



# UCSW conservation plans not revealed by council

The Department of Planning and Environment has revealed that a “conservation strategy” exists for the endangered Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland that has not been publicly acknowledged by Central Coast Council.

It also says that a “funded management plan” was prepared by its Saving our Species team with the Council for the Council’s March consultation about the rare bushland.

However, conflicting statements by the Department mean confusion remains about what management planning for the woodland is actually occurring on the Peninsula.

Central Coast Council did not disclose the department’s conservation strategy or the funded management plan when it advertised for comment about management of Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland in March.

Neither were listed on the council’s Your Voice Our Coast website among the relevant documents.

The strategy contains two “priority management sites” not included in the council’s plans to spend \$225,000 from its Protection of the Environment Trust on restoration of the “endangered ecological community”.

The strategy lists the sites as “Woy Woy station” and “Pearl Beach”.

The Woy Woy station site is 2.84 hectares of “vegetation between Woy Woy station and Brisbane Water estuary”.

“Current tenure is listed as Crown Land.

“However, it appears to be managed by Central Coast Council.”

The Pearl Beach site is 1.62 hectares, described as being “near

Pearl Beach on council-managed land, road reserve and some fragments of private land”.

At both sites, the strategy is to “reduce and maintain weed densities at low levels” through weed control and monitoring.

At the Pearl Beach site, it aims to “reduce the impact of recreational activities” through community education and signs, and also to “liaise with government agency” to “minimise impacts of clearing-removal of key habitat”.

At the Woy Woy site, the strategy is also to “minimise accidental damage on road-track edges”.

According to the department, the strategy was publicly exhibited in 2019.

The department’s Biodiversity Conservation Division submitted recommendations to the Council about its plans to rezone recreation land in Macleay Ave, Woy Woy, identified as Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland in December last year.

It recommended that “any additional funding for the restoration and conservation of UCSW should consider existing management plans”.

The Division noted “that a fully funded vegetation management plan is proposed and an existing one covers part of the site”.

It stated: “A fully-funded and Council-approved vegetation management plan is proposed for the part of the site being dedicated to Council (i.e. the drainage line).”

It also stated: “Currently there is also a funded management plan being prepared by Council and the department’s Saving our Species team.

“Management plans for the rehabilitation and restoration of the three largest patches of UCSW are being funded by another development.”

The only information available

from council for its March consultation were plans for “the largest three patches” being funded from the Protection of the Environment Trust.

According to the schedule for this project, these management plans were not scheduled to be undertaken for several years.

However, a statement from the Department last week claimed the funded management plan being undertaken with the Saving our Species team referred to the March consultation.

This “current” plan was not mentioned in the Council’s consultation.

“The Saving our Species team provided information and guidance to Council to ensure its rehabilitation plan was consistent with the conservation strategy.

“Council’s plan applies to the area under Council management, while the department’s conservation strategy is for the entire endangered ecological community.”

No explanation has been given by the Council or the Department why council-managed land at Woy Woy station or at Pearl Beach has not been included in the council’s restoration project.

The department said that any community members interested in conservation or restoration efforts for the UCSW ecological community could email the Hunter Central Coast branch of the Biodiversity Conservation Division at [huntercentralcoast@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:huntercentralcoast@environment.nsw.gov.au).

The conservation strategy can be found on the department’s website at <https://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/savingourspeciesapp/project.aspx?ProfileID=10822>.

SOURCE:  
Media statement, 29 Aug 2022  
Nicole Taylor, Department of Planning and Environment

Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid hosted teachers and students from his old primary school, Umina Beach Public School, at Parliament House in Canberra on Tuesday.

“They wanted to have a look

around to better understand Australian democracy and its history,” he said.

“Lots of great questions and future leaders in this group.”

SOURCE:  
Social media, 6 Sep 2022  
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson

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Mark Snell, 1 Nov 2021



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## CWA branch holds 'four-in-one' day

**The Umina Beach branch of the Country Women's Association held a "four-in-one" day at its hall on August 27.**

The food cooked by members. Informative talks were given and fund-raising raffles conducted. The branch has advertised its

regular calendar of events.

Creative Tuesday is held at 10am every week.

Wednesday "general fun" starts at 9.30am every week.

On the second Wednesday of the month, the branch's business meeting starts at 10am.

Book Club is held at 9.30am on

the first Monday of the month.

Movies are held on the third Monday of the month.

Cooking takes place at 9.30am on the last Saturday of the month.

Craft is held at 12.30pm on the last Saturday of the month.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 27 Aug 2022  
Rikki McIntosh, CWA Umina Beach



## Rain below average but close to median

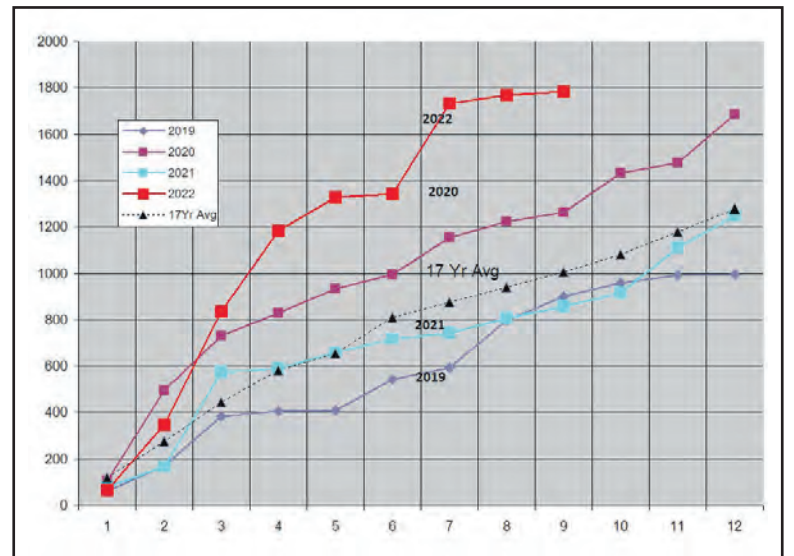
**The 37.8mm of rain recorded on the Peninsula in August was well below the monthly average, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.**

It was 29.2mm, or 43.6 per cent, less than the August average of 67mm.

The fall was eighth lowest in 18 years and just below the median of 44m, in a range between one millimetre in 2005 and 216.6mm recorded in 2015.

The first three days of September saw 24.2mm of rain.

**SOURCE:**  
Spreadsheet, 3 Sep 2022  
Jim Morrison, Umina



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# Tenders called for skatepark construction

**Central Coast Council has called for tenders to design and construct Umina skatepark**

The tender for “a suitably qualified and experienced contractor” must be submitted by 2pm on September 13.

“Council is seeking to use this request for tender as a basis for entering a contract with the preferred tenderer.

“Council may in its absolute discretion either accept the tender that, having regard to all the circumstances, appears to Council to be the most advantageous, or decline to accept any, or all of the tenders.

Enquiries are to be directed to Mr Peter Ness by email at peter.ness@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au.

**SOURCE:**  
**Tender, 9 Aug 2022**  
**Central Coast Council**



## Rotary volunteers help at visitor centre

**The Visitor Information Centre at Ettalong Diggers club has recently been helped by volunteers from the Rotary Club of Brisbane Water.**

“They have become fantastic

tourism ambassadors for our region,” said Ettalong Diggers tourism manager Ms Kim Cole.

“Not only do they volunteer their time as Rotarians but also to help grow our tourism industry on the Central Coast.

“If you would like to know more

about the Rotary Club of Brisbane Water, drop into Ettalong Diggers Visitor Information Centre between 9am and 1pm Tuesdays and Thursdays.”

**SOURCE:**  
**Social media, 30 Aug 2022**  
**Kim Cole, Ettalong Diggers**

# Tip monitoring to be outsourced

**Central Coast Council is outsourcing the monitoring and reporting of Woy Woy tip to a contractor for three years.**

It has issued a tender for the role, which will include undertaking “an environmental management program”.

The contract will cover the three licensed and seven closed

waste management facilities in the region.

The request for tender “CPA4415 Waste Landfill Sites Monitoring and Reporting” will close at 2pm on September 20.

The council is “seeking to engage a suitably qualified and experienced contractor”.

**SOURCE:**  
**Tenders, 30 Aug 2022**  
**Central Coast Council**



## Amaya plays clarinet in State wind band

**Brisbane Water Secondary College Year 10 student Amaya Farri of represented the school playing clarinet at the Senior State Wind Band.**

She played in two concerts at the Sydney Opera House as part of the Festival of Instrumental Music.

**SOURCE:**  
**Social media, 1 Sep 2022**  
**Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy**



## History signs installed at Runway park

**Umina Community Group has installed four historical information signs at The Runway park in Trafalgar Ave, Woy Woy.**

“The signs, explaining Umina's

role and link to the second world war, were funded by a Federal Government grant from the Department of Veterans' Affairs,” group director Mr Tony Winch.

“We hope they will help

our community and younger generations better understand our local history.”

**SOURCE:**  
**Social media, 23 Aug 2022**  
**Umina Community Group**

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### Student greeting cards sold

Greeting cards made by students in The Learning Centre at Woy Woy campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College have been on sale at the campus during breaks last week.

There were cards suitable for thanks, congratulations and for birthdays.

Diversity Club members sold them on behalf of The Learning Centre in the canteen area at one card for \$4 or three for \$10.

Cash and eftpos were available.

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

### Parent tours of Woy Woy campus

Parent tours of Woy Woy campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College will be held over the next three months.

Parents are invited to attend with or without their child as part of the Year 9 to Year 10 transition.

Half hour sessions will be held at 7:30am and at 4:30pm, where parents will hear from campus principal Ms Rebecca Cooper.

Each tour will be limited to 20 parents.

Sessions will be held this Thursday, September 8, and on Thursdays, October 27 and November 24.

Parents wishing to attend should call the campus on 4341 1600.

SOURCE: Social media, 2 Sep 2022  
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy

### Boys' touch team makes it to top four

Ettalong Public School's Stage 3 boys touch football team has made it into the top four teams in the Sydney North area.

"They were up against tough competition and lost in the semi final," said relieving principal Ms Jodie Campbell.

"They should be incredibly proud of the teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship they demonstrated throughout the competition."

SOURCE: Social media, 31 Aug 2022  
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong Public School



### Garden to be planted for Queen's jubilee

Woy Woy Public School has received funding to plant trees to recognise The Queen's Jubilee through the federal government's Planting Trees for The Queen's Jubilee program.

The school will use the \$14,000 funding to build a native garden that will promote play-based learning and recognise The Queen's Jubilee.

Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid attended an official breaking-of-the-earth ceremony with Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch and staff and students from Woy Woy Public School.

"It's been great to see what Woy Woy Public School plans to build with this funding."

He said the educational benefits of the garden would include play-based learning, studying native trees and plants and understanding the food that these plants provided to native animals and insects.

"I look forward to visiting when the project is complete and seeing the school community connect to nature through this garden."

SOURCE: Media release, 2 Sep 2022  
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson



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#### One Council demerging, three others trying - it's time the Central Coast community have their say!

On 24 August 2022, the Minister for Local Government announced that Cootamundra Gundagai Council would demerge. This is not the only Council, or community, that recognises the 2016 Council mergers have delivered a poor outcome for their communities.

In 2021, Inner West Council conducted a poll where over 62% of voters wanted to demerge. Council is now preparing a business case.

In July 2022, the largest Council in NSW, Canterbury Bankstown voted to prepare a business case for a demerger and in August 2022, Snowy Rivers Council also voted to prepare a business case for a demerger.

Gosford and Wyong Councils were merged in 2016 by the NSW Liberal Government to become Central Coast Council. Six years later, staff have been sacked, rates are rising, community assets have been sold, services have been cut and local democracy has been taken from our community.

The 20 amalgamated councils around NSW faced

losses of \$1.03 billion in the first three years of mergers and ratepayers faced hikes in rates and cuts in services. Eight out of 10 of the worst performing councils in NSW were merged councils.

In November 2020, Greg Warren, NSW Shadow Minister for Local Government, said the Labor opposition, with support from the cross benches, would establish a parliamentary inquiry into the failing merger process and identify options the government must take to repair the damage done to councils and their communities. However, it appears that NSW Labor has failed to follow through on this promise.

Our community on the Central Coast deserves to have a say about the future of our Council.

We are calling on the Central Coast Council Administrator, Rik Hart, to conduct a poll to find out what the community wants for the future of the Central Coast Council.

In an interview with the local ABC radio on 26 August 2022, the Administrator said "no, I'm not going to do that.....I've made it very clear... that I'm not going to do it because I get told all the time that we do not want the Councillors back".... "...and another thing, the Administrator is just as accountable to the community as any Councillor or Mayor is....." Mr. Hart said.

Tell us what you think - use the QR code to have your say about the future of Central Coast Council.

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# Food and Wine Fare at Pearl Beach in October

The Pearl Beach Progress Association is preparing for its “Food and Wine Fare” day to be held from 10am to 5pm on Saturday, October 8.

The free event will be held at the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall, 9 Diamond Rd, Pearl Beach.

The event, now in its 15th year, will raise funds for maintenance of the hall.

“It attracts large crowds who enjoy tasting and purchasing from a select range of boutique wines and gourmet foods,” said association publicity officer Ms Lynne Lillico.

She said Old Inn Road Vineyard and Millbrook Estate Winery would return this year, offering a variety of wines to sample and purchase.

“We are delighted to have Central Coast Firescreek Botanical Winery whose natural flavours of the fruit and flowers are captured in the wine.”

She said fresh gourmet products would include a selection from Little Creek Cheese and Crooked Creek’s savoury and sweet biscuits and homemade Christmas cakes

and puddings.

Hunter Olives would have a variety of olives and processed products, and SweetAs Handmade Chocolates would “tempt and sizzle your senses”.

New this year is the Original Smoke and Spice Company bringing smoked salt seasoning to garlic bulbs, stunning smoked nuts and dried and smoked cocktail garnish range.

Local suppliers would include Soul Food gluten-free products, Rigotoni For Toni and For the Luv of Cakes, Margin’s Mushrooms and Natural Hive Honey.

“Refreshments will be available on the back deck,” said Ms Lillico.

“A Gourmet Hamper filled with produce and wine donated by our exhibitors will be raffled with proceeds toward the Memorial Hall maintenance and upkeep.”

Further information, contact Ms Lillico on 4344 2319 or email Lilli77@bigpond.com.

SOURCE:  
Website, 31 Aug 2022  
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association



## Trainee marine radio operators wanted

Marine Rescue Central Coast is recruiting trainee radio operators.

Information evenings will be held on Thursday, September 29,

and Wednesday, October 5.

For more information, phone Mr Chris Hartcher on 0410 526 916.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 2 Sep 2022  
Marine Rescue Central Coast

# Bushcare group to meet near Gurdon Reserve

The Bays Bushcare Group will meet from 9am to noon on Sunday, September 11, along the foreshore out from Gurdon Reserve, Woy Woy Bay.

In August, the group removed some established asparagus ferns.

Group members include residents of Horsfield Bay, Phegans Bay and Woy Woy Bay. They are pictured after the last workday.

SOURCE:  
Newsletter, 23 Aug 2022  
The Bays Community Group

## Community garden in edible garden trail

Woy Woy Community Garden will be part of an Edible Garden Trail run by Permaculture Central Coast on the weekend of November 19 and 20.

The Trail will include around 25 private gardens and a variety of community, laneway and school gardens, said coordinator Ms Anna Trigg.

The ticketed event will provide admission to the gardens over the weekend, from 9am to 4pm each day.

Some gardens will only be open for one day.

Ms Trigg said: “The Edible Garden Trail celebrates the many ways gardeners on the Central Coast are creating food security, building personal and community resilience, regenerating soils and converting waste into precious resources.”

She said they were doing this while enjoying the health benefits of home grown produce and taking meaningful action towards reducing food miles and plastics use.

“On the edible garden trail, visitors can view a range of permaculture systems and

practices.”

These included food forests, indigenous foods and cultural practices, as well as small animal systems including deep litter, chook tractors and integrated food forests.

Water management systems included swales, rain gardens and ponds, and practices included no-dig raised beds and sheet mulching.

Tickets cost up to \$56 for a family ticket.

SOURCE:  
Media release, 26 Aug 2022  
Anna Trigg, Permaculture Central Coast

## Bridge club holds annual meeting

The annual general meeting of the Brisbane Water Bridge Club will be held at 11am on Monday, September 12.

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

members.

The meeting is expected to discuss the past, present and future of the club and will be followed by a red point event.

SOURCE:  
Website, 21 Aug 2022  
Brisbane Water Bridge Club

## WHAT’S ON at ETTALONG BOWLING CLUB

**WEEK 1**

Tues 27th Sept  
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Bowling & Magic Workshop

Thurs 29th Sept  
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11am – 1pm  
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Fri 7th October  
11am – 1pm  
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We have some great meal deal offers on the days from our restaurants including the Alfresco Brasserie offering \$8.90 kid’s meals which includes a drink and ice cream. Parents can sit back, relax, and enjoy what our club has to offer whilst the kids are busy having fun.

Why not get up and close with a blue tongue lizard, some cute little frogs, turtles a saltwater crocodile, 2 Pythons (large & small) and some creepy crawlies at the Reptile Meet and Greet event.

All sessions are 2 hours from 11am – 2pm. Tickets are \$15.00 per event. Purchase at reception or through our app/website or Try Bookings page.

Ages: Kids under 4 free (5 + permitted to bowl)  
Numbers are limited so be quick to purchase your tickets and we look forward to seeing you at Ettalong Bowling Club.

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Forum

## Council ignores endangered bushland

Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland is very rare and highly-endangered bushland vegetation is being once again minimised in importance by Central Coast Council, and formerly Gosford City Council (Peninsula News 551, p1).

The new proposal, rather than foster and protect the known areas, continues the incremental clearing of precious areas, reducing their biodiversity and capacity to foster regeneration.

The vegetation was first identified by Robert Payne and registered.

Since that time Council has allowed a fenced off and signposted block immediately behind Umina Public School to be invaded by foreign plants and degraded and the fence not maintained.

When I drew this to Council's attention some years back, the first response was a denial that it was part of the protected area as it was not on their maps.

I sent them a picture of their own signage, confirming its status,

and they said they did not have funds to maintain it.

I was advised that funds were likely to be available to support Gosford Council on application.

And this was to occur but the funds, if they were applied for and materialised, were never applied to this particular pristine area.

Since that time, the council has approved clearing of other areas.

After community engagement with the Catholic Church as developer of another pristine area on the corner of Hillview St opposite Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College, that property passed to a private developer.

Clearing was done of the major part of the internal area of the block, leaving the street sides protected from view of the clearing.

A subsequent developer obtained Council approval to destroy much of what was left for a residential facility on the grounds that the residual area was not so significant that a bit more clearing could not occur.

Now we have a new assault on another area: to clear 1948 square metres in Macleay Ave for

residential development.

The NRMA carpark at Umina Beach has also been responsible for incremental clearing of areas in the UCSW conservation area where they occupy land.

Some of it was actually sold to them by Gosford Council, because facilities had been accidentally built in the area managed by the council.

I fear that unless substantial fines are imposed, with a full identification and mapping of the areas, we shall continue to lose precious vegetation until the entire endangered ecological community is lost forever.

Action is needed to ensure Central Coast Council understands its responsibilities and take action to pay for independent mapping of the areas ensure that this does not happen.

Adequate and informed mapping and notification of landholders (including our schools) is essential and is urgent and should be the responsibility of Central Coast Council.

SOURCE:  
Email, 1 Sep 2022  
Kay Williams, Pearl Beach



## Council tree removal an act of vandalism

I draw your attention to this outrageous act of vandalism by Central Coast Council.

This magnificent tree in the grounds of the Gosford Regional Gallery had dropped a couple of branches in high winds.

It has been cut down to the ground as well as a smaller mature

tree alongside it.

This tree could have been had some limbs lopped or pruned back and at least the main trunk left standing to provide habitat for native birds, an absolute disgrace.

SOURCE:  
Email, 4 Sep 2022  
Yvette Pritchard, Woy Woy

Arts



## Free art sessions

Free art sessions are being offered to members of the Ettalong Diggers club from 9am every Monday.

Members were invited to bring along their canvases and sketch books and "enjoy some creative time with like-minded people", said

Diggers' community manager Ms Kim Cole.

For more information, telephone Ms Cole on 4343 0140 or email her at Kim.Cole@ettalongdiggers.com

SOURCE:  
Social media, 29 Aug 2022  
Kim Cole, Ettalong Diggers

## Gardening book event

Local community radio gardening presenter Ms Cheralyn Darcey will discuss a new book by Gardening Australia host Costa Georgiadis in a ticketed event at Pearl Beach Arboretum on from 10:30am on Saturday, October 1.

She said she hoped to dig into his gardening philosophies, the connections between soil, soul and the suburbs, and his advice for getting the most joy out of your garden.

The book will be on sale at the event, and available for signing after the conversation.

Hats are recommended, as well as closed, comfortable shoes for this outdoor, all-weather event.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 22 Aug 2022  
Words on the Waves  
Photo: Grant Ambrose



## Light work of pinning quilts

Many hands made light work for members of the patchwork group at the Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre last week.

"A few of our Monday patchworkers almost broke the record for the most quilts pinned in a session," said centre president Mr Peter Mulholland.

Ms Sarah Vaughn, Ms Denise McKnight and Ms Cheryl Jones

are pictured working on one of Ms Vaughn's baby quilts.

Also in the patchwork session, Ms Colleen Moscatelli was working on her Japanese print hexagons.

"She showed us a different, and very neat method of stitching them together.

"She's on the way to make a beautiful bag."

SOURCE:  
Social media, 29 Aug 2022  
Peter Mulholland, EBACC

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## Swans present awards

Woy Woy Peninsula Swans AFL club has presented its players awards for the 2022 season.

In Under-9s, awards went to Sam Tietz best and fairest, William Davis most improved, Violet Chapman coach's award and Nash Harivel team achievement award.

In Under-11s, awards went to Zaine Archibald, Finn Heighington and Jasper Birch.

Club Volunteer award went to Jimmy McPhie.

Junior Club Person 2022 was Liam Peach, and Club Person 2022 was Alexis Tietz.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 28 Aug 2022  
Woy Woy Peninsula Swans AFL

## Umina green to be taken out of use

One green will be taken out of use at Umina Beach Bowling Club and undergo maintenance from Monday, November 14.

"From this time we will be down to one green," said club secretary Mr Peter Springett.

"There have been reports of men bowlers rolling up on Mondays.

"This is not supposed to occur, as the greens are closed on Mondays for green's maintenance.

"As such, chemicals may be sprayed on the greens on Mondays.

"The greens will be closed on Mondays, unless prior approval is obtained from the club manager."

SOURCE:  
Social media, 30 Aug 2022  
Peter Springett, UBMBC



## Minor Pairs championship

Grant Ambrose and Upu Kila have taken out the 2022 Minor Pairs Championship at Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club, defeating Phil Poulton and Dave Long in the final.

"The game see sawed throughout, until Upu and Grant strung a few ends together towards the end of the game," said club secretary Mr Peter Springett.

"This resulted in Phil and David having to play catch-up and go for shots that they probably wouldn't have gone for earlier on in the game.

"The final score of 21-14 does not reflect how close this game really was."

SOURCE:  
Website, 23 Aug 2022  
Peter Springett, UBMBC



## Umina Bunnies in grand finals

Two teams from Umina Bunnies Junior Rugby League Football Club have played in the grand finals.

The 10-2s and 12-2s for became

premiers and minor premiers at the grand finals on Sunday, August 28.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 28 Aug 2022  
Umina Bunnies JRLFC

## Umina women's major pairs

Results of Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club' Major Pairs competition last week were:

Yvonne Gordon and Carol Boyd def Judy Brown (sub for G.Foulkes) and Sandra O'Malley.

Aileen Robertson and Merril Burgmann def Debra Moore and Leila Gilmour.

Barbara Schultz and Jan Ellery

def Kaye Cavanagh and Terry Causby.

Lorraine Ryenhart and Yvonne Austin def Lorraine Field and Lynne Gordon.

Cheryl Catchpool and Renete Burgess def Cheryl Ryan and Joan Murphy.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 2 Sep 2022  
Peter Springett, UBMBC



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Five Ettalong Eagles teams make netball grand finals



CARAWAS-IJ Green Runners-up 2022

**Ettalong Eagles Netball Club has had five teams play in the grand finals, with two teams crowned premiers.**

Spirit Senior Blue won the premiership with seven players on the day to take the win by eight goals.

Osprey IJ Blue also won its premiership, in a hard-fought win, scoring 45-28.

Carawas IJ Green were runners-up, losing by only four goals.

They have shown great

improvement from the start of the season.

Aquila IJ White was pushed up a grade, but still made the grand final, going down to a tough opponent by six goals.

Flyers Junior Blue made the grand final after beating a team in the finals they had never won against.

However, they were defeated in the grand final.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 28 Aug 2022  
Ettalong Eagles Netball Club



FLYERS-Jun Blue Runners-up 2022

Netball representative squads chosen

**Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association has chosen its representative squads for the 2023 season.**

The final selection dates are to be confirmed.

Under-12s representative squad is: Edie Bonnor, Grace Blacker, Aaliyah Farmer Daly, Alyssa Holden, Matilda Kennaway, Aimee Lockie, Erin Lockie, Harper Madden, Pippi Magurren, Chloe Mills, Leila Oxenham, Phoebe Pardey, Mia Sankey, Lara Skehan, Ella Smith and Isla Smith.

Coach is Kylie Rayner.

Under-13s representative squad is: Lucy Burgin, Elisha Feld, Sophie Gordon, Annabel Griffith, Lorelei Hawkins, Tilly Henry, Erin Kearns, Marcie Lane, Lily

Lopez, Sienna Stevenson, Danika Sztostak, Tyjah Tabuanivalu and Coco Wainiqolo.

Coach is Narelle Wilson.

Under-14s representative squad is: Emily Blacker, Annabelle Brown, Elvira Forjan, Brontë Golby, Samantha Green, Lily Harris, Harmony Mahon, Evie Marshall, Madilyn Martin, Taylah Sankey and Isabelle Smith.

Coach is Megan Sharpe.

Under-15s representative squad is: Abby Burns, Jumoke Dedeigbo, Mae Gally, Lara Miller, Ella Mills, Tamara Napier, Lily Scholte, Lara Sgaravizzi, Jessica Skehan and AlexBobbi Smith.

Coaches are Donah Elliott and Jodee Skehan.

Under-17s representative squad is: Chelsea Barnes, Hope

Drury, Matilda Garner, Milly Liley, Jessie Masters, Hannah O'Neill, Priya Radhakrishnan, Laura Reeves, Lahna Rhind, Lexi Smithers, Lenkhia Szostak, Sofia Perl, Pascale Tod and Ruby Wright.

Coach is Catherine Bailey.

Opens representative training squad is: Cali Backhouse, Jorgi Bradford, Beth Chilcott, Janai Edwards, Claire Gaffney, Caitlin Gilmore, Meaghan Henderson, Mel Imber, Rachel Jordan, Elizabeth McCarthy, Cass Matterson, Eden Matterson, Jade Sherman, Nicola Stone and Cass Strangleman.

Coach is Sandy Watts.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 26 Aug 2022  
Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association

Roosters seek coaches

**Woy Woy Roosters Rugby League Football Club is seeking applications for coaching positions in under-19, women's tackle and reserve grade for the 2023 season.**

Expressions of interest are being received until September 9.

They should state experience and remuneration expectations, and be emailed to secretarywwrlfc@outlook.com.

The club will hold its presentation night at the Woy Woy Hotel from 5pm on Saturday, September 10.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 31 Aug 2022  
Woy Woy Roosters RLFC

Bowls club re-elects president and secretary

**Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club has re-elected Mr Tom Burgmann as president and Mr Peter Springett as secretary.**

Mr Colin Mew has agreed to stay on as treasurer until the end of the year while he trains someone else, Mr Springett said.

The annual meeting was held on Sunday, August 28, attended by 54 members who elected the office-bearers and committee members.

"Jim Phillips will train Lee Cribbs on how to update the web site," said Mr Springett.

"Martin O'Malley takes over as

vice-president.

"Lee Cribbs was voted in as Chairman of Match.

"Robin Hill was appointed committeeman.

"Rex A E Hunt and Fred Hawksworth continue with the important welfare sub-committee.

"Steve Stead continues with the bowls secretary and match committee roles.

"Brian Moroney and Geoff Godwin continue with the umpire's sub-committee.

"Tom Burgmann and Gary Jones continue with the coaches sub-committee.

"Allan Rhodes takes over as assistant bowls secretary.

"Lee Cribbs, Steve Stead and Joel Austin are the new selectors.

"Ian Jarratt has agreed to continue with his sponsorship role.

"Ken Robertson will continue with the social committee role.

"Jim Phillips will hand over the web master role to Lee Cribbs, but will help with the honour board updates and flyers.

"Ron Austin will continue with the locker maintenance role.

"I'll continue with the secretary, publicity, social media and delegate roles ... with much-needed help from others," said Mr Springett.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 29 Aug 2022  
Peter Springett, UBMBC



New heaters and air conditioners

**Contractors installed new heaters and air conditioners at Peninsula Leisure Centre.**

The side driveway remained closed for the majority of the day.

Access to rear carpark was via Welcome St and Alpha Rd.

Pedestrian access was via the bike path on the grassed side of building or through the rear door of pool hall.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 2 Sep 2022  
Peninsula Leisure Centre