



# Court approves five-storey plan after council agrees

The Land and Environment Court has approved a five-storey development for 227-233 Ocean View Rd, Ettalong, upholding an appeal by the applicant Jedaclew Pty Ltd.

The decision came after Central Coast Council reached an agreement with Jedaclew in a conciliation conference.

The approval follows an earlier refusal of the five-storey proposal, DA 57779, by the Local Planning Panel, after 67 submissions were received opposing the development.

Council planning staff had recommended to the Panel that the proposal be approved.

In the conciliation conference, Senior Commissioner Susan Dixon SC stated: "As the parties' decision is a decision that the Court could have made in the proper exercise of its functions, I am required to dispose of the proceedings in accordance with the parties' decision."

Ms Dixon said: "During the conference, a further set of amended plans was produced which the Council's experts agreed resolved the issues between the parties and reduced the impacts on the adjoining sites.

"Subject to the application being amended to reflect the new plans the parties informed me that they had reached agreement."

Ms Dixon tabulated the differences between the original six-storey proposal, the five-storey proposal and the amended plans.

The amended plans had greater setbacks to the fifth floor.

She said the building exceeded the 17 metre height limit in several respects: the ridge was 17.31 metres (1.8 per cent more), a balustrade 18.41 metres (8.3 per cent) and a stair cover 19.28

metres (13.4 per cent).

"Compliance with the development standard is unreasonable or unnecessary in the circumstances of the case because the development nonetheless achieves the objectives of the standard," she said.

"I accept that the nominated height is commensurate with the height of recently approved mixed use buildings in the Ettalong Beach B2 Local Centre zone including a five-storey mixed use at 237-245 Ocean View Rd which is located 15 metres from the site.

"This development has a ridge height of 18.20 metres, so the requested 17.31 metre ridge height is comparable with the height limit in the Ettalong Town Centre.

"The urban form is of high quality having been prepared by an urban design team and architectural firm.

"Importantly, the variations are negligible in context, and as the applicant submits (and the Council agrees) the breaches do not result in unacceptable adverse amenity impacts to neighbouring sites - beyond that of a compliant height of building footprint-building envelope.

"While I accept that the variation entails a marginal increase in shadowing toward the street and neighbouring sites, I accept the submission that the adjoining lots have lower building height limits; this will ensure that neighbouring sites/buildings and public areas will continue to receive sunlight.

"The written request records that the amended mixed-use building has been designed to ensure that the overshadowing impacts of the development area are acceptable in nature, in particular maximise solar access to surrounding public open spaces.

"The Council's consultant

planner is of the expert opinion that this has been achieved in the amended design and I accept his expert assessment."

Commissioner Dixon said she was satisfied that the amended proposed development was consistent with the objectives of the zone.

"It will provide for the housing needs of the community within a high-density environment and provide a sufficient building separation to the lower density zone as illustrated on the site plan and elevation plans and landscape plans.

"The proposed development contributes to a variety of bouquet commercial and housing types including in a high density environment.

"The proposed development also maximises public transport patronage by providing residential accommodation in an accessible location lose proximity to bus and cycling routes."

She said: "The amended proposal is consistent with the Central Coast Affordable and Alternative Housing Strategy as this development provides smaller (affordable) residential housing located around a town centre.

It was "also consistent with other relevant strategic policies for the smaller town centres on the Central Coast, including the Central Coast Regional Plan 2036 and draft Central Coast Urban Spatial Plan".

"I accept the Council expert's merit assessment that the recent amendments to the proposal adequately addresses the zone boundary interface which was a particular concern of the local objectors."

SOURCE:  
Judgement, 8 Sep 2022  
Jedaclew Pty Ltd v Central Coast Council, [2022] NSWLEC 1470

Stage 3 students at Ettalong Public School enjoyed fishing on the Ettalong foreshore last Tuesday, according to relieving principal Ms Jodie Campbell

Despite a forecast of light rain,

some cloud and raincoats at hand, no rain was recorded.

A couple of students caught fish, one a good-sized flathead.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 13 Sep 2022  
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong Public School

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Mark Snell, 17 Sep 2022



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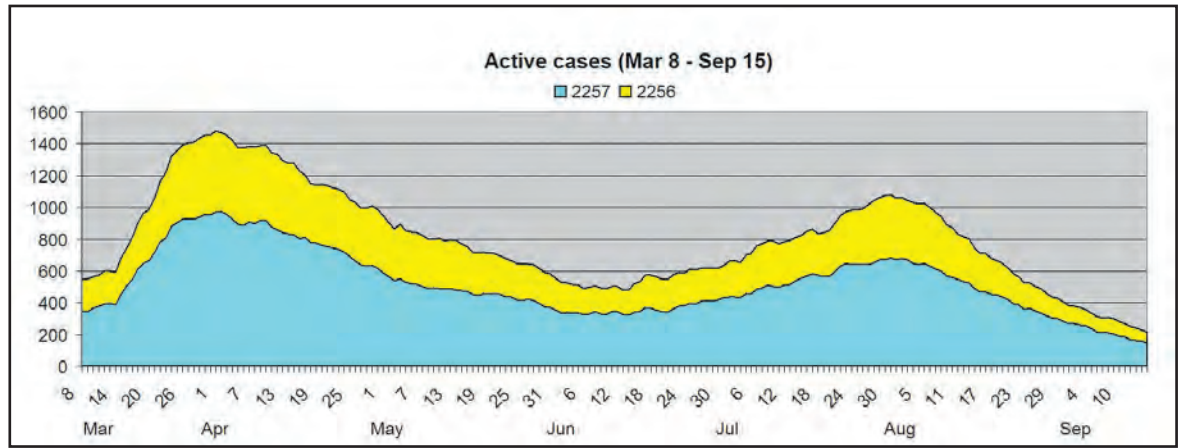
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## Case numbers drop by half since August

**The number of the reported active coronavirus cases on the Peninsula has dropped by almost half since the end of August.**

The number of active cases reported in the 2256 and 2257 postcode areas has dropped

from 405 on August 31 to 218 on September 15.

This is a reduction of 46 per cent.

Numbers in the 2256 postcode area have dropped from 124 to 73, while the 2257 area the numbers have dropped from 281 to 145.

Since September 9, data is released as datasets from Data NSW, rather than on a postcode map on the Covid data and statistics webpage.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 17 Sep 2022  
data.nsw.gov.au

## CWA branch supports local business

**The Woy Woy branch of the Country Women's Association has had another lunch to "support local business".**

"This month 20 members were hosted by Tuk and Tam from Satang Thai cafe in Woy Woy," said branch president Ms Jane Bowtell.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 6 Sep 2022  
Jane Bowtell, CWA  
Woy Woy Branch



## Folk club to host greatest musicians

**The next Troubadour Folk Club concert will be a "showcase of some of Australia's greatest musicians playing at home on the Central Coast", according to club president Mr Michael Fine.**

It will feature Mimosa Duo with the Bathtub Gin Orchestra at the Everglades at 7pm on Saturday, September 24.

Mimosa Duo is Phoebe

Haseldon, playing jazz violin and singing, together with Morgan Haselden who plays gypsy jazz guitar as well as singing vocals.

As the Bathtub Gin Orchestra, they are joined by fellow Central Coast musicians Dorian Mode (piano/vocals), Brendan Berlach (clarinet), Fiona Lugg (double bass) and Toby Hall (drums).

Mr Fine said: "Many music lovers rate these Central Coast musicians as Australia's greatest performers of romantic French

chansons, gypsy jazz, stomp and swing.

"This is one of the first big concerts together since Phoebe gave birth in 2021.

"It's sure to be a wonderful celebration."

Bookings are essential with tickets available via the club's website at [www.troubadour.org.au](http://www.troubadour.org.au).

For further information, phone 4342 6716 or 0407 917 117.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 9 Sep 2022  
Michael Fine, Troubadour Folk Club

## Month's average rainfall in first 16 days

**The Peninsula has received 63.4mm of rain in the first 16 days of the September.**

This is just 1.6mm short of the September average of 65mm, according to figures provided by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

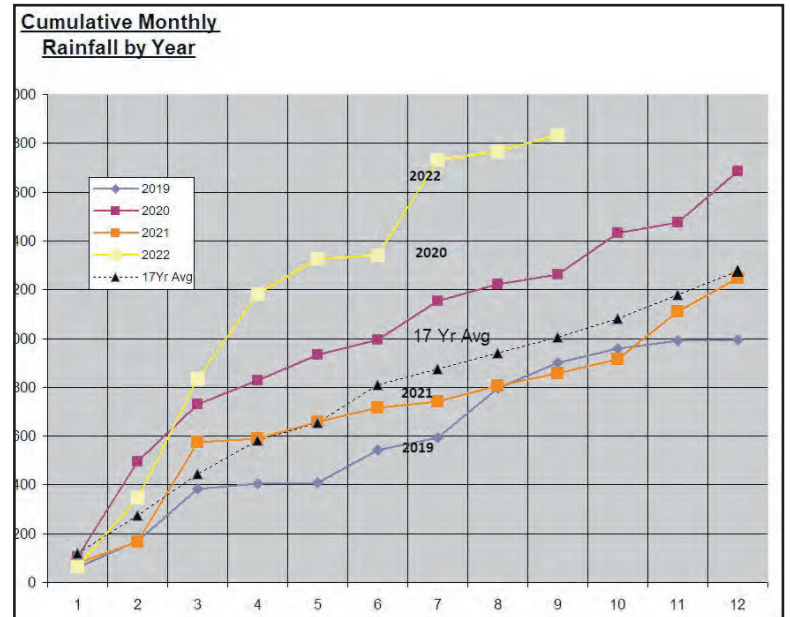
The majority of the rain came on just four days. A fall of 16.5mm was recorded on September 16.

A total of 33.8mm was recorded in the first four days of the months.

The cumulative total for the year is 1832.3mm, which 82 per cent higher than the average total at the end of September of 1007mm.

The total is already 43.7 per cent higher than the average annual rainfall of 1275mm.

**SOURCE:**  
Spreadsheet, 16 Sep 2022  
Jim Morrison, Umina





# Flash Festival to be held next weekend

**Woy Woy Little Theatre will hold its Flash Festival with four sessions over next weekend, September 23-25.**

Six plays have been selected and all are performed at each session.

"We received 25 script submissions this year and the standard of submissions was high," said theatre publicity officer Mr Graham Vale.

The six plays are all written, directed and performed by local artists:

Bloated Ducks is written by Sally Bartley, directed by Clay Williamson.

Zoom Out by Sally Davies, directed by Gordon Crawford.

Terms of Engagement by Danielle Whiting Brame, directed

by Yuley Buist.

The Man in The Back Bedroom by Trudi Slavin, directed by Karen Rowe.

The King Is Dead by Ethan Dale, directed by Sarah Lovesy.

Keeping Safe by Jenna Arnold, directed by Terry Matthews.

All those attending will be able to vote for the People's Pick Award for Best Play.

"The Sunday matinee will include an awards ceremony afterward, so it always sells out first," said Mr Vale.

All bookings and payments are to be made online.

For further information, phone 4344 4737.

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 9 Sep 2022  
Graham Vale, Woy Woy Little Theatre



## Rip bridge construction photos displayed at library

**A historic photographic display about the Rip Bridge "From the Ground Up" will be held daily between 9am and 4:30pm at Umina Library until the end of the month.**

The bridge was built over three years from 1971 to 1974 over The Rip at the entrance to Brisbane Water.

The display follows the recent donation of photographs which

document the construction of the bridge from start to finish.

Library staff described the bridge: "A massive yet graceful concrete structure nearly 330 metres in length spans the fast-flowing waters and provides an important link to the eastern side of Brisbane Water."

No bookings are required.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 5 Sep 2022  
Library Services, Central Coast Council

# Aboriginal skipper is 'First Fleet' master

**Mingaletta member Mr Ryan Champley has been signed off for the First Fleet Class vessels at Sydney Ferries.**

Three years ago he became the first aboriginal skipper at Sydney Ferries.

Recently he qualified as a "Master IV", an unrestricted qualification, for the First Fleet Class vessels.

"He is still the first and only aboriginal master at Sydney Ferries," said his father Mr Mark Champley.

"The ironic thing is we now have the first aboriginal skipper on the class of vessels that were named after the First Fleet that arrived in 1788.

"It is a symbol of resilience and reconciliation."

Mr Champley said: "This news was shared at the Mingaletta Community meeting and the gathering supported the story be used to showcase how the Mingaletta membership are making a difference.

"We are hoping the story will inspire other aboriginal people but also encourage the wider community to visit the Mingaletta premises in Sydney Ave, Umina, and hopefully join us.

"Ryan's grandmother, Aunty Fay, was a respected elder of our



community before her passing and was always encouraging Ryan to be 'his best self and a role model for others'.

"We are sure Aunty Fay would be beaming with pride.

"Mingaletta is very proud of Ryan Champley who has been a member with his family for many years."

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 7 Sep 2022  
Mark Champley, Mingaletta

## Mingaletta invites residents to drop in

**Non-aboriginal as well as aboriginal members of the Peninsula community are being invited to drop in to Mingaletta in Sydney Ave, Umina.**

"Mingaletta has been operating on the Peninsula for over 20 years and supplies services for both

the aboriginal and non-aboriginal local community," said Mingaletta spokesman Mr Mark Champley.

"It is a welcoming and inclusive place."

He said Mingaletta would love residents to come and say hello to its staff and volunteers.

"Mingaletta translates to

Meeting Place and everyone is welcome to drop in and say hello and have a cuppa and a yarn.

"The upcoming big event is on Friday, October 7, with Mingaletta celebrating Naidoc, kicking off at 10am at 6 Sydney Ave.

"Every Monday, after the upcoming school holidays, we will have didge and dance lessons for the youth of the community.

"On Tuesdays, we have native gardening and, for children, we have a playgroup after 9:00am.

"There is also baby massage by appointment only on 4342 7515.

"So please come and join your local aboriginal community and make new friends."

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 7 Sep 2022  
Mark Champley, Mingaletta

## Men's Shed holds members' barbecue

**Umina Beach Men's Shed will have its next members' barbecue next Monday.**

It will start at 11am on Monday, September 26.

"Members are invited to come

along and enjoy good company and a nice feed," said secretary Mr Vic Brown.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 17 Sep 2022  
Vic Brown, Umina Beach Men's Shed

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## Coastal Twist starts next Tuesday

The Coastal Twist Festival, celebrating people of diverse sexualities and genders, will be held from Tuesday, September 27, to Monday, October 3, with many free activities on the Peninsula.

The arts and culture festival will have 14 events across seven days, with 75 per cent of the festival free across Umina Beach, Woy Woy, Ettalong Beach and Gosford, according to its creative director Ms Glitta Supernova.

Free activities include a visual arts exhibition, Foxy Silvers waterfront picnic, a youth fluoro dance party, a design thinking workshop, drag bingo, a beach picnic party day, and the festival's centrepiece, the Fair Day.

"This year's festival theme is Be the Change," said Ms Supernova.

"It is a call to action for all people, regardless of age, gender,



sexuality, ability or skin colour, to come together and celebrate for a happier, healthier, and more welcoming Central Coast, highlighting we can all partake, be visible and have the power to make change and create the reality we wish to live in.

"We want everyone to feel welcome and explore, and

everyone up for a good time, good food, music, reinforcing a better way for the future.

"This festival is inclusive. "Allies are a big part of the journey in attaining quick change on the Coast.

SOURCE: Media release, 16 Aug 2022 Coastal Twist Festival Photo: Lisa Haymes

## Fair day is centrepiece

The Coastal Twist Festival's "centrepiece" is its Carnie Fair Day from 10am to 5pm on Monday, October 3, at the Recreation Precinct at Umina Oval.

The fair will be "an all-day rainbow of visible diversity and inclusion across abilities, ages, genders, cultures and mindsets", according to festival creative director Ms Glitta Supernova.

It will include "some spectacular headliners, yummy selection of curated international food and a bar hosting our local favourites".

"There will be multiple hubs from YAAS Teen Hang safe spaces to rainbow family zone with a pop-up market showcasing handcrafted to vintage, gourmet to bespoke, quirky to must-haves plus community stalls full of activities, connection and information.

"Our Coastie Carnie Fair Day

is where absolutely everyone from near and afar come together to celebrate humanity and connection in a fun and culturally rich day of art, entertainment, food, shopping and pets with a mass outdoor picnic."

Live music will include Electric Fields, Dyan Tai, Shauna Jensen and The Joy Project Choir.

An Hour of Drag Power will feature the Festival headliners and local drag kings and queens.

There will be all-day circus play with Roundabout Circus and storytime with Joyce Maynge and with Wonder Mumma.

Registrations are open for the Puparazzi Pooch Parade at <https://coastaltwist.org.au/dogshow/>.

For more details, visit the festival website at <https://coastaltwist.org.au>

SOURCE: Website, 16 Sep 2022 Coastal Twist Festival

## Week-long visual arts exhibition

The Coastal Twist Festival will be launched at a free visual arts exhibition at Centered Ceramics, Umina, on Tuesday, September 27.

The curated exhibition "Change" is a celebration of gender and sexually diverse visual artists, from emerging to professional and acclaimed.

"Be the Change is our theme and will be reflected through a fabulous multi-arts exhibition featuring artists' interpretation to our festival theme," said creative director Ms Glitta Supernova.

"All the artists have responded to this in different ways.

"Some have made political works challenging

the status quo.

"Others made work about their struggles to endure a changing world, and others have made intimate personal works talking about changes in their lives."

Media include painting, print, photography and

ceramics.

The exhibition will be open to the public daily from 9am to 2pm from September 28 to October 4 at Centered Ceramics at 246 West St.

SOURCE: Website, 16 Sep 2022 Coastal Twist Festival

## Free beach picnic party day

The Coastal Twist Festival's "Life's a Beach" free beach picnic party day will be held at Umina Beach from 10am on Saturday, October 1.

"This is all about ocean air and salty waters," said

festival creative director Ms Glitta Supernova.

"Let's enjoy the Aussie outdoors, connection with visitors, friend's families and collide that into sport, health and culture.

"This is about safe outdoor spaces, having fun, seeing old friends, and making new ones as we soak in good vibes, high fives and diversity as the norm.

"Bring your own chairs and sun-wise caps, rugs and setup for the day

Ms Supernova said those interested could book for a free morning beach yoga session with Umina Beach Yoga or for Pride in Fitness Strength Training by trainer Thomas Ellis.

She said the entertainment line-up for

the day included DJ Second Husband playing timeless house and techno for the sand dancefloor.

Live on the beach stage would be Etcetera Etcetera, Rupauls Drag race down under; Ruby Slippers, Burlesque Baddie and Drag Disrupter; Cassy Judy – musician and proud trans woman; and Diva D-Lish.

The Central Coast Ukulele Club will also play a set.

Ginava and Roundabout Circus will give a roving spectacle performance.

There will be displays by Life Savers with Pride, and storytime with author Ms Louise Lambeth reading her book Annie and the Waves.

SOURCE: Website, 16 Sep 2022 Coastal Twist Festival

## Youth 'pink light' fluoro dance party

A free youth "pink light" fluoro dance party will be held from 6pm to 10pm for 12 to 17 year old "Rainbow Youth" on Friday, September 30, at the PCYC in Osborne Ave, Umina, as part of the Coastal Twist Festival.

"HallowQueen is a ultra-

violet horror-themed dance party where we can dress to express, bring a mate or a date or come on your own and meet new friends," said festival creative director Ms Glitta Supernova.

"Spend the night celebrating with other beautiful rainbow youth- folk and friends.

"Dance the night away

and bust some sickening moves as we connect on the dance floor with a like-minded youth community.

"Everyone 12 to 17 is welcome."

The alcohol-free event includes free pizza, soft drinks and juices.

SOURCE: Website, 16 Sep 2022 Coastal Twist Festival

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# ‘Housing summit’ supports massive Ponzi scheme

**It’s official.**

According to the recent summit on the “housing crisis” attended by developers, landowners, builders, planners and anybody else who stands to make a quick buck from the “housing crisis”, the community is an obstacle.

How dare they challenge the local government’s soulless interpretation of medium density housing?

How dare they complain about overcrowded roads and lack of liveability?

This attitude is apparently widespread in planning circles.

At the recent meeting of the Local Planning Panel to decide a proposal for a massive five-unit complex at 42 South St, Umina, a representative of the applicant, speaking on behalf of his client’s absolute right to completely block all sunlight from his neighbours during the winter months, bemoaned the fact that a “younger” age group were not represented by people making submissions to the

panel.

These “people making submissions” were “well set” and “comfortable” he said, a not-so-subtle reference to the fact that they were mostly retired.

Well maybe that’s because the Local Planning Panel meets in the middle of the afternoon on a working day when most “younger” people are out supporting their families and, unlike his good self, not paid to be at a Panel meeting.

One submitter against the proposal, after he’d spoken, was publicly asked by a member of the panel, where he lived.

Not only was this in direct contravention of the Privacy and Personal Information Act but, in the manner in which it was asked, implied that if he wasn’t one of the unfortunate neighbours who will be forced to move due to losing all sunlight to their home during winter then he should “butt out”.

It seems that council knows what’s good for us and nobody’s allowed to complain or suggest

another way.

They might think this is a perfectly reasonable attitude but to the rest of us it’s starting to look rather “Putinesque”, especially in the absence of democratic representation.

The council say they have “fully consulted with the community” to explain the vital necessity to emasculate the planning regulations and “expedite” development on the Peninsula.

So why is it that ordinary residents are so shocked and dismayed to discover for instance that their next door neighbour is allowed to build two storeys literally on the boundary and block out all of their sunlight?

The council don’t seem to understand why people in this circumstance selfishly complain about having scrimped and saved to pay a mortgage (and rates) all these years only to see their sunlight disappear and property value plummet.

The really ironic thing is that

the planners, the government, developers and the council all claim to support “affordable” housing.

In reality, they are supporting a massive Ponzi scheme with young families at the bottom mortgaging themselves to the hilt to buy ridiculously-overpriced homes in competition with “fat cat” investors at the top.

Surely it’s time that all levels of government started taking a rational, community-friendly attitude to home ownership and planning instead of devolving their responsibilities to the politics of greed.

**SOURCE:**  
Email, 16 Sep 2022  
Frank Wiffen, Umina

## Portal issues continue as non-compliant DA is approved

**As we see Ettalong change drastically with the 52-unit building take place, a few doors further down along Ocean View Rd another five-storey DA has now been approved after a hearing in the Land and Environment Court.**

Central Coast Council received submissions on DA5779 from 61 members of the public, which have been overruled as another non-compliant building gets pushed into the village of Ettalong.

To make matters worse, Central Coast Council planning department then sent a letter to all the people who made a submission with a weblink that does not work for most people.

Initial responses from the council planning department were not helpful - providing further non-functional links.

After further investigation and escalations, a new working link was made available to the public and the letters re-issued.

This is again another example of the continued issues and problems

with new council planning portal introduced last December.

Council is gradually working on these issues.

However, they have been caught up in a backlog with staffing issues and other workload.

Key outstanding issues are the slow speed to download documents, the inaccessibility of exhibition dates and the difficulty in making a submission from a search.

All these used to be available before the December system “upgrade”.

We can only hope that Dr Howe’s council department is able to prioritise these issues to bring back missing features and help regain public confidence.

The Peninsula Residents Association works to increase liveability with future development on the Peninsula and to improve planning processes.

New members may join at <https://www.peninsularesidents.org.au/>

**SOURCE:**  
Email, 16 Sep 2022  
Julian Bowker, Umina

## Council should investigate planning problems

**At the recent public meeting held by the Peninsula Residents Association about the future of Woy Woy, many residents identified planning issues that had been ignored by the council.**

The council’s established practice of development first regardless of consequences is now being challenged seriously by residents;

If the council was transparent, it

would accept this as an indication of major systemic planning problems.

It would investigate this objectively to create a suburban environment that genuinely presents a sustainably-affordable lifestyle for our community, which is an option to the normal suburban planning disaster.

Upsetting standing practices will not please the council’s senior management, intent on promoting development with unsubstantiated

promises of community benefit from economic gain.

Residents should be treated as more than ratepayers who advance the council’s financial status.

None of the administrators have been interested in public opinion.

We have had a lengthy rollout of media reports and documents that falsely imply the council is sustainable.

**SOURCE:**  
Letter, 9 Sep 2022  
Norm Harris, Umina

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## Wonky piecing workshop

**Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre’s patchwork group had a “wonky piecing” workshop last week.**

“They practised freehand rotary cutting without rulers, and how to piece the gentle curves without puckers,” said tutor Ms Penny Howard.

“I love the different fabrics everyone used and how each

students’ work is so uniquely them.”

She said student Ms Gwynneth Weir also brought in “a couple of her fabulous finished projects - a partially complete quilt that she was given, then finished, and also her striking handbag”.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 12 Sep 2022  
Penny Howard, EBACC

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## Kindergarten day at reptile park



Kindergarten students from Umina Beach Public School have had a day at the Australian Reptile Park at Somersby.

“They saw all the Australian animals they had been learning about in English and Science this term,” said principal Ms Karen Wardlaw.

“We are very proud of their beautiful behaviour and the enthusiasm they showed throughout the day.”

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 7 Sep 2022  
Karen Wardlaw, Umina Beach Public School



## Jeans day raises \$677 for research

Woy Woy South Public School has raised \$677 on its Jeans for Genes Day on Wednesday, September 7.

Students wore denim to school in return for a gold coin donation for the Children’s Medical Research Institute.

“There was more Double Denim than a 1980s rock video clip,” said principal Mr Matt Barr.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 8 Sep 2022  
Matt Barr, Woy Woy South Public School



## ‘Mrs Lunch’ retires

Past and present staff at Ettalong Public School have thanked Ms Cheryl Lynch on her retirement as canteen manager on Monday, September 12.

Known as “Mrs Lunch”, she has been an integral part of the canteen for the past 27 years and has made thousands of lunches during that time, according to relieving principal Ms Jodie Campbell.

“She has been our canteen

manager for most of these years,” she said.

“She has shown kindness and been so accommodating to our students, community and staff.

“Her commitment, charisma and amazing cooking skills will be greatly missed.

“We wish Cheryl a very long and a very happy retirement.”

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 13 Sep 2022  
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong Public School



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Sport

# Umina takes three of top four carnival places

Umina took three of the top four places of the Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club's King and Queen of the Central Coast Carnival yesterday.

It was completed in a second day of sunshine, with a nice bit of breeze, said club secretary Mr Peter Springett.

Top five places from the two-day seven-game carnival were:

1st Judith Moroney and Glenn Simington, Umina, 6 wins +50.

2nd Lorraine and Paul Clark, Tuncurry Sports, 6 wins +41.

3rd Lyn Gordon and Tom Burgmann, Umina, 5.5 wins +42.

4th Gwen Jarratt and Mitch Douglas, Umina, 5.5 wins +17.

5th Rita Saunders and Peter Feros, Ourimbah, 5 wins +48.

Consolation prizes went to Barbara Schultz and Roger Twells, and to Aileen and Ken Robertson.

Mr Springett said it was "a sensational weekend of bowls and great camaraderie".

SOURCE:  
Social media, 18 Sep 2022  
Peter Springett, UBMBC



# Ettalong has pennant win over Wyong

Ettalong Bowling Club's Grade 4 Pennant team has had a resounding win over Wyong in the Pennant finals.

Ettalong hosted all of the Pennant Final play offs.

Bowls coordinator Mr John Roberts reported that it was a highly successful bowls event.

"The continues to host big events and we welcome visitors and new bowlers to the club on all occasions," he said. Father and

son Bob and David Hook starred in the pennant win," said bowling club vice-president Mr Ken.

"Bob and David are prominent Peninsula residents and were previously excellent cricketers at Woy Woy Cricket Club," said bowling club vice-president Mr Ken Dixon.

"They are both very active in the local community."

SOURCE:  
Media release, 12 Sep 2022  
Ken Dixon, Ettalong Bowling Club



# Outrigger canoe club celebrates 25 years

The Central Coast Outrigger Canoe club celebrated its 25th anniversary on Saturday, September 10, on a calm and sunny day.

Founding members Jenny Reardon, Justine Ella and Sue Garske were joined by past and current members in the morning activities.

These included a flotilla of OC6, OC1 and OC2 canoes paddling up and down the Woy Woy channel, which was described as "an impressive sight for onlookers".

Relay paddling events were

then held in Brisbane Water, followed by afternoon tea.

The day's events were followed by an anniversary dinner with story-telling and awards given for long-term memberships.

Member Catherine Day said: "I now have a real sense of the history of the club, the energy, shared experiences and care for one another that goes into making a club so successful and strong."

The club welcomes new members.

SOURCE:  
Media release, 16 Sep 2022  
Debbie Sunartha, CCOCC



# Over-45 men win soccer grand finals

Two of Woy Woy Football Club's over-45 men's team have won their soccer grand finals, both in Golden Goal.

The Men's O45C squad won their grand final 2-1 thanks to a penalty.

The Men's O45D2 took out the League Double in a nail biter at Gavenlock Oval against Kariong.

The game was sealed 3-2.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 17 Sep 2022  
Woy Woy Football Club



# Junior Roosters in Broken Bay champs

Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Football Club teams have played in the Broken Bay Championships at Wyong, following grand final wins.

The 14-2s team played against

Curl Curl, winning 18-4.

The 13-3s team played against North Harbord Devils and went down 36-6.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 10 Sep 2022  
Woy Woy Junior Rugby League Football Club



# Under-14s take out the double

Southern and Ettalong United Football Club's Under-14D team took out the double with League Championship and were Premiers for Season

2022.

It won the grand final 2-0.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 17 Sep 2022  
Southern and Ettalong United Football Club

# Volunteer training for disabled surfing

Central Coast Disabled Surfers Association will run a free volunteer training session at Umina Surf Club from 8:45am on November 12.

A theory session will be followed by in-water training.

The training session is open to new volunteers and to returning volunteers wanting to refresh their skills, ahead of the group's "first season in two years".

Anyone interested may register at <https://bit.ly/DSACCTraining>

SOURCE:  
Social media, 13 Sep 2022  
Central Coast Disabled Surfers Association

# Ettalong Triples champs

Phill Westcott and his team of Richard Noble and Alan Lewin have won the Ettalong Eagles Bowling Club's triples championship.

Runners-up were Gilbert McIntyre's team of John Hannan and Tracey Wiblen.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 17 Sep 2022  
Ettalong Eagles