



Dr Gordon Reid’s maiden speech:

## The Peninsula ‘places front and centre what we must do’

“The Peninsula is truly one of the best places on the face of this earth, but it places front and centre what we must do – protect, preserve, and nurture,” Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid told Federal Parliament in his maiden speech last Monday, August 1.

“In the afternoon, with the sun setting, and an orange glow filling the sky, if you look out from Umina Beach, you see a small island, Lion Island, on it a colony of penguins.

“Surrounding it, and the remaining coast, rolling waves and ocean, teaming with marine life. Truly something to behold.

“Our future generations should be at the heart of each and every decision that we make.

“Therefore, we must provide them with an environment, with a planet, where they can continue to grow, to love and to become whomever they want to be.

“Without them, we are nothing, and this great Australian story ceases to exist.”

In his speech, Dr Reid emphasised health, housing and the environment.

He spoke of the importance to

## Protect, preserve, nurture

him of family, his local aboriginal community, and accountability and integrity in government.

He defined health broadly, “not simply a state of being free from illness or injury”, but also in terms of having a healthy community, including “having a clean, strong, protected and sustainable environment”.

“Health is the strength of a society and a community,” he said.

“Health is a community having access to affordable and equitable care and services.

“Health is having the freedom to go about your daily lives with the reassurance that those elected to represent us are held to account.

“Health is having a clean, strong, protected and sustainable environment.

“Health is having a sense of belonging through cultural acceptance and representation.

“Health is having the ability to

participate in the workforce all while knowing your children are being cared for and educated to the absolute highest standard.

“Health is having a safe and secure place to call home.”

Dr Reid spoke of his experiences as an emergency department doctor, with full waiting rooms, where “the stroke and the heart attack need immediate attention, but there are no beds”.

“No beds, not enough staff.”

Dr Reid said: “Shifts like this forced a turning point for me.

“I stand before you today, not because I no longer want to be a doctor - I love being a doctor, and will always love being a doctor.

“But by undertaking this most important role, my skills and my experience will no longer be limited to the bedside.

“At the bedside I have the opportunity to help one family at a time.

“Here I have the opportunity to be part of something that can change the lives of everyone in our community, for the better.

“I have the opportunity to use my experiences to bring about informed, systemic change.”

SOURCE: Maiden speech, 1 Aug 2022 Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson

## Public meeting to discuss future of Woy Woy

A public meeting will be held to discuss the future of Woy Woy at the Everglades Country Club at 7pm on Thursday, August 25.

Organised by the Peninsula Residents Association, the open meeting aims to give residents the opportunity to discuss their hopes for the future design of the town.

Questions discussed will include: “What are our views on how best to design for amenity, liveability, traffic flow and transport?”

“What is the big picture for Woy Woy?”

“How should the Woy Woy CBD integrate with surrounding areas?”

Residents are invited to have their say and discuss their thoughts.

Free event tickets will be available from the association’s website at [www.peninsulareidents.org.au](http://www.peninsulareidents.org.au).

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For further information, email [thepeninsulareidents@gmail.com](mailto:thepeninsulareidents@gmail.com).

SOURCE: Media release, 6 Aug 2022 Julian Bowker, Peninsula Residents Association

## New rector

The Reverend Jacqui Smith has been appointed as the next Anglican rector of the Peninsula Parish.

Ms Smith comes to the Peninsula from the Parish of Bayswater in Melbourne.

She will start her ministry here in October.

SOURCE: Newsletter, 31 Jul 2022 Holy Apostles Anglican Church, Woy Woy

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Mark Snell, 6 Aug 2022



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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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The following policies and guidelines are designed to support the aims and standards of the newspaper.

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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.

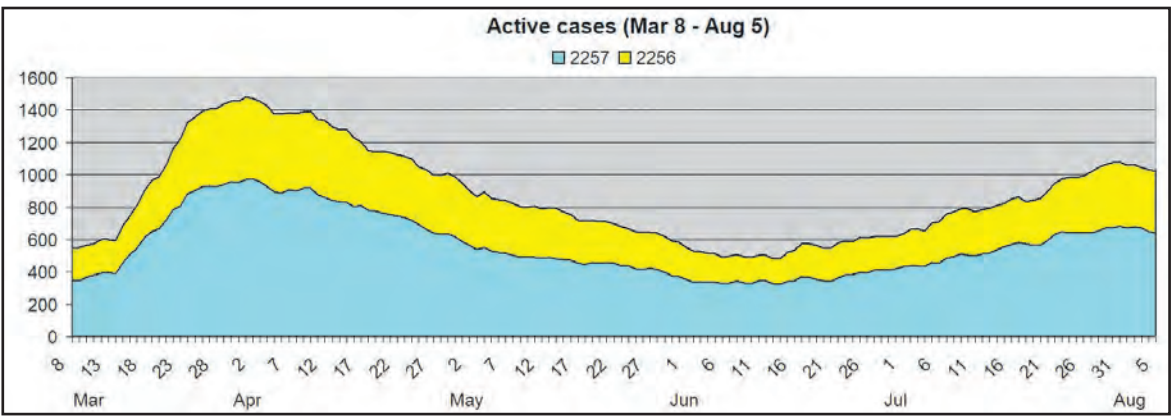
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More than 1000 active cases remain

**Active coronavirus cases remain above 1000 on the Peninsula, despite a slight fall in numbers last week.**  
The numbers exceeded 1000 on Wednesday, July 27, growing to 1080 by July 31.

They have reduced by 57 since then, with active cases standing at 1023 last Friday.

The infection rate is 2.17 per cent of the population, more than double the rate just seven weeks ago, on June 14.

On that date, there were 479 active cases, representing 1.02 per cent of the population.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 5 Aug 2022  
Covid data and statistics, NSW Government

Aged care home cleared

**A facility-wide PCR test has cleared a local aged care home of any coronavirus cases.**  
Following a recent outbreak of the disease at BlueWave Living in Woy Woy, chief executive Mr Matt Downie said: "We have had no new cases now for some time with any residents, and there are currently no remaining positive cases either with any residents."

He said: "We undertook facility-wide PCR testing early this week, and all the results have come in now."

"Visitors are welcome to any wings, in line with current guidelines - A maximum of two adult visitors per day per resident."

"Other precautions remain in place, such as a rapid test for all visitors on arrival and the wearing of masks."

"We are obviously continuing to experience significant Covid cases in the community, with the current wave impacting most of us at some point, which we all need to be mindful of."

Mr Downie said that nearly half the aged care facilities in NSW had been impacted by Covid outbreaks in the last few weeks.

"With the peak expected to occur sometime through August, the number impacted will undoubtedly continue to grow."

"It is entirely probable that we will see future outbreaks occur here given the prevalence of Covid in the community."

"However, with the high levels of vaccination, importantly booster vaccinations, and the ability to now access anti-viral medication, the impact on individuals is now much better managed and adverse outcomes have reduced greatly as compared to previous waves."

Mr Downie said: "All visitors are not to attend at all if feeling unwell in any way, even with the mildest of symptoms, including scratchy throat, headaches and runny nose."

Visiting hours remain from 10am to 4pm, seven days a week.

Video call are still available as an alternative to visiting.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 28 Jul 2022  
Matt Downie, BlueWave Living

New visiting restrictions

**A local hospital has introduced tighter visiting restrictions in response to increasing numbers of active coronavirus cases.**  
The restrictions at Brisbane Waters Private Hospital in Woy Woy were introduced from July 25.

Hospital visiting hours will now be 11am to 7pm to align with the Local Health District.

Only two visitors will be allowed in a 24-hour period, and visitors over 12 must wear masks and practice hand hygiene.

They will not be allowed if they have tested positive within the last 10 days or are awaiting results.

They will not be allowed if they have another acute respiratory infection in the last seven days, or any symptoms, or are high risk contacts of someone who has had Covid-19 in the last 14 days.

They will not be allowed if they do not wear a surgical mask correctly on entry and for the duration of the visit.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 24 Jul 2022  
Debbra Ritter, Brisbane Waters Private Hospital

July ends with month and annual records

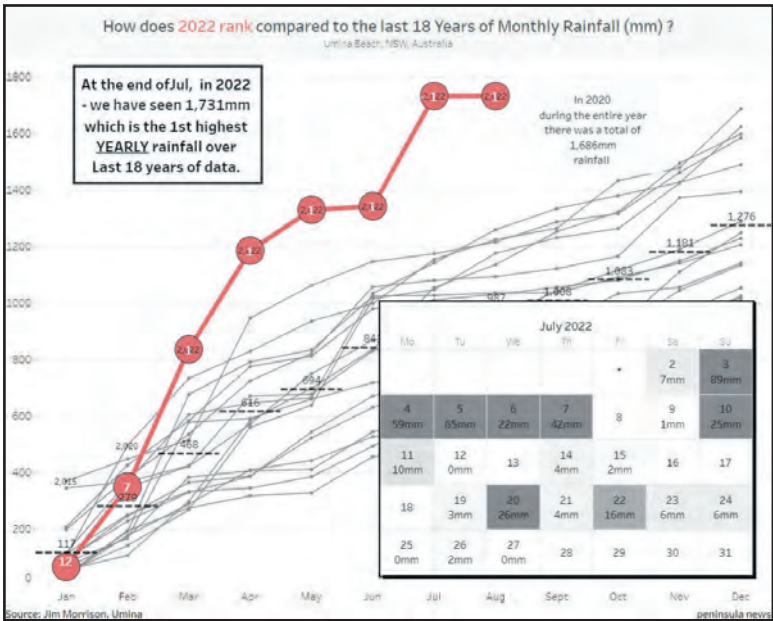
**The month of July finished with a rainfall total of 390.3mm for the month, and a cumulative total for the year of 1731.1mm, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.**  
The month's total was the highest July total in 18 years, only exceeded by four other months: March in 2017, last year and this year and by April 2015, all of which were above 400mm.

The cumulative total not only exceeds the previous highest July cumulative total of 1173mm in 2015, but is the highest annual total in 18 years.

The next highest annual total was 1686mm recorded in 2020.

The graphical data visualisation accompanying this report was prepared by Peninsula News' volunteer Mr Craig Dewar.

He has made Mr Morrison's



entire 18-year rainfall history available online for interrogation in graphical format.

It is accessible at <http://bit.ly/PNWeather>.

**SOURCE:**  
Spreadsheet, 5 Aug 2022  
Jim Morrison, Umina  
Data visualisation: Craig Dewar



# Comment sought on street banner policy

Central Coast Council will seek public comment on draft policies affecting the flying of flags and street banners.

The policies will affect banner poles in West St, Umina, in Ocean View Rd and Picnic Parade, Ettalong, and in The Boulevarde, Woy Woy.

They will affect the roadside banner stand in Rogers Park at the corner of Ocean Beach Rd and McMasters Rd.

The draft banner policy states: "Council currently operates an annual calendar for all locations, with preference given to initiatives that fall under the direct control of Council."

These include council-run events, "activations", and campaigns; the celebration of Christmas; the acknowledgement of Anzac Day, Reconciliation Week and Naidoc Week, and brand identity of the town centres.

"Applications should be submitted at least three months before intended installation date.

"Council reserves the right to decline any application that is not consistent with this policy or the design specifications outlined within the Banner Guide.

"Banners may incorporate national flag elements within the designs provided the flag component does not exceed 50 per cent of the overall size.

However, banners are not appropriate for display of national or official flags alone as per Council's Flying of Flag Policy.

The flag flying policy does not specify any flag poles, but speaks of "flag poles situated on Council-owned and operated public or open spaces" and "flag poles situated on Council operated community facilities".

Flags flown on these will be done so in accordance with State and Federal Protocols.

They will be raised on occasions at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer.

SOURCE: Central Coast Council agenda 2.3, 26 Jul 2022

# Grant was kick start for new Men's Shed

The new shed for Umina Beach Men's Shed in Osborne Ave, Umina, is expected to be completed in November, after delays due to the weather, shortage of building materials and the impact of the coronavirus on the workforce.

However, the project may have taken even longer if it were not for a \$70,000 grant from Ettalong's Bendigo Bank branch.

The grant went towards the fees associated with the planning, development and construction of a new shed.

"Without this significant funding from Bendigo, it would have not been possible to undertake this project," Men's Shed chairman Mr Darrell Pannowitz said.

"We are a not-for-profit organisation with limited opportunities to raise revenue.

"This sponsorship largely contributed to kick start the preparation of designs and plans leading to the lodgement of a development application to Council."

Local bank branch director Mr Kerry Watkins said that the bank



had made a number of large contributions to Peninsula groups in recent years as a result of increased profits, with 80 per cent of profits going to the community.

Mr Watkins said: "It took quite a while for the branch to trade profitably and now with the support from the community we can return our profits back to the community.

"The more the community supports the branch the more the branch can support the community.

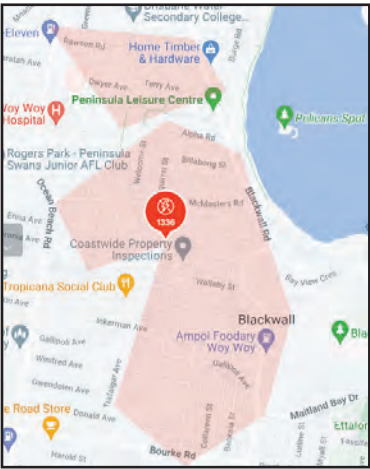
"We see the Mens Shed as a terrific resource for the community, not only providing services to

numerous organisations and residents on the Peninsula but also proving to maintain the well being and health of its members who participate in their projects."

Mr Pannowitz said that residents who would like to be part of the team may contact secretary Mr Vic Brown on 4342 9606 to join.

Pictured are Mr Pannowitz, Ettalong Bendigo Bank director Mr Bruce Croft and Mr Brown.

SOURCE: Media release, 26 Jul 2022 Kerry Watkins, Ettalong Bendigo Bank



## Power cut

Areas of Woy Woy, Blackwall, Ettalong and Umina were without power on Thursday, August 4.

Power was cut to 1336 homes and businesses.

Power was restored late in the day.

SOURCE: Social media, 4 Aug 2022 NSW Central Coast Incident Alerts

## Group promotes koala survey

The Pearl Beach Patonga Koala Group is encouraging people to take part in a Central Coast koala survey.

"As you may be aware Brisbane Water National Park is one of three sites in NSW chosen as a possible translocation site for koala translocation," said group member Ms Ann Parsons.

"I have been working with key stakeholders such as the National Parks and Wildlife Service, Local Land Services, University of Sydney and Central Coast Council on trying to achieve this.

"Central Coast Council is wanting to understand gaps in knowledge and future projects that can increase the viability of koala populations on the Central Coast.

"In 2019 Council completed an acoustic survey across 58 sites, where koalas were detected at nine sites, with the surveyed sites

shown on the council's websites.

"As a result of the survey, Council has been working with key stakeholders to identify barriers and opportunities to working towards improved outcomes for koalas in the region, which is why we are wanting to hear from you.

"If you are a community group member, a government officer, work in research or have a general interest in koalas and their long-term persistence on the Central Coast and adjacent regions such as Cessnock and Lake Macquarie, please complete our survey which is available at [https://centralcoastcouncil.syd1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_etZZUx1XORxqQjs](https://centralcoastcouncil.syd1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_etZZUx1XORxqQjs)

The survey will remain active until August 27.

SOURCE: Social media, 3 Aug 2022 Ann Parsons, Pearl Beach Patonga Koala Group



## YouthRock band win

Brisbane Water Secondary College Year 12 student Ziv Raz is a member of a band that has won this year's Youth Rock NSW band competition.

The band, Ruby and The Groovy Doobys, won prizes including five days at Mainstreet Studios.

The group was entered by Kariong Mountains High School,

but includes members from four different schools.

Ruby Archer was from Kariong Mountains, Micah Booth was from Henry Kendall High School and a fourth band member was from Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College.

SOURCE: Social media, 1 Aug 2022 Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy

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## Four units proposed for Waratah Ave site

**Four units would be constructed in a gun-barrel development at 24 Waratah Ave, Woy Woy, under a multi-dwelling housing proposal received by Central Coast Council.**

The proposal, prepared by Red Apple Design, includes the demolition of an existing split-level brick dwelling.

The application claims the existing improvements on the site have no significant architectural

merit or historical significance and are currently in a level of disrepair.

"The proposed development features a mix of single and double storey.

"The proposal provides all four units with a large courtyard area at ground level, featuring a mix of hard and soft finishes to enhance its livability.

"The courtyards are accessible and mated to their corresponding living areas."

The application states the development is a mix of three and

four bedroom units, but it does not say how many of each.

Plans accompanying the application show three of the four units to have garages, with the rear unit having only a carport.

The front unit has a double garage.

There is one visitor parking space.

The plan shows four "advanced feature trees" and three "medium feature trees" to be planted, but the removal of a street tree.

The application claims to

comply with planning provisions in all but rear setback.

"The rear ground floor setback complies," the application claims.

"The proposal seeks a variation to the clause for the first floor setback.

"The design of the first floor is consistent with the whole development.

"There are no overshadowing or privacy impacts to the neighbouring sites.

"Strict compliance is unnecessary."

The application claims bravely that the development "embraces the current objectives of the planning instruments and control measures", would be "a functional development with high levels of amenity, both for the end user and those it neighbours", and would "develop a new standard to be applied upon similar development in the precinct".

Written submissions close on Friday, August 26.

**SOURCE:**  
DA Tracker, 5 Aug 2022  
DA1927/2022, Central Coast Council

## Dual occupancy plan for Brittania St

**Central Coast Council has received a development application for an attached dual occupancy development at 17 Brittania St, Umina.**

"The front dwelling includes a single garage, bedrooms, bathroom, laundry, open plan kitchen-dining-living area with adjoining patio and open space," the application, prepared by Clark Dowdle and Associates, states.

"The upper floor includes two bedrooms and a bathroom.

"The rear dwelling includes a double garage, bedroom, open kitchen, dining living area with adjoining alfresco areas that connects through to the private open space area to the rear.

"The upper floor includes two bedrooms and a bathroom.

"The external finishes include a mixture of cladding, colorbond roofing and powder coated aluminum windows that would be consistent with the contemporary dwelling design occurring within the Peninsula."

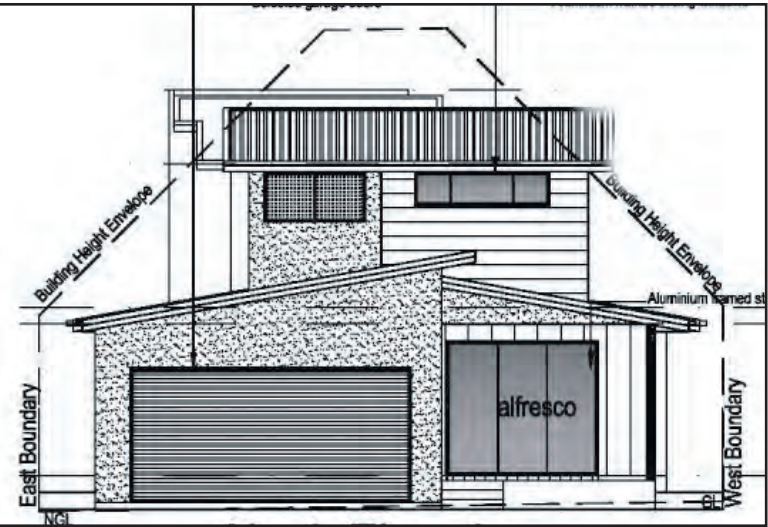
The exhibited site plan, in a single drawing, attempts to delineate both existing and proposed structures (including ground and first floor), various fences and retaining walls, water tanks, rubbish bins and "alfresco" areas.

There is also one sheet of elevations.

According to the drawing schedule, several other drawings, including shadow diagrams and a landscape plan, have been produced but have not been placed on the council's planning portal.

The application is not compliant with the required minimum lot size of 550 square metres, being only 501.6 square metres.

The application seeks to justify this on the basis that it is "a superior dual occupancy development to an attached dual occupancy development which



would not require a variation to the 550m2 development standard.

"The dwellings provide appropriate floor layout with sufficient building setbacks, articulation with solar access and landscaping opportunities that would be compatible with the medium density zone."

The application also attaches importance to the advantage the site has due to the rear lane access especially in the areas of driveway space and garage placement.

Accordingly the north elevation is dominated by a double garage door a mere 1.5 metres from the rear boundary.

Being north facing this is the sunny side of the property.

It would be interesting to see how this proposal can claim adequate solar access to internal living spaces and private open space for both units.

However, relevant drawings are not supplied.

The application has a status of "Notification/Advertising" but does not as yet appear in the Current Applications link on the Central Coast website.

Therefore, the closing date for submissions is unknown.

**SOURCE:**  
DA Tracker, 7 Aug 2022  
DA1346/2022, Central Coast Council



## Revision removes garage and second access

**A revised development application for 1 Corrong Cl, Woy Woy, has removed plans to build a garage with access from Timbertop Dr.**

The application proposes to carry out alterations and additions to the existing ground floor level and construct a new first floor level.

"When completed, the proposed dwelling will continue to be the primary residence for the current owner-occupants," it states.

The original application attracted a number objections to the provision of a second road access requiring mature trees to be removed.

Objections had also been received that the revised plans were ambiguous about whether the garage and Timbertop Dr access were still planned.

One stated: "All the documentation still mentions the proposed garage ... the only change appears to be the garage is not shown in the drawings.

"Is the applicant proposing to build a garage?"

"Neighbours were not advised of the new development application, even though they were informed by a Council officer that they would be."

Another commented: "With reference to the newly submitted

documents for 1 Corrong Close, Umina Beach, I was at first thrilled to see the at the garage had apparently been removed from the plans.

"Unfortunately further reading uncovered some mention of the concrete driveway, through 12 metres of council bushland.

"Items 2.5 and 4.2 refer to the garage or driveway, neither of which are indicated on the new drawings."

A third commented: "I would have thought that a resubmitted DA should be 100 per cent accurate and up to date with what is proposed to be built."

After these objections were submitted, a revised application was submitted without these references.

Item 2.5 now states: "Existing Access to Site: Access to the site is currently gained via number 1 Corrong Cl, Umina Beach."

Item 4.2 states: "Proposed Access to Site: The access to the subject site will remain from number 1 Corrong Cl."

However, the application still refers to "new attached garage area" of 49 square metres at item 3.2, although this is not shown or mentioned elsewhere.

**SOURCE:**  
DA Tracker, 5 Aug 2022  
DA63926, Central Coast Council

## No details of three units

**Central Coast Council currently has a development application for three units at 17 Gallipoli Ave, Blackwall, on exhibition for public comment.**

However, no plans or "statement of environmental effects" for the application are posted on the council's website to facilitate informed comment.

The only details of DA2026/2022

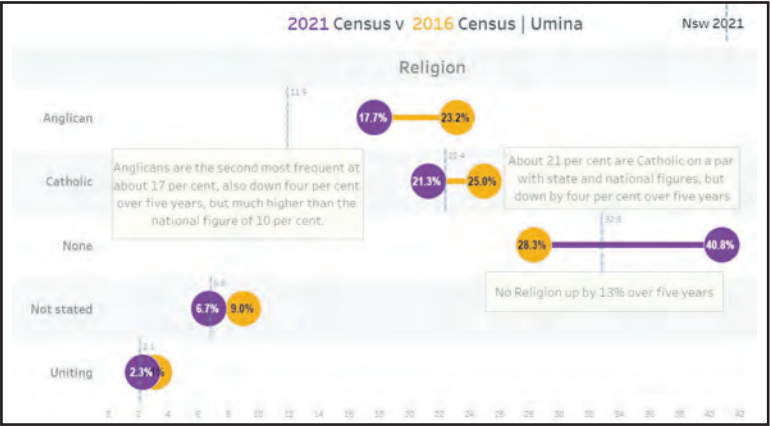
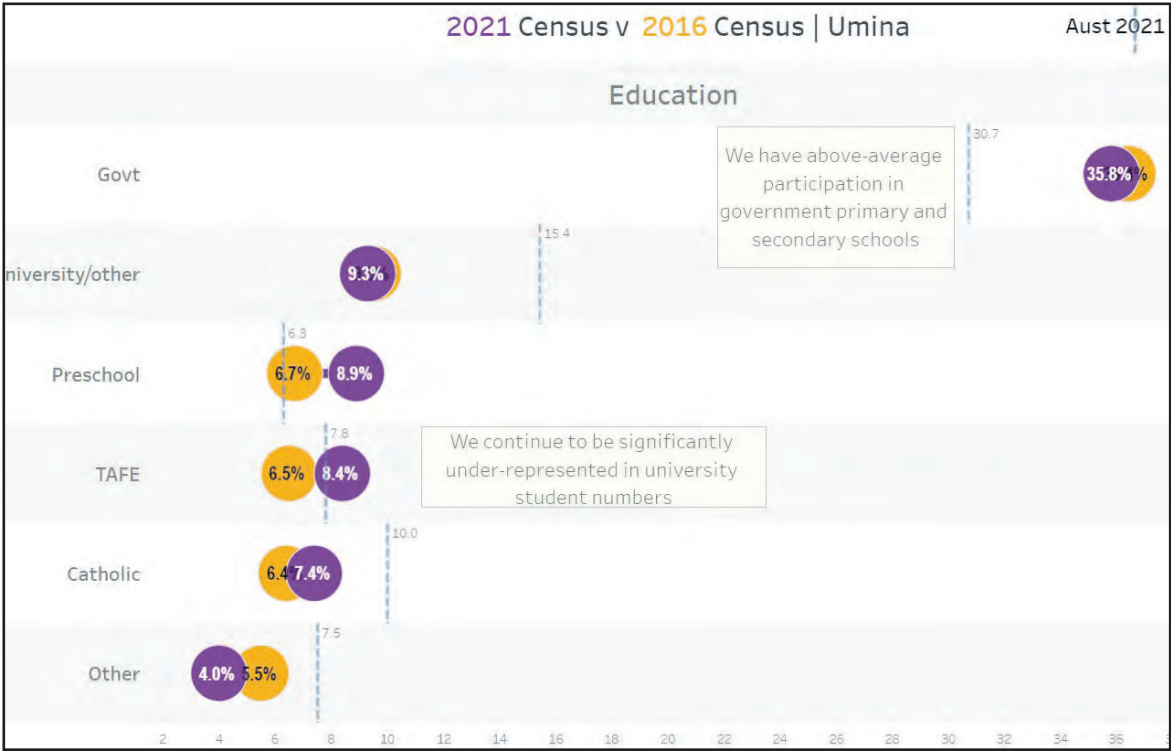
are that it is for a three-unit multi-dwelling housing development "and demolish existing".

It was lodged on July 28 by applicant KM Design Partners and its status is "Notification/Advertising".

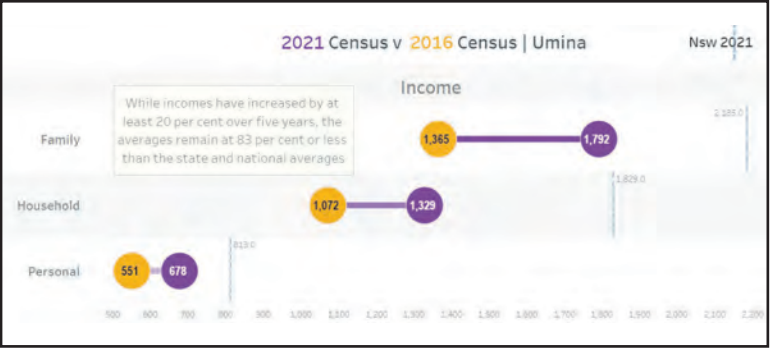
The responsible council officer is listed as Mr Brian McCourt.

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DA2026/2022, Central Coast Council

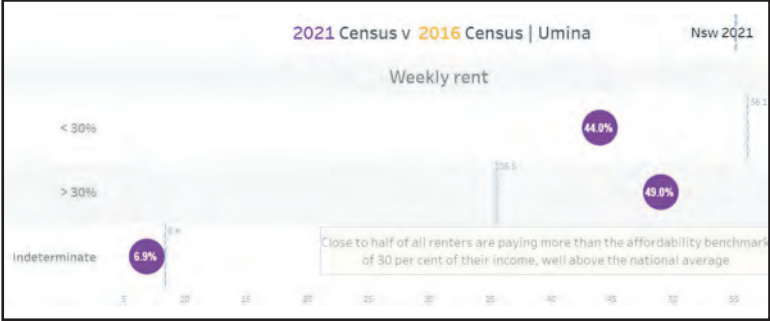




Anglicans are the second most frequent at about 17 per cent, down four per cent over five years, but much higher than the state average.



While incomes have increased by at least 20 per cent over five years, the average remains at 83 per cent or less than state or national averages.



Close to half of all renters are paying more than the affordability benchmark of 30 per cent of their income, well above the state and national averages.

# Online graphs show new demographics

Peninsula News has produced an online graphical comparison of demographic changes over five years on the Peninsula. Local data visualisation analyst Mr Craig Dewar used census data from 2016 to make the comparison with Census data from 2021. The graphs show figures from the Level 2 statistical areas of Umina and Woy Woy, as well as NSW and national averages.

Together, the Umina and Woy Woy statistical areas comprise the Peninsula to its road boundaries at The Rip Bridge, the Spike Milligan Bridge and Staples Lookout on Woy Woy Rd. Mr Dewar, a Peninsula News volunteer, has produced two series of graphs – one with “guided insights” from the page three report in the last issue (549) of Peninsula News, and another series allowing a free form exploration of the data. “It was a fun exercise,” said Mr

Dewar. “I enjoyed the challenge.” Separately, Mr Dewar has also produced a series of online rainfall visualisations, based on rainfall figures recorded by another volunteer Mr Jim Morrison of Umina. The census graphs are available at <https://t.ly/66sH> or <https://tinyurl.com/PNCensus>. SOURCE: Website, 6 Jul 2022 Craig Dewar, Umina



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Long-time Umina Beach Rotary Club member Mr Mike Curley died on Tuesday, July 26, just short of his 85th birthday.

Club president Mr Wayne Dowdle said: "Mike was a dear friend."

He had been a member of Umina Beach Rotary since December 9, 1998.

"Mike had been in Rotary for near 40 years of his life having been in South Sydney, Roseville Chase as a charter member and Lane Cove before transferring to Umina when he and his wife Pamela settled in Umina Beach in 1998," said Mr Dowdle.

"He has been awarded Rotary's highest honour, the Paul Harris Fellow, on two occasions.

"He has been president of our club five times and secretary on 13 occasions and was an extremely good organiser.

"He has been in many ways organising all of us during this time."

Mr Dowdle said: "Mike was born in Paddington on July 31, 1937, and was one of four children, two sisters passing away in 2013 and 2019.

"He is survived by his younger brother Robert who lives in Sydney.

"Mike was married twice: to Liz in 1961 and to Pamela 1995."

Liz died in 2004 and Pam in 2015.

"Mike and Liz had three children together: David who passed away of cancer 2006, Jennie Lee and Matthew.

"Mike has one grandson Michael, who lives in Cairns.

"When he married Pam, he acquired two step children Christopher (in Spain) and Marita who has a daughter Charlotte.

"Michael went to Coogee Public and Kensington Opportunity

Mike Curley dies short of 85th birthday

Schools before attending Sydney Boys High between 1950 and 1954.

"He went on to attend Sydney University to gain his Bachelor of Laws in 1960.

"He was appointed a fellow of several financial institutes covering insurance and management and obtained diplomas in life insurance and financial services during his career.

"Between 1954 and 1961, while completing his degree, Mike worked in the Public Trust Office.

"In 1961, Mike joined the insurance industry in NSW, Qld and WA.

"He held several key positions in various companies being appointed company secretary and state manager in WA, Qld and NSW.

"He was also at one stage general manager for distribution and operations of City Mutual.



Mike Curley when he was president of the Rotary Club of Umina Beach

"Mike retired in 1996 to then take-up consultancy work where was involved in developing and delivering training, facilitating workshops on life insurance and financial services plus compliance

in Australia, China and Vietnam between 1997 and 2015.

"Mike in his younger days was a good rugby player, playing with the Randwick Club first as a junior, then on to reach first grade.

"Mike was also a good rower having rowed in the fours and eights and was a GPS winner. He also rowed in the Olympic trials in 1955.

"Mike loved all sport.

"He managed City Mutual's sponsorship of swimming in Australia between 1981 and 1985.

"Between 1983 and 1986, he was on the NSW Committee for the Commonwealth Games.

"At the Sydney Olympics in 2000, Mike was responsible for the Guyana team and in fact carried the Guyana flag in the closing ceremony."

Mr Dowdle said: "Mike will be missed by all who knew him.

"Vale Michael John Curley July 31, 1937, to July 26, 2022."

His funeral service will be held at 2pm today, Monday, August 8, at Greenway Chapel, Green Point.

The service will be streamed and available afterwards for those unable to attend the service, via the Palmdale Group website.

SOURCE: Media release, 6 Aug 2022 Wayne Dowdle, Rotary Umina Beach

Phyll O'Regan dies at 94 after brief illness

Woy Woy lost one of its best-loved characters on Tuesday, July 19, when Ms Phyllis (Phyll) O'Regan died following a short illness.

She died in Gosford hospital, where she had spent most of her working life, eventually becoming head nurse in the orthopaedic ward.

"Phyll leaves behind her best friend and long-term partner Pat Molloy, a multitude of friends and a lifetime of great memories," said Ms Malloy's niece Ms Fran Malloy.

"Phyll's age was one of the Peninsula's best kept secrets.

"It can now be revealed Ms O'Regan was born in 1928, and



turned 94 in July."

Phyll spent most of her life looking after other people, and was funny, cheeky and kind, according to Ms Fran Malloy.

"Senator Deborah O'Neill was one of many people to send her condolences, as Phyll and Pat were founding members of the Peninsula Day Branch of the ALP.

"She spent years helping secure community-focused representation for the area.

"St John the Baptist Woy Woy parish priest Father Timothy Raj said he would miss Phyll's humour, and that she always made everyone around her smile.

"Her many friends included the Savage and Brett families, with Ellie Brett reading a lovely poem at Phyll's funeral."

SOURCE: Media release, 5 Jul 2022 Fran Malloy, Sydney

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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 by August 17

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Kindergarten students at Umina Beach Public School have celebrated their first 100 days with a range of activities, including painting hundreds of dots and dressing up as if they were 100 years old. Here they formed the number 100.

## Naidoc activities held at Woy Woy campus

**Woy Woy campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College celebrated Naidoc Week from Monday to Friday, July 25 to 29.**

On the Monday, Year 10 took part in a smoking ceremony and an acknowledgment of country led by former student Mr Rheese McMinn.

Year 11 and 12 students participated in cultural activities in roll call and timetabled classes.

On the Tuesday, Year 11 took part in a smoking ceremony and an acknowledgment of country.

Year 10 and 12 students participated in cultural activities in roll call and timetabled classes.

Students designed their own acknowledgement of country will be translated into Darkinjung language to be displayed at the school entrance.

On the Wednesday, Year 12 took part in a smoking ceremony and an acknowledgment of country.

Year 10 and 11 students participated in cultural activities in roll call and timetabled classes.

The PDHPE faculty ran cultural games during lunch 1 and 2.

On the Thursday, all students participated in cultural activities in roll call and timetabled classes.

A barbecue was held for indigenous students and cultural games were held on the oval.

On the Friday, all students participated in cultural activities in roll call and timetabled classes.

Mr Maurice Goolagong ran an art workshop for aboriginal students.

Cultural games were played on the oval during break.

A Hall of Fame was mounted in the science hallway which included inspirational aboriginal people in sport, politics, music and human rights.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 25 Jul 2022  
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy

**Two members of the Woy Woy South Public School cleaning staff, Mr Ron Wakelin and Mr David Jermyn, have received awards as part of Education Week.**

"Ron and Dave worked tirelessly throughout the Covid lockdown period, constructing watering systems for our gardens and performing extra tasks, far beyond their normal roles," said principal Mr Matt Barr.

"On behalf of our school community, thank you for your hard work and the critical part you play in the success and development of our school."

Teachers Mrs Michelle Reid and



Mrs Kirsten Shearer also received awards.

"They have been awarded Education Week Excellence in Teaching Certificates," he said.

"Both of these amazing people are highly valued by everyone at

our school and have continually shown passion and commitment to teaching Woy Woy South children for many years."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 5 Aug 2022  
Matt Barr, Woy Woy South Public School

## Appreciation awards for college staff

**Three staff members from Woy Woy campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College have received Central Coast Public Education Appreciation Awards.**

The recipients were teachers Ms Katie Austin and Mr Simon Madden and administrative staff member Ms Kathryn Jewkes.

Ms Austin won her award because she "demonstrates relentless pursuit of improvement

through innovation and creativity, developing a culture of high expectation and student success in the PDHPE faculty".

Mr Madden won his award as he "demonstrates exemplary leadership and support of staff, students and the community".

"He exemplifies the values of public education in everything he does, placing the students at the heart of his practice."

Ms Jewkes "demonstrates exemplary commitment and

passion for school administration and support of colleagues".

"She supports, cares and goes beyond the expected in everything she does".

Woy Woy campus principal Ms Rebecca Cooper said she had the "great privilege of celebrating and acknowledging some very special members of staff who make a difference every single day".

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 4 Aug 2022  
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy



## Rehearsing

**Year 7 students at Brisbane Water Secondary College have been busy rehearsing on guitars.**

"They are preparing for their assessment task, which is taking place in week six," said Umina campus principal Ms Kerrie O'Heir.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 27 Jul 2022  
Kerrie O'Heir, BWSC Umina

## Echoes of Laurel Canyon at Troubadour folk club

**The Troubadour Folk Club is holding its next major concert for 2022 at the Everglades Club at 7pm on Saturday, August 27.**

The concert Echoes of Laurel Canyon will feature the Trippy Hippy Band.

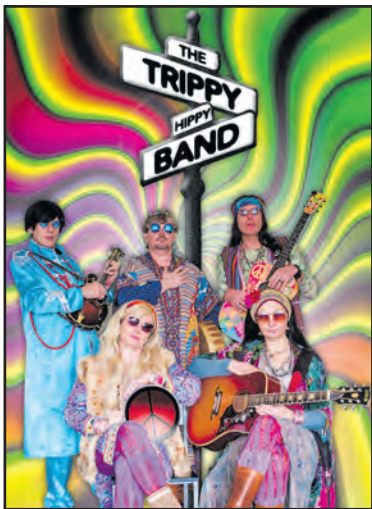
"The Trippy Hippy Band performs the beautiful and unforgettable music of the folk-rock revolution," said folk club president Mr Michael Fine.

"Echoes of Laurel Canyon is a fabulous two-hour retrospective performed by a unique and amazingly talented band made up by some Australia's best and most loved folk musicians.

"They present live music, with video and stories, about the most influential artists who lived in Laurel Canyon, the foothills of Hollywood, between 1965 and 1975.

"Laurel Canyon was a community of artists who forged folk rock, a new genre of music at the time, that forever changed the look, sound and attitude of popular music.

"Local performers included The Mamas and The Papas, the Byrds,



Buffalo Springfield, the Doors, Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young, Carole King, Joni Mitchell, Jackson Browne, Linda Ronstadt, America, Gram Parsons and the Eagles."

For bookings, follow the links available on the club's website at [troubadour.org.au](http://troubadour.org.au).

For further information, phone MaryAnne Howland on 0407 917 117.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 5 Aug 2022  
Michael Fine, Troubadour Folk Club

## Aged care provider expects more long-term residents

**A local aged care provider is expecting the numbers of long-term residents to increase**

"We have noticed an emerging trend where people are moving into our independent living units in their early retirement," said Peninsula Villages chief executive Mr Colin Osborne.

"This allows them to enjoy their retirement within our secure premises, be a part of the Peninsula Villages community, and then, if required, make an easy move into one of our higher-care residences within the same, familiar community down the track."

He anticipated that this would be more commonplace as older-aged locals were moving into independent living units for their retirement.

The provider currently has two residents who have lived there



more than 27 years.

Ms Lucy Roy moved into her independent living unit 33 years ago, in 1989, and is still there today.

Mr Norm Pringle, pictured, moved into an independent living unit in Peninsula Villages' Coinda Village 27 years ago, in 1995

Mr Pringle said he and his

wife Pat moved from East Hills in Sydney's south west.

"Pat and I fell in love with the region and its lifestyle," he said.

"When my health began to affect me, we started researching local retirement and aged care providers and Peninsula Villages ticked all our boxes in terms of their focus on community as well as facilities, ageing-in-place care model and social aspects on offer."

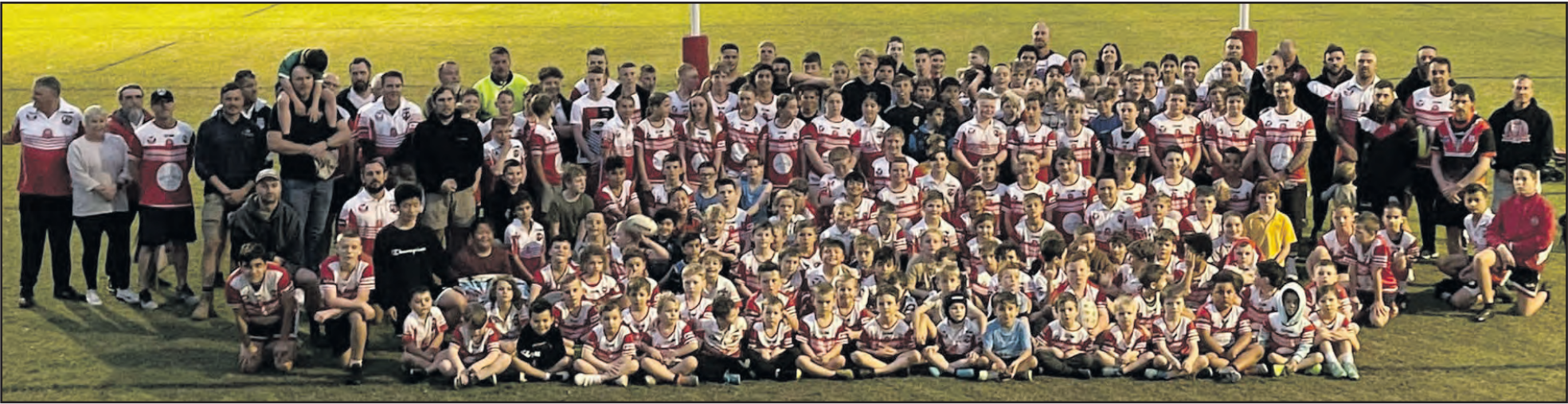
Mr Pringle said he was grateful for the compassion and support shown by staff and the friendships he has forged with fellow residents at the Village when Pat died in 2019.

"It's nice to know that I'm not alone and am surrounded by my Peninsula Villages family."

Norm moved from Coinda Village to an independent living unit in Peninsula Village in 2017.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 1 Aug 2022  
Kately White, Brilliant Logic





## Woy Woy Junior Rugby Football Club

Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Football Club took the opportunity at its last training session for the season to gather all players for a club photo.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 4 Jul-2022  
Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Football Club



## Umina comes second in youth pool rescue event

Umina Surf Life Saving Club youth team was placed second in the overall youth point score and fourth in the Under-17s, Open and Masters competition at the NSW State Pool Rescue Championships held at the Peninsula Leisure Centre between July 22 and 24.

The youth team of 23 was able to field a competitor in almost every race, which added to the club's point score.

The team was supported by six coaches: Kerry Armstrong, Bronte Smith, Shelley Smith, Rachel Wood, Jemma Smith and Carl Krucler.

Another 23 club members helped in staging the event.

Gold medal winners were:  
U12/13 F 4x50m Obstacle Relay - Leilani Carpenter, India Darwin, Marli Hoyland, Amber Stevenson.

U11 Mixed 4x50m Obstacle Relay - Levi Sinclair, Sam Wetti, Liliana Carpenter, Chloe Hall.

U11 M Line Throw - Sam Wetti and Levi Sinclair.

U12/13 F 4x50m Brick Relay - Julia Hall, Kelsey Page, Lily James, Elka McGann.

U11 Mixed 4x50m Brick Relay - Levi Sinclair, Sam Wetti, Liliana Carpenter, Chloe Hall.

U12/13 F 100m Patient Tow with Fins - Amber Stevenson and Marli Hoyland.

U12/13 F 4x50m Medley Relay - Leilani Carpenter, India Darwin,

Marli Hoyland, Amber Stevenson.  
U11 Mixed 4x50m Medley Relay - Levi Sinclair, Sam Wetti, Liliana Carpenter, Chloe Hall.

Silver medals were won by:  
U13 F 100m Obstacle Race - Julia Hall.

U13 F Line Throw - Julia Hall and Amber Stevenson.

U12 F Line Throw - Marli Hoyland and India Darwin.

U15 M Line Throw - Cashar Darwin and Nicholas Kearney.

U11 F 50m Brick Carry - Chloe Hall.

U12/13 F 4x50m Brick Relay - Leilani Carpenter, Ki'lulu Leggett, Marli Hoyland, Amber Stevenson.

U15 M 100m Manikin Tow with Fins - Cashar Darwin.

U12/13 F 100m Patient Tow with Fins - Julia Hall and Leilani Carpenter.

U12/13 F 4x50m Medley Relay - Julia Hall, Kelsey Page, Lily James, Bronte Scahill.

Bronze medals were won by:  
U12 F 100m Obstacle Race - Amber Stevenson.

U12/13 F 4x50m Obstacle Relay - Julia Hall, Kelsey Page, Lily James, Elka McGann.

U13 F Line Throw - Lily James and India Darwin.

U12 F Line Throw - Leilani Carpenter and Ki'lulu Leggett.

U12 F 50m Brick Carry - Marli Hoyland.

U15 M 100m Manikin Tow with Fins - Cashar Darwin.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 24 Jul 2022  
Umina Surf Life Saving Club

## Southern and Ettalong United is still fourth

Southern and Ettalong United has retained fourth spot on the ladder after defeating Terrigal 6-2 in Central Coast Premier League competition on Sunday, July 31.

Keith Gumbs delivered a hat trick to help steer Southern Ettalong to the win.

Having only had one game in the last five weeks along with limited training sessions, Southern Ettalong went into the clash against third-placed Terrigal knowing they would have to start well and on the front foot.

They took the lead after seven minutes when Matt Caisley rounded the Terrigal keeper to open the scoring.

Southern doubled their lead

four minutes later when central defender Todd Balneaves found Charlie Polson with a diagonal pass in behind the Terrigal defence.

With calm execution, Charlie found the right-hand corner of the net.

Terrigal's first goal came thanks to Ben Flakus who struck the ball from the edge of the area.

An under-weighted back pass to the Terrigal keeper was chased down by Keith Gumbs and after a deflection from the keeper, Keith scored with his left foot to extend Southern's lead to 3-1.

However, Terrigal fought back through Erik Riquelme, scoring off a corner to finish an exciting and entertaining first half.

Straight after the halftime break, Keith Gumbs pounced onto a

through ball to clinically drive his shot past the Terrigal goalkeeper to again have his side extend their lead to two goals.

The contest remained even until the 80th minute when Jacob Lepre blasted the ball into the roof of the net to make it 5-2 for Southern Ettalong.

Keith Gumbs completed a well-deserved hat trick when he converted from the penalty spot with less than five minutes to go to make the final score 6-2.

Southern Ettalong coach Dale Eggleton was happy with his players' performance but said they must be even better when they faced the league leaders.

SOURCE:  
Website, 5 Aug 2022  
Adam Blunden, CC Football

## College makes it to Oztag semi-finals

An Oztag team from Woy Woy campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College made it to the semi-finals of the Opens Central Coast Oztag Gala Day at Tuggerah recently.

The team comprising 13 athletes from Years 10 to 12 were defeated by the eventual winners of the competition, Tuggerah Lakes.

The Woy Woy team won its first three games on the day, 12-0, 5-1 and 7-1.

Losing the last pool game, the team placed second in its pool.

It progressed to play Wadalba in the quarter-finals.

After being behind 4-1 with eight minutes to play, the boys displayed



their skills to score five quick tries to move into the semi-finals.

We unfortunately lost in a close The encounter with eventual

winners Tuggerah Lakes was close but unsuccessful.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 29 Jul 2022  
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy

## Cricket coach and players wanted

The Southern Spirit Cricket Club is seeking a coach for its Phoenix players.

The club is seeking a "positive, motivated mentor to share your knowledge and love of cricket with our next gen of Phoenix players".

"Co-coaching with a friend is also an option."

For further information, phone Bec on 0404 017 897.

The club is also seeking players for its "all girls cricket" for 10 to 15 year olds.

No experience needed, and T20 matches are played with modified rules and formats.

Games are non-contact, and all players get to bat, bowl and field.

A soft cricket ball is used.

Participants play in "a league for girls to develop their skills

and progress along their cricket pathway, to have fun, be active and have plenty of opportunities to learn through play, to make new friends and be part of our local community club".

For further information, phone Sean on 0421 802 070.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 4 Aug 2022  
Southern Spirit Cricket Club