

# Peninsula News

Community Access



## The Peninsula loses its last greengrocer

# Bushland rezoning may have ‘potential irreversible impact’

**Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland, rare bushland unique to the Peninsula, has been given “potential Serious and Irreversible Impact status”, according to a report from the State’s environment department.**

The report found that a planning proposal to rezone recreation land in Macleay Ave to residential “will result in the removal of 1948 square metres of ... Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland”.

The report recommends that “the development footprint is reduced”, warning that the council cannot issue development approval if the status is confirmed on assessment.

The report was prepared by the Biodiversity Conservation Division of the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, as a result of a requirement of the “gateway determination” allowing the rezoning.

The report states: “Due to the very limited geographic distribution of this endangered ecological community, it has been given potential Serious and Irreversible Impact status in accordance with Principle 3 (i.e. it has a very limited geographic distribution) when impacts are assessed under the Biodiversity Offset Scheme.”

The report questions the Central Coast Council’s evaluation of the impact on the rare bushland.

“Central Coast Council’s planning proposal appears to assume that there will not be significant effects on UCSW because, although vegetation will

be removed from the western part of the lot, the vegetation is retained in the drainage line on the eastern side of the lot.

“However, the majority of the vegetation in the drainage line in the east is not UCSW.

“Most of the impacts on UCSW on the western side of the drainage line are not being avoided.

“The council also appears to be relying on the future development application process for detail about the amount of UCSW which will be removed.

“The maps supplied indicate that most of the UCSW on the western side of the drainage line will be turned into car parks and the peripheral road which will act as an Asset Protection Zone.

“Central Coast Council will have to determine at the development application stage whether the impacts of the development will have a significant effect on the UCSW and are a potential Serious and Irreversible Impact.

“If CCC decides that the proposal will have a significant effect on the UCSW, the Biodiversity Offset Scheme will be triggered.”

The report also recommends that the cumulative impacts on Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland should be considered, taking into account both recent and proposed developments on Woy Woy Peninsula.

The report stated: “The change from a partly vegetated site in a RE1 zone to a residential zone reduces the environmental protection standards that apply to the land.

“The loss of environmental protection of the subject site should be given appropriate consideration.”

The report recommended that, if the proposal goes ahead as planned with the removal of the UCSW on this site, the council should consider how this would affect the work being done under the management plan being prepared for UCSW by the Council and the Department’s Saving Our Species team.

“Any additional funding for the restoration and conservation of UCSW should consider existing management plans.”

Central Coast Council is advertising the planning proposal for public comment until September 1.

“The vacant land is in an established residential area and adjoins land already developed for medium density housing,” according to the description on the Council’s Your Voice Our Coast website.

“The proposal will enable the provision of affordable rental housing to meet the needs of the community.”

The website states: “No specific residential development is proposed as part of the Planning Proposal.

“However the proponent is an affordable housing provider and it is intended to develop the land for medium density affordable housing.”

SOURCE:  
Website, 19 Aug 2022  
YourVoiceOurCoast,  
Central Coast Council

**The Peninsula will lose its last greengrocer with South St Fruit Market expected to close by the end of the month.**

The closure was announced with a social media post: “Everything in the shop half price until August 30.”

Staff said they were sad the business was closing, reporting that many customers were upset it was closing.

They said the business was no longer financially viable.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 10 Aug 2022  
South St Fruit Market, Umina Beach

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

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

Readability

To ensure that the newspaper serves its purpose, it must be readable and represent the interests and activities of the community in its content.

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

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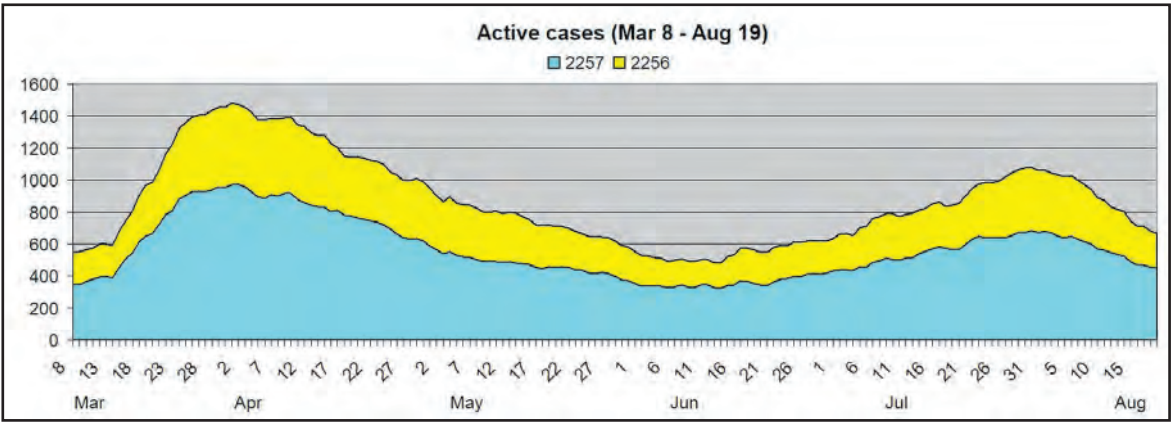
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Cases drop by one third in a fortnight

**Active coronavirus cases have dropped by one third in a fortnight in the 2256 and 2257 postcode areas.**

The numbers have dropped from 1001 on Sunday, August 7, to 666 on Friday, August 19, according to figures on the NSW

Government's Covid data and statistics webpage.

This means 1.41 per cent of the Peninsula population is currently affected compared to 1.50 per cent for the Central Coast.

The total number of cases recorded on the Peninsula since the start of the pandemic is 17,164.

This is also lower in proportion to population, with the figure being 36.4 per cent for the Peninsula compared to 39.1 per cent for the Coast as a whole.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 19 Aug 2022  
Covid data and statistics, NSW Government

Only 17mm of rain for month so far

**Only 17mm of rain has fallen on the Peninsula so far this month.**

This is 25.4 per cent of the August average of 67mm, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

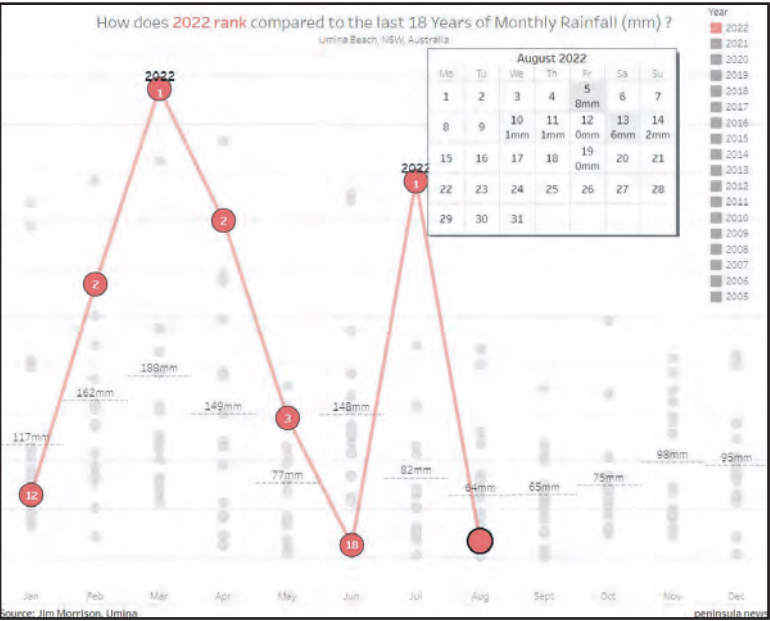
While the rainfall is well below the average, it is already greater than the August total in five of the last 18 years.

The lowest August total was one millimetre in 2005.

As recently as 2018, the August total was just 6.3mm.

The entire 18-year rainfall history is available online at <http://bit.ly/PNweather>.

**SOURCE:**  
Spreadsheet, 19 Aug 2022  
Jim Morrison, Umina  
Data visualisation: Craig Dewar



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Dear Premier Perrottet and  
Opposition Leader Chris Minns

When will you finally close the NSW Education and Standards Authority?

This organisation is making the education crisis worse.

Not content with closing a special assistance school and throwing 103 kids onto the streets in Broken Hill, Wilcannia, Western Sydney and the Central Coast, 65 of whom were Indigenous; now they question teaching standards at a well-established Jewish school in the eastern suburbs?

Hallo, we need teachers. So parents are fooled by schools and Indigenous kids don't count. Is that it?

Enough is enough. Close the NSW Education and Standards Authority, please.

Make the Minister responsible for education again. The Central Coast needs more alternative schools, just like the North Shore.

Authorised by Gab McIntosh, Education Spokesperson  
Indigenous Party of Australia

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## Lone Pine Plaza landscape plan 'yet to be approved'

A landscaping plan has yet to be approved for the new Lone Pine Plaza shopping centre in Ocean Beach Rd, Umina, the Peninsula Residents Association has been told.

The association understood Central Coast Council was requiring a plan that met community needs for shade and liveability, said secretary Mr Julian Bowker.

Both the Residents Association and the Grow Urban Shade Trees group expressed their concerns to the developer and the council when it appeared that the north-

facing plaza and carpark was largely treeless, "creating an urban heat bowl".

"Also of concern was the lack of any trees planned for the Ocean Beach Rd side which is a hot and busy thoroughfare," said GUST member Ms Jen Wilder.

"This road and verge are heavily used by walkers, riders and motorists, all whom would benefit from shade on this aspect of the Plaza."

She said both organisations wanted to see the Council's Greener Places Strategy implemented in practice.

SOURCE:  
Media release, 21 Aug 2022  
Julian Bowker, PRA



## What's on fire? Here's the answer

For residents wondering where all the smoke came from in streets near Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College last

Wednesday, here's the answer.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at the campus immersed themselves in a variety of cultural activities and traditions

for Naidoc Week.

The activities included this spectacular smoking ceremony.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 17 Aug 2022  
Kerrie O'Heir, BWSC Umina

## 'Lock your cars,' police urge

A recent spate of thefts from cars on the Peninsula has led Brisbane Water police asking motorists to always lock their vehicles and to remove or hide valuables.

"Stealing from motor vehicles is often an opportunistic crime with thieves checking for unlocked car doors and windows, as well as looking the inside of your vehicle for valuables left lying around in clear sight," they said in a social media post.

"Having your personal items stolen from your car is inconvenient, distressing and can be expensive.

"Stealing from motor vehicles is a crime.

"Always lock up your vehicle, day or night and regardless of whether parked in your driveway, carport or public place.

"Always remove or hide valuables from sight of thieves.

"Do not leave your wallet, keys, phones and valuable electrical items on seats and in the middle consoles.

"If you see someone acting suspiciously, please contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000."

SOURCE:  
Social media, 9 Aug 2022  
Brisbane Water Police District

## Help distribute Peninsula News

Volunteers are needed to help distribute Peninsula News.

Distribution manager Mr Frank Wiffen said: "If you have a couple of hours free every couple of weeks, you might like to consider helping us to distribute the Peninsula News.

"Don't worry, we won't be

expecting you to deliver thousands of papers.

"However few or many you would like to hand out is all right with us.

"Every little bit counts."

Please email editor@peninsula.news for details.

SOURCE:  
Mark Snell, 21 Aug 2022

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch been pre-selected as the Labor candidate for Gosford in the 2023 election.

"It's now about 227 days until the March State Election and I am determined to see the back of the Perrottet Government," she said.

"At Gosford hospital, patients are waiting hours to be seen, ambulances are banking up and our nurses are under severe strain.

"Our classrooms are under-resourced, student grades are slipping and our teachers are stretched so thin.

"At home, our electricity rates, grocery bills and council rates, housing prices and rents have all gone up and this Government has done very little to help, especially when they keep jacking up our tolls."

Ms Tesch said: "Dominic

Perrottet and the NSW Liberal Party have been in power for over a decade and have neglected our community

"After seeing the fallout from the Barilaro Scandal, it is clear to me that this Government is only focused on their mates and the jobs they will have after politics, not on the future.

"The Central Coast needs a Government which puts us first and isn't focused on itself.

"That's why we must elect Chris Minns and Labor at the next election.

"Only a Minns Labor Government will tackle the cost of living crisis, fix our broken hospitals and finally invest in our future through schools and education for our kids."

SOURCE:  
Social media, 10 Aug 2022  
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

## Bridge club to hold annual meeting

The Brisbane Water Bridge Club will hold its annual meeting at 11am on Monday, September 12.

The agenda includes presentation of reports, including the annual financial report, and the election of committee members.

Nominations close at 5pm on Monday, August 29.

The meeting is expected to discuss the past, present and future of the club.

Submissions for general business must be sent to the secretary by 5pm on August 26.

The meeting will be followed by a red point event, the AGM Pairs.

SOURCE:  
Website, 16 Aug 2022  
Brisbane Water Bridge Club

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Planning

## Three units proposed for under-sized Edward St block

A development application has been submitted for three units in a multi-dwelling development at 10 Edward St, Woy Woy.

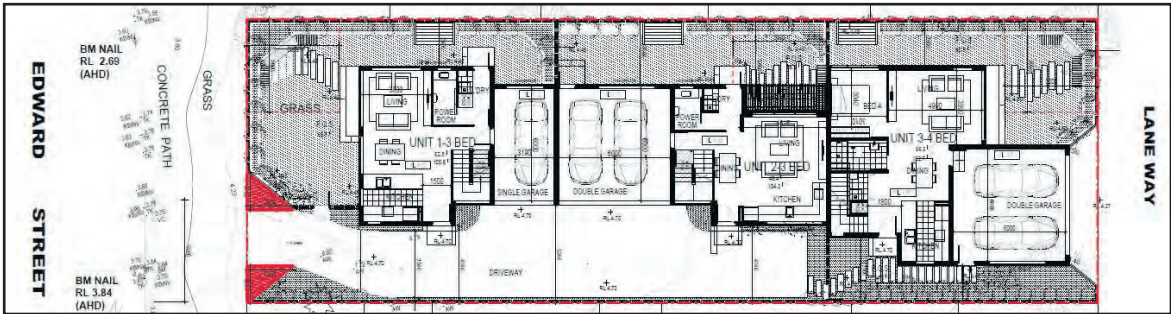
The development consists of “attached and semi-detached two-storey terraces” with ground level garage parking for five cars.

The site currently contains a single storey brick dwelling.

The 689.3 square metre site is less than the required size for a multi-dwelling development of 750 square metres.

The development complies with a six metre front setback and four metre average side setbacks.

However, with the third unit facing a rear lane, the rear setback



of just 1.5 metres is less than the six metre minimum.

Side setbacks also vary to as low as two metres, where the minimum is 3.5 metres.

The site has maximum floor space ratio of 0.6:1, with the development falling within this at 0.48:1.

The proposed height is 7.6 metres, less than the maximum of 11 metres.

The application, prepared by L87 Pty Ltd of St Ives, claims the “architectural form and design details are appropriate to existing scenic quality and streetscape character”.

“Garden design and detail are compatible with scenic quality and streetscape character,” it states.

All the living areas and yards are said to have three-hour solar access in winter time.

Each backyard has a five metre square private open space.

Balconies on the upper floor are

“fully covered by vertical privacy screens to ensure there are no privacy impacts to neighbouring houses”.

The proposed site coverage is 292.4 square metres or 42 per cent of the site, while the landscape area is 242.1 square metres or 35 per cent of the site.

Units 1 and 2 have three bedrooms, while unit 3 has four.

Unit 1 has a single garage, while units 2 and 3 have double garages.

The master bedroom and two secondary bedrooms are on the upper level for all units.

**SOURCE:**  
DA Tracker, 19 Aug 2022  
DA/1268/2022, Central Coast Council

## Two-storey gun barrel proposal for Gallipoli Ave

Central Coast Council has received a development application for the erection of a multi-unit housing development comprising three two-storey dwellings at 17 Gallipoli Ave, Blackwall.

The dwellings, arranged in “gun barrel” configuration along a common driveway, are all three-bedroom.

A compliance table supplied with the application admits to breaching planning provisions

for requiring side setbacks of two metres and six metres at the rear.

At the same time, it claims compliance with the deep soil requirements of six metres front and back and two metres at side boundaries.

The table also admits non-compliance with the “articulation” clause with an unarticulated length of 34.2 m.

It claims compliance with solar access for internal living and private open space areas.

However the shadow diagrams

clearly show that Unit 1’s private open space will receive barely any sunlight with Unit 2 not faring much better.

In defence of the various non-compliances, planning consultants Clark Dowdle Associates restate their often used quote, attributed to former council planning director Mr Scott Cox, discussing the “conundrum” involved in trying to reconcile the development control plan’s desired character of the zone with the applicant’s desired outcome.

The application also states: “The removal of the trees along the rear (northern) boundary are unavoidable, otherwise the lot

would be sterilised.

“The trees to be removed are not identified as being significant nor part of an endangered community.

“To assist in the mitigation of the loss of the trees, the proposal can include the incorporation of medium-sized trees along the front setbacks and nature strip to maintain tree canopy.”

The application states: “Careful design and material choice provides sufficient boundary setbacks to provide building separation and landscaping opportunities to alleviate the bulk and scale of the built form from the neighbouring properties and public domain.

“Courtyards are located around the perimeter of the town houses that would provide sufficient deep soil planting to incorporate small to medium street trees, allowing the appropriate landscaping transition from the built form when viewed from the street and neighboring lots.

“The multi-dwelling development would incorporate pitch roofing that would echo the traditional bungalow roof forms that were established in the post-World War 2 era within the Peninsula area.”

**SOURCE:**  
DA Tracker, 19 Aug 2022  
DA2026/2022, Central Coast Council



## Increase sought to restaurant seating

An application has been made to increase the seating at a restaurant at 61 Trafalgar Ave, Woy Woy, from 18 to 50.

The development application, prepared by Christopher Lloyd Consultant Planners of Umina, states the objective is “to gain approval for a modest increase to patron capacity for the existing approved food and drink premises, trading as Tropicana Social Club”.

The application requests an existing outdoor covered area at the rear of the premises be included as a dining area.

“Construction required to facilitate the increased capacity is limited to the rear southern and western boundary fencing, required to meet acoustic recommendations,” the application states.

The shop is opposite Runway Park in Trafalgar Ave, and adjacent to the Umina Fire Station on one

side and “a cafe and take away pizza shopto the south at 63 Trafalgar Ave”.

The application states a recent modification to DA15229/1991 allowed for “a total of 18 patrons associated with the on-site dining function of the premises any one time”.

“The restaurant measures 150 square metres internally, inclusive of 50 square metres of kitchen, bar, and storage areas, allowing ample space for additional seating.

“The inclusion of an existing rear outdoor covered area as seating is considered a useful addition to the restaurant, enabling small groups of people to sit together, undercover and outside of the primary restaurant area.

“This outdoor area would have no amplified music, and is proposed to cease being in use after 10pm all nights.

“No on site car parking is proposed.

“The minor increase to car parking associated with the use of the rear undercover area for dining is not necessary in this instance,” the application asserted.

“The proposed increase to patron capacity can be catered for with existing on-street parking availability, with no detrimental impact to the surrounding street network.”

The application states: “The site has been operational for over 12 months and has become a cherished institution for locals and travellers to the area alike, to enjoy the ambience, great food and quirky design of the premises.

“The proposed increased capacity will result in a social dining space capable of servicing the needs of the local area and providing much needed employment opportunities.”

**SOURCE:**  
DA Tracker, 19 Aug 2022  
DA/170/2022, Central Coast Council

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# Sessions for a ‘true story worth telling’

Woy Woy resident Ms Gab McIntosh hopes to run a series of lunch-time story-telling sessions in Woy Woy library for anyone who thinks they have a true story worth telling.

Ms McIntosh said that in her own case she had true stories of school refusers.

“I am passionate about alternative schools, and our need for them on the Central Coast.”

She said that, rather than giving a long boring lecture, she told stories which told “how things could be so much better for school refusers and their families when we make significant changes to schools.”

Ms McIntosh said alternative schools were small, with 35 students “plenty for an alternative school”.

“These schools have a different curriculum, different hours and are unique in almost every sense.”

She said she was not the only one with a story to tell.

“The story tellings will be followed by question and answer sessions from the audience.

“If we get a few storytellers, we can plan these lunch hours together.”

Ms McIntosh said she could be contacted on 0455 195 920 or at [indigenouslyoutheducation@gmail.com](mailto:indigenouslyoutheducation@gmail.com)

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 10 Aug 2022  
Gab McIntosh, Woy Woy



# Government support for local newspapers

The Federal Government will support local news and local journalism jobs, according to Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid.

The government had allocated \$10 million for regional newspaper publishers, and \$5 million for independent suburban, First Nations and multicultural newspaper publishers.

“This is part of a \$29 million local news and community broadcasting transition package to help regional, local and community media providers,” he said.

“Newspapers are an important part of our community, with so many relying on them to stay informed and connected.”

He said the funding program was in response to newsprint price increases, which threatened local

newspapers and journalism jobs across Australia, including in the Robertson electorate.

Under the demand-driven program, all eligible applicants would receive a grant based on their proportion of print costs, he said.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 16 Aug 2022  
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson

# Liesl Tesch named disability champion for Commonwealth

The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association has appointed Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch as its Regional Champion for Australia as a Commonwealth Parliamentarian with a Disability.

The association includes Commonwealth parliamentarians from Africa, Asia, the British Isles and the Mediterranean, Canada,

the Caribbean, the Americas and Atlantic, India, Pacific and South East Asian regions.

“I hope to continue to be a champion for people with disabilities right across the world, and at home, in this new role,” said Ms Tesch.

“People with disabilities deserve equality, opportunity and equal rights. It’s time.”

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 19 Aug 2022  
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

# Book drive for children in need

Broken Bay Scouts has conducted a book drive, collecting a range of books for young children in need.

The books were donated to Central Coast children’s charity We Care Connect.

They were dropped into the office of Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch, a collection point for the organisation.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 17 Aug 2022  
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford



# Multicultural wellness day

Peninsula Women’s Health Centre will hold a free Multicultural Women’s Wellness and Cancer Screening Day between 10am and 2pm on Thursday, September 1.

The day will provide information about breast, bowel and cervical screening.

Individual bra fittings and care packs from Support The Girls Australia will be available.

Cancer Council NSW information sessions will be held.

Multilingual community educators and the Wyoming Women’s Health Centre practice nurse will be on site.

Information will be available in 23 languages.

A soup lunch will be provided. Spaces are limited.

Phone 4342 5905 to register.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 17 Aug 2022  
Kerrie O’Heir, BWSC Umina



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## Statewide Rollup to Demerger Rally at Parliament House - as largest Council in NSW votes to prepare a Business Case to demerge

Angry residents from across the state demanded action on failed mergers at Parliament House on 9 August. The rally was jointly organised by Demerge NSW Alliance (DNA) and Sydney’s Residents for Deamalgamation.

Around 100 people attend from right across the state. People travelled from Guyra, Tumbarumba, Bombala and Gundagai to speak with Labor Shadow Minister for Local Government, Greg Warren and Shooters Fishers and Farmer’s Robert Borsa. Green’s Kobi Shetti on behalf of Green’s MP Jamie Parker and Dr Joe Mc Girr, Independent

member for Wagga rounded out the State politicians speaking.

Greg Warren, Labor’s Shadow Minister for Local Government, restated their position on giving the community a vote on demerging. All of the politicians supported the need to have communities vote on the future of their council.

Community speakers included Canterbury Bankstown Independent Councillor Barbara Coorey who spoke on the historic move made by the largest council in the state to prepare a business case to demerge. The Council vote was unanimous.

The Gundagai community were well represented on the day as they await the Minister’s decision on the demerger of their council. The Boundaries Commission recently recommended that Cootamundra Gundagai Council be demerged citing mental health issues and loss of community identity as issues stemming from the mergers.

Hilltops Councillor Brain Ingram also spoke on the failures of the merger of Young, Harden and Boorowa Councils. Councillor Ingram was a Mayor at Young Council and also Mayor of the merged Hilltops Council. Cllr Ingram said that the smaller towns are being destroyed by this process.

From Save and Grow Guyra in the North to Save Tumbarumba in the South the message was the same - communities want their council back and they will take this fight all the way to the March state elections.



Photo Credit: Peter Boyle

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Forum

# Plant native vegetation and watch the money follow

**The recent poisoning of several native coastal banksia along the Ettalong foreshore has brought into focus the subject of trees and views.**

Most people with eyes and a functioning internal thermostat enjoy both of these things but at what cost do we remove one for the other?

The Chamber of Commerce has called the dune area between Picnic Parade and Beach St - the tree lined stretch in front of the Atlantis Apartments where the trees were found to be poisoned - "an embarrassment" and "too dense" to allow for "views".

They are calling on Council to "maintain" this area urgently.

Indeed "maintenance" is great but how much "maintenance" is too much?

Was someone trying to "maintain" this area by poisoning the iconic local native banksia trees?

It's true that a view is desirable but Ettalong's economy will not fall into disrepair if a few diners and residents lose their view or have it filtered through trees.

Quite the contrary. The native vegetation planted by trained land managers was put in place for good reason.

Both tourism and business is enhanced by stable, tree and vegetation-lined dunes which support wildlife and provide vital shade for beach-goers.

Let's talk about surrounding villages like Pearl Beach, where attracting tourists, day trippers and cashed-up property investors is certainly not a problem.

At Pearl Beach, the dunes are a symphony of tall local native trees - bangalay, paperbark, angophora, banksia and a swathe of smaller shrubs.

It is stunningly beautiful and offers glorious dappled shade in the baking hot summers.

But don't take my word for it, compare the market on Realestate.com!

Alternatively, the urban heat along the foreshore roads which hug the Umina and Ettalong coastline, is unbearable in summer. It deters people from going to

the beach for most of the day as it's simply too hot.

Parking, riding or walking there is extremely unpleasant and finding any shade on the beach - forget it.

We also have sand inundation issues because of the woeful lack of vegetation on The Esplanade, Rickard and Augusta Sts, Umina.

What is this going to cost ratepayers in remediation works and ongoing maintenance?

The Council has little budget.

Vegetation is such incredibly useful and inexpensive infrastructure. Clever communities deploy it.

Not only that, the Esplanade is incredibly ugly for all but the few waterfront residents, some of

whom believe uninterrupted 180 degree views of the ocean are better than the same view through a little foliage.

They may be surprised to learn that the equivalent beach front properties, nestled in the trees at Pearl Beach, Palm Beach, Wagstaff, Palm Cove and numerous other affluent suburbs with ocean views filtered through trees, are infinitely more desirable and worth three times as much as their own property.

Let's consider what long term desirability and liveability truly look like and plan with sensitivity.

Watch the money follow.

**SOURCE:**  
Email, 21 Aug 2022  
Jennifer Wilder, Woy Woy

## Fruit shop is needed

**The unfortunate and imminent closure of the South St Fruit Market located in South St, Umina Beach, means the Peninsula will be without a fruit shop.**

This Fruit Market has been locally-owned and operating for approximately a quarter of a century.

In that time, it has witnessed the substantial gentrification of the Umina and Ettalong suburbs, while providing a necessary food staple in the local community.

It is sadly the last of its kind on the Peninsula: the closest fruit market open five or more days per week is a good five kilometres away in Kincumber, or even further away in Terrigal or Tumby Umbi.

Locals such as myself have been devastated at the news it will cease operations at the end of the month, or even sooner, forcing locals to the major supermarket chains such as Woolworths, Coles, or Aldi.

While Peninsula shoppers may not be spoiled for choice, we are yet again without substantial locally-owned and operated businesses, helping to keep the local community and economy alive.

On the afternoon of Thursday, August 18, store assistants at the fruit shop stated that the Market would be forced to close imminently, due to a recent rental

price hike, ultimately pricing them out of the area.

There was no expectation they would be able to recoup funds and relocate elsewhere on the Peninsula.

In this fire sale, prices could be seen reduced by 50 per cent or more as staff were eagerly clearing whole shelves and product ranges.

This closure is assuredly unexpected.

The Fruit Market had only recently filled multiple staff positions serving customers at registers and within the meat and dairy delicatessen.

They had received fresh, whole shipments from produce and non-perishable suppliers.

If a rental rise priced out the current occupants, it is hard to understand the rationale.

There is a demand and appeal of fruit, vegetables and other grocery items to all demographics, whether they are young, elderly, omnivorous, vegan, or vegetarian.

A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.

My optimistic hope is that the Fruit Market will have the opportunity to relocate elsewhere on the Peninsula, perhaps in the Lone Pine Plaza establishment currently under construction along Ocean Beach Rd.

**SOURCE:**  
Email, 20 Aug 2022  
Toby Wood, Umina

## Details are missing

**Travelling around the Peninsula, I have noticed and concluded planning instruments are more complicated than ever.**

This conclusion is based on the complicated designs approved by development application assessors, of which there have been numerous examples published in the Peninsula News.

An example is DA1346/2022 in edition 550.

This development will, as reported, increase use of the rear lane, complicating any advice on traffic management as the land use layout was not designed for this type of building,

The lack of information indicates this application is not "a superior development", as claimed by the applicant.

Drawings such as a landscape plan have not been placed on the council's planning portal.

If the application was superior as claimed, I would expect the applicant and council to promote the design as best practice.

Instead, essential details are missing. Why?

This highlights the problems residents face if there is to be a significant improvement in the Peninsula's land use management.

**SOURCE:**  
Letter, 10 Aug 2022  
Norm Harris, Umina

# If the Minister is not responsible, who is?

**I am calling for honesty and transparency from Central Coast Council and I am calling for them to do first things first.**

When, how and through whom will we be able to hold Central Coast Council to account for their performance in delivering service to the ratepayers?

Over recent months, I have raised issues with council staff and administrator Mr Rik Hart about council maintenance and works in Umina.

Under Mr Hart's administration, the Council continues to misspend money on discretionary and low priority, unnecessary activities while matters of core business remain under-funded and not repaired, maintained or completed.

My approaches to the council have been met with obfuscation, denial and deceit, avoiding accountability and acceptance of responsibility to this community.

I raised my concerns with Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch who made representations to Minister for Local Government Ms Wendy Tuckerman.

In the Minister's response, she said she could neither "...intervene

in the day-to-day operations..." of Central Coast Council, nor "...review council's planning and development processes or determinations..." overseen by the Administrator.

It was the Minister and the NSW Government who sent the Central Coast Council into administration.

It was the Minister and the NSW Government who appointed an administrator to administer the Council.

She acknowledged that there was a "need for councils to be accountable and responsible to their communities".

But, as an unelected unfettered authority, the administrator is certainly not "...accountable and responsible to ..." our Central Coast community.

How can our community hold Administrator Hart to account for not meeting the community requirements and expectations if not through the Minister?

To whom is Administrator Hart accountable for the spending of ratepayers' money as well as NSW taxpayers' money if not the Minister?

**SOURCE:**  
Email, 11 Aug 2022  
Ian Weekley, Umina

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## Fundraiser to help with tennis career

A fundraiser will be held at Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy campus on Wednesday, August 24, to raise money to support a Year 12 student to develop his tennis career.

Students will be encouraged to dress as their sporting icon or wear a jersey in support of their favourite team and give a gold coin donation to support Nick DeVivo.

Completing his HSC this year, Nick has recently been invited to train in blocks at Tennis Australia's National Tennis Academy in Brisbane under head coach Brent Larkham.

He hopes to head off in the middle of next year to play throughout America.

Nick was chosen to captain the NSW team in the Pizzey Cup national school's tennis championships this year, after winning the NSW Country Championships singles and doubles titles.

He currently trains out of Gosford Tennis Club under coaches Jono Cooper and Alex Fielding.

He travels weekly to Homebush for the state squad, where he is number one player.

SOURCE:  
Media release, 18 Aug 2022  
Ethan Hill, BWSC Woy Woy

## Houses may become Darkinjung symbols

**Woy Woy Public School is considering changing the names of its sports houses.**

It is proposed that the names Davis, Scott and Webb be changed "from the names of historical figures to symbols related to the environment in which we live, expressed in Darkinjung language".

School principal Mr Dan Betts said: "The motivation for the proposed changing of house names is the fact that it's been brought to our attention that the current

house names may be considered controversial by members of our local aboriginal and Torres Strait islander community."

Mr Betts said no changes would be made until feedback had been received "and we have a mandate to proceed, if indeed the proposal receives support".

However, he said the proposed change was "the most appropriate way to recognise and celebrate the land on which we work and learn, to honour the process of truth-telling and to forge

deeper understandings of, and connections to, aboriginal and Torres Strait islander knowledge and cultures".

It's important to know what members of our school community think of this proposition before taking any action on this.

"We would like feedback from the school community about whether parents and carers are open to the school changing the names of its sports houses."

SOURCE:  
Newsletter, 12 Aug 2022  
Dan Betts, Woy Woy Public School

## Ettalong teacher retires after 40-year career

**Ettalong Public School teacher Ms Anne Smith is retiring after 10 years at the school.**

"She is retiring after more than 40 years as an invaluable class teacher, an amazing assistant principal, and treasured colleague," said relieving principal Ms Jodie Campbell.

"We cannot possibly count the number of lives that Anne has touched throughout her career. "We are truly grateful to have shared 10 of these years here at Ettalong Public School."

SOURCE:  
Social media, 16 Aug 2022  
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong Public School



**Liesl Tesch MP**  
Member for Gosford

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Sport



Anne Dixon, Vicky Young and Cath Watkins

July charity bowls event raises \$890

Charity bowls at Ettalong Bowling Club has raised \$890 at the July event.

“We had 48 bowlers at our July event and it was another great day,” said organiser Mr Ken Dixon. He said the money went to Central Coast Kids in Need to bring the year-to-date total to around \$8200.

“The Wednesday Ettalong Bowlers again chipped in \$100 for the food while John Orme’s auction of a hand-crafted doll raised another \$50.

“Anne Dixon was the winning bidder.

“The Spider was won for the first time by Simon Anderson.

“The Wednesday Bowlers Hamper was won by Bob Pickard.

“Alan Button sold our raffle tickets and Chardy collected the fees.

“Phil Dunn collected the spider money.

“The Who Are We bowlers also played bowls with us.

“The winning rink draw was won by Anne Dixon, Julie Vale and Vicky Young and Anne was voted player of the match.”

Mr Dixon said Central Coast Kids in Need raised money to assist families who had seriously ill children with prolonged illness.

“The money is used to defray the costs of accommodation at Ronald McDonald House and parent hostel rooms while the kids are receiving their treatment.”

Mr Dixon said the charity day was held on the third Sunday of the month and the next one would be on Sunday, September 18.

SOURCE: Media release, 15 Aug 2022 Ken Dixon, Ettalong Bowling Club



Chardy and John receive clubman awards

Greg “Chardy” Elliot and John Fisher have been presented with the annual Wednesday Clubman of the Year Award

“We presented the award at yesterday’s Wednesday morning bowls,” said bowling club vice-president Mr Ken Dixon.

“Greg and John work in the bowls office each Wednesday registering bowlers and collecting

fees.

“We regularly have over 100 bowlers in attendance each Wednesday.

“New bowlers and visitors are always welcome.

“The cost is \$10 per bowler which covers bowls and lunch with the menu changing every week.”

SOURCE: Media release, 18 Aug 2022 Ken Dixon, Ettalong Bowling Club

Death mourned with a ‘paddle out’

Ocean Beach Boardriders are mourning the death of Mr Andrew “Bull” Fraser.

The club, along with the Ocean Beach Malibu Club, will hold a “Paddle Out for Bull” at 2pm on

Saturday, September 3.

This will be followed by a gathering where stories about Bull will be shared.

SOURCE: Social media, 15 Aug 2022 Umina Boardriders

Penrith Interclub physie results

Woy Woy Recreational Physical Culture Club has taken a number of places in both senior and junior competition in the Penrith Interclub competition.

Seniors results were: 40s: 3rd Simone Mak, 4th Korina Chamberlain, super Nicole Taylor.

2nd Year Seniors: super Alexa Sounness, super Alyssa Sidney, super Ashleigh Harrington.

Novice Senior: 3rd Olivia Wylie, super Tahlia Allicia.

15s: 2nd Neisha Chamberlain: Intermediate Ladies: 2nd Kirby Hull, 4th Rae Dare-Smith.

1st Year Senior: 1st Jaymie Dryden, super Ella Murray, super Lily Portass.

Open Senior 19-20: 3rd Cassidy Crichton.

Over-33 Ladies: 2nd Kristy Kolln.

Open Senior 21-22: super Anna Hubbard, super Amy Fitzpatrick, super Zoe Holgate.

Novice Ladies: 1st Eleanor Legge.

Over-60 Ladies: 2nd Robyn Stephen, super Robyn Foy.

Open Seniors 23-24: 1st Rebekah Smith.

Open Seniors 25+: 2nd Amy Jones.

Under-33 Ladies: 1st Jessica Breadon, super Tammica Jayne Donnelly.

Junior results were:

6 Years: 2nd Maisie Brewer (Heat 1), 4th Ernee South (Heat 2), super Georgina Rae.

5 Years: 1st Lucy Mak.

9 Years: 2nd Madison Bradley (Heat 1), super Amy Ferguson (Heat 2), super Isla Abel (Heat 3).

7 Years: 2nd Georgia Bradley (Heat 2), 2nd Elise Abel (Heat 3), 3rd Marlee Morris (Heat 1).

10 Years: 1st Eve Paull (Heat 2), 1st Bobbi Hull (Heat 3), 2nd Pippa Wylie (Heat 2), 3rd Louisa Morrison (Heat 3), super Nylah Young (Heat 1), super Lexie Martin (Heat 1).

8 Years: 1st Ava Sergeant (Heat 1), 1st Sophia Murray (Heat 2), 4th Emily Brewer (Heat 3).

11 Years: 3rd Elizabeth Robinson.

13 Years: 1st Tillie Kennedy (Heat 2), 2nd Annabelle Hammond (Heat 1), super Ruby Morrison (Heat 2).

12 Years: 2nd Maddison Bell (Heat 1), 4th Aliyah Wright (Heat 3), 5th Lahni Wright (Heat 2), super Maya Savage.

14 Years: 1st Mia McPhie (Heat 1), 2nd Taya Young (Heat 2), super Lara Low.

SOURCE: Social media, 7 Aug 2022 Woy Woy Recreational Physical Culture Club

New Futsal court opened at Umina

The first dedicated Futsal court at the Umina Tennis and Futsal Club was officially opened on Wednesday, August 17.

The Umina Community Group and the Umina Tennis and Futsal Club joined to celebrate the opening of the court.

This followed completion of renovations at the tennis club which saw its roof replaced and the conversion of one court with Astro-Turf to Futsal specifications.

Umina Tennis and Futsal Club president Mr Neil Packer said: “The old roof had been leaking for many years and temporary fixes were just not enough.

“It had become a large issue for our club, players and visitors, with many post-match gatherings and club administration ruined by the water.’

The tennis club has over 200 members, with Futsal or five-a-side soccer having grown to 500 players in just five years.

Mr Packer said the club would now look to building a second dedicated Futsal court.

“We have now moved into looking for grants or sponsors to fund the construction of the court.

“Once in place we will then



have a professional regional Futsal facility to allow us to open up cross region competitions,” he said.

Umina Community Group director Mr Tony Winch said: “The Tennis Club upgrades are the first deliverables from a \$8.25 million grant from the Federal Government, to which Central Coast Council added an extra \$600,000 to cover auxiliary works and Bendigo Bank Ettalong Beach added \$50,000 to help with design costs.

“With the tennis and Futsal stage now delivered, we are looking forward to the next stage

which will see the amenities buildings for football, cricket and NRL knocked down and replaced with modern facilities over this coming summer, and the new skateboard park scheduled to start construction next winter.”

Pictured at the opening are Umina Tennis and Futsal Club owner and head coach Ms Kristy Packer, head of soccer programs Mr Peter Edwards and Umina Community Group director Mr Tony Winch.

SOURCE: Media release, 11 Aug 2022 Tony Winch, Umina Community Group

Umina Bowls event on RU OK Day

Umina Beach Men’s Bowling Club will hold a special event on RU OK Day, Thursday, September 8.

The day draws attention to the place of mental health especially in men, said club welfare officer Mr Rex Hunt.

“It’s a fun day of social bowls,” he said.

“It is followed by a lucky dip raffle with memorability and special woodwork gifts donated by members of the Mens Shed.

“And as the official colour is

yellow, members and guests are invited to wear yellow shirts on the day.”

Mr Hunt said the pandemic had caused a break of two years since the last RU OK bowls day.

“The day attempts to equip and encourage people, especially men, to be observant of one’s mates, have conversations with others, and to be open and honest about their state of mind.

“It seeks to build and maintain a support system which is fundamentally important in order to

prevent suicide, again especially among men.

“The R U OK? organisation was founded by Gavin Larkin in 2009, following the death of his father Barry in 1995.

“It works collaboratively with experts in suicide prevention and mental illness as well as government departments, corporate leaders, teachers, universities, students and community groups.”

SOURCE: Media release, 12 Aug 2022 Rex A E Hunt, UBMBC