



## Woytopia was well-attended

The Peninsula's sustainable living festival, Woytopia, was well-attended, with a variety of stalls and activities drawing the crowds.

The festival was held between 9am and 4pm yesterday, Sunday, October 30, at Woy Woy South Public School. Talks, music, community

groups and market stalls provided entertainment and information.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 28 Oct 2022  
Woytopia

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## Shellfish warning after Broken Bay 'algal bloom'

Brisbane Water downstream of The Rip Bridge has been affected by an "algal bloom", according to the NSW Department of Primary Industry.

"Shellfish taken from this area should not be eaten," a social media post from the department stated last week.

"Cooking does not destroy the toxins."

The department "advises people not to consume shellfish including mussels and oysters,

crustaceans including lobsters, crabs and prawns and other shellfish collected or caught" in the area, due to the risk of "paralytic shellfish poisoning".

"Paralytic shellfish toxins are produced by certain toxic algae species.

"Alexandrium species that can produce paralytic shellfish toxins are continuing to bloom in the Broken Bay area.

"Paralytic shellfish poisoning is rare, but it is important that people follow this advice to avoid getting

sick."

The post said algal blooms may exist elsewhere.

"Given the current adverse weather conditions caution is advised by avoiding consumption of recreationally harvested shellfish.

"Seafood in shops and restaurants is safe to eat because the NSW Food Authority monitors the safety of commercially harvested shellfish."

SOURCE:  
Social media, 21 Oct 2022  
NSW DPI Fisheries

## Excluded from facade improvement pilot

The Peninsula has been excluded from a council program aimed at encouraging commercial property owners to enhance their building facades.

The Facade Improvement Support Program will be piloted in four towns and none are on the Peninsula: Wyong, Gosford, The Entrance and Toukley.

Central Coast Council will

provide a total of \$120,000 to businesses and commercial property owners to enhance their building facades and improve accessibility to their premises.

Applications will open tomorrow, November 1, and close on November 30.

"This funding will support the enhancement of facades, and improve access, aesthetics, and overall visitor experience," said

council director Ms Melanie Smith.

"The dollar-for-dollar matched funding will be provided for the cost of works, labour and materials to a maximum value of \$5000 per property.

"This is a pilot program and if it is successful may be rolled out to other town centres in the future."

SOURCE:  
Media release, 24 Oct 2022  
Melanie Smith, Central Coast Council

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Mark Snell, 30 Oct 2022



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# Peninsula News

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## Woy Woy CWA holds annual meeting

**Woy Woy branch of the Country Women's Association held its annual general meeting last week.**

Proceedings were chaired by Ms Rikki McIntosh from the Umina Beach branch of the association.

Elected were president Ms Jane Bowtell, vice-presidents Ms Carol Gorgon, Ms Chris McWhirter and

Ms Jeanette Morgan, secretary Ms Margaret Tabone and treasurer Ms Carolyne McCaughey.

Other positions elected were hall hire officer Ms Wendy Smith, membership officer Ms Pam Clifton, ag and environment officer Ms Laura Fraser, cookery officer Ms Amy Scott, cultural officer Ms Carol Gordon, handcraft officer Ms Margy Ure and publicity officer Ms

Emily Rodriguez.

Councillors elected to Group were Ms Jane Bowtell and Ms Dinah Jopson.

Not all officers were pictured as some were unable to attend on the day.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 20 Oct 2022  
Jane Bowtell, CWA  
Woy Woy Branch

## Echidna

**The Police Citizens Youth Club is asking patrons to be careful when approaching its driveway in Osborne Ave, Umina.**

"We have an echidna that's been spotted running laps back and forth across the road."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 17 Oct 2022  
PCYC Umina Beach

## Bingo will return

**Woy Woy Bingo will return to the Peninsula Community Centre on Saturday, November 5.**

The bingo made way for the annual Ettalong beach art and craft which was run at the community centre on Saturday, October 29.

Organiser Mr Rob Graham

said it would be a 71-game Mini Marathon and then "back to our normal 51-games session for the next few weeks".

Mr Graham said: "All proceeds go to the Woy Woy Catholic Parish to fund Mary Mac's Place."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 5 Oct 2022  
Rob Graham, Woy Woy Bingo

## Trees to be clad in knitting

**Trees near the Memorial Park at Woy Woy, and the waterfront at Ettalong, will be clad in colourful knitting to advocate for an end of domestic violence.**

Woy Woy branch of the Country Women's Association and Brisbane Water Soroptimists will join with Zonta Central Coast for the display, which will start on November 19.

"The Installation aims to attract attention and promote ways we

can prevent domestic violence," said former Zonta branch president Ms Christine Maclaren.

"Small signs on the trees give information and positive ways we can act, teach and support our community."

"The beautiful trees will be unaffected as the light knitting is carefully attached without harming the bark."

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 19 Oct 2022  
Christine Maclaren,  
Zonta Central Coast



## October has more than twice average rainfall

**The Peninsula has recorded 157.6mm of rain for October as at last Friday morning.**

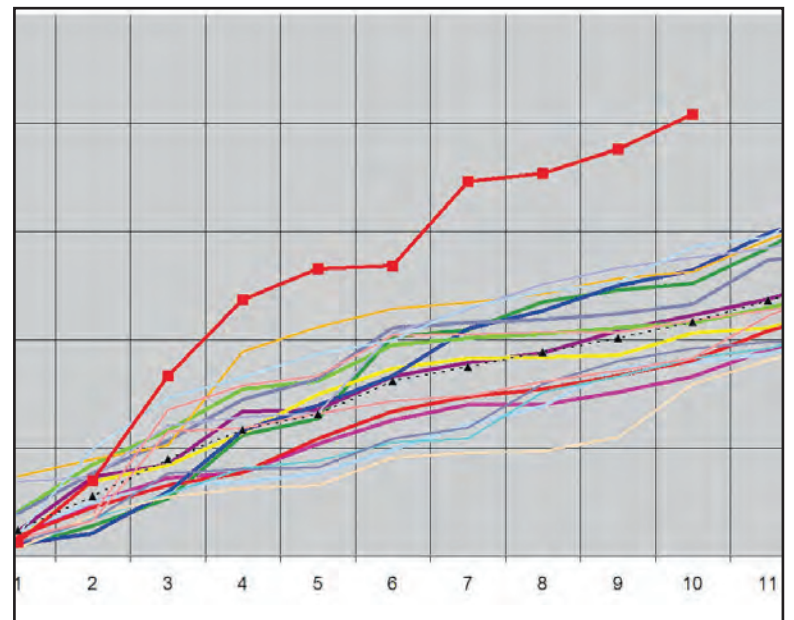
The total is more than twice (110.1 per cent more) than the October average of 75mm, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

The month had only six days without rain and eight days with more than five millimetres.

The year's rainfall currently stands at 2041mm, the highest annual rainfall in the 18 years of records kept by Mr Morrison.

Bureau of Meteorology records from the Everglades, dating back to 1965, show only the year 1990 had a higher total with 2119.5mm.

**SOURCE:**  
Spreadsheet, 28 Oct 2022  
Jim Morrison, Umina



# Draft management plan covers Lion Island

A management plan for Lion Island has been drafted by the National Parks and Wildlife Service and is open for comment.

The plan also covers Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park, Long Island Nature Reserve at Brooklyn, and Spectacle Island Nature Reserve at Mooney Mooney.

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch said the draft plan gave local residents the opportunity to make their voices heard in future planning for these areas “as visitor numbers swell and putting pressure on the significant natural and cultural heritage values”.

“The Central Coast is home to some of the most spectacular natural and cultural sites within all of NSW.

“I have spent plenty of time in these areas and understand that we must effectively plan so that we can support locals, visitors, and nature alike.

“Central Coast residents are incredibly blessed to be surrounded by all this natural beauty, and the Service’s draft plan will hopefully help in allowing many future generations to continue to enjoy these protected sites.”

She said key issues addressed in the draft plan included the management of threatened species and ecosystems, engaging with traditional owner representatives, committing to future precinct planning to improve visitor experiences, and upgrading existing trails and tracks in context of growing visitor numbers.

“The public is invited to make written submissions now.

“The draft plan of management is available at: [www.environment.nsw.gov.au/get-involved/have-your-say](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/get-involved/have-your-say).

Submissions can be made until November 22.

SOURCE: Media release, 28 Oct 2022  
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

# Bays group to meet

The Bays Community Group will hold a general meeting from 6pm-7pm on Wednesday, November 16, at The Bays Community Hall at 19 Woy Woy Bay Rd.

“We’d like to invite members of the Bays Community Group to a general meeting in our beautiful Community Hall,” said group secretary Mr Dean Wignell.

“The Bays Community Committee will provide a general update and there will be an opportunity for members to ask questions and provide input.”

The agenda will cover financials, past and planned events, committee vacancies and

volunteers, as well as member input and feedback.

Members have been asked to submit their comments at least five days beforehand via email at [thebaysemail@gmail.com](mailto:thebaysemail@gmail.com).

“You will have an opportunity to present your input and ask the questions that you have submitted at the meeting as well.

“We will need to limit the time we give to each member to a maximum of 10 minutes, so all get to have a say and we can stay within the allotted time.

“It is never too late to join The Bays Community.”

SOURCE: Newsletter, 24 Oct 2022  
Dean Wignell, The Bays Community Group

# Aunty Di to co-ordinate

Aunty Di O’Brien has stepped down as chairperson of Mingaletta to take on the group’s co-ordinator role.

The group’s annual election saw the appointment of new chairperson Ms Tracey Burraston, treasurer Mr Mark Champley, public officer Ms Louisa Parker, Mr Joel Young for young people and secretary Ms Keli Klassen.

“Community members have been welcomed back to Mingaletta,” said Aunty Di.

“We have a barbecue each Friday lunch, so come along and join us at Mingaletta.”

For more information, contact Aunty Di on 0432 222 794

SOURCE: Newsletter, 21 Oct 2022  
Di O’Brien, Mingaletta ATSC



# Arriving at the Roaring 20s Shindig in style

The Rotary Club of Brisbane Water held its Roaring 20s Shindig at Ocean Beach Surf Club on October 29.

“It was a roaring success,

raising money to fund local youth programs and other Rotary projects,” said club president Ms Cherie Simpson.

“This is our second themed dinner, which combines fun and

camaraderie with raising money for the causes we support.”

SOURCE: Newsletter, 30 Oct 2022  
Cherie Simpson, Rotary Brisbane Water

# Club visits Tamworth to ‘infuse money’

Members of the Rotary Club of Umina Beach have just returned from a visit to Tamworth which was part of the club’s annual Regional Visits Program.

This program has taken club members to parts of the State which have been devastated by natural disasters, with an aim “to infuse money into their struggling businesses”, said club publicity officer Mr Pat Lewis.

Previous visits have been to Forbes following the drought and Batemans Bay following the bushfires.

“On this occasion, Tamworth was chosen due to the floods in the area and the hardships faced by individuals and businesses in coping with these.

“As hard as this is, the surrounds of Tamworth are a magnificent green reminiscent of England, a beautiful sight to see.

“Welcome income was provided for accommodation at the Big 4 Paradise Tourist Park and visits to the Golden Guitar Wax Museum, the outstanding facilities at the Australian Equine and Livestock Events Centre, and several restaurants within Tamworth.

“Beyond, the club members visited the Chaffey Dam on the way to the wonderful small town of Nundle where support was given to Mount Misery Gold Mine Cafe.”



Mr Lewis said that at Nundle an interesting tour was given through the replica gold mine of the early gold rushes.

“Their guide through the mine was former Umina Public and Woy Woy High student, Warren Tremain.”

The group also toured “the iconic Nundle Woolen Mill where the whole process from fleece to yarn was demonstrated, followed by much appreciated spending in the store”.

Finally a farewell lunch was enjoyed at the beautiful Dungowan Station, established in 1834.

“The club highly recommends this trip to all,” said Mr Lewis.

SOURCE: Media release, 30 Oct 2022  
Pat Lewis, Rotary Umina Beach

# Paul St planting

The Grow Urban Shade Trees group will hold another planting day at the Paul St reserve on Sunday, November 13.

It will run from 9am to 11am.

The planting day on October 23 was cancelled today due to the morning rain.

But one little volunteer was dressed and ready and determined to plant, regardless.

SOURCE: Social media, 23 Oct 2022  
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# Brushbox tree kept, with 15 submissions treated as one

Central Coast Council staff have determined that a healthy brushbox tree in Kourung St, Ettalong, must be retained, but in the process have decided to treat 15 submissions as one.

The development application had stated that: "The street tree at the front of the property is subject for removal for clearance to the proposed new driveway crossing."

The Grow Urban Shade Trees group has welcomed the retention of the tree.

"Trees and driveways can co-exist," said group member Ms Deb Sunartha.

"Excited to see these new protections and hopeful that this will become the norm."

While welcoming the decision to retain the tree, the Peninsula Residents Association said that the Council's decision to treat 15 submissions as one created a dangerous precedent.

If the council receives 10 or more unique submissions, the application must be determined by the Local Planning Panel.

"We are most concerned that 15 submissions from the public have been, to use the words of the report; 'considered one unique submissions'," said Association committee member Mr Frank Wiffen.

"All of the submissions are distinctive in character and different from one another," he said.

"Just because they all cover the same issue is no justification for labelling them 'non-unique'.

"Each one of them represents a member of the community taking the time and trouble to express their legitimate concerns in their own words.

"Casually relegating them as 'non-unique', without a shred of explanation or justification, is a matter of grave concern.

"It seems likely that if this determination is allowed to remain uncorrected it will set a standard for future unjustified relegation of submissions as non-unique.

"The conclusion that this was done solely in order to avoid Development Application DA287/2022 being determined by the Local Planning Panel is inescapable."

Mr Wiffen said a Ministerial Direction defined a "unique submission" as "a submission which is in substance unique, distinctive or unlike any other submission".

"Separate unique submissions may be made in relation to the same issue.

"One individual, or one household, could potentially submit multiple unique submissions.

"It does not mean a petition or any submission that contains the same or substantially the same text."

Mr Wiffen said: "We are confident that any impartial person or body would find that each of these submissions is unique according to the definition of the Ministerial Direction."

SOURCE: Social media, 18 Oct 2022 Grow Urban Shade Trees

# Roof-top terrace proposed for dual occupancy

A proposal to build a two-storey dual occupancy with a roof-top terrace at 23 Bangalow St, Ettalong, has been received by Central Coast Council.

The dual occupancy comprises three bedrooms per unit, with two on ground level and one first floor master bedroom).

The units have a ground level living area, first floor master bedroom and parents retreat, front courtyards and first floor decks.

Each unit has a roof-top terrace, and each has a two-car garage accessed from a rear laneway.

The development would be non-compliant with planning provisions in a number of ways.

The proposal has a floor space ratio of 0.59:1, where the maximum under the planning provisions is 0.5:1.

It also exceeds the height limit of 8.5 metres by 1.208 metres.

"The building height variation is attributed to the proposed roof top terrace stair access," the application states.

The design also exceeds the prescribed building envelope.

The application states that side setbacks of 1.5 metres are compliant with the planning

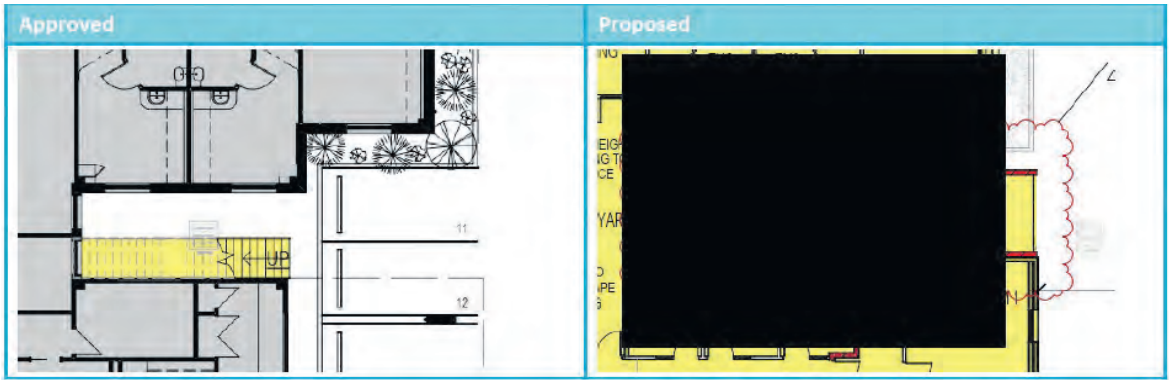


provisions, but a rear setback of two metres is a metre short of the requirement for a three metre setback.

It also states that a front setback of 5.619 metres is "consistent with adjoining setbacks".

The public comment period closes on Friday, November 4.

SOURCE: DA Tracker, 14 Oct 2022 DA 1776/2022, Central Coast Council



# Council obscures design details

Central Coast Council has obscured design details in a development application for Brisbane Water Private Hospital, which seeks to vary a previous approval for expansion of the hospital.

The proposal is "to amend a range of minor elements to improve construction outcomes and hospital function", the application stated.

"The changes are largely a result of input during detail design to ensure compliance with National Construction Code requirements along with general desired hospital outcomes."

The changes include retaining the existing kiosk and rejuvenation rooms which were approved for demolition.

This would reduce the number of beds by one.

They include a "new fire egress arrangement" which removes two

car parks, alteration to a staircase and removal of a proposed rooftop feature.

The application stated that together the changes would increase floor area by 10 square metres, add three more beds, reduce car parking by two spaces and reduce the proposed height by 0.2 metres.

Council staff obscured the new design for "fire egress" in the application document with a black rectangle, as well as a comparison

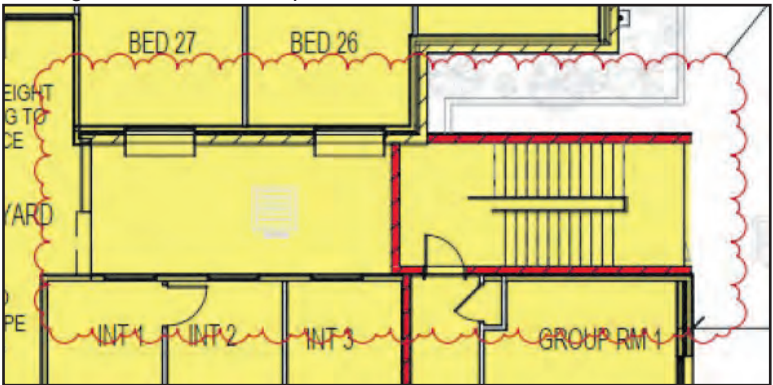
of the central courtyard and the new staircase arrangement.

The same details were provided, unobscured but at a smaller scale, in plans also on exhibition.

The council provided no reason for obscuring the designs.

The application is listed for public comment but the council website provides no closing date.

SOURCE: DA Tracker, 24 Oct 2022 DA 63014/2021/A, Central Coast Council



# Progress association elects committee

Pearl Beach Progress Association held its annual general meeting on Saturday, October 15, and has elected its committee for the coming year.

Elected were president Ms Karina Stafford, vice-presidents Mr Malcolm Davison and Mr Peter Richardson, treasurer Ms Amanda Winley, secretary Ms Tanya Masters, assistant secretary Mr Nigel Tisdale, publicity officer Ms Lynne Lillico, and ordinary committee members Mr Douglas McDonald, Ms Victoria Crawford, Ms Mary Knaggs and Ms Pauline Toohey.

SOURCE: Website, 17 Oct 2022 Pearl Beach Progress Association

# Harvest Festival service to be led by Rev Dr Peter Swain

A Harvest Festival service led by the Reverend Dr Peter Swain will be held at 10.30am on Sunday, November 13, at Umina Uniting Church, Neptune St, Umina.

The special celebration will be followed by a light lunch.

Food items donated by those attending will go to Mary Mac's Place to be used in their outreach program.

Fresh or tinned vegetables and fruit, fruit juice poppers, cereals, pasta and rice can all be brought to Umina Church on Saturday, November 12, between 3pm and 4pm or on the Sunday.

"Mary Mac's in Woy Woy was commenced by parishioners of St John the Baptist Church Woy Woy, and the work has continued through CatholicCare, supported by many volunteers," the church newsletter said.

"This organisation offers support and companionship to address the experience of isolation and loneliness to some vulnerable people in the community.

"Mary Mac's can provide a pathway to other services like Legal Aid, homelessness support services and health assistance.

"With aid from community partners, a selection of food is available daily as a take home for those in need, and from time-to-time food hampers are provided.

"Mary Mac's provides social, community and friendship opportunities for men, women, families, young people, the elderly, and the socially and economically disadvantaged.

"This is a worthwhile project so please make a note on your calendar so you can attend."

SOURCE: Newsletter, 9 Oct 2022 Broken Bay Uniting Church



# Neighbourhood service wins \$4500 grant

The Woy Woy Peninsula Neighbourhood Service has received a Federal Volunteer Grant of \$4500.

The money will be used to purchase several items including a new laptop, office shredder and dryer.

Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid visited the Woy Woy Peninsula Neighbourhood Service to meet with volunteers and learn more about the services it provides.

"The Woy Woy Neighbourhood Service is doing a tremendous job assisting and caring for elderly and vulnerable residents," he said.

"The funding will go to bolstering the organisation's efforts in helping more people go about their day-to-day tasks.

"It was a pleasure meeting with several of the organisation's volunteers including president Mr Ian Taylor, treasurer Ms Colleen Garland and transport officer Ms Wendy Heath, who all do a phenomenal job ensuring residents who require their services are well

looked after." He said the Woy Woy Neighbourhood Service provided a range of services including medical transport, shopping, and laundry assistance.

Mr Taylor said that residents could support the organisation's services by making donations.

"Residents can donate items to our organisation that are sold with proceeds helping fund the services we provide to the community," he said.

"We are always looking for clothing, shoes, and bric-a-brac donations.

"We are also wanting volunteers who would like to get involved and help make a difference in the lives of elderly and vulnerable people," Mr Taylor said.

To volunteer or to access the services, contact the Service on 4341 8837.

SOURCE: Media release, 21 Oct 2022 Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson

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# Big Blue Table dinner raises \$500

Rotary Club of Woy Woy has raised \$500 for Beyond Blue with its Big Blue Table fundraiser on October 18.

A tasty barbecue was followed by "some very blue but very delicious" desserts, said club president Ms Julie Jones.

"Everyone wore blue clothing and jewellery.

"The room was decorated with blue cloths and balloons and we had fun.

"The salads were good and the desserts terrific.

"While it was a fun, social night, it came with a message about mental health and a reading of some relevant and important information to the group.

"Happy to say we raised about



\$500, and had a lot of fun in the process.

"We all went home feeling good and having made a difference, small in the big picture, but it all

helps.

"It was very good for our own mental health too."

SOURCE: Newsletter, 18 Oct 2022 Julie Jones, Rotary Woy Woy



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## Administrator refuses to be the voice of the people

After the last Central Coast Council meeting, “administrator” Mr Rik Hart stated that he was appointed by the NSW State Government.

He also said that plans which originate from the NSW State Government (such as the “Six Cities” agenda, which will turn the whole region from Wollongong to Newcastle into a surveillance society “for your safety”) are outside of his control, which is why he is passing them.

He said that if he did not pass them then the state government would intervene.

Mr Hart, who does not live on the Central Coast, also stated that he doesn’t see how being State-appointed to pass State plans is a conflict of interest, proudly claiming at each council meeting that he has no conflicts of interest.

His attitude is atrocious and his

actions make a mockery of the supposed democratic system we are supposed to be living in.

Since he refuses to elect new council members until the State-appointed time of 2024 and since he refuses to be the voice of the people to the State Government, every decision he makes should be considered null and void.

This dictatorship might not rule with an iron fist yet but, when most people feel the line has been crossed, it will be too late.

Already, the public voice will only be heard after a submission is submitted – and approved – by State-appointed Administrator Hart.

The next council meeting is on Tuesday, November 22.

I hope for an even better public turnout than the last one.

SOURCE:  
Email, 28 Oct 2022  
Mike Gallagher, Ettalong Beach

## Council elections needed to ‘sort out this mess’

We need to sort out this mess in the Central Coast Council.

One way of doing it is to bombard all our State politicians with emails.

Tell them you are not happy with the Administrator improperly spending public money on what he wants, rather than on what the majority of the community wants and needs.

Tell them you want the civil infrastructure fixed before other non-essential and lower priority projects get funded.

Bad roads, poor drainage, kerbs and guttering as well as roadsides and verges clogged with weeds, rubbish and overgrowth detract from liveability, habitability, enjoyability and sustainability of our environment.

Ask them who the Administrator answers to and who holds him to account.

Tell them you want Council

elections as soon as possible, before 2024.

As well as your local ALP member Liesl Tesch, send emails to Government MPs: Adam Crouch the Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast (ElectorateOffice.Terrigal@parliament.nsw.gov.au ) and Wendy Tuckerman the Minister for Local Government (olg@olg.nsw.gov.au).

And also let the Administrator know what you think (theadministrator@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au ).

We need to have our say in what Council does, and does not, do.

Unless we do, Administrator Hart will continue to get away with spending our ratepayer’s money as he wants, rather than as we need and want.

SOURCE:  
Email, 24 Oct 2022  
Ian Weekley, Umina Beach



## Dr Pat Harrison dies aged 86

Dr Patricia Lesley Harrison of Umina has died peacefully after a short illness, while travelling in WA.

She died on October 12, aged 86.

“She was a champion for women’s right, first (and only) female Mayor of Gosford and a long-serving medical practitioner,” said her daughter-in-law Ms Meg Farquhar.

“Pat started her vocation as a doctor of medicine, qualifying at the University of London in 1959.

Dr Harrison migrated to Australia with her husband, John, also a doctor, and her two older children in 1966 and settled in Umina.

“She then had a lifetime of working in general practice, specialising in women’s health.

“Her family grew to three daughters and one son and eight grandchildren.”

Ms Farquhar said: “Alongside her medical career, Pat undertook many business and public life commitments.”

She was a member of the Business and Professional Women’s organisation and served as its international president from 1999 to 2002.

Regionally, she was chair of The Sun media group that published two local newspapers.

“She was elected to the council for eight years (1983- 1991) and served as mayor for four of those years.

“She was the one the founding board for Central Coast Grammar school and was on the foundation committee for the Gosford Women’s Health Centre.

“Pat also chaired the Magill Language College in Gosford, which taught English to overseas students, and served on the Board of NSW Economic Development Corporation.”

She received an Order of Australia medal in 1992 for services to local government and women’s affairs.

“Patricia will be dearly missed by her extended family and her many friends,” said Ms Farquhar.

A celebration of Pat’s life will be held at Greenway Chapel, Green Point, at 10am on Friday, November 18.

SOURCE:  
Media release, 30 Oct 2022  
Meg Farquhar, Warriewood

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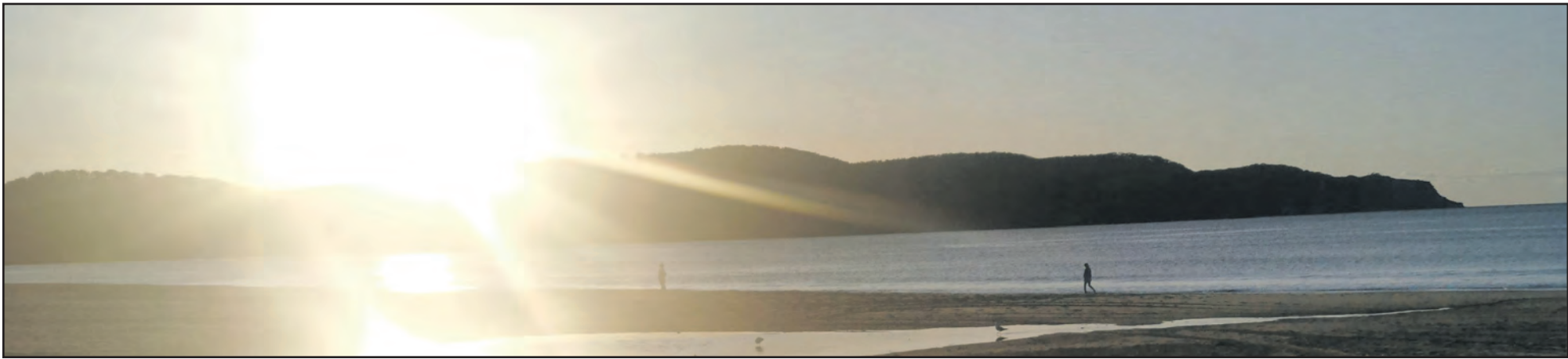
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## Clear skies and calm water for The Big Sit

Dawn broke with clear skies and calm water at Ocean Beach on Saturday, October 29, ahead of The Big Sit – a meditation for mental fitness as part of Mental Health Month.

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch said: “I’ve enjoyed going along to the regular Saturday meditation at Ocean Beach and hearing people share their experiences of how a regular meditation practice has helped them to feel more calm and centred

as they continued to go about their day.

“I encourage everyone to continue their meditation practice beyond the end of the month.”

SOURCE:  
Media release, 26 Oct 2022  
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford



## Rotary club holds trivia night for Top Blokes

The Rotary Club of Umina Beach will hold a trivia night at Club Umina on International Men’s Day, Saturday, November 19, to raise money for the Top Blokes Foundation to support young men’s health.

“Top Blokes mentoring programs to help them improve their mental health and build healthier relationships with the people around them,” said club president Mr Wayne Dowdle.

He said Top Blokes had been sponsored as a club project.

A fund-raising auction will also be held on the night.

Club member Mr Pat Lewis

had prepared the trivia questions, including “special-ones regarding Top Blokes”.

Mr Dowdle said tickets were \$25 each, with eight people per table.

Tickets could be purchased as a table or individually.

“Nibbles are included in your ticket price.

“All other food and beverages will be available for purchase on the night.”

Tickets may be purchased online at <https://topblokestrivia.raisely.com/>

SOURCE:  
Newsletter, 19 Oct 2022  
Wayne Dowdle, Rotary Umina Beach

## Second year for mental health worker

**A homelessness service will employ a mental health worker for a second year following a donation from a community bank branch.**

The Bendigo Community Banks at Ettalong has pledged \$45,000 to Coast Shelter and the Group Community Banks at East Gosford \$15,000 for the second year in a row.

Seed funding was provided last year for a mental health worker to assist the homeless and those suffering from domestic violence on the Peninsula and elsewhere across the Coast.

al areas.

“The program was such a success that Coast Shelter now engages five workers who each

specialise in their professional fields,” said Ettalong Community Bank director Mr Kerry Watkins.

“The Coast Shelter Clinical Services team now comprises a mental health worker, an alcohol and drug counsellor, a social worker, a parenting specialist and a youth worker.”

Coast Shelter chief executive Mr Michael Starr said: “We couldn’t have done it without the seed funding from Bendigo Bank.

“With their help we were able to commence the program and, with it being in such high demand, we expanded from one worker to now a team of five.”

Mr Starr said he was hopeful that future years’ operating costs would be provided by receiving government grants.

He said anyone wanting assistance should contact Coast Shelter by phone on 4325 3540, at 346 Mann St, Gosford, or via the website [www.coastshelter.org.au](http://www.coastshelter.org.au).

A form completed on the website would be referred to a professional worker within 30 minutes, he said.

Mr Watkins said: “Once the need for such a service was identified, the branch’s board had no hesitation in providing the funding.

“This is the way Bendigo gives back to the community with 80 per cent of our profits being returned to the community for the benefit of the community.”

SOURCE:  
Media release, 28 Oct 2022  
Kerry Watkins, Ettalong Community Bank

# WHAT’S ON at ETTALONG BOWLING CLUB

Christmas is fast approaching so be prepared this year and get in early to win some fabulous prizes at our Giant Toy Raffle. A huge range to pick from including bikes, giant plush toys, Lego and much much more. The last 2 tickets drawn will each win the major prize of a Nintendo Switch Lite including a \$50 EB Games gift card. All our toys are on display in the clubs foyer. Tickets on sale from 12pm , drawn in the clubs Auditorium at 7pm. Why not head down early with the family to enjoy a meal from the “Why Cook Wednesday” blackboard specials in the Alfresco Brasserie. Bookings are recommended.

Once again we will be having our Ham Raffles which will be running over three Wednesday’s in December. 7th , 14th and 21st. There will be 80 half hams up for grabs on each night, tickets on sale from 12pm , drawn at 7pm.

Tickets are selling fast to our Retro 80’s Night on Saturday 26th November. This event is hosted by the one and only Shane Peters who will keep you entertained with some 80’s movie triva, DJ Adams and prizes for the best dressed 80’s style. Purchase your tickets from reception or through Try Bookings. \$15.00 per person 18+ event.

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Planning

Dual occupy advertised without description

A development application has been received by Central Coast Council for a dual occupancy at 59 The Esplanade, Ettalong.

The application is open for public comment until Friday, November 4.

Documents provided on the council's planning portal include plans, but not a "statement of environmental effects" which would describe the proposal and enable the public to make an informed

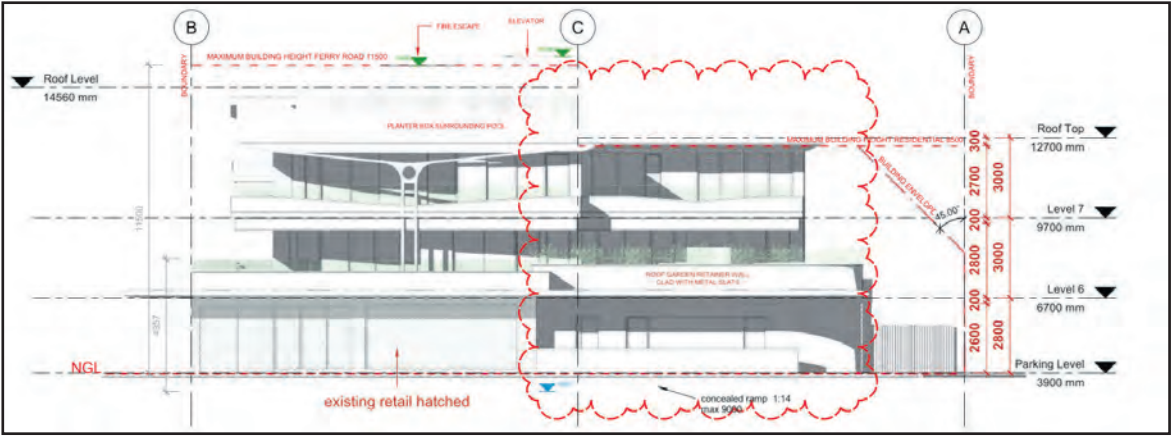
comment.

It is unclear whether the application complies with planning provisions, including setbacks.

Plans appear to show the proposal is not contained within the required building envelope.

The ground level street front is dominated by garage doors, and hard surface seems to dominate the site, with only thin strips of garden area provided.

SOURCE:  
DA Tracker, 14 Oct 2022  
DA2797/2022, Central Coast Council



New amended plans for Ferry Rd

A fresh set of amended plans is currently being exhibited for a three-storey mixed-use shop-top residential building at the corner of Ocean View and Ferry Rds, Ettalong.

When it was first lodged in 2020, the application attracted a large number of objections from residents and was recommended for refusal by the Central Coast Council for a total of 10 reasons.

In its decision on October 28 last year, the Local Planning Panel stated that it confirmed refusal of the application for the reasons listed by Central Coast Council plus another four reasons.

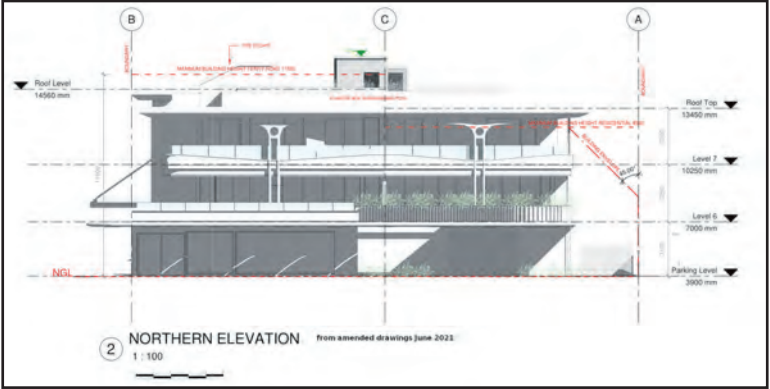
The applicant then decided to request a review of the decision by the Land and Environment Court.

After failed conciliation talks with Central Coast Council, a court date was set, only to be dropped last month when the applicant decided to amend the development application and "rely on amended architectural plans and supporting documents".

The applicant has submitted six new documents.

A compliance table details compliance with Parts 3 and 4 of the Apartment Design Guide.

A 26-page letter contains s4.6 arguments and diagrams in favour of a height variation.



The previous plan

Amended drawings contain a redesign of various parts of the building, including the parking and retail level of the B2-zoned segment, levels 3 and 4 and the rooftop level.

The traffic and parking assessment report has been amended.

An amended evaluation of design quality based on SEPP95 Design Quality of Residential Apartments has been submitted.

The "Plan of Management" has also been amended.

Arguably the most important parts of the Local Planning Panel decision to be addressed pertain to the building height and floor space ratios, which are governed by the Local Environment Plan.

The main structural change to

the proposal appears to be the "stepping back" of the residential component with associated height changes and floor space ratio changes.

The requested variations from the planning provisions have consequently been reduced as can be seen from the revised elevation.

The parking level has also been redesigned with more space allocated to bin storage and a drop in the number of car parking spaces from 22 to 18.

According to the applicant, the number actually required by the Gosford DCP (2014) is only 16.

The proposal is open to submissions from the public until Friday, November 4.

SOURCE:  
DA Tracker, 5 Oct 2022  
DA59732/220, Central Coast Council

Application for three four-bedroom townhouses

A development application has been lodged to build three two-storey four-bedroom townhouses at 135 Paton St, near the corners of Walford and Pratley St and Macarthur Pde, Woy Woy.

The multi dwelling housing development comprises two buildings, each two storeys and separated by a visitor parking space.

The eastern building is a single townhouse.

It has a two-car garage, an open-plan kitchen, dining and living area opening to private open space provided at the ground floor.

The private open space is situated within the front and side setback of the development.

Four bedrooms are provided at the first floor, one with ensuite bathroom, walk-in-robe and two small balconies facing the side boundaries, a shared bathroom and a shared balcony orientated

towards the street.

A second building comprises the second and third townhouses, each with a single car garage.

The private open space for the second townhouse is located within the side setback of the development while the private open space for townhouse three is located within the side and rear setback.

At the first floor, both dwellings are provided with four bedrooms including one with ensuite bathroom, walk-in-robe and a small balcony facing the side boundary.

Both dwellings are also provided with a bathroom at the first floor.

Vehicular access to the site would be provided via a new driveway running along the site's southern boundary.

The public comment period ends on Friday, November 18.

SOURCE:  
DA Tracker, 28 Oct 2022  
DA 3276/2022, Central Coast Council

Arts

Jazz in the arboretum

Pearl Beach Jazz in the Arboretum will be held on the afternoon of Saturday, November 12, as a fundraising event with the proceeds toward the upkeep for the Arboretum and the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall.

Jazz, Soul and Gypsy Swing will be performed from 2.30pm to 5pm by Emma Pask and Ian Cooper with the "Swingin" jazz combo.

"After three years' hiatus, the Pearl Beach Progress Association and the Pearl Beach Arboretum are delighted to once again host Jazz in the Arboretum," said association publicity officer Ms Lynne Lillico.

"Australia's first lady of jazz, Emma Pask, will be joined by virtuoso violinist Ian Cooper - a much-loved regular to our concert series.

"Together they will pay homage to the music made famous by Ella

Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday, Carmen McRae as well as Stephane Grappelli and Django Reinhardt.

"With Emma and Ian are the 'Swingin' jazz combo, featuring leading jazz guitarist Jum Pennell, pianist and composer Matt McMahon, double bassist Phil Stack and drummer Tim Firth."

Ms Lillico said patrons should arrive early with a rug, chairs and a picnic and "enjoy this unique experience in beautiful native bush land surroundings".

Proceeds from the concert will go towards upkeep of the Pearl Beach Arboretum and the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall, with tickets costing \$50 and bookings at <https://jazz-in-the-arboretum.eventbrite.com.au>

For cash sales and information, call 4344 2319 or 0407 272 495.

SOURCE:  
Media release, 24 Oct 2022  
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association



Arts and crafts annual exhibition held

Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre held its annual exhibition and sale on Saturday and Sunday, October 29 and 30.

The event this year was held at the Peninsula Community Centre after having been cancelled for the

previous two years due to Covid.

The event was "a roaring success", according to organiser Mr Keith Weir.

"Members displayed a broad range of artistic talents.

"Items on display and for sale included pottery, textile arts,

paintings using various mediums, and jewellery."

Everything on display was produced by Craft Centre members.

SOURCE:  
Media release, 30 Oct 2022  
Keith Weir, EBACC

# Busy fortnight on the Peninsula for Dr Gordon Reid

## Visit to early childhood centre

Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid paid a visit to an early childhood centre in Woy Woy last week.

He visited Goodstart Early Learning and was presented with handcrafted aboriginal artwork the children made out of cupcake cups.

"So special and going straight to my Canberra office," he said.

Dr Reid said: "Early childhood educators are essential workers that ensure our future generations get the best start in their early formative years."

"To every educator, thank you."



SOURCE:  
Social media, 21 Oct 2022  
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson

## Welcoming new rector

The Reverend Jacqui Smith was commissioned as rector of the Peninsula Anglican Parish last week.

Among those attending were Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid and two other generations of his family.

"It turned out to be a bit of a family event," he said.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 19 Oct 2022  
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson



## Address to Chamber

Federal Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid has addressed a specially-convened breakfast meeting of the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce at The Boathouse Restaurant at Koolewong.

"It was great to have Dr Gordon Reid meet our local business community in what we hope to be the first on many occasions that we can exchange views on the Federal Government's role in the business sector," said Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales.

"We have a pretty extensive list of issues that we presented to the Federal Member including our ongoing concerns over the state of our local roads and the role that the Federal Government can play in supporting Central Coast Council in repairing and reconstructing so many of our key roads."

"It was refreshing to meet a new young Federal Member that fully understood our local concerns as he grew up and went to school on the Peninsula", said Mr Wales.

"Combined with parents who have been an integral part of the local business community, it is encouraging that Dr Reid has a broad understanding of our local community and local issues from the pressures on the health



system, the challenges facing the school system and our youth and to the needs of the business community.

"For the local business community, the main issues put to Dr Reid were the state of our roads, the upcoming reconstruction of the Rawson Rd/Ocean Beach Rd intersection, the increasing cost of living and high energy bills facing many local businesses."

"The Chamber is looking forward to working with the Dr Reid in the coming months so as to achieve the best possible outcome for our local business community," he said.

SOURCE:  
Website, 19 Oct 2022  
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

## At the craft exhibition



Federal Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid visited the Peninsula Community Centre on Saturday, October 29, for the Ettalong Beach Art and Craft Centre's annual exhibition and sale of members' work.

"He left with the clear impression that arts were alive and kicking on the Peninsula and its surrounds," said organiser Mr Keith Weir.

SOURCE:  
Media release, 30 Oct 2022  
Keith Weir, EBACC



**Liesl Tesch MP**  
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Education

## Breakfast club trial starts at Umina

**Umina Beach Public School has started a breakfast club trial.**

"We have started by offering breakfast two days a week (Mondays and Fridays) from 8:30-9:10am," said school principal Ms Karen Wardlaw.

"Our student school leaders have been outstanding ambassadors for this new school program.

"They were very excited to be involved in writing and submitting an application for funding support to Bendigo Bank, which was successful!

"As a result, the school will

receive \$1200 which will be used to purchase a freezer, toasters and chopping boards.

"Engaging with and utilising student voice, our school leaders have conducted a student survey to find the most popular spreads for toast."

"Our local Rotary Club has offered volunteers to staff the breakfast club and our school leaders would also like the opportunity to volunteer."

A local supermarket would be donating bread each week in support of the program, Ms Wardlaw said.

"Next steps include our school

leaders creating advertising posters for the school and to go on Facebook, newsletter and school app, as well as a Google form to create management schedules for those running the club.

"Risk assessment processes are currently being completed so that we can achieve our target of trialling the program in Term 4 this year and a full launch in 2023."

Ms Wardlaw said: "It's been great to see the way this program is building community connections and strong local partnerships."

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 18 Oct 2022  
Karen Wardlaw, Umina Beach Public School



## Gardening club picks nine kilograms of snow peas

**Gardening Club students at Woy Woy Public School picked nine kilograms of snow peas which had grown in the school's vegetable garden over the school holidays.**

"The first two weeks of Term 4 have been busy for those in the garden," said teacher Ms Emily Bartlett.

"It had been two weeks since the last time we harvested so there were lots of vegetables that needed to be picked.

"We harvested over nine kilograms of snow peas, along with a tonne of leafy greens.

"Our favourite find in the garden was zucchini.

"The plant had nearly tripled in size during the school holidays, and it currently has a lot of baby zucchinis growing.

"We have also planted a variety of seedlings that are suitable for spring and summer.

"We look forward to watching our eggplant, pumpkin, watermelon, corn and spring onions grow.

Ms Bartlett said the students were predominately in Years K-2.

"We have also been busy weeding the garden and eating the fruit of our labour."

The Gardening Club students tried kale chips as a recess treat, with a few describing it as "having a similar taste and texture as seaweed", Ms Bartlett said.

"Our eager little gardeners were also very excited to grow their own vegetables at home, with many taking tomato grow kits and seeds home."

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 21 Oct 2022  
Emily Bartlett, Woy Woy Public School

## Year 6 completes First Aid course

**The 66 students in Year 6 at South Woy Woy Public School have been awarded their Preliminary First Aid Certificate.**

The Rotary Club of Umina Beach agreed to fund the Red Cross course after a presentation by students from the school.

Club president Mr Wayne Dowdle said it was a five-year project, made possible with a bequest from former member Mr Mike Curley.

"However, it is now hoped that a local organisation will take this worthwhile project for the balance of this commitment," he said.

"This project is one which is both personally rewarding for all students and forms the basis of a worthwhile community service."

Topics covered by the Red Cross course included First Aid principles and priorities.

It covered the recognition of injury or illness, and management of an unconscious person.

It included principles of cardio-pulmonary resuscitation.

The course covered management of choking, asthma, epilepsy, bleeding, burns and scalds, soft tissue injuries, fractures, poisons, bites and stings.

Topics included care of wounds and pressure bandaging.

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 19 Oct 2022  
Wayne Dowdle, Rotary Umina Beach

## Book sale for Ethiopia

**SJB Catholic Primary School Woy Woy held a Pre-Loved Book Sale in the school library last week.**

Money raised money will go to programs in Ethiopia.

Pictured are kindergarten students who found books of interest.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 24 Oct 2022  
SJB Catholic Primary School



## College boys win touch football cup

**Boys from Brisbane Water Secondary College have won the Year 9-10 Central Coast Cup Touch Football Gala Day.**

The team only had eight players for the whole day due to sickness and late unavailability.

"The boys showcased extremely high levels of skill and work ethic in their six games as they topped their pool," said Woy Woy campus principal Ms Rebecca Cooper.

The team progressed to the grand final against Narara Valley High School, who the team had met on several occasions in other touch competitions throughout the year.

The game was close but Brisbane Water won 3-2.

"This was an amazing achievement with limited subs and the heat of the day," Ms Cooper said.

"It caps off a remarkable year for the boys who finish as Central Coast and Regional Champions and placing fifth at the State Finals.

"The girls' team had some tough early matches but improved throughout the day, scoring multiple tries and winning games with ease as they finished fifth overall.

"This was a great effort as some of the girls had not played touch football before."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 18 Oct 2022  
BWSC Woy Woy

## Learning about acronyms

**Stage two students at Woy Woy South Public School are learning about acronyms.**

They have been letting off steam with "STEAM learning opportunities".

"STEAM-based learning is the integration of Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics," said school principal Mr Matt Barr.

During their science lessons, students have explored static electricity in their hair, made Lego robots, and crafted catapults.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 18 Oct 2022  
Matt Barr, Woy Woy South Public School

## Walkathon for outdoor learning and play space

**Woy Woy Public School will hold a walkathon on Friday, November 18, to raise money for the school.**

"All money raised will go towards the establishment of an outdoor learning and play space," said school principal Ms Ona Buckley.

"The area will be available for all students to learn, play, exercise, explore and use their imagination.

"Students in our support unit classes, in particular, are in need

of a space that is engaging and accessible."

Already almost \$5000 has been pledged.

A sausage sizzle, plant sale and stalls have also been organised for the day.

Sponsorships and donations can be made at the website: [go.rallyup.com/wwps-walkathon](http://go.rallyup.com/wwps-walkathon).

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 21 Oct 2022  
Ona Buckley and Dan Betts, Woy Woy Public School

## Students reach home reading targets

**Woy Woy Public School has recognised students who have reached home reading targets.**

Students were congratulated on reaching 50, 125, 200 and 225 nights of home reading.

Emily Overton and Charlotte McPhee both of K/6PG were recognised for 50 nights of home reading.

Tyson Natoli, Aidan Betts and Kaide Hayter of K/6PG and

Jasmine Wols of 1E reached 125 nights.

Year 3M students Lucas DeMartin and Jayden Timbs achieved 200 nights.

Thomas Bernie of 3M and George Kassi-Hurley of K/6PG both recorded 225 nights of home reading.

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 21 Oct 2022  
Ona Buckley and Dan Betts, Woy Woy Public School

# Students suggest ‘pod homes’ for affordability

Four Year 10 students from Brisbane Water Secondary College have suggested “pod homes” to address the housing shortage and housing affordability.

The students, Xander Ireland, Ali Raad, Nathan Mirasol and Thomas Holden, joined with students from Kariong Mountains High School in a two-month project to prepare their proposal.

Careers teacher Mr Michael

Strappazzon said: “The culmination of two months of work came in the form of The Pitch, an event where students presented their ideas to an audience, including representatives of construction company North Constructions.

“The concept was sustainable and affordable pod homes and, although the team did not win, the experience was memorable.”

SOURCE:  
Social media, 22 Oct 2022  
Michael Strappazzon,  
BWSC Woy Woy



# Umina parents’ group is ‘best in State’

Umina Beach Public School has won the inaugural “P and C Association of the Year” award in the P and C Federation NSW Annual Volunteer Awards.

The association was judged

to be the best of more than 2000 parents’ groups throughout the State.

The award, one of the new awards categories introduced this year, was presented at the annual awards dinner on Saturday,

October 29, at Novotel Sydney Central.

Pictured is the school’s team, led by association president Ms Penny Jope (centre).

SOURCE:  
Social media, 29 Oct 2022  
Umina Beach Public School



# Plovers take up residence on school roundabout

S-Jay and Bee are the resident plovers at St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School.

Students have watched over two new chicks already this spring, with the plover family deciding to call the school roundabout, home.

Office staff took time away from their desks recently to rescue the chicks from the kerb just before the afternoon pick-up rush.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 21 Oct 2022  
SJB Catholic Primary  
School Woy Woy



# Music documentary to be filmed at Woy Woy school

Woy Woy Public School had announced that a documentary will be filmed at the school this term by local filmmaker Ms Kaye Harrison.

“Her documentary will focus on the power of music to build community and to benefit the wellbeing of young people,” said principal Mr Dan Betts.

Mr Betts said all classes from Years K to 6 were now having music lessons.

“The feedback from students and teachers alike was that the lessons were highly engaging and thoroughly enjoyable.

“We anticipate the program will deliver academic benefits for our students, as well as social and emotional well-being benefits.

“We expect to see positive outcomes for behaviour, learning and mental health from the program.

“We feel extremely fortunate to have been given the opportunity to work with the Australian Children’s Music Foundation, who have provided the funding for the program.”

SOURCE:  
Newsletter, 21 Oct 2022  
Ona Buckley and Dan Betts,  
Woy Woy Public School

# Summer is Griffin of the Week

Woy Woy campus human studies student Summer Watts has been awarded the Brisbane Water Secondary College Griffin of the Week award.

“Summer is a quiet achiever,” said campus principal Ms Rebecca Cooper.

“Often leading by example in the classroom, she sets the bar high and works hard, having consistently improved upon her results with each assessment task submission this year.”

SOURCE:  
Social media, 25 Oct 2022  
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy



## ADVERTISEMENT

## An Open letter to Adam Crouch, Liesl Tesch and David Harris

By allowing the closure of the alternative school, Eagle Arts and Vocational College in Kincumber, and remaining silent while the Anti Discrimination board advised it should remain open, all three of you have have wrongly and shamefully let down struggling Coastie kids and their families.

With 30 teenagers, school refusers, tipped onto the streets, robbed of a future, no where to go, Coastie parents were beside themselves with grief.

But here is the good news.

You can right this wrong, today, election looming.

Go to your respective leaders and demand six new alternative schools, each fun and unique on its own, for our kids.

We need to start doing education, differently: Too late for those parents who believed you might help, but others would benefit.

Gab McIntosh OAM (retired principal)

Authorised by Gab McIntosh, Woy Woy Rd, Woy Woy

Sport



Meena Kelso, Lesley Swales and Sandra O'Malley

Meena wins Umina Minor Singles

The Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club's 2022 Minor Singles Championship has been won by Meena Kelso, with Sandra O'Malley runner-up.

The final was played on Friday, October 28, in warm, blustery conditions.

Both players started off well but at times the wind made it tricky.

Meena jumped away to an early lead and kept the pressure

on Sandra, and proved to be too strong on the day

The game was marked by the club's own Bowls NSW director Lesley Swales.

In the semi-finals, played on October 23, Meena Kelso had defeated Katie Brown and Sandra O'Malley had defeated Barbara Shultz.

SOURCE: Social media, 28 Oct 2022 Peter Springett, UBMBC

Charity bowls raises \$1165

The October Charity Bowls at the Ettalong Bowling Club attracted 60 bowlers who raised \$1165.

The event brought the money raised this year to around \$10,700, according to organiser Mr Ken Dixon.

"The Wednesday Ettalong Bowlers again chipped in \$100 for the food while John Orme's auction of Bill Jarrett's painting raised another \$100.

"The Rebels were there in support as usual, as were our Social Club supporters who have been attending for many years.

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

"We had three full greens, as the Zone events were also played on the day," he said.

Mr Dixon said proceeds went to Central Coast Kids in Need to assist families who have seriously ill children with prolonged illness.

"Most of these children are



John Orme with Hetta from Honolulu cancer patients, others with organ transplants and premature babies with life threatening illnesses.

"The money is used to defray the costs of accommodation while the kids are receiving their treatment."

Mr Dixon said: "Our next charity day is on Sunday, November 13, and then every third Sunday of each month."

SOURCE: Media release, 16 Oct 2022 Ken Dixon, Ettalong Charity Bowls

Roosters sign seven players

Woy Woy Roosters Rugby League Football Club has announced seven signings for its 2023 season.

They are Brydon Ramien, Jeremy Gow, Joel Bodie, Taine Jacob, Bailey Coombes, Miguel Acevedo Moreno and Tamani McInnes Cama.

Brydon Ramien is the brother of

Sharks centre Jesse and returns to the club after recently playing for Dubbo Cymys where he played in this year's grand final.

Joel Bodie and Taine Jacob were both regulars in the first grade side this year.

SOURCE: Social media, 22 Oct 2022 Woy Woy Roosters RLFC

Liesl Tesch to be inducted into NSW Hall of Champions

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch will be inducted later in November into the NSW Hall of Champions for her contributions in wheelchair basketball and sailing in the Paralympics.

She is among six to be inducted this year.

The others are rugby union player Phil Kearns, basketballer Brad Dalton, soccer players Craig Johnston and Joanne 'Joey' Peters and gymnast Prashanth Sellathurai.

The NSW Champions of Sport ceremony will be held at the International Convention and Exhibition Centre in Darling Harbour on Monday, November 28.

NSW Sport Hall of Champions committee chair Mr Alan Whelpton said the accomplishments of the inductees during their distinguished careers earned them selection.

"The inductees are recognised for their outstanding sports careers which saw them reach the pinnacle of their chosen sport.

"They represented their country, state, sport, and themselves with distinction and inspired a new generation of athletes to follow in their footsteps," said Mr Whelpton.

The citation for Ms Tesch said: "Seven-time Paralympian in both basketball and sailing, Liesl Tesch has a record which may never be beaten.

"She competed with the Australian women's wheelchair basketball team, the Gliders at five consecutive Paralympic Games 1992 to 2008, winning silver in 2000 and 2004 and bronze in



2008.

"Liesl became the first woman to play wheelchair basketball professionally - playing internationally in men's teams,

"After retiring from basketball, Liesl won Paralympic gold sailing in the Skud18 at the 2012 and 2016 Games with Daniel Fitzgibbon.

"In 2017 she became the first wheelchair user to be elected to the NSW Parliament."

Sport NSW chairperson Ms Carolyn Campbell said the inductees reflected the inclusive nature of sport.

"Sport has the great ability to bring together male and female players of all abilities, shapes, sizes and ethnic backgrounds

and provide the opportunity to enjoy organised competitions and the ability to excel and reach the highest levels," said Ms Campbell.

"These six new inductees to the NSW Hall of Champions have shown the way and we honour their selection," she added.

Hall of Champion inductees are approved by the Minister for Sport following recommendations from the Hall of Champions Selection Committee and NSW peak sporting bodies.

The NSW Hall of Champions is located at the Quaycentre, Sydney Olympic Park.

SOURCE: Media release, 20 Oct 2022 Greg Campbell, Sport NSW

Peninsula netball rep teams announced

Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association has announced the players selected in its 2023 representative teams.

Open team players are Cali Backhouse, Beth Chilcott, Janai Edwards, Claire Gaffney, Caitlin Gilmore, Mel Imber, Rachel Jordan, Elizabeth McCarthy, Cass Matterson, Eden Matterson, Nicola Stone and Cass Strangleman.

Training partner is Meaghan Henderson.

Coach is Sandy Watts.

The Under-17s team is Chelsea Barnes, Matilda Garner, Milly Liley, Hannah O'Neill, Priya Radhakrishnan, Laura Reeves, Lahna Rhind, Lexi Smithers, Sofia Perl, Pascale Tod and Ruby Wright.

Coach is Catherine Bailey.

SOURCE: Social media, 25 Oct 2022 Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association



Joel wins 'man of the match' with a six off the last ball

Southern Spirit Cricket Club under-12s player Joel Zadravic was "man of the match" after Saturday's game.

He was carried off the field after hitting six off the last ball to win the under-12s game.

Joel was presented with the ball for winning player of the match.

Meanwhile, Eli Zadravic (right) picked up his 50th wicket for the club.

SOURCE: Social media, 29 Oct 2022 Southern Spirit Cricket Club

