



## Disabled access being installed at The Pavilion

**Disabled access is finally being installed at The Pavilion in Woy Woy after more than 17 years on inaction.**

The long-standing issue preventing disabled access to The Pavilion looked like it was coming to an end two years ago when representatives from both Deepwater Plaza and The Pavilion met to discuss possible works.

An apparent agreement between them seemed to bring to an end an impasse, which arose after a private building certifier failed to ensure that disabled access to The Pavilion was available from adjacent carpark, and Council staff failed to intervene resolve the issue.

This left a ramp from the shop level to the street without any safe means for people in wheelchairs to access the carpark for more than 15 years, and vice versa, due to high kerb and guttering.

"It's good to see disability access finally here for so many of us who need it," said Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch from her wheelchair.

"After many, many, many years of pushing and prodding from our community and many letters from my office, The Pavillion is installing an accessible ramp at the kerb."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 31 Aug 2022  
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford  
Photo: Mark Ellis

## Expect no sunlight for two months a year

**Peninsula residents living in medium density zones should expect that future developments to their north may mean they have no sunlight into their homes for two months of the year.**

That is the import of a Local Planning Panel decision last week to approve a development at 42 South St, Umina, which overshadows its southern neighbour.

In making its decision, the Panel acknowledged "the overshadowing impacts that result from the application of applicable planning controls to this site".

It stated that this could be expected "for future development under the applicable planning

provisions".

In approving the application, it stated there would be "no unreasonable environmental amenity impacts".

About one half of the residential area of the Peninsula is zoned R1 for medium density development.

Under State law, there does not appear to be any avenue of appeal against the merits of the Planning Panel decision.

The shadow diagram below prepared for Peninsula News shows the effect of the profile approved by the Panel on a neighbouring single-storey home with a side setback of 3.5 metres, complying with the planning provisions in force before August.

It shows the angle of sunlight

when the sun is at its highest and that an overshadowed north-facing window would not receive any sunlight between May 21 and July 21 each year.

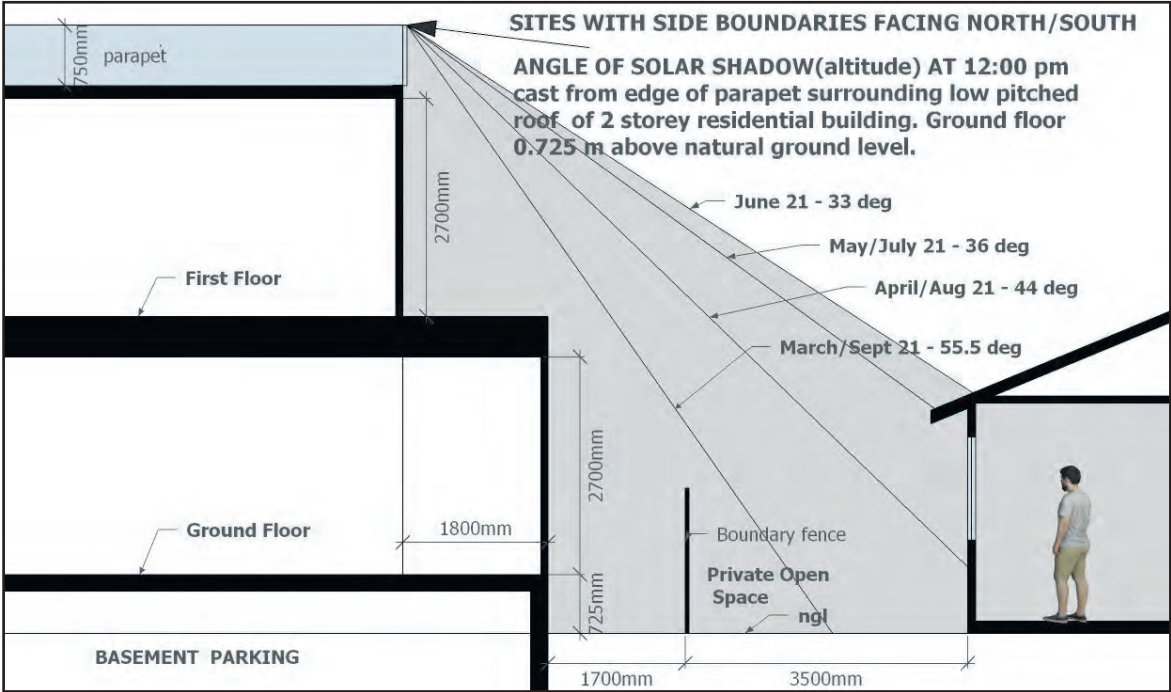
As the sun rises or sets, the shadowing is naturally greater.

This means that for another two months of the year the sun may only shine into the home for short periods of the day.

Houses built to the narrower setbacks in new planning provisions in force from August 1 may have no sunlight for up to four months of the year.

**SOURCE:**  
Local Planning Panel agenda 3.2, 25 Aug 2022  
DA6078/2021, Central Coast Council

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Mark Snell, 25 July 2022



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# Peninsula News

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Peninsula News is a fortnightly community newspaper for the Woy Woy Peninsula, owned by The Peninsula's Own News Service Inc, a local non-profit incorporated association. Its aims include providing a viable, non-partisan news medium and forum exclusively for the Peninsula and developing a strong sense of community on the Peninsula.

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

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## Lions Club to hold month-end boot sale

**The Lions Club of the Woy Woy Peninsula will hold a car boot sale at Rogers Park on Sunday, September 25.**

Club president Mr Greg Head said the car boot sale was building up again following a series of knockbacks over the past two years.

These included lockdowns due to the coronavirus pandemic, wet weather and restrictions on the use of the carpark while the council was rebuilding sporting facilities at the park.

Mr Head said that, with these events behind it, the club was expecting an increase in numbers of both stallholders and public patronage.

The club held a barbecue along with its car boot sale on the last Sunday of each month, except



December, he said.

"Stallholders can start to set up at 6.30am."

There was no booking and they would be directed where to park on arrival.

He said the cost was \$20 per

car space, which was collected by a club member during the day.

A commercial coffee truck operated on site on the day, he said.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 30 Aug 2022  
Greg Head, WWPLC

## Long-time resident turns 100

**Woy Woy resident Ms Winifred "Win" Burford (nee Walters) celebrated her 100th birthday on August 15 in the home where she has lived for more than 70 years.**

Tennis has played a big part in her life, according to friend Ms Fay Boyd.

"Win's hobbies were swimming and tennis."

"She played every Thursday, firstly at Ettalong then at the Woy Woy courts for over 60 years, only giving tennis away on her 80th birthday."

"Although the 'girls' no longer play, they still meet for lunch once a month," said Ms Boyd.

She said Ms Burford's interests were now reading and gardening.

"Win was married in Mascot on March 3, 1945, to Richard," said Ms Boyd.

"They moved to Woy Woy at Christmas in 1948 and she still lives there."

"Richard was a builder, involved in Apex and Rotary clubs, and enjoyed scuba diving."

He died in 2014 after 69 years of marriage, said Ms Boyd.

"Her daughter Susanne, son-



in-law Ross Stanley and family celebrated with her on the day at the Boathouse restaurant, which opened especially for the occasion.

"Her tennis friends had lunch at Fisherman's Wharf."

"Friends and neighbours also celebrated at her home, where the enclosed photo was taken with cake and flowers."

Ms Boyd said letters of congratulations were received from the Queen, the Governor-General, the Premier, Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch and many others.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 22 Aug 2022  
Fay Boyd

## Get ready

**The Bays Rural Fire Brigade will hold a "Get Ready Weekend" from 10am on Saturday, September 17.**

The brigade will hold a free barbecue and activities and discuss Bush Fire Survival Plans from 10am to 3pm at the station at 11 Wattle Cr.

The Cat 1 fire truck will visit Taylor St in Woy Woy Bay at 10:30am, the Village Green in Phegans Bay Rd at noon, and Gabagong Rd, Horsfield Bay, near the roundabout, at 1:30pm.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 25 Aug 2022  
The Bays Rural Fire Brigade

## Ferry diverted

**The Palm Beach ferry service was diverted from Ettalong to Patonga on Saturday, September 3.**

The diversion will remain in place until tomorrow, Tuesday, September 6.

It was diverted "due to adverse weather conditions".

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 2 Sep 2022  
Fantasea Palm Beach Ferries

## Rain below average but close to median

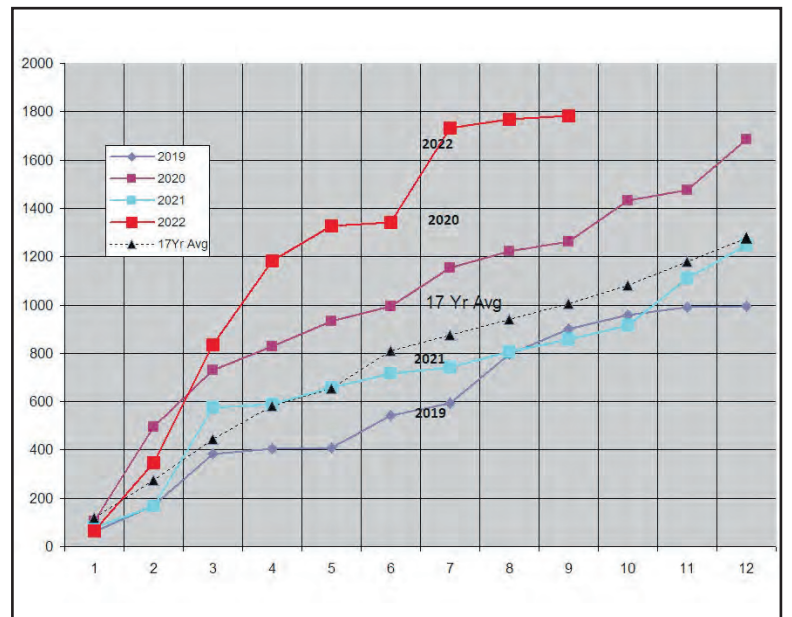
**The 37.8mm of rain recorded on the Peninsula in August was well below the monthly average, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.**

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 44mm, 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 towards a monthly average of 65mm.

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





# Calls for Woy Woy town plan with ‘authentic consultation’

**Residents have told the Peninsula Residents Association that they wanted an overall plan for Woy Woy, based on “authentic community consultation”.**

They said that they valued Woy Woy town centre’s village atmosphere, the nearby natural beauty and the friendly community. They also said they were concerned about “evasive and ambiguous” planning policies, which allowed non-compliant development.

The views were recorded by the association at an open public workshop about the future of Woy Woy held last Thursday, August 25, at the Everglades Country Club, according to association secretary Mr Julian Bowker.

“Other concerns expressed included a lack of climate change preparedness, a lack of urban greening and overcrowding resulting from the State government’s high population targets.”

The purpose of the meeting, organised by the Peninsula Residents Association, was to allow the community to have its say on how they would like to see Woy Woy’s town centre developed, he said.

“Around 30 residents attended the meeting and each person had the opportunity to record and share

their views through small group discussion.

“Participants were asked to list what they liked and sought to retain in Woy Woy.

“Common responses included Woy Woy’s waterfront, proximity to Sydney, and the bus, train and ferry services.

“They said they liked the village atmosphere, the friendly community and its surrounding natural beauty, including at the Austin Butler Reserve.”

Asked about the problems facing Woy Woy, residents were most concerned about a lack of authentic consultation with community in the planning process, Mr Bowker said.

“They said they were concerned about the absence of an overall plan for Woy Woy to inform and connect individual projects.

“They criticised planning policies and documents which contained evasive and ambiguous statements and allowed non-compliant developments.

“They commented on a lack of climate change preparedness, including a lack of urban greening, which was causing the Peninsula’s urban heat island effect.

“They were concerned about the State government’s large population targets and consequent overcrowding.”

Popular suggestions for future improvements included

rehabilitation of historic buildings to help keep its heritage and character intact, said Mr Bowker.

“They also included a return to a democratically-elected council rather than a single government-appointed administrator.”

He said another suggestion was to employ an expert town planner to advocate on behalf of the local community for “a well-integrated, green, sustainable and liveable town centre”.

“Less popular suggestions were the removal of foreshore mangroves along Brisbane Water Dr to provide views at the entrance of Woy Woy and to increase permissible town centre building heights to 15 storeys to make redevelopment viable.”

Mr Bowker said the residents association planned to continue to hold quarterly public workshops to capture community opinion and priorities.

This information would be used as the basis for the association’s submissions to the council and other authorities.

For example, comments made at the association’s February workshop were used in support of the association’s submission to the Council’s housing strategy.

Mr Bowker said the association welcomed new members.

For further information, visit the association’s website at [www.peninsularesidents.org.au](http://www.peninsularesidents.org.au).

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 5 Sep 2022  
Jen Wilder, Peninsula Residents Association



## Students stage Mary Poppins for charity

**Performing arts students at Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College will stage two performances of Mary Poppins to raise money for charity.**

Two evening shows will be held at 6pm on Monday and Tuesday, September 19 and 20, at Umina campus movement studio.

Tickets for the limited number of

seats go on sale today (Monday, September 5).

They are available at the campus front office only, and will not be available online.

Proceeds from sales at \$10 per person will be donated to Central Coast Kids In Need.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 3 Sep 2022  
Kerrie O’Heir, BWSC Umina

## Man arrested for thefts from cars

**Brisbane Water police have arrested a 25-year-old Umina man for thefts from cars around the Peninsula.**

2022 police from Police reported: “Brisbane Water PD Proactive Crime Team conducted a search warrant at a Umina Beach address on August 24 in response to a number of steal from motor vehicle and fraud offences in the Woy Woy, Umina

Beach and Ettalong areas. “A 25-year-old male was arrested and charged with a total of 76 offences.”

He was refused bail and remanded to appear at Gosford Local Court the following day.

Police said that businesses and residents provided CCTV footage which helped with the investigation.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 25 Aug 2022  
Brisbane Water Police District

## Power cut to Woy Woy

**Woy Woy experienced a power outage between 2pm and 4:30pm on September 1.**

The blackout occurred as the result of fallen power lines.

Planned power cuts are expected on Monday, September 19, affecting 215 households in Dunban Rd, Florida Ave, Hillview

St, Miami Ave and Railway St, Woy Woy.

The power will be out between 8am and 4:30pm to allow “urgent electrical pole replacement or repair”.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 3 Sep 2022  
Ausgrid



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Planning

# Non-complying \$3.2M two-storey flats get approved

**The Local Planning Panel has approved an application for a \$3.2 million five-unit two-storey residential flat at 42 South St, Umina, with basement car parking for nine cars.**

The council had received a total of 61 submissions, 28 in the first notification period and 33 submissions in the second.

The ground floor would have one three-bedroom unit and two two-bedroom units and the first floor would have two three-bedroom units.

The proposal was non-compliant with planning provisions in a number of respects.

Its floor space ratio exceeded development standard by five per cent.

It did not meet the solar access requirements for new and existing dwellings for a minimum of three hours/day sunlight in living, dining,

family rooms and in half of principal open space areas, or a minimum of three hours/day sunlight to be retained to existing neighbours.

Deep soil setbacks did not meet requirements by up to 33 per cent at the front and did not exist at all in places on the southern boundary.

Exterior wall setbacks were up to half those required on the southern side, up to 60 per cent on the northern side and up to only two thirds the requirement on front boundary.

The basement intruded into the deep soil area, which was not permitted by the planning provisions.

The maximum dimension of the building at 40.59 metres was 16 per cent greater than allowed.

A required nine metre separation distance to adjacent dwellings was also not provided.

In approving the development, the Panel stated it "considers that the proposed development will be

in the public interest because it is consistent with the objectives of the development standard and the objectives for development within the R1 zone".

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

"The breach of the floor space ratio development standard is acceptable in the circumstances of the case.

"There are no detrimental environmental impacts that would occur as a consequence of the development when considered under section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, subject to the conditions of consent as modified."

The Panel's decision was unanimous.

**SOURCE:**  
**Local Planning Panel**  
**agenda 3.2, 25 Aug 2022**  
**DA6078/2021, Central Coast Council**



## Sod turned for ambulance station at hospital site

**The first sod has been turned to mark the start of the ambulance station construction at the Woy Woy Hospital site.**

Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast Mr Adam Crouch, who attended the ceremony, said: "The new Woy Woy station has been designed and tailored to the needs of the Peninsula community and will ensure our local paramedics can continue to deliver high-quality emergency healthcare."

"The station will feature internal parking for 10 emergency ambulance vehicles, administration and office areas, training and meeting rooms, an external wash bay, on-site staff parking, logistics and storage area and gym."

The new Woy Woy ambulance station is due for completion in the middle of next year.

Patterson Building Group is undertaking construction.

**SOURCE:**  
**Media release, 1 Sep 2022**  
**Adam Crouch, Central Coast Secretary**

## Does panel discount civic-minded views of older people?

**The Local Planning Panel has allowed statements to be made and questions to be asked that have been taken to imply that civic-minded submissions by older people may be given less weight than others.**

One person who spoke on the application for five units at 42 South St, Umina, was asked for his street address after he had completed his presentation, which he inferred to mean his submission would be given less weight.

The planning consultant for the applicant, Mr Ravi Sharma, told the panel that the age group

that would benefit most from the kind of accommodation being provided by the proposal were of a younger generation who were not "represented" by submissions.

He suggested that the submitters were "well set" and "established in the market", implying that their views should be given less weight..

The chair of the panel, Ms Kara Krason, did not intervene.

It is understood that at least one submitter has lodged a complaint about the conduct of the meeting.

**SOURCE:**  
**Local Planning Panel**  
**agenda 3.2, 25 Aug 2022**  
**DA6078/2021, Central Coast Council**

## Beach outlet erosion 'solution being finalised'

**A "longer-term solution" to erosion around the Rickard St stormwater outlet on Umina Beach "is being finalised", a Umina resident has been told.**

Without providing further details, Central Coast Council's infrastructure services director Mr Boris Bolgoff told resident Mr Ian Weekley: "A solution is being finalised and it is anticipated that the project will be delivered within the first quarter of the financial year.

"Developing a longer-term solution has involved complex investigation across departments within Council to ensure an effective solution can be applied

without compromising the natural habitat of the beach environment," Mr Bolgoff said in an email dated Thursday, August 11.

"The recent storm and weather events experienced over the past year have contributed to the erosion of this site.

"However Council Officers are continuing to monitor the area and take any necessary steps to ensure the safety of pedestrians utilising the footpath and reserve area at this location.

"In regard to the temporary maintenance repairs carried out at the stormwater outlet at the end of Rickard St, minor erosion protection works consisted of reinstating sand around the drain and the placement of geofabric,

hay bales and wooden stakes to hold in place."

Mr Bolgoff wrote that it was unlikely that kerb and gutter would be installed in Rickard St "for many years".

"All works are prioritised against technical criteria which results in a ranking of projects."

Mr Bolgoff did not state what the technical criteria were.

"The upgrade of Rickard St has been assessed in line with the above process and is not currently the highest priority therefore is unlikely to be undertaken for many years."

**SOURCE:**  
**Email, 11 Aug 2022**  
**Boris Bolgoff, Central Coast Council**



## Central Coast Friends of Democracy

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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.

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## College seeks employers

**Brisbane Water Secondary College is looking for employers to provide work experience for its students.**

“Work experience enables students to experience different vocations, and gain confidence in the process,” said Umina campus careers advisor Ms Yvette Beemster.

“Throughout the year, students have been given the opportunity to gain knowledge and skills from professionals in careers such as plumbing, plastering, cafes, bike repair, concreters, childcare providers, hairdressers and more.

“These experiences have helped to provide students with some of the information they need to choose and be happy in a future career, as well as gain confidence along the way.

“We are grateful to local business owners who have spent time imparting skills and knowledge to our students.”

“Our school is always looking for more employers to support our students,” she said.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 1 Sep 2022  
Gemma Fabiani and  
Milena Alex, BWSC



### Success for Olivia

**Brisbane Water Secondary College student Olivia Petersen has successfully applied to be part of a National Civics and Citizenship program.**

Funded by the Federal Department of Education, Olivia will participate in democratic forums in the NSW Parliament later this year.

As part of her submission, Olivia argued that Australia did not have a strong and resilient democracy.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 31 Aug 2022  
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy



## Dancers win places in Challenge

**Dancers from Years 7-9 at Brisbane Water Secondary College won places in “Your Next Dance Step Challenge” held on Thursday, August 25.**

In the Lyrical-Contemporary section, Years 7-8 placed second and Year 9 placed third.

Year 9 Cheer placed first in the open section.

They also earned awards for Most Entertaining routine of the day and Highest Points score of the competition with 94 points.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 25 Aug 2022  
Kerrie O’Heir, BWSC Umina



## Umina recorder ensemble takes to Opera House stage

**The Umina Beach Public School recorder ensemble took to the Sydney Opera House stage last week, amongst 1000 musicians from NSW public schools across the state.**

“It was such a thrill to see our amazing recorder ensemble in action at rehearsal today for the

Festival of Instrumental Music at the Sydney Opera House,” said principal Ms Karen Wardlaw.

“I’ve been many times to this concert as a parent and I honestly feel just as excited tonight to see our Umina Beach students perform.”

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 1 Sep 2022  
Karen Wardlaw, Umina Beach Public School



## Rugby league team crowned City Champions

**Brisbane Water Secondary College’s Under-13 boys rugby league team has been crowned the 2022 NSW City Champions.**

The team defeated Chifley 24-16, demonstrating courage and resilience, seizing opportunities and taking chances, according to their coaches.

The team will face Dubbo,

the Country Champions, in a few weeks time, with the winning team being crowned NSW Champions.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 25 Aug 2022  
Kerrie O’Heir, BWSC Umina

# WHAT’S ON at ETTALONG BOWLING CLUB

**WEEK 1**

Tues 27th Sept  
11am – 1pm  
Bowling & Magic Workshop

Thurs 29th Sept  
Movie on the Green  
MARS NEEDS MOMS  
6.30pm – Free

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN**

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**WEEK 2**

Tues 4th October  
11am – 1pm  
Meet & Greet REPTILE show

Fri 7th October  
11am – 1pm  
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Tickets \$15 from reception or through Try Booking / Spots are limited  
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We are excited to host some school activities here at Ettalong Bowling Club. With our newly outdoor area to host some fun events which is overlooking our green for the kids to enjoy a friendly game of barefoot bowling. Our staff will guide the kids how to master the perfect bowl and give some tips along the way.

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.

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Forum

## Change to Darkinjung names needs discussion

**In proposing to rename the sports houses at Woy Woy Public School, the principal has begun a discussion that is overdue.**

Indeed, it is discussion that should involve the whole community.

I cannot follow the principal's reasoning, as published in Peninsula News 551 p7.

Much is left unexplained: Why change from historical figures to environmental symbols?

Why choose the Darkinjung language?

Why not the Guringai language? How does this involve "truth-telling"?

What are the proposed symbols

and who has chosen them?

What is the symbolism of those choices?

While the current house names might be considered controversial by a range of people for a number of reasons, are they? If so, who has raised this and what are their reasons?

How does the proposed change forge deeper connections and understandings between people?

Is inclusiveness of all local residents and cultures central to this process?

What is the relevance of Torres Strait island culture, any more than any other culture, in this context?

**SOURCE:**

**Letter, 30 Aug 2022**  
**Norm Harris, Umina**

## Enforce dog rules

**Well the fight is over and we now wait on the judge's verdict.**

In the blue corner are the dog owners threatening revolt if Central Coast Council refuses to concede that canines need suitable off-leash provisions to enhance their lives.

In the red corner is the anti-dog brigade, and here an unhealthy percentage not only dislike dogs but probably neighbours, noise and most likely children also.

Now the council must come up with a suitable solution, a task many feel is well beyond their capabilities.

But on one thing the two corners can agree, and that is that we have reached this situation because 10 per cent of dog owners simply cannot abide by the rules of the game, and they are easily identified.

They will be male in gender, have a need to own a breed that is anti-social and they will also not pick up dog poo.

So perhaps the first step in council resolutions is to target this group without mercy: Fines upgraded and enforced; community involvement with a reporting venue to advise on offenders would also be a good starting point.

Medical and vet liability incurred through wayward dogs is yet another

The non-conforming owners are killing the goodwill.

Canine ownership is one of life's real joys but many owners have doubts the council has the ability to resolve this without a severe blood flow coming when the judge finally delivers the verdict.

**SOURCE:**

**Email, 29 Aug 2022**  
**Warwick Egan, Umina**

## Facing backwards at Woy Woy

**With all the safety fuss over the new interurban trains (which is a real issue), what has slipped by is the fact that all the seats are fixed.**

Passengers will not be able to turn the seats to suit the direction of travel as they can now.

Half of the seats face forward and the other half face backwards.

Imagine if you are getting on at Woy Woy in the morning peak.

As Woy Woy is the last of the Coast stops, all the forward facing seats will be occupied so Woy Woy commuters will have no option but to travel facing backwards or stand.

**SOURCE:**

**Email, 28 Aug 2022**  
**Ian Munro, Kilcare Heights**

## Potholes around the Peninsula

**It's been some time since the potholes formed after the rains earlier in the year, but the potholes are still around.**

Some of them have circles painted around them.

I think it's about time these holes were repaired.

This is an emergency situation, not general maintenance.

The photos show potholes on August 24.

They are located on Picnic Parade in Ettalong and on Patonga Rd.

With school holidays coming up, the holes on Patonga Rd will be particularly dangerous for campers and caravaners heading to and from Patonga, let alone the damage done to tyres and suspension.

**SOURCE:**

**Email, 24 Aug 2022**  
**Ken Grose, Woy Woy**



## Is council clever enough to fix the roads?

**How clever is council really ?**

Council is asking us to believe that the potholed road problem is caused by the unusually heavy rain this year.

But we did not come down in the last showers.

Our roads, drains, kerbs, footpaths and overgrown roadsides have been below standard for

many years.

Council should focus on this civil infrastructure that supports and serves the whole community all the time.

Until these problems are fixed, they should stop spending our money on other things that are not core-business and that only benefit some of the people some of the

time.

The Administrator and his council staff claim to be clever for fixing the financial problems.

So let them show how clever they really are by fixing these roads and civil infrastructure problems.

**SOURCE:**  
**Email, 4 Sep 2022**  
**Ian Weekley, Umina**

## Education needed

**I would like to add to Jennifer Wilder's excellent comments on the environmental, wildlife, shade, heat reduction and visual benefits of planting native vegetation on public and private lands (Peninsula News, August 22).**

Australia needs a national campaign to educate the Australian public and governments at all levels on the benefits of native tree plantings on public and private land.

Trees are integral to the sustainability of and connection of people to the environment.

If more Australians can see the essential benefits of trees, it would help improve public policy at all government levels to maximise the retention of native vegetation on public and private land.

**SOURCE:**

**Email, 23 Aug 2022**  
**Suraya Coorey, Woy Woy**

## Affordable housing should have living environment

**It would represent further injustice if there were any misuse of the plight of low income renters to build housing developments which eradicate endangered remnant public bushland on the Woy Woy Peninsula.**

This could represent a perverse indignity when people actually deserve an equitable living wage and an increase in the rent assistance which has been virtually static for the last 50 years.

People should not have to choose between either food or rent or a living breathable environment for their children.

**SOURCE:**  
**Email, 31 Aug 2022**  
**Karin Solondz, Woy Woy**

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## Building work at aged care home gathers momentum

**Building work at a Woy Woy aged care home has been gathering momentum with finer weather over the last month, according to its chief executive.**

Blue Wave Living chief executive Mr Matt Downie said the construction area now had a roof on its eastern end.

"A major part of our works is a complete re-build and extension of our existing main kitchen.

"This does require us to shut down the main kitchen for a couple of months while these works are underway.

"We expect this to occur from mid-September," said Mr Downie.

"At that point, we will transfer the bulk of our cooking across to the Shores kitchen, including the transfer of ovens and equipment across there to facilitate this."

It will also be supported by the Palm Sails kitchen.

"During the period from mid-September through to mid-November, there may need to be some changes to the planned menu due to the change in operations.

"However the team are committed to minimising these and

ensuring a continued high quality of meals to all in care.

"While the works in the main kitchen are underway, we will temporarily be relocating the dining area for our residents into the Village Square area.

"This will allow us to set up a temporary servery space and provides a dining space away from the noise of the works underway in the main kitchen.

"Other works currently underway on the eastern side of the Shores Building includes the roughing in of a variety of services, and insulation and sheeting of walls.

"The western side is now seeing framing going up, and within a few weeks the roof sheeting will be installed.

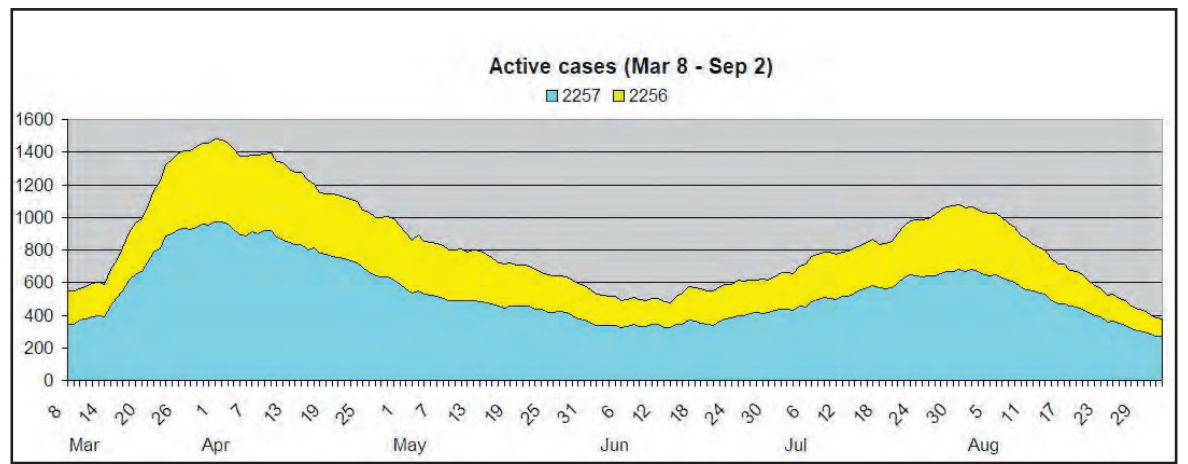
"Some initial works are beginning in the two central courtyards.

"However we have been hit by supply chain challenges with some materials.

"Hardwood timber is still on back order.

"We are hopeful that this will be resolved soon."

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 31 Aug 2022  
Matt Downie, Blue Wave Living



## Active cases drop to lowest since Boxing Day

**The number of active coronavirus cases on the Peninsula has dropped to its lowest since Boxing Day last year.**

Active cases in the 2256 and 2257 postcode areas totalled 384 on Thursday, September 1.

The next lowest number of

cases was recorded on Sunday, December 26, last year.

The number of active cases last week in the 2256 postcode area was 114, while in 2257 was 270.

The numbers represented 0.81 per cent of the local population, 20 per cent less than the rate for the region of 1.00 per cent of the

population.

A total of 17551 cases has now been recorded on the Peninsula, equivalent to 37 per cent of the population.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 2 Sep 2022  
Covid data and statistics,  
NSW Government

## Folk club to hold performers' night

**Troubadour Folk Club will hold a performers night at 7pm next Saturday, September 10, at Empire Bay Progress Hall, 1 Gordon Rd.**

Troubadour members and local people will perform at the regular club night in a cafe style setting.

"It's a really nice night to socialise with other Troubadour

members and performers," said organiser Mr Hugh Worrall.

"Book a 15-minute spot with MaryAnne beforehand or you can perform a song on the blackboard part of the program by letting us know when you arrive on Saturday night.

"We'd love to see you there."

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be

available for a gold coin donation, but patrons may bring their own snacks and drinks.

Call MaryAnne on 0407 917 117 to book a spot or Mr Worrall on 0402 529 474.

Cost is \$10 at the door or <https://www.trybooking.com/CAQXU>

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 3 Sep 2022  
Hugh Worrall, Troubadour Folk Club



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Sport



Woy Woy Lions win rugby union premierships

Woy Woy Rugby Union under-15 girls team, pictured above, are 10s format premiers for 2022.

The team beat Avoca 15-10 on Friday, September 2, at The Haven.

The team came back from 10-0 at half time to score three tries in second half.

Woy Woy Rugby Union under-

14s, pictured below, are joint premiers with Maitland for 2022.

With a 15-15 draw at full time and an extra 10 minutes without score, the two teams were named joint premiers

Tough conditions with strong wind and slippy mud proved difficult for both sides.

SOURCE: Social media, 3 Sep 2022 Woy Woy Junior Rugby Union



Three junior teams in rugby league grand finals

Three teams from the Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Football Club played in grand finals at Tuggerah Sporting Complex, with two going on to win.

The 14GLT2 team, pictured, fought well against Erina, keeping them from scoring in the second half.

However, they went down 16-4 at full time.

The 14/2 boys had a nail biting game against Northern Lakes, but had a win 18-14.

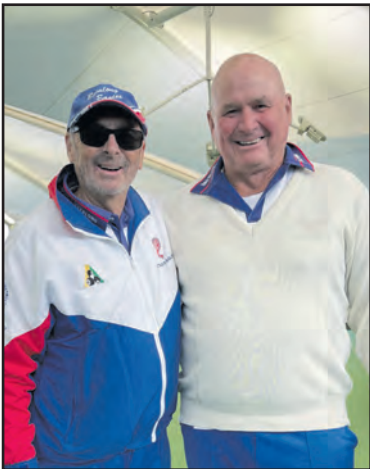
The 13/3 team also had a win, 22-14 against The Entrance.

SOURCE: Social media, 27 Aug 2022 Woy Woy JRLFC



Ettalong Bowling Club made a clean sweep at the Central Coast Zone Pairs finals recently winning the Presidents Reserve, Seniors and Open Pairs Finals.

The Presidents Reserve was won by Adam Lewis and Gary Eggleton (above left) while Al



Lewin and Phil Westcott (above centre) won the Seniors.

The Open Final was won by Al Thornhill and Shane Starkey (above right).

Bowls coordinator John Roberts said: "This was a monumental win for Ettalong.

"Ettalong is a strong bowling club and we welcome new bowlers



Ettalong has clean sweep of Zone Pairs

and visitors at all times."

Shortly after winning the Seniors Pairs, Phil Westcott jumped on a plane to Fiji to compete in the Sunny West Bowling Club Tournament in Nadi.

SOURCE: Media release, 29 Aug 2022 Ken Dixon, Ettalong Bowling Club Photos: Doug Rose

Margaret selected for State

Margaret Smith from Ettalong Bowling Club has been selected to play for the NSW Blues Women's Senior State Side.

The team will play in the Australian Senior Sides Championship.

The games will be played at Broadbeach Bowling Club between October 2 and 5.

SOURCE: Social media, 27 Aug 2022 Peter Springett, Bowls Central Coast



Ettalong to represent zone

A number of Ettalong Bowling Club players have been selected to represent Zone 15.

Open bowlers are: Alan Joss, Alan Thornhill, Nathan Malloy and Shane Starkey.

Seniors bowlers are: John Roberts, Gary Frost, Peter Freestone, Colin Passfield and Phil Westcott.

SOURCE: Social media, 28 Aug 2022 Ettalong Eagles

Cricket try out day

Southern Spirit Cricket Club is seeking girls 10 years and over and women of all ages to join the club.

It is running a free women and girls cricket Come and Try Day on Saturday, September 17, at Rogers Park in Dunban Rd, Woy Woy.

No experience is needed, and all equipment will be supplied.

Participants are asked to wear comfy clothes, joggers and a hat and bring a water bottle.

It is billed as "a morning of skills, drills and games". For further information, phone Jack 0431 370 320.

SOURCE: Social media, 3 Sep 2022 Southern Spirit Cricket Club

Surf club's open day

Umina Surf Life Saving Club will hold its 2022-23 Season Open Day and registrations from 10am to 1pm on Sunday, September 11.

Information about the club and its programs including Nippers, lifesaving, surf sports, Silver Salties, youth programs and education courses.

The club will also be running some activities during the day including a rip demonstration, First Aid, "Little Nipper demo", face painting, the launch of a new uniform and a sausage sizzle.

All residents are welcome.

SOURCE: Social media, 30 Aug 2022 Umina Surf Life Saving Club

Bridge club holds teams tournament

Brisbane Water Bridge Club held its Eric Gibson Teams tournament on August 19.

The tournament consisted of three 11 board rounds.

With two wins each, teams Hadaway and Hasemore met for the final clash in the last round of the day.

Winning both NS and EW, they emerged with a significant 16 Imp point advantage.

Thus, with three wins and a 10-point VP lead, they had a comfortable win in this tournament. Team Oitmaa took second place

from Team Hasemore.

Both teams had two wins but in the final analysis Team Oitmaa had the VP advantage.

Results after three of three matches were:

1. Christine Hadaway, Jacqueline Wilson, Noel Crockett, Shirley Crockett 85 Imps, 50.88 VPs (3-0-0 W-D-L), 0.66 red points.

2 Jim Routledge, Jaan Oitmaa, Lorraine Lindsay, Jan Davis 41, 40.89 (2-0-1), 0.44.

3 Chris Hasemore, Martin Johnson, Barry Foster, Hope Tomlinson 8, 32.46 (2-0-1), 0.44.

4 Alma Van Der Walt, Kathryn

Ivits, Marcelle Goslin, Ron Meaney -11, 26.94 (1-0-2), 0.22

5 Marilyn Whigham, Judy Wulff, Susan McCall, Jenny Buckley -9, 26.14 (1-0-2), 0.22

6 Elaine Hume, Heather Brown, Peter Hume, Laurie Powell -20, 25.41 (2-0-1), 0.44

7 Helen White, Pamela Lumby, Helen Cashman, Jan Kukura -43, 21.34 (1-0-2), 0.22

8 Geoffrey Maltby, Edith Marshall, Graham Woof, Robyn Hardy -51, 15.94 (0-0-3).

SOURCE: Website, 19 Aug 2022 Brisbane Water Bridge Club.