyone interested in applying for a position should fill out an

application form.

Applications for all coaching roles close at 5pm on Friday, August 12.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 20 Jul 2022  
Peninsula Junior Touch



# Applications open for representative season

Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association has opened applications for the 2023 Representative Season.

Opportunities are available in a coaching role and as a selector, as well as being a representative player.

Coach and selector applications close at 5pm on July 30.

Player applications close at

5pm on August 7.

Player trials will be held in the second week of August.

Dates and times will be confirmed directly to players.

For further information, email wwpna@bigpond.com

SOURCE:  
Social media, 20 Jul 2022  
Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association

# Savannah is 14th in the state

Umina Beach Public School student Savannah Glynn has come 14th in the State cross country running championships.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 22 Jul 2022  
Umina Beach Public School

# School athletics carnival postponed

Ettalong Public School will hold its athletics carnival on Wednesday, August 10, after it was postponed last week.

"Council closed McEvoy oval as

a result of the weather conditions, meaning that the athletics carnival has been postponed," said relieving principal Ms Jodie Campbell.

"Pre-ordered sausage sizzles will carry over to this new date."

SOURCE:  
Social media, 21 Jul 2022  
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong Public School