



Good morning,  
Umina

It was 6:56am on Wednesday, November 16, another beautiful morning at Umina Beach, as the staff of Jasmine Greens Park Kiosk set up for their day's trading.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 16 Nov 2022  
Gabby Greyem, Jasmine Greens Park Kiosk

# Koala relocation plans abandoned

**Possible plans to relocate koalas to the National Park surrounding Pearl Beach have been abandoned.**

The Department of Planning and Environment has advised the Pearl Beach Arboretum association that Brisbane Water National Park was no longer being considered for "koala translocation".

Pearl Beach Patonga Koala and Native Bee group convener Ms Ann Parsons said it was sad news, after three years of work.

"The University of Sydney, Central Coast Council and Brisbane Water National Park have done a lot of work on this project already," she said.

"The University of Sydney has been informed not to continue work.

"The University has gathered a lot of information and will prepare a report on what was found.

"Central Coast Council is completing some song meter surveys, with an aim to complete around 30 sites this year.

"Based on discussions with the NSW Koala Team, it is unlikely that there is any spare funding within the NSW Koala Strategy to fund further work.

"I'm personally extremely disappointed with this outcome," said Ms Parsons.

The Department has also decided that the Royal National Park will no longer be considered for translocation.

Coolah Tops National Parks near Merriwa is still being considered.

Crommelin Native Arboretum

secretary Ms Mary Knaggs said the Arboretum thanked Ms Parsons, its immediate past vice-president, "for all her hard work".

"We know Ann is extremely disappointed."

Ms Knaggs said the Arboretum also applauded "the considerable work" that the University of Sydney, Central Coast Council and Brisbane Water National Park have already done on this project.

"Let's hope decisions can be revisited in the future," she said.

"In the meantime, keep your dogs out of the National Park and the Arboretum.

"They are the biggest danger to our native fauna."

SOURCE:  
Social media, 14 Nov 2022  
Ann Parsons, Pearl Beach Patonga Koala and Native Bee group

## Mobile coverage feedback needed by 5pm today

**Member for Robertsons Dr Gordon Reid has asked residents for "feedback on new guidelines that will drive investment to address poor mobile coverage".**

The feedback has to be submitted by 5pm today.

Dr Reid said: "Feedback from industry and the community will help inform the grant opportunity guidelines for the \$40 million Improving Mobile Coverage Round of the Mobile Black Spot Program.

"This initiative will help deliver on the Government's 2022 Federal Election commitment to improve mobile connectivity across regional Australia."

The Pearl Beach Progress Association has already raised with Dr Reid "connectivity issues" with the Pearl Beach mobile phone tower.

It reported that the situation was made worse with the installation of 5G technology.

Local residents may make submissions online by 5pm today, November 28, at [www.infrastructure.gov.au/have-your-say](http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/have-your-say).

"Local feedback on this program will make sure our community's views are heard and we get the best possible outcome for families and small businesses," said Dr Reid.

"I strongly encourage locals to participate in the public consultation process, and look forward to working closely with residents to deliver the reliable mobile coverage they rightly deserve".

SOURCE:  
Media release, 18 Nov 2022  
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson

Produced on the Peninsula

Peninsula news & advertising  
for the Peninsula community

Our newspaper  
is a news service

The measure of our success is the number and variety of local news items we publish, not the number of pages.

This issue again has 12 pages, but what is important is the news it contains.

It has 54 articles, as did the two other 12-page editions in the last six weeks.

For most of its 23-year history, Peninsula News has had about this number of articles in each issue – even though they were mostly 32-page papers.

We have been able to achieve this in fewer pages now because we are a voluntary non-profit community group, operating with a lower advertising ratio.

Our lower number of pages may not be good news for people wanting to line their pet trays, but it is good news for those interested in reading news about

the Peninsula – and in saving trees in the process.

However, it does mean that we do not have time to produce our electronic supplement, the EXTRA. The extra articles are still published on our website.

To keep the news coming in a 12-page edition, we do need advertisements, sponsorship, donations and voluntary help.

Please support Peninsula News. Every little bit counts.

Mark Snell, 13 Nov 2022



DOWNLOAD this  
issue. SCAN here.

Next issue: Monday, December 12

Call us on 4342 5333  
Email: [contributions@peninsula.news](mailto:contributions@peninsula.news)

Peninsula News

Community Access

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

**Editor:** Mark Snell  
editor@peninsula.news  
**Distribution:** Frank Wiffen  
advertising@peninsula.news

**NEXT EDITION:** Peninsula News 558  
Deadline: Thursday, November 24  
Publication date: Monday, November 28

**CONTACT DETAILS**  
NEWS: contributions@peninsula.news  
ADVERTISING: advertising@peninsula.news  
PHONE: 4342 5333 - Please leave a message  
POSTAL ADDRESS: PO Box 585, Woy Woy NSW 2256

Please note: Peninsula News currently has no paid employees, and it may take a little time for us to get back to you. Our volunteers usually have other jobs and commitments, which compete for their time.

**EMAIL ISSUES?**  
When emailing us, you will note that the domain name is PENINSULA.NEWS only. There is no .com or .com.au. If your email bounces or does not appear to have reached us, please check the address and try again. If this still does not work, try our old fallback address or call us by phone and leave a message.

Fallback email address: editor@peninsulanews.asn.au

Editorial policy and guidelines

**At its heart, Peninsula News is a community effort.**  
It welcomes and relies on the contributions provided voluntarily and at no cost by local organisations, groups and residents.

The newspaper aims to be accessible to the community - both through making its columns accessible to community groups and by having copies available in accessible locations, including through its website.

The following policies and guidelines are designed to support the aims and standards of the newspaper.

Locality

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

To qualify for publication, articles must have specific relevance to the Peninsula. For example, they must be about activities or events happening on the Peninsula or be organised by or involving Peninsula people.

The newspaper is not regional or national in nature, so regional or national issues will not be canvassed except as they affect the Peninsula.

Regional sports will only be covered from the perspective of Peninsula clubs. Regional plans will only be aired in the context of their ramifications for the Peninsula.

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

Readability

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

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

All items will be dated. They must contain the name of the author to whom the contribution may be attributed, with their first name spelt out, along with their suburb or organisation. Anonymous contributions will not be accepted.

Forum letters

The Forum section provides the opportunity for readers to express their views on any aspect of Peninsula community life, with the aim of reflecting the community's diversity of opinion.

Nevertheless, letters may be edited for readability, including for length, spelling and grammar, and to avoid legal liability on the part of the newspaper, or they may be declined altogether.

Contributors are asked to keep their

contributions to the matter at hand, and to focus on the issues and not abuse or insult others.

Other than in the case of holding public figures to account, criticism of others (as opposed to criticism of particular opinions) is unlikely to be published in the interests of facilitating the expression of a diversity of views.

All letter writers need to supply name, address and contact details. Only name and suburb will be published.

Contributors who do not wish the wording of their letter to be changed at all should make a note to this effect when submitting their letter. In some cases, this may result in the letter not being published.

Corrections

We try to be as accurate as possible. However, mistakes can still slip through.

If you believe we have got something wrong, whether an error of fact or interpretation, we ask that you write to us by email with details for publication. These corrections may appear as Forum letters or as news items and should conform to our requirements for news and Forum contributions.

Source lines

Peninsula News includes "source lines" at the end of each article which aim to provide readers with information about where and how we came across the information, so that they might judge for themselves the veracity of what they are reading.

It should not be assumed that the article is a verbatim reproduction of the source. Similarly, it should not be assumed that any reporter listed is necessarily responsible for writing the whole news item. Source lines are not by-lines.

Often articles come from a number of sources. They are edited for readability and reader interest and given different headings, and consequently can be expressed quite differently from the source material.

Peninsula News usually receives its information in three ways: It is sent to us by someone wanting to promote their activities; it is sent to us in response to our inquiries; or it comes from a newsletter or other document to which we have access.

Sometimes we may interview a person or report what they said at a meeting.

The following descriptions are used:

**Media Release** - unsolicited contributions.

**Media Statement** - sent in response to our questions.

**Website** or **Social Media** - information published online.

**Newsletter** or **Report** - published in print or online.

**Interview** or **Meeting** - statements recorded by a reporter.

Forum contributions may be: **Email** if sent electronically and **Letter** if written on paper.

Case numbers rise threefold in a month

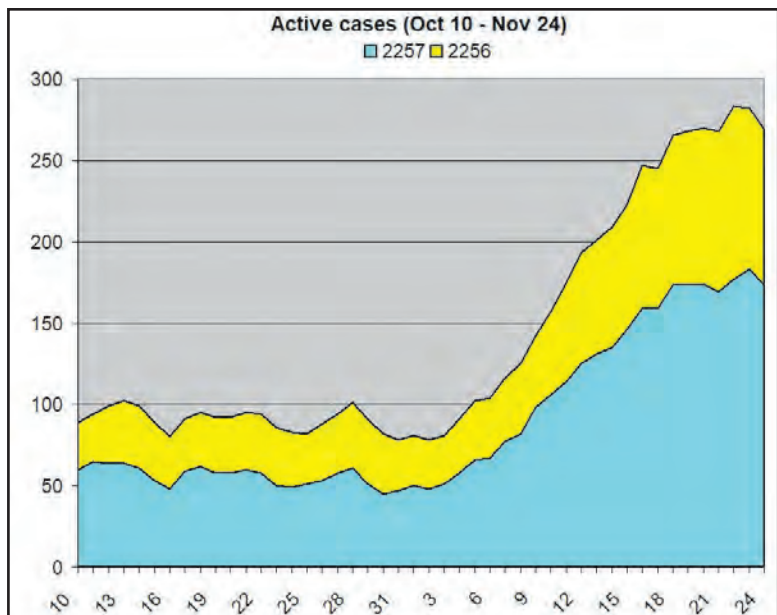
Active coronavirus case numbers on the Peninsula have increased by 80 per cent in the past fortnight, for a 345 per cent increase in the past four weeks.

Active case numbers have grown from 82 on Thursday, October 27, to 157 on November 17, and to a peak of 283 on Tuesday, November 22.

Of this number, 177 were recorded in the 2257 postcode area and 106 were recorded in the 2256 postcode area.

Numbers on Thursday, November 24, had dropped slightly to 271.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 25 Nov 2022  
Covid-19 cases, Data NSW



Beach resuscitation was successful

A successful resuscitation was recently undertaken by lifesavers at Ocean Beach.

The resuscitation took place a little after 8am on Sunday, November 13, for a 65-year-old Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club member who had collapsed on the shoreline.

The man had been preparing to swim with the club's Silver Salties group.

Lifesavers performed 15 rounds of cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and the defibrillator shocked the patient twice.

The patient was then transported to Gosford Hospital

conscious, breathing and talking.

"He sent us a text last night thanking us which was very nice," said duty officer Mr Paul Sharpe.

"It's a great sign and was a great success.

"The big thing is even the paramedics were so surprised how professional everything was.

"They commended our lifesavers.

"It just proves that early CPR and defibrillation saves lives.

"It's one of the best things I've seen for a long time.

"There were so many members involved."

Mr Sharpe said there was a lot of raw emotion following the incident after it mirrored a very similar one with a different result almost two years before.

"For a lot of the club members, it was two years to the day that they had done another CPR and lost a member of the club," he said.

"A lot of credit goes to the Ocean Beach club and how they train members.

"Everyone was calm. No-one was flustered. It was a well-oiled machine."

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 14 Nov 2022  
SLSNSW Media

November rainfall lowest in 18 years?

A total of 21.8mm of rain has been recorded on the Peninsula to Friday, November 25.

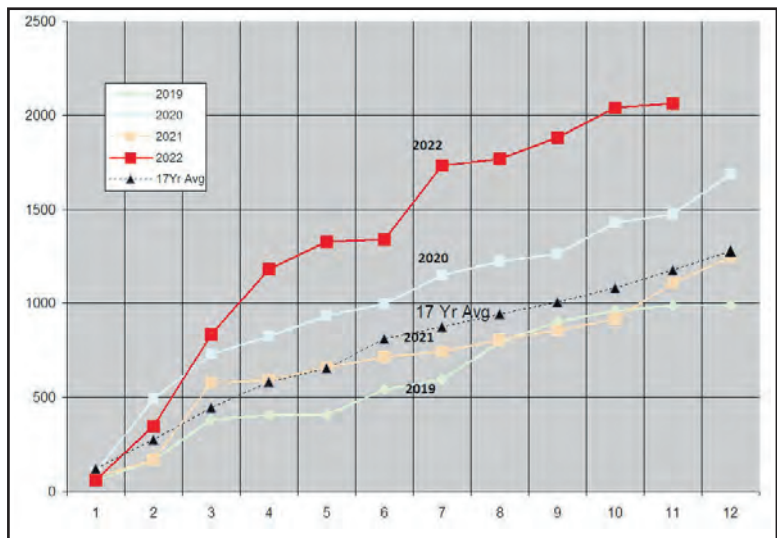
Only one day had more than five millimetres of rain and only four other days had more than one millimetre.

With a forecast of little chance of rain before the end of the month on Wednesday, the month could be the driest November in 18 years, according to Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

The driest November since 2004 was in 2009, when a total of 22.8mm was recorded.

The next driest November was in 2019 when the total was 30.1mm.

The month's rain brings the total



rainfall this year to 2062.8mm, well above the average annual rainfall of 1275mm.

**SOURCE:**  
Spreadsheet, 25 Nov 2022  
Jim Morrison, Umina

TIDE TIMES and Heights	Mon, Nov 28	Thu, Dec 1	Sun, Dec 4	Wed, Dec 7	Sat, Dec 10
	0046 0.82	0403 0.86	0031 0.18	0222 0.22	0407 0.24
	0616 0.28	0949 0.33	0649 1.08	0852 1.24	1038 1.20
	1250 1.30	1603 1.08	1315 0.28	1547 0.23	1746 0.21
AT ETTALONG	2015 0.15	2301 0.16	1902 0.92	2122 0.82	2324 0.73
	Tue, Nov 29	Fri, Dec 2	Mon, Dec 5	Thu, Dec 8	Sun, Dec 11
	0150 0.81	0505 0.93	0110 0.20	0256 0.23	0445 0.25
	0721 0.30	1103 0.32	0733 1.15	0928 1.25	1114 1.16
	1352 1.23	1708 1.02	1412 0.26	1630 0.22	1824 0.21
	2114 0.15	2348 0.17	1952 0.88	2204 0.79	
	Wed, Nov 30	Sat, Dec 3	Tue, Dec 6	Fri, Dec 9	Mon, Dec 12
	0257 0.82	0600 1.01	0146 0.21	0331 0.23	0004 0.71
	0833 0.33	1213 0.31	0814 1.20	1003 1.23	0524 0.26
	1458 1.15	1808 0.96	1501 0.25	1708 0.22	1152 1.11
	2210 0.15		2038 0.85	2245 0.76	1902 0.20



## CWA branch delivers flood donations to Forbes

**A trailer load of boxes of flood relief donations has been taken to Forbes by Umina Beach branch of the Country Women's Association.**

The branch collected donations over the past two weeks for its "sister" branches in Molong, Forbes and Eugowra.

The donations included

linen, pillows, blankets, towels and face cloths, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, sanitary items, razors, boys' beanies and men's clothes.

After the boxes were packed and the trailer loaded, they were delivered by branch member Ms Brooke Law.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 24 Nov 2022  
Margy Logan, CWA Umina Beach

## Rotary club seeks sponsors for First Aid program

**The Rotary Club of Umina Beach is wanting to hear from local business which would like to join in sponsoring a First Aid program for primary school students.**

Year 6 students at Woy Woy South Public School have already been presented with "Preliminary First Aid" certificates as part of a series of First Aid courses sponsored by the Rotary Club of Umina Beach.

Club publicity officer Mr Pat Lewis said: "This program arose from a visit to the club by two students, Jonty Beaton and Mara Hatfield-Favand."

They asked for a program to have every Year 6 student for the next five years graduate from their school with a First Aid Certificate.

"The idea of the program came to Mara when she and her father came across a badly-injured tourist on the beach and were able to deliver First Aid until paramedics arrived," said Mr Lewis.

"They were told that they had saved the tourist's life."

With the support of the club, the program called Year 6 Heroes, presented by the Red Cross, was born.

"Each course runs for six hours over a number of weeks for a total of 75 students, 25 in each session."

"Such is the importance of this program that the club would like to hear from any local business who would like to join in sponsoring the program," said Mr Lewis.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 25 Nov 2022  
Pat Lewis, Rotary Umina Beach

# Pearl Beach fire prompts call to check gas cylinders

**A house fire in Pearl Beach in the early hours Wednesday, November 16, was attended by 10 fire brigades, as well as NSW Ambulance and NSW Police.**

The Pearl Beach Brigade received a callout for the fire in Beryl Boulevard just before 1am.

The brigade arrived to find the structure fully alight, with three LPG tanks venting flame, and bush alight at the rear.

Other brigades arriving a short time later were Patonga Volunteer Rural Bush Fire Brigade, The Bays Rural Fire Brigade, Kariang Rural Fire Brigade, Empire Bay-Bensville Rural Fire, Narara Rural Fire Brigade, Copacabana Rural Fire Brigade, Gosford RFS Catering Unit, Fire and Rescue NSW Station 340 Umina, Fire and Rescue NSW Station 341 Kariang, and Fire and Rescue NSW Station 228 Berkeley Vale.

The Umina brigade reported the work included defensively protecting the neighbouring houses on both sides.

Specialist hazmat crews from Fire and Rescue NSW Berkley Vale were called due to exposed asbestos and subsequently a hot zone and decontamination area was initiated.

The Umina brigade praised the co-operation of the Rural Fire Service brigades, which "did a great job on stopping the fire spread and the situation from worsening".

It reported that NSW Ambulance and NSW Police saw no injuries and the fire was fully extinguished before 4am.

The Pearl Beach brigade stated in a social media post: "Luckily, the weather conditions were favourable and allowed firefighters to contain the fire to a single



structure.

"If the weather had been warmer, drier or windier, the situation could have been much worse."

The fire prompted the brigade to call on Pearl Beach residents to check that the pressure relief valves on their gas cylinders were pointed away from their houses.

"Modern LPG tanks have a special pressure relief valve built into the tap at the top of the tank."

"While the normal outlet is controlled by the tap, these pressure relief valves open automatically when the pressure inside the tank exceeds the design threshold."

"When the pressure relief valve opens, flammable gas is ejected from the tank."

"In the presence of fire, that gas will burn, producing a large jet of flame shooting sideways from the valve."

"Anything flammable in the way of that jet of flame may catch fire."

"This is why LPG tanks should

be positioned so that the pressure relief valves point away from your house or other structures, and why you should ensure that they are not blocked or covered in anyway."

"If a pressure relief valve is blocked, or if tanks are stored in an enclosed area, there is a potential for explosions."

"Even in the open, if combustible materials are stored near the possible jet produced by a relief valve, it may cause a fire affecting the structure to grow more intense more quickly."

"If your home uses bottled LPG gas, take a moment to look at your valves."

"Check they are clear of any obstructions, and are not pointed at your home."

"If you have any concerns about the condition or position of your gas tanks, contact your gas supplier or a gas fitter."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 16 Nov 2022  
NSW RFS Pearl Beach

## Lions to sell Christmas cakes in Woy Woy

**Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club will sell its Lions Christmas Cakes and Puddings at Deepwater Plaza Woy Woy from 9am to 4pm on Thursdays, December 1 and 8.**

They will also sell them on Friday, December 9, if not sold out.

Proceeds from the sale of 1.5kg cakes (\$19) and the one kilogram cakes and 900 gram puddings (both \$15 each) go towards local Lions Club projects.

"An EFTPOS machine will be available and is our preferred payment method," said club president Mr Greg Head.

"The cakes and puddings are also available at most chemists and some banks on the Peninsula."

He said the retail outlets passed on the full price to the club, not taking any commission.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 17 Nov 2022  
Greg Head, Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club

Everyday our customers help change and save lives, simply by banking with us

**Be part of the Bendigo Bank community**

**Community Bank Ettalong Beach**  
263-267 Ocean View Rd Ettalong Beach 4344 4206

Community banking is based on a 'profit-with-purpose' model, which means our profits are returned directly to the community that has generated them



**Bendigo Bank**

Planning



# Council planners urge refusal of multi-unit dwellings

**The Local Planning Panel has heard recommendations at its November 24 meeting from Central Coast Council planners to refuse two development applications for multi-unit dwellings in Warrah St, Ettalong.**

DA61592/2021 for 16 Warrah St had attracted 27 public submissions and a 47-signature petition, while DA62934/2022 for 34 Warrah St had attracted 15 submissions.

Warrah St is a one-block street with 40 properties.

It already contains seven multi-dwelling gun-barrel developments, similar to the two proposals.

Applicant for both applications before the Panel was Knight Mapleton Design Partners, which was also the applicant for six of the existing multi-dwelling developments.

Because they were both lodged prior to August 1, the applications were assessed under planning provisions which applied before that date.

Both applications contained "section 4.6" requests to allow development on a lot size less than the minimum for a multi-dwelling development (750 square metres).

Both applications were non-compliant with provisions for setbacks, solar access, overshadowing, private open space, excessive lengths of inarticulated wall, excessive height of exterior walls, insufficient deep soil areas and insufficient separation from adjacent buildings.

Each application was assessed by a different council planning

officer.

However, in both cases, the main reasons for refusal were similar.

The s4.6 variance request was found to be unsatisfactory, because acceptable "planning grounds to justify contravening the development standard" had not been provided.

The non-compliance with the Development Control Plan and the design standards, the bulk and scale, and the loss of amenity were found to be unsatisfactory.

The planners said the proposals failed to satisfy objectives of the R1 Residential zone.

They failed to "ensure that development is compatible with the desired future character of the zone".

They also failed "to promote best practice in the design of multi-dwelling housing and other similar types of development".

The planning officers also raised issues with the timing and content of various drawings and documents.

These were listed as being contributing factors to the refusals.

The representative of Knight Mapleton Design Partners and, in the case of 34 Warrah St the client as well, spoke against the council recommendations.

They argued that council had previously approved the six similar applications in Warrah St, and many other multi-dwelling developments on the Peninsula which they considered similar.

They said it was therefore unfair not to approve these applications.

The client stated that they were "blindsided" by the recommended

refusal, given all the similar variations that had been permitted previously in Warrah St.

The Statement of Environmental Effects had also listed a number of other alleged precedents.

They claimed that their application had been inadequately assessed and that there were unreasonable delays in the council process.

The client said that they were helping the community by providing much-needed extra housing and increased density but feared the area would become very unpopular with developers if they faced these kind of problems.

Under questioning by the panel, the planning officer said the section 4.6 variation request in the application was too "generic" and did not make specific comparisons.

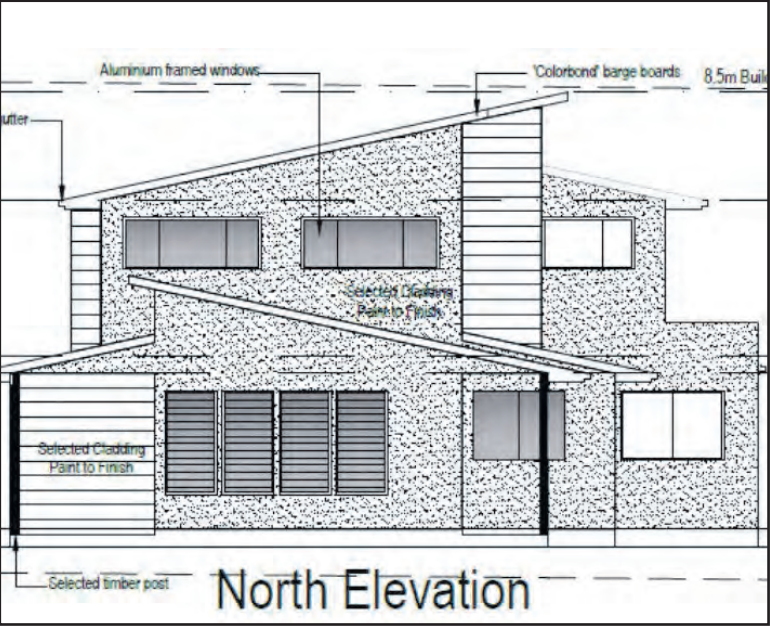
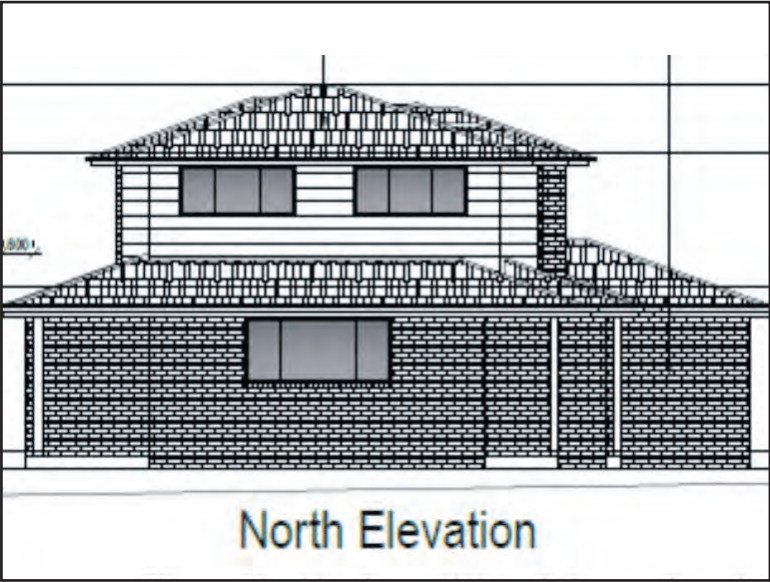
Virtually all of the precedents supplied by the applicant were judged not to be applicable as "they did contain similarities but also differences".

The planning officer also emphasised that the planning provisions were minimum standards.

Solar access was considered an important requirement and the application for number 34 Warrah St had not taken into account the over-shadowing created by the multiple units at number 32, a previous development by the same applicant.

The Local Planning Panel is expected to announce its decision this week.

**SOURCE:**  
Local Planning Panel agenda  
3.1 and 3.3, 24 Nov 2022



## Panel warned of 'concrete soccer pitch' in Warrah St

**Concrete surfaces amounting to the area of a soccer pitch could be laid in Warrah St, Ettalong, if every property was allowed to become a "gun barrel" development.**

That was the estimate given by Mr Frank Wiffen, of Woy Woy, when he addressed the Central Coast Local Planning Panel meeting last Thursday, November 24.

And that area is just for driveways used by the three-unit multi-dwelling developments.

Seven of the 40 properties in Warrah St have already been redeveloped as gun barrel housing.

Two more development applications were presented to the Panel meeting, with council planners recommending refusal.

Mr Wiffen said, if the applications were not rejected, "It's looking increasingly likely that the whole street will eventually follow a similar fate."

He said: "Each of these single property gun barrels has about 200 square metres of concrete driveway."

That would amount to a total of 8000 square metres of concrete surface for Warrah St alone.

He told the panel that a professional soccer pitch was 68 metres by 105 metres - 7140

square metres.

He said: "All that unshaded concrete is absorbing heat and helping to cause a chronic rise in temperatures due to a heat-sink effect."

"Imagine if the whole Peninsula were to go the same way?"

Mr Wiffen said it was interesting that the seven existing gunbarrels on Warrah St, six were paired with another gunbarrel next door.

Both of the proposals discussed last Thursday would be next door to existing gun barrels..

Mr Wiffen said that one of the objectives of setbacks in the planning provisions was to "encourage the consolidation of

narrow properties".

He said if each pair of gunbarrel properties had been consolidated in Warrah St, they could have saved 200 sq metres of concrete for each pair, perhaps more.

Mr Wiffen said the council was on the right track all along with the old provisions.

"They just needed to encourage consolidation a bit more forcefully."

"A good way would be to start enforcing the planning provisions as written."

"If setbacks, private open space, length of unarticulated walls, separation distances and areas of deep soil were policed more rigorously, the number of

units able to be placed on many properties would reduce to two.

"This situation can be observed, right now, in certain Sydney suburbs such as Ryde."

"Obtaining land there is expensive and yet, judging by the massive numbers of duplexes, developers seem to manage to turn a profit building two units per property."

"They don't have 200 square metre driveways either," Mr Wiffen said.

**SOURCE:**  
Local Planning Panel agenda  
3.1 and 3.3, 24 Nov 2022

Email: [contact@voicesofcentralcoast.org](mailto:contact@voicesofcentralcoast.org)

Arts



## Opera in Arboretum line-up announced

The line-up has been announced for the annual Opera in the Arboretum at Pearl Beach to be held on Saturday, March 11.

The four singers will be UK baritone Rodney Earl Clarke, mezzo soprano Louise Callinan, tenor John Longmuir and soprano Lorina Gore.

Special guest artist will be Alicia

Poon on violin.

The artists will perform arias and duets from *Così fan tutte* and *Don Giovanni* (Mozart), *Carmen* (Bizet), *Die tote Stadt* (Korngold), *Samson and Delilah* (Saint-Saëns), as well as favourites from the musicals of Rodgers and Hammerstein.

Those attending are invited to bring chairs and picnic gear "for a beautiful afternoon of music

amongst the gum trees in Pearl Beach".

Opera in the Arboretum is a charity event presented by the Rotary Club of Woy Woy.

Bookings have opened at <https://www.trybooking.com/CEAUX>

SOURCE:  
Social media, 11 Nov 2022  
Opera in the Arboretum,  
Rotary Woy Woy

## Free talk by top authors

Umina Library will host a free "conversation" between Australian authors Sarah Barrie and Tea Cooper discussing their writing and latest novels at 2-3pm on Wednesday, December 7.

Rural suspense, romance author Sarah Barrie has written nine novels, including her bestselling debut *Secrets of Whitewater Creek*, the *Hunters Ridge* trilogy and the *Calico Mountain* trilogy.

She has been a finalist for several major awards: twice in the *Ruby*, the *Romance Writers of Australia's* premier award, and three times in the *Australian Romance Readers Award* for favourite *Romantic Suspense*.

Her suspense crime novel, *Unforgiven*, was highly commended in this year's *Davitt Awards* and shortlisted for the *Danger Awards* at the *Bad Sydney Crime Writer's Festival*.

She said her favourite place in the world was the family

property, where she writes stories overlooking mountains criss-crossed with farmland, bordered by the beauty of the Australian bush.

Tea Cooper is an award-winning Australian author of historical fiction, who has worked as a teacher, a journalist and a farmer.

She said that these days she haunted museums and indulged her passion for storytelling.

She is the bestselling author of ten novels, including *The Horse Thief*, *The Cedar Cutter*, *The Currency Lass*, *The Naturalist's Daughter*, *The Woman in the Green Dress* and *The Girl in the Painting*.

The book *The Cartographer's Secret* won the *Daphne du Maurier Award*.

Bookings to attend are essential and can be made by phoning 4304 7333 or at Umina library.

SOURCE:  
Website, 4 Oct 2022  
Library Services, Central Coast Council

Noticeboard - Public Notices

Introduction to an  
Advanced form of  
**Meditation**

commencing  
January 16, 10am  
at Woy Woy library

For bookings, contact  
**0422 960 970**

Car Boot Sale  
Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club

Closed until  
**Jan 29**

7am to 1pm  
Great variety of stalls ~  
BBQ, Tea & Coffee.  
Vendors Welcome ~ \$25 per car  
Dunbar Road Car Park  
NB stall sites not open until 6.30am  
Cnr. Ocean Beach Road Woy Woy  
Always Last Sunday  
(no events in December)  
Enq: 0478 959 895

Reach 2971 people with social media\* or  
**Reach 10,000 for \$33  
by Public Notice here**

The cost-effective way  
to reach the Peninsula community and  
support our voluntary local newspaper

\* COMPARISON:  
Facebook \$33 budget/14 days  
Target: 3km radius 76 Gallipoli Ave  
Reach: 2971 (Sep 28 - Oct 12)

Peninsula News  
Community Access  
advertising@peninsula.news

## Trivia night raises \$4500

The Rotary Club of Umina Beach staged a successful trivia night at Club Umina last week, raising \$4500 for the Top Blokes organisation.

"An enthusiastic group of participants, in 10 teams, engaged in answering 60 questions, flying paper planes, engaging with champion auctioneer, Jim Chamberlain, and joining in on a range of fun games," said club publicity officer Mr Pat Lewis.

"Trivia winners on the night were the Peak Potential team from the tutoring school of the same name at Kincumber."

Mr Lewis said proceeds went to the Top Blokes program, which was delivered in primary and high schools, working with boys to develop positive attitudes toward society, relationships, and their own mental health.

SOURCE:  
Media release, 25 Nov 2022  
Pat Lewis, Rotary Umina Beach

**The Troubadour**  
Folk and Acoustic Music Club

Sat 17 Dec, 7pm  
**Irish-themed  
Christmas Party**

Everglades Club Woy Woy  
Tickets \$20/25 at  
[www.troubadour.org.au](http://www.troubadour.org.au)  
4342 6716 or 0407 917 117

**Handyman/  
Carpenter**

40 years' experience  
Fully-insured tradesman  
All work considered  
Pensioner discounts

Use a tradesman who  
knows what he's doing  
**0414 698 097**

**Office Services**

Print - copy - scan  
Email - fax  
Inks - toners  
Laminating - binding  
General stationery  
Custom stamps  
Passport - photo IDs  
Business machines

**PENINSULAR  
OFFICE SUPPLIES**  
so much more than a stationery store!  
296 West St, Umina Beach  
02 4342 2150 info@penoff.com.au

**ABC "The Friends"**  
Support group for  
Public Broadcaster

Aims:  
Safeguard ABC's independence,  
adequate funding,  
high standards.

Meetings through the year +  
social mornings.  
Well-known guest speakers

**0400 213 514**  
[www.fabcnsr.org.au](http://www.fabcnsr.org.au)

## Mini fete

Ettalong Public School Year 6 students are running the school's annual mini fete in a few week's time.

"They are now collecting unwanted books, toys and other treasures that are clean and in good condition and can be sold as part of the popular White Elephant stall," said relieving principal Ms Jodie Campbell.

Donations can be delivered to the 6H classroom or left at the school office.

The mini fete is a student-only activity.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 24 Nov 2022  
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong Public School

**JOIN THE CREW . . .**  
Central Coast Outrigger Canoe Club  
learner • social • competition paddlers  
ALL ARE WELCOME

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:  
[centralcoastocc@gmail.com](mailto:centralcoastocc@gmail.com)  
fb: central coast outriggers

MAJOR SPONSORS:  
belle  
CENTRAL COAST

**EXCLUSIVE OFFER**

**Lois Jones**  
Licensed Real Estate Agent  
Auctioneer  
Stock & Station Agent

**List & sell with us -  
we will pay your  
legal fees\***

M 0439 739 324  
P 02 4339 7644  
E [lois@loisjonesrealestate.com](mailto:lois@loisjonesrealestate.com)  
W [www.loisjonesrealestate.com](http://www.loisjonesrealestate.com) \*Up to \$1800

Lois Jones  
Real Estate

## Trees wrapped for anti-violence campaign

**Colourful knitted wraps have been installed on trees near Peninsula war memorials to draw attention to domestic and family violence.**

The "yarn bombs" have been installed by Zonta Central Coast, supported by the Woy Woy branch of the Country Women's Association.

They can be found near the Woy Woy Memorial Park and the Ettalong Vietnam Veterans' War Memorial.

The action is part of the "16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence" campaign which runs through until December 10.

The wraps will remain in place until December 17.

"Many people do not recognise that physical violence is not the only form of abuse that people experience," said Zonta president Ms Jill Davis.

"Each of the trees has a message about different forms

of violence and abuse, such as coercive control, financial and social restrictions and emotional abuse, as well as information about how to find help."

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch said the "16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence" was a UN Women's initiative which began on November 25, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women.

Woy Woy CWA president Ms Jane Bowtell said: "We're very proud to be working with Zonta Club of Central Coast on a yarn bomb art installation.

"You can spot our two trees at Woy Woy Fishermen's Wharf and at Memorial Park in Woy Woy over the next 16 days."

**SOURCE:**

**Media release, 24 Nov 2022**

**Jill Davis, Zonta Central Coast**

**Media release, 23 Nov 2022**

**Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford**

**Social media, 18 Nov 2022**

**Jane Bowtell, CWA Woy Woy**



## Nambus retires: 18 years on the road

**The Nambus, the local mobile Vietnam War museum and memorial, will be retired in January after 18 years travelling the State educating secondary history students.**

"Crew members will take the Nambus down to Phillip Island where it will be part of the display in the new Vietnam Veterans Memorial Museum," said Nambus secretary Ms Lorraine Scott.

"The Nambus will continue to educate and inform the people of Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War."

Ms Scott admitted it would be a sad day.

"It is the end of an era.

"The bus is getting older and the Veterans older as well," she said.

The bus was operated from the Ettalong office of the Central Coast branch of the Vietnam Veterans Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association of Australia.

Ms Scott said the current Nambus was the third Nambus, replacing the second after that bus was deemed unroadworthy.

Ms Scott said Local Member at the time, Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews, arranged a former State Transit bus as a replacement bus.

"It was fitted out as a mobile

museum and memorial containing memorabilia of the Vietnam War and Australia's involvement," said Ms Scott.

"Students from the Hunter Institute of TAFE were responsible for the fit-out.

"The painting of the Nambus was by the TAFE students from Southwestern Sydney Institute at Wetherill Park.

"The magnificent mural on the side of the bus was designed by TAFE NSW Hunter Institute painting and decoration teacher Mr Eric McLucas."

Ms Scott said Ms Andrews was also responsible for arranging the maintenance of the bus to be carried out at by the State Transit Workshop at Ryde.

"The Nambus was formally handed over to the Vietnam Veterans at Ourimbah Campus on Friday, February 20, 2004.

"For 18 years the Nambus, crewed by members of the Vietnam Veterans Gosford City Sub-Branch, travelled throughout NSW to visit Year 10 Modern History students who were studying Vietnam as part of the curriculum.

"The Veterans also gave talks to the students covering many aspects of the war and their experiences.

"This was also a form of therapy

for the Veterans."

Ms Scott said that teachers had reported that "they could teach the students many things, but they couldn't teach them what the Veterans know".

The veterans were living history, said Ms Scott.

"The students benefited and the Veterans benefited.

"The Nambus was accredited as an educational resource.

"Over the years the Nambus has received many accolades from the students and teachers from the schools the Nambus visited.

"The Nambus also did many Static Displays throughout NSW."

Ms Scott said the success of the Nambus could not have been achieved without the assistance of Ms Andrews and sponsors, including Ettalong Diggers.

Ettalong Diggers will host the final local Nambus exhibit from 10am to 1pm on Saturday, December 17.

"We really want to encourage parents to bring the kids along and check out this fantastic museum piece, before the Nambus heads off on its final journey to Phillip Island," said marketing manager Ms Kim Cole.

**SOURCE:**

**Media release, 21 Nov 2022**

**Lorraine Scott, VPPAACC**

## WHAT'S ON at ETTALONG BOWLING CLUB

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.

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.

**ETTALONG**  
BOWLING CLUB

103 Springwood St, Umina Beach NSW 2257

**CHRISTMAS**

WEDNESDAY 7TH, 14TH & 21ST  
DECEMBER 2022

**80 HALF HAMS  
TO BE WON EACH WEEK**

**TICKETS  
ON SALE 12PM  
DRAWN  
AT 7PM**

**Ham Raffles**

THE BEST-KEPT SECRET ON THE CENTRAL COAST

Planning



Pearl Beach home wins building awards

**A house in Coral Cr, Pearl Beach, has won building awards from the Housing Industry Association and the Master Builders' Association.**

The house has won the 2022 Master Builders Association NSW award for designing and constructing a house, with a price of \$1.6 to \$1.8 million.

It described the house as: "A home designed to fit the owners needs with an abundance of natural light and dual external living areas.

"The house is full of great features all completed to a very high standard and the design fits the block beautifully."

It has also won the Housing Industry Association 2022 Hunter Custom Built Home award, as well as its Residential Interior Design award.

It described the house as: "An impeccably designed home that adds character and interest with the introduction of natural textures and feature lighting.

"New bold and striking features beautifully resonate with the classic and timeless neutral elements.

"The space has been transformed not only by carefully-curated design, but also by the innovative approaches to storage, layout and encouragement of

natural light.

"The home owner's eclectic art fits in perfectly with this elegant interior design."

The property was originally purchased at auction in 2009.

"It was essentially a dilapidated, uninhabitable shack (pictured top right) – ignoring the many possums that had taken permanent residence in the roof cavity," said Mr Michael Cunningham.

"We spent the next two years refurbishing to make it the family holiday home.

"We lived permanently at the property for a while to get a sense of whether this would be our new home location, after which we decided we would move here from Sydney on a permanent basis.

"Several architects and builders were considered and we decided upon Gremmo Homes given their success and experience in custom-build homes.

"We had a smooth path through the council approval process, as the property fully complied with all requirements.

"Design and construction took approximately 15 months.

"The house is designed to be sympathetic and consistent with the leafy and tree fringed Pearl Beach location and street scape: the wood panelling look and house

setback and tiering.

"The home layout is open and flowing, which means that even from the roadside you can see the Norfolk Pine and the sky on the opposite side.

"We get many people who just stop and stare and take photos of the view through to the beach side.

"With a small environmental footprint in mind, the house is powered by solar panels on the roof with a Tesla battery.

"The garden is designed to be low maintenance, with natives planted and the watering system powered by an inground tank that collects rainwater from the roof and hard surface areas.

"We wanted the property to appeal to several senses, so in addition to the visual design, we've planted lemon myrtle trees out the front that give off a pleasant scent for people who walk by.

"The various awards reflect the thoroughness of thought and quality workmanship that went into the design and construction of the house, which we now call our home."

Mr Cunningham said: "We're naturally proud of the recognition and awards."

**SOURCE:**  
**Media release, 25 Nov 2022**  
**Michael Cunningham, Pearl Beach**



Aged care extensions not available until mid-2023

**Extensions to a Woy Woy aged care home may not be available for use until the middle of next year.**

Blue Wave Living's eastern extension is now expected to be completed in January, according to chief executive Mr Matt Downie.

However, building and health certifications are likely to take another month before the extension will be available to residents.

Mr Downie estimated that the new western wing will not become operational and available for residents until May or June.

"It will be around mid-2023 when we will then begin requesting residents in the two southern wings (rooms 20 to 43 inclusive) within the existing Shores bedrooms, to relocate into a new bedroom in one of the newly available wings.

Residents will be allowed a choice of bedrooms within the available suitable rooms which will be made operational at this time.

We expect this process to take several weeks.

Mr Downie said that initially only the north-east section of the eastern wing, the new section beyond the bedrooms 3 and 4 in The Shores, would be opened.

"This will see six new bedrooms become available, either to new residents or potentially some existing residents, plus a new lounge area and a few other spaces, including new landscaped courtyards.

"We are not looking to ask any existing residents to relocate at this stage."

Mr Downie said that the newly-rebuilt main kitchen would reopen in early December!

He said that, despite the delays, "our building works have been progressing steadily and overall we are pleased with the progress".

**SOURCE:**  
**Newsletter, 22 Nov 2022**  
**Matt Downie, Blue Wave Living**

Survey on the future of public outdoor spaces

**The NSW Department of Planning and Environment is asking community members to have their say on the future of public outdoor spaces.**

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch is urging residents to complete the department's survey, which "will shape future local and state government planning for our

communities open spaces".

"Tell the NSW Government what you love about our wonderful outdoors spaces," she said.

The online survey can be found at <https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/nsw-regional-outdoor-survey>

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

Environment Network calls for environmental review

**The Central Coast Council must take seriously its legal obligations and complete a comprehensive Review of Environmental Factors before starting work on a carpark adjacent to dunes at Umina, according to the Community Environment Network.**

It was proposed to remove sand dune vegetation over an area of three metres by 80 metres at Umina Beach adjacent to Sydney Ave, said Network chair Mr Gary Chestnut.

He said the Network had written to the council for a copy the Review.

"We wholeheartedly support the Peninsula community's stance that the dune should be protected," Mr Chestnut said.

"The proposed work would result in the removal of the hind dune, associated trees, shrubs, ground cover, important habitat, and reduce the resilience of the dune system which is already vulnerable to erosion and tidal inundation," he said.

"This is an example of a project that does not appear to have given

any consideration to the worsening impacts of sea level rise, nor to the environmental significance of the location for habitat, as a seed source, and as a buffer to an adjacent remnant of ecologically-endangered Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland.

"The proposed work must be assessed by a qualified coastal management expert.

"There should be both a flora and fauna assessment.

"The fauna assessment must determine if there are any impacts on local echidna, mammals, reptiles, invertebrates, and nesting

birds," he said.

He said the proposed work would remove species including banksia integrifolia, allocasuarina littoralis and tuckeroo trees along with acacia longifolia, breynia oblongifolia, lomandra, stephania japonica, and native grape vine.

"The work should not go ahead until Council has addressed all legislative requirements."

Mr Chestnut said the Network supported Ettymalong Creek Landcare's objections to these works.

"Council's own adopted Management Plan for the precinct

says: 'All development of areas within the recreational precinct should give due consideration to possible impacts on the adjoining Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland endangered ecological community'.

"CEN hopes the Council accepts the community's concerns about the integrity of the dunes at Umina Beach and carefully considers alternative solutions that enhances and improves the sustainability of the dunes."

**SOURCE:**  
**Media release, 16 Nov 2022**  
**Gary Chestnut, CEN**

Council, government  
betray sacrifice  
of servicemen

Community inputs carefully considered,  
but no change results

On Remembrance Day, November 11, we acknowledged the sacrifices Australia's men and women made since at least 1918 to defend Australia and its way of life.

I believe our way of life is being traded-off by the Central Coast Council and the State Government to fuel its development agenda.

Recently, I made submissions to the Central Coast Council regarding a major development, only to receive a reply advising that my submissions will "be addressed if appropriate".

The reply does not include the name and position of any council officer, telephone number or email details.

Public consultation is now at the discretion of the Administrator, acting for the State Government, and is now in name only – a fact frequently observed by residents since the amalgamation,

This situation is a betrayal by all three levels of government of the service Australia's men and women have sacrificed for freedom.

Imagine if the three levels of government had the same character as veterans.

Lest we forget.

I am very happy to say I did not survive active service to be silent when the opposite is essential.

This is our legacy.

No regrets.

SOURCE:  
Letter, 15 Nov 2022  
Norm Harris, Umina

Mr Norm Harris would have us believe that the Minister treats public submissions on planning proposals as petty annoyances ("Do plan questions not get answered?", PN 557), whereas nothing could be further from the truth.

The Minister has now adopted the Central Coast Regional Plan 2041, and it is plain to see how carefully all community inputs have been considered.

The Minister has not stinted himself in presenting his ideas to us - a whopping 132 pages, full of words and pictures signifying nothing – but, if there is any significant change from the Draft Plan, I cannot detect it.

Obviously, nobody outside the Minister's office had anything worthwhile to contribute, which is how we have come to expect.

Of course, I have to confess that I barely made it to the half-way mark before the MEGO (my eyes glaze over) syndrome set in, and I'm a professional planner, so what

would any layman make of it?

The writers have plundered the thesaurus to find objectives, strategies, contexts, actions and outcomes with which to dazzle us, but, in the end, none of it amounts to much more than statistical projections and pious hopes.

Parliamentary Secretary for the Central Coast Mr Adam Crouch says that the plan includes "initiatives to promote sustainability, improve the night-time economy and enhance connections to public space", but, if they're there, they are so well-hidden that I couldn't find them. (I couldn't even find what a connection to public space means.)

Mr Caine King from CKDS Architecture has "commended the focus on 'development ready' housing supply", but, if there is anything more in the document than a tedious reiteration of standard housing gospel, it escaped me.

There are obeisances to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the NSW Water Strategy and other sources but not one specific mention of how the Regional Plan responds to the issues that they raise.

The one thing that is obvious is that the Minister intends Central Coast Council to have a sideline role in the region's development.

The overarching responsibility will lie with a newly-formed Urban

Development Program Committee, and who are the main members of this Committee?

Why, the Housing Industry Association, the Property Council of Australia, the Urban Development Institute of Australia, the Greater Cities Commission and the Land and Housing Corporation: no prizes for guessing the likely direction that this committee will take us.

There is not one member of the Committee with any concern for social benefits or community concerns, yet this committee might well be the only concrete outcome of the whole planning exercise.

I have no personal stake in this, as I'm not going to be around in 20 years' time, but anybody who cares about the future of the Central Coast and expects to have a place in it should give serious attention to this document.

A year ago, I begged everybody to comment on the draft plan, when it was displayed.

Probably nobody took any notice, but, if anybody did, the impact on the final shape of the plan was negligible.

Now that the plan is official, what recourse will anybody have when the new Committee sets us on a course that the majority of residents don't like?

SOURCE:  
Email, 15 Nov 2022  
Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy

Update the definition of 'democracy'

I believe the Central Coast Council, or rather, state-appointed administrator Rik Hart, should move to update the definition of "democracy" to keep up-to-date with the times in which we now live.

Democracy: the people being able to watch a dictatorship in action.

Why should the definition be updated? Because this is how the Central Coast Council operates:

The agenda of the Council meetings is set by the councillors. No one else is allowed to add or suggest items to the agenda.

But there are no councillors, only the administrator, Mr Rik Hart. In order to speak at the "public

forum" just before the Council meeting, a person must submit a "Request to Speak" form, which must include what is intended to be said.

This form must then be approved by the Council (Mr Hart, or possibly one of his subordinates) for the person to be permitted to speak.

The speech must address one of the items on the agenda (which is set by the Council, Mr Hart).

The speech must be limited to three minutes.

Any questions or concerns raised in the permitted speech are then addressed in the Council meeting which follows.

There is no opportunity for discourse, and the assumption

must therefore be that the Council (Mr Hart, or possibly one of his subordinates) has the final word on the matter (even if incorrect).

But it doesn't end there.

There is a maximum limit of eight people who are allowed to contribute to the "public forum", and no more than two people are allowed to speak for or against an item on the agenda.

Could you imagine if an agenda has 20 items of concern to the community?

How would the community have their voice heard?

Doesn't this all seem rather controlled?

SOURCE:  
Email, 24 Nov 2022  
Mike Gallagher, Ettalong

Council must  
start behaving  
rationally

If those dunes are destroyed (Peninsula News, November 14), the whole "recreation precinct" will be vulnerable to coastal erosion.

With the next southerly storm at high tide, take photos.

Those dunes literally hold the ocean back.

Look at what's happening in Perth: Without dunes, surf clubs and carparks are all being swallowed up by the rising ocean.

It may take decades but it WILL happen unless the Council starts behaving rationally.

SOURCE:  
Email, 15 Nov 2022  
Luke Chell, Woy Woy

It's time for laws that  
actually protect nature

The Australian Conservation Foundation Central Coast branch has delivered a letter to Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid's office, requesting he support stronger environmental laws to protect Australia's unique flora and fauna.

It's time for laws that actually protect nature, and an independent regulator to enforce them.

While we were unable to see the Local Member, we left an individual message for him to carry into Parliament.

Our national environment laws are supposed to protect the places and wildlife we love.

But the once-in-a-decade review of those laws has found that nature in Australia is in big trouble.

If you haven't signed the petition to demand that our national environment laws actually protect nature, it can be found online at <https://www.acf.org.au/environment-laws-petition>

Australia has one of the worst extinction records on Earth, and even our most iconic wildlife like the koala and platypus are at risk in some states.

We have asked for a response to our letter, so we will let you know if the new Federal member will stand up for Nature.

SOURCE:  
Email, 18 Nov 2022  
Mark Ellis, Woy Woy

A speech at the Ettalong Remembrance Day ceremony acknowledged the contribution of Australia's service men and women which was responsible for "the luxury and freedoms we all enjoy today", according to the veterans' group which organised the event.

"A large crowd gathered at the Ettalong Memorial at 11am on November 11," said Mr Alan Ball, president of the Central Coast sub-branch of the Vietnam Veterans Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association of Australia.

He said the ceremony respectfully acknowledged the service of Australia's men and women in the defence forces, during two World Wars and all

following wars and conflicts,

Sub-branch senior vice-president Mr Charles Brock was the guest speaker.

Mr Ball said he focussed on the quote from Australian Army commander General John Monash: "Let it not be assumed that the part that fell to my lot afforded me any satisfaction nor enthusiasm for war: Quite the contrary."

Mr Ball said Mr Brock used the quote to expand on his own family's service in both World Wars, which together were responsible for "the luxury and freedoms we all enjoy today".

"The thoughtful address was appreciated by all who attended," said Mr Ball.

SOURCE:  
Media release, 16 Nov 2022  
Alan Ball, VVPPAACC

Santa to visit The Bays

The Bays Rural Fire Brigade has announced that Santa will visit the Bays area from 10am on Sunday, December 18.

Details about specific times and locations are yet to be announced.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 23 Nov 2022  
The Bays Rural Fire Brigade

Education



### ‘Nothing finer than Umina’

Umina Beach Public School Parents and Citizens’ Association has adopted a slogan “Nothin’ finer than Umina” as part of its fund-raising activities.

The association sold both adults’ and children’s T-shirts with the

slogan at the school’s Christmas Twilight Picnic last Friday night, November 25.

Profits from the sale at \$25 for children’s shirts and \$35 for adult shirts went to the school.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 24 Nov 2022  
Umina Beach Public School P/C



### St John students to stage Pirates of the Curry Bean

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School will stage a production of Pirates of the Curry Bean at 7pm on Tuesday, December 6.

“All the students are involved and we welcome all current and upcoming families to come and

join in the fun at the Edmund Rice Centre, East Gosford,” said principal Ms Nicole Davies.

“Entry is by donation at the door.”

SOURCE:  
Social media, 15 Nov 2022  
Nicole Davies, SJB Catholic Primary School

### Bridget is tennis runner-up

Brisbane Water Secondary College Year 8 student Bridget Broome has been declared runner-up after competing in the NSW Northumberland Regional tennis championships.

“She made it undefeated to the final, which was abandoned due to weather with Bridget down 3-2 in the set when play was stopped,”

said principal Ms Kerrie O’Heir.

“She was declared runner-up on the day.

“Bridget won the yearly point score award for 14-and-under girls with the most points accumulated at 2022 tournaments.”

She qualified for the NSW Tennis state junior finals to be played in Sydney.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 15 Nov 2022  
Kerrie O’Heir, BWSC Umina



### Students develop business models in eco-tourism challenge

A group of 17 students from Years 9 and 10 at Brisbane Water Secondary College have attended week-long problem-solving and entrepreneurship challenge at Newcastle University Ourimbah Campus.

Teams had to develop a business model to improve Eco-Tourism on the Central Coast.

Umina campus Team 2 was judged to have the Best Marketing Strategy and Materials.

Woy Woy campus Team 1 were awarded Student Choice award for Best Team.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 24 Nov 2022  
Kerrie O’Heir, BWSC Umina



### Christmas night funds next year’s formal

Next year’s Year 12 students at Brisbane Water Secondary College are already for their who are holding their first fundraising event for their formal at the end of next year.

The event will be a Christmas Community Night held at the Woy Woy campus on Wednesday, December 14.

Activities and a barbecue will be held between 5:30pm to 7pm.

A Christmas movie will be shown between 7pm and 8:30pm.

Entry will cost \$5 for a family of one to four.

Activities will include a 9D cinema experience (\$5), a family photo station (\$5), bauble decorating (\$1), letters to Santa, Christmas card making, face painting, nail polish and a hair spray station.

“It will be open for everyone, not

just families of our school, and is a kid-friendly event, consisting of lots of activities, a movie and food suitable for all ages,” said campus principal Ms Rebecca Cooper.

“By attending this event you will be supporting our school to raise money to put towards having the formal.”

SOURCE:  
Social media, 14 Nov 2022  
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy

### Rugby club wins college sport award

Woy Woy Rugby Club has won an award at the annual sports awards night at Brisbane Water Secondary College held on Thursday, November 17

The rugby union club was awarded the Mark Cribb Community Service to Sport Award for its “generous financial support towards students, through Woy Woy Rugby Club School Scholarships”.

Club life member Mr Kevin Glew said: “It was an absolute honour to be acknowledged for our efforts.

“Woy Woy Rugby Union Club is endeavouring to be more than a rugby club, by engaging partners in the community, one of which is Brisbane Water Secondary



College.”

Guest speaker on the night was former student Cronulla Shark rugby league player Nicho Hynes.

Hospitality and Thrive teachers

and students provided catering and table service.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 25 Nov 2022  
Woy Woy Rugby Club

### Typing superstars - as fast as a speeding adult

Woy Woy South Public School has recognised its touch-typing “superstars”.

The superstars have reached 50 words per minute and “can type as fast as an adult”.

They were rewarded with a personalised seat cushion signed by school principal Mr Matt Barr.

“We are so proud of the students

who have learnt to touch type,” he said.

“Thousands of words of practice and a life skill that will help them throughout adulthood.

“Encourage your child to use Typing Tournament today.”

SOURCE:  
Social media, 15 Nov 2022  
Matt Barr, Woy Woy South Public School

## Umina Veterans Singles

Allan Rhodes and Peter Springett played in the final of the Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club's 2022 Veteran Singles Championship.

"The gusty wind was strong and made standing on the mat hard, making it impossible to control the bowl consistently," according to Peter Springett.

"Despite that, there were some great bowls played and the game came down to a nail biting finish."

Allan drew the winning shot on his less-fancied hand to win the Championship 21 - 19.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 20 Nov 2022  
Peter Springett, UBMBC



## Women's club celebrates 63rd birthday

The Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club celebrated its 63rd birthday on Tuesday, November 22, with a game of bowls and lunch.

The day included drawing a raffle for the Kids in Need charity and cutting a birthday cake by life member Lesley Swales.

The day included donations by members of toys for Peninsula charities to distribute at Christmas time.

"A vast array of gifts was presented to representatives from St Vincent DePaul, Woy Woy," said Ms Yvonne Austin.

"The gifts will go to local Peninsula families in need."

SOURCE:  
Social media, 22 Nov 2022  
Yvonne Austin, UBWBC



## Terry and Peter win

The Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club has played its 2022 Veteran Pairs Championship Final.

Terry Brown and Peter Springett got out to an early lead over Barry Gilmour and George Boni.

Barry and George came back, but Terry and Peter kept their noses in front for the entire game.

There were some great bowls played, on a tricky green in blustery conditions.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 19 Nov 2022  
Peter Springett, UBMBC



## Final played in time for presentations

The Handicap Pairs Championship Final was played at the Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club on Thursday, November 24.

Club secretary Mr Peter Springett said: "We managed to get it played before the club's presentation night."

"We had a previous winner of this popular event, Glenn Simington, playing with Grant Ambrose."

"They played 'new kids on the block', Peter Benfield and Martin O'Malley."

Mr Springett said that Peter and Martin got out to an early lead, on a tricky rink.

"Grant and Simo came back, but Peter and Martin held their nerve and hung onto win the Handicap Pairs Championship."

SOURCE:  
Social media, 24 Nov 2022  
Peter Springett, UBMBC



**Liesl Tesch MP**  
Member for Gosford

# How can I help?



Schools and education

Community Recognition Awards

Anniversary & birthday messages

Fair Trading

Hospitals and health

Main roads

Police and Emergency Services

Public housing

Trains and public transport



20 Blackwall Road, Woy Woy NSW 2256



Gosford@parliament.nsw.gov.au



(02) 4342 4122



Sport

November Mondays bridge competition

**Brisbane Water Bridge Club has played the third session of its November Mondays competiton.**

Results of Open competition, played on November 21, were:  
1 Janet Clarke, Sally Clarke 107.0 (63.69 per cent), 0.24 green points.  
2 Lorraine Lindsay, Chris Hannan 96.0 (57.14), 0.17.  
3 Karen Ody, Jurate Laisve 87.0 (51.79), 0.12.  
4 David Snow, Jim Routledge 85.0 (50.60), 0.04.  
4 Pamela Lumby, Carol Long 85.0 (50.60), 0.04.  
6 Julie Teague, Laurie Powell 79.0 (47.02).

7 Jenny Buckley, Jacqueline Wilson 77.0 (45.83).  
8 David Howells, Sue Eastman 56.0 (33.33).  
Results of Under-50 Master Points competition were:  
1 Marilyn Reid, John Drew 149.2 (62.17 per cent), 0.36 green points.  
2 Marielle Foster, Wendy Byrne 138.8 (57.83), 0.25.  
3 Kerry-Anne Durrant, Carolyn Girdwood 128.4 (53.50), 0.18.  
4 Rohan Creasey, Maria Rose 124.0 (51.67), 0.12.  
5 John Sandra, Bernadette Sandra 123.2 (51.33), 0.09.  
6 Susan Ashley, Carolyn Harper 121.2 (50.50), 0.07.  
7 Bob Lowry, Dieter Mucharsky

120.8 (50.33).  
8 Larry Amos, Annette Clarke 113.6 (47.33).  
9 Linda Cunningham, Carolynne Mucharsky 113.2 (47.17).  
10 Cheryl Pearse, Jenni Murray 110.2 (45.92).  
11 Jennifer Anderson, Michael Cunningham 100.0 (41.67).  
12 Maureen Lockwood, Fiona Galea 97.4 (40.58).

SOURCE:  
Website, 22 Nov 2022  
Brisbane Water Bridge Club

Rugby annual meetings

**Woy Woy Rugby Club will hold its postponed annual general meeting at its clubroom at Woy Woy Oval at 1:30pm on Saturday, December 4.**

The meeting will coincide with the junior annual general meeting and the junior gala day.  
The canteen will be open, without alcohol due to it being a junior day.  
All players past and present as well as families and life members have been invited.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 11 Nov 2022  
Woy Woy Rugby Club

Ettalong defeated in Division 4 pennant

**Ettalong Bowling Club has been defeated by Tea Gardens 59-48 in the Division 4 pennant play-off at Warilla on Saturday, November 19.**  
Ettalong led up to the 54th end but could not hold off a strong-finishing Tea Gardens.  
Ettalong's first game was against Miller Park at 8.30 am on Friday, November 18, and

its second game against Tathra Beach at 12.45 pm.  
The team had to either win or place second in section to progress to the semi-finals.  
After a win and a loss on day one, the team required a win against Tea Gardens on the Saturday to see them progress.  
SOURCE:  
Social media, 19 Nov 2022  
Ettalong Eagles

First over-60s team

**Woy Woy Recreational Physical Culture Club "made history" on Saturday.**  
It entered its "first ever over-60s

team" in competition.  
SOURCE:  
Social media, 24 Nov 2022  
Woy Woy Recreational Physical Culture Club



Charity bowls raises \$970

**Ettalong Bowling Club's charity bowls day attracted 48 bowlers and supporters and raised \$970 on Sunday, November 13.**  
"It was another great day, bringing the money we have raised this year to around \$11,700," said organiser Mr Ken Dixon.  
"The Wednesday Ettalong Bowlers again chipped in \$100 for the food while John Orme's auction of Wazza Lyons' Victoria Station Clock raised another \$70. Dave Downey won the auction.  
"We came off the green early because of the rain but it was still a pleasant day.  
"The Spider was won by Marg Burns.  
"We had many winners including Paul Henry, Bob Willis, Marie Haldane and Mavis Bland."  
Other winners included Brian

Morgan, Vicki Young, and Rhonda Keenan's group which won the lucky rink draw.  
"We had two full greens as the zone events were also played on the day.  
"Our green space is limited to two greens at present."  
Mr Dixon said the money raised would go to Central Coast Kids in Need to assist families who have seriously ill children with prolonged illness.  
"Most of these children are cancer patients, others with organ transplants and premature babies with life threatening illnesses."  
The next charity day will be held on Sunday, December 11, and then every third Sunday of each month, said Mr Dixon.  
SOURCE:  
Media release, 14 Nov 2022  
Ken Dixon, Ettalong Bowling Club

Monthly cricket meeting

**Southern Spirit Cricket Club is holding its monthly meeting at 7pm tonight, Monday, November 28.**  
Junior coaches, senior Captains and committee are expected to attend these monthly meetings, along with other interested

members.  
The meeting is described as "the forum to hear firsthand what's happening in the club and opportunity to be involved in decision making".  
SOURCE:  
Social media, 24 Nov 2022  
Southern Spirit Cricket Club

Boardriders presentations

**Umina Boardriders will hold their presentation night at Umina Beach Surf Club from 6pm to 11pm on Saturday, December 3.**  
Open to members, sponsors and their families, the night will include a raffle for a surfboard.  
The Grubs presentation will be held in the morning.

The club has asked for donations of "old boards gathering dust that you think might make a good progression board for a grubby grom".  
A barbecue will be held from 9am to 12pm.  
SOURCE:  
Social media, 17 Nov 2022  
Umina Boardriders

Umina Bunnies elect junior executive

**Umina Bunnies Junior Rugby League Football Club has elected its executive committee for 2023.**  
It comprises treasurer Mr Dan Uptin, vice-president Mr Dean Young, president Mr Shannon Michie, junior vice-president David Murray and secretary Melinda Michie.  
Ettalong Diggers Club will be the club's major sponsor again for the coming year.  
SOURCE:  
Social media, 24 Nov 2022  
Umina Bunnies JRLFC



Netball clubhouse completed at Lemon Grove

**A new sports and amenities building has been completed at Lemon Grove Netball Courts in Ettalong.**  
The new \$1.19 million sports and amenities building was funded primarily by the Australian Government with \$143,126 from Central Coast Council.  
Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid joined Central Coast Council administrator Mr Rik Hart and Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association president Ms Sharon Bailey to announce the completion.  
"This new sports and amenities building will provide the netball community with an updated clubhouse with greater capabilities, enhanced facilities, and improved accessibility". Dr Reid said.  
The new building includes female, male, and accessible toilets, a change room, canteen,



control room, medical room, clubroom, office, and storage areas.  
"It also complements the resurfaced netball courts and lighting upgrades undertaken by Central Coast Council in 2019.  
Ms Bailey said: "It has been 12 months since this project first started and the whole netball

community is so excited to use the new facility."  
The Woy Woy Netball Association has 700 players of all ages.  
Teams include males and females.  
SOURCE:  
Media release, 15 Nov 2022  
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson