

# Christmas lights display raises funds for Vision Australia

Shirley and Noel Crockett are running their annual Christmas lights display at their home at 380 Booker Bay Rd, Booker Bay, to raise money for Vision Australia.

"Everyone is welcome to come into the front garden to view the lights and make a donation to Vision Australia," she said.

"We raised \$2600 last year I would like to beat last year's figure, but whatever we raise is a bonus for the organisation.

Ms Crockett said that Santa Claus would be visiting the display from 7-9pm on December 22 and 23.

She said that, during the visit on December 22, children would be asked to describe the display to a blind woman who would also be attending.

"We hope that many children could come along for this occasion as it would mean a lot to her."

Ms Crockett said visitors were complimentary of the display.

"Not only do we raise funds but it is just wonderful the remarks I receive from the people and it



makes me very happy."

Ms Crockett said she was 81 and her husband 85, and would keep doing the display as long as

they could.

SOURCE:  
Media release, 9 Dec 2022  
Shirley Crockett, Booker Bay

# Panel recommends strategic planning review

The Local Planning Panel has recommended that Central Coast Council review planning provisions for the Peninsula.

The Peninsula Residents' Association has written to the council supporting the recommendation.

The Panel recommended "Central Coast Council consider conducting a strategic planning review of the planning controls, development provisions and character statements for Umina, Woy Woy and Ettalong."

It stated the review should "ensure there is consistency between the relevant controls, provisions and character statements applicable to each locality, and a clear direction and expectation on the desired future character of these suburbs".

The recommendation was made as part of its decision to refuse two applications for multiple dwelling developments at 16 and 34 Warrah St, Ettalong.

In supporting the recommendation, the residents' association congratulated council planning staff on their planning assessments of the applications.

"We would like to thank council staff for their thoroughness and clarity in applying the planning provisions, a standard we would like to see applied across

all Peninsula development applications in future - particularly those for multi-dwellings, flats and dual occupancies," said association secretary Ms Jen Wilder.

"The Peninsula Residents Association supports the Local Planning Panel recommendation for a strategic planning review of planning provisions for the Peninsula and ensuring commitment to the rule of law, therefore enabling a meaningful discussion about the strategic direction for the Peninsula."

Ms Wilder said the association had been advised that Council planning director Dr Alice Howe had referred the letter to the council's strategic planning unit "for review and consideration."

Ms Wilder said the association called for the strategic planning review to be characterised by a high level of neighbourhood and social planning district engagement with the community as a community, not simply as individuals.

"We request that the review should be in the context of a sensible housing strategy - currently still a draft - which pays regard to employment and local retail-service availability for the Peninsula as well as an assessment of the Peninsula's ability to accommodate residents, regional visitors and tourists more

generally," she said.

"While pleased with the assessment of Warrah St, the Peninsula Residents Association hopes more regard can be given to reducing 'heat island effect' as a pressing climate change issue within planning provisions."

Ms Wilder said Dr Howe had also responded last week to an earlier letter about the association's "heat island" concerns.

Dr Howe said a review would take place within the next five years.

She wrote: "Council recognises the need for improved planning controls around mitigating urban heat island effect and the importance that trees and other vegetation play in doing this."

She said the council's Greener Places Strategy required a review and update to Council's planning controls to include consideration of urban heat island effect for all future subdivision and medium and high-density development.

"This work is scheduled to occur as part of council's District Place Planning Program, which is a series of place-based plans to be rolled out across the Central Coast over the next five years."

SOURCE:  
Local Planning Panel agenda 3.1 and 3.3, 24 Nov 2022  
Media release, 9 Dec 2022  
Jen Wilder, Peninsula Residents' Association

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Mark Snell, 11 Dec 2022



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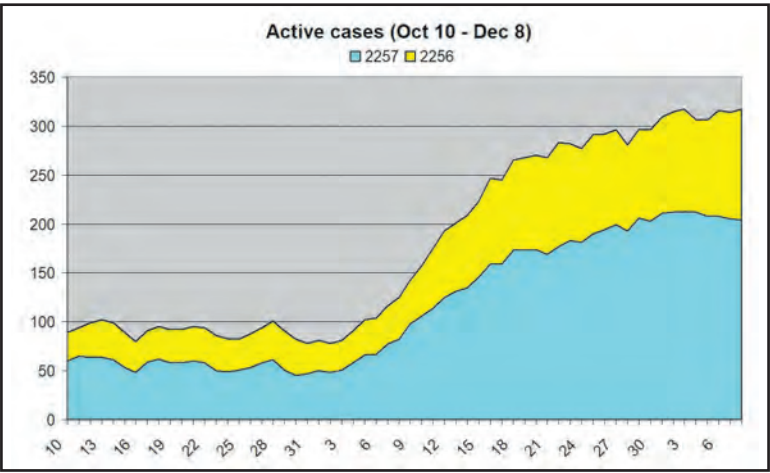
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Case numbers level off

Coronavirus numbers have levelled off on the Peninsula in the last two weeks.

Active case numbers in the 2256 and 2257 postcode areas have increased from 271 on Thursday, November 24, to 317 on December 8.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 9 Dec 2022  
Covid-19 cases, Data NSW



Long-time resident has 103rd birthday

A long-time Peninsula resident celebrated her 103rd birthday at her own home at Umina last week.

Ms Joice Tee, who has lived in Umina for almost 60 years, celebrated her birthday with a family and friends over five days from Saturday to her birthday on Wednesday, December 7.

Born Vera Joice Tee Nash in Canowindra NSW in 1919, Ms Tee was the youngest daughter but the middle child of nine children.

Daughter-in-law Ms Susan Tee said: "Joice and her husband Reg moved to Umina Beach in 1964 to provide two of their four children with a career.

"Their son Colin passed away in 1980 and she lost her husband Reg in 1993.

"She has three children - daughter Zoane and sons Frank and Don - and six grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

"Joice was a stalwart of the



Ettalong Uniting Church and still attended regularly on a Sunday morning, until Covid prevented the church services.

"She thanks all those around her who have helped to get her to this amazing milestone: her local GP Dr Michael Crookes, her good friend Robin, the girls who come daily to look after her; her family and her faith in God.

"Joice still lives in her own home, cared for by family, and loves a chat.

"She enjoys colouring in and does word puzzles, and looks forward to having friends and family come to visit."

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 9 Dec 2022  
Susan Tee, Umina Beach

Second lowest November rainfall

November's total rainfall of 23.8mm is just one millimetre more than the lowest November total in 18 years, recorded in 2009.

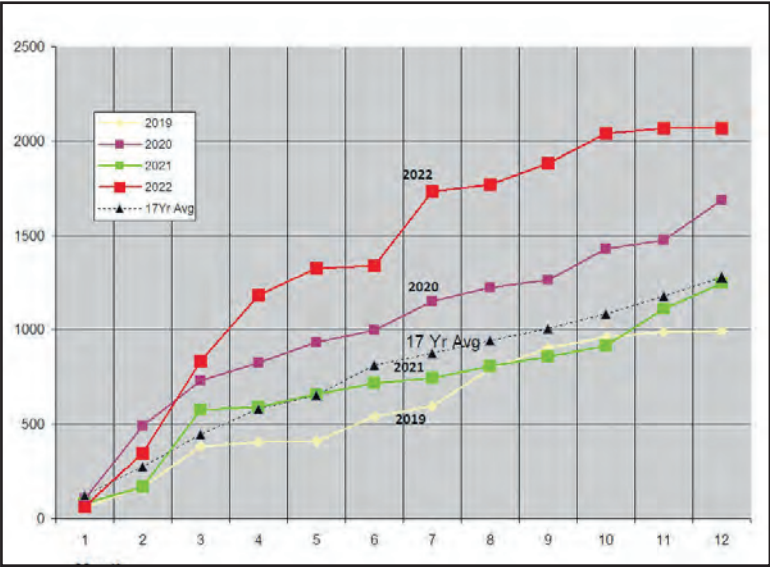
This year's total is the second lowest, more than 75 per cent below the average of 98mm, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

Only another 1.4mm has fallen in the first nine days of December.

The December average is 95mm.

Total rainfall so far this year is 2066.2mm, compared to the annual average of 1275mm.

**SOURCE:**  
Spreadsheet, 9 Dec 2022  
Jim Morrison, Umina



TIDE TIMES and Heights	Mon, Dec 12	Thu, Dec 15	Sun, Dec 18	Wed, Dec 21	Sat, Dec 24
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# Residents’ association surveys council election opinion

The Peninsula Residents’ Association have set up an online survey to gauge the opinion of Peninsula residents on their preferences for the timing of Central Coast Council elections.

Both Liberal and Labor Parties are supporting almost another two years of Council Administration, with council elections held in September 2024.

They argue that residents have had enough elections in recent years and have no appetite for another election within the next year; and that the cost and inconvenience of conducting an election does not warrant bringing it forward a year.

The Residents’ Association believes that local democracy should not be delayed simply on the basis of administrative convenience, according to vice-chair Mr Julian Bowker.

“Democracy is our best

guarantee of a well-governed and equitable society.

“Is it true that residents don’t want another election so soon, or is it simply that the party machines are not ready for one?”

“Council is under administration and the local population only has one representative, the Administrator.

“Given there is a State election in March would you want a council election in September to elect councillors for one year and then again in September 2024 for four years, or would you prefer to keep the Administrator and wait until September 2024 for council elections.

“We are interested in what the Peninsula community actually thinks.

“Please tell us your opinion at <http://bit.do/Votesurvey>”

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 8 Dec 2022  
Julian Bowker, Peninsula Residents’ Association



## Two hours to sell 134 Christmas trees

**The Rotary Club of Woy Woy sold 134 Christmas trees on Saturday, December 10, and 20 on Sunday, after plans for sales the previous weekend were cancelled.**

The delivery scheduled for Saturday, December 3, was abandoned when the truck loaded with the trees became bogged in soft ground in Victoria.

“The trees were loaded but proved to be too heavy for the ground softened by the recent rain

in Victoria,” said club president Ms Julie Jones.

“The truck slowly sank into the ground.

“There would have been between 40 and 50 people arrive between 6am and 7:30am looking for their family Christmas tree, even though we don’t open until 7am.

“Luckily for us they were supportive, sympathetic and understanding.”

This Saturday, customers arrived from 5.15am.

The club used numbered cards to track the order in which people arrived.

This “worked a treat” when the Rotarians went back for a second batch, said Ms Jones.

“It was hectic and fast-paced.

“We sold the first tree at 6am and the last tree at 7.55am.”

As well as trees, the club also sold 14 stands and handed out the tree care pamphlets.

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 10 Dec 2022  
Julie Jones, Rotary Woy Woy

## CWA branch holds year’s last cooking competition

The Umina Beach branch of the Country Women’s Association has held its final cooking competition for the year.

It was judged by Ms Judy Betteridge.

Results were:

Boiled Fruit Cake: 1 Ms Celia O’Meara, 2 Ms Margaret Key, 3 Ms Glenda Chapman.

Sultana Cake: 1 Ms Celia O’Meara, 2 Ms Kay Kennaugh, 3 Ms Tracy Wilson.

Boiled Fruit Pudding: 1 Mr Tony Griffiths, 2 Ms Lin Griffiths.

Lemon and Carrot Marmalade: 1 Ms Glenda Chapman, 2 Ms Lin Griffiths, 3 Mr Tony Griffiths.

Zucchini and Capsicum Pickles: 1 Ms Glenda Chapman, 2 Ms Fiona Duckworth, 3 Ms Celia O’Meara.

Decorated Cupcakes Junior: 1 Abigail McDonald, 2 William McDonald, 3 Elizabeth McDonald.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 26 Nov 2022  
Margy Logan, CWA Umina Beach



## Bushfire behind Shoalhaven Dr

**A large number of fire crews attended a bushfire burning between Woy Woy tip and Shoalhaven Dr on Saturday and Sunday, December 3 and 4.**

The crews, including specialist remote area crews, contained the fire overnight with crews also attending to continue mopping up.

Volunteers from Pearl Beach and The Bays Rural Fire Brigades both attended.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 4 Dec 2022  
NSW RFS Pearl Beach Brigade



## Marine Rescue seeks accommodation

**Marine Rescue Central Coast is seeking short-term accommodation while its headquarters is being rebuilt.**

The construction period for the new building is expected to be six to nine months, starting in February.

“During the re-build we need some office space for the administration, finance, training and membership departments,”

said administration officer Mr Ian Leafe.

“It is anticipated an area of 20 square meters will be required, or sufficient space to accommodate four desks and some filing cabinets.

“The preferred location would be in the Gosford area, or on the Peninsula, with carparking nearby.

“We are obviously looking to minimise costs.”

Mr Leafe suggested that, and if an attractive rent could be offered at a loss, it would be claimable as a tax deduction, as Marine Rescue Central Coast was a registered charity.

For further information, contact Mr Leafe on 0409 877 429.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 6 Dec 2022  
Ian Leafe, Marine Rescue Central Coast

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## Three-storey mixed use Ettalong plan

**A three-storey “mixed use” building with roof terrace has been proposed for 324 Ocean View Rd, opposite Cinema Paradiso, with a secondary frontage onto Schnapper Rd.**

The ground floor would consist of 68 square metres of commercial tenancies with a curved masonry facade and parking garages located along Schnapper Rd.

Three apartments of two and three bedrooms range in size from 75 to 110 square metres on the upper two floors.

The roof terrace would include a plunge pool.

The design by ADG architects is not compliant with planning provisions and the applicant, Clark Dowdle and Associates, has requested variations to height,

floor space ratio and setbacks.

The proposal has a height of 9.35 metres where the planning provisions specify a maximum of 8.5 metres.

The proposed floor space ratio is 0.66:1 where the specified maximum is 0.5:1.

The proposal also does not comply with front, rear and side setbacks.

The application argues for the variations on the basis of “capitalisation” of the land.

It claims the land is of high inherent value due to its location but is subject to a minimum ground floor level due to flood requirements.

If the development was compliant with the planning provisions, the building would be

limited to two storeys which would represent an “under capitalisation” of the land, the application says.

The site is 499.5 square metres in area and it is claimed that the development will provide 150 square metres of deep soil.

Five existing trees would be removed, four of which are camphor laurel and the other a native cheese tree.

“To assist in the mitigation of the loss of the trees, the proposal can include the incorporation of native medium sized trees to maintain tree canopy.”

Written submissions will be received by Central Coast Council by January 13.

**SOURCE:**  
**DA Tracker, 10 Dec 2022**  
**DA1743/2022, Central Coast Council**

## A flurry of substantial development applications

**A flurry of substantial Peninsula development applications have come to the fore over the past month.**

The Local Planning Panel agenda has listed seven applications on its agendas.

At its meeting on Thursday, November 24, the Panel rejected multi-dwelling development applications for 16 and 34 Warrah St, Ettalong.

It also conditionally approved alterations and additions at 446 Orange Grove Rd, Blackwall, and upheld its previous rejection of an application for commercial premises with shop top housing at 1-3 Alfred St and 315 West St, Umina Beach.

Last week, the Panel considered applications for a residential flat at 117 The Esplanade, Ettalong, and for a dual occupancy at 132 Paton St, Woy Woy.

Council planning staff recommended approval of the first and refusal of the second.

The Panel’s decisions are expected to be announced this week.

On Thursday, it will consider an application for a split-level dwelling at 19 Cornelian Rd, Pearl Beach, which is recommended for approval by council planning staff.

Meanwhile, 22 Peninsula development applications were

being advertised for public comment last week.

These included five multi-dwelling proposals and a dual occupancy application, as well as a mixed-use development and a childcare proposal.

The multi-dwelling proposals were for three two-storey units at 27 King St, in Umina, three units at 36 Kourung St, three two-storey units at 34 Picnic Parade and three two-storey units at 121 Broken Bay Rd, in Ettalong, and at 1/41 Bogan Rd, Booker Bay.

The dual occupancy proposal was at 59 The Esplanade, Ettalong.

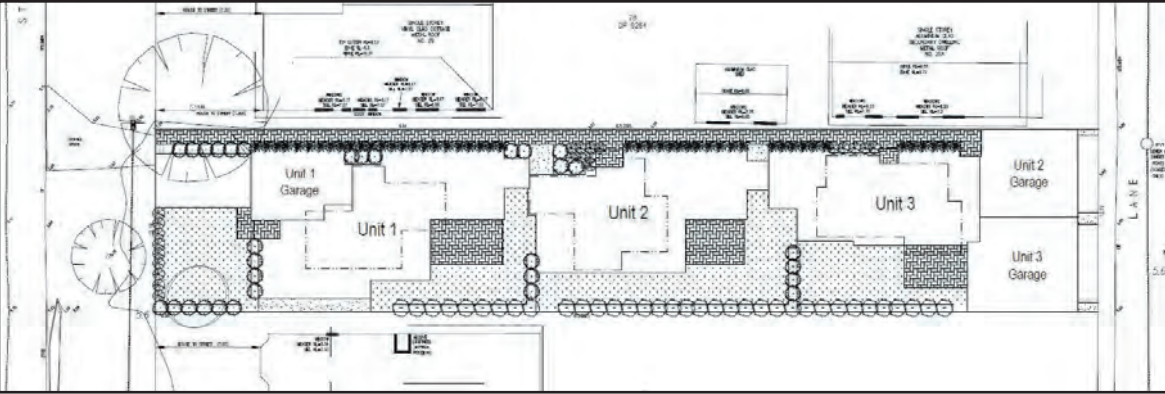
A three-storey mixed use application was submitted for 324 Ocean View Rd, Ettalong.

The centre-based childcare proposal was for 3 Springwood St, Blackwall.

A ready reference to Peninsula development applications can be found on the Peninsula Planning Portal, hosted by Peninsula News at <http://peninsula.news/portal.aspx>.

The portal uses data from the council website, and is designed to be easier to use and contains only Peninsula applications. It is updated at least twice a week.

**SOURCE:**  
**DA Tracker, 9 Dec 2022**  
**Local Planning Panel, 24 Nov 2022, 8 Dec 2022, 15 Dec 2022**



## Two garages proposed on ‘dunny lane’

**An application has been received by Central Coast Council for a three-unit multi-dwelling development of two storeys at 27 King St, Umina.**

The site is 769.2 square metres and backs onto a “dunny lane”.

The application, prepared by Clarke Dowdle and Associates on behalf of the owners, proposes two garages for units 2 and 3 set back 1.33 metres from the rear boundary.

The remaining garage, for unit 1, is located on the King St frontage.

The proposal has already drawn two submissions objecting

to this narrow lane being used as a “defacto front” address for multi dwelling units.

One submission calls for the lane to be made one way only and another says that there is not enough room for parking and vehicle manoeuvring.

The application seeks to justify the non-compliant rear setback, which falls well short of the minimum of 4.5 metres specified by the planning provisions, and a deficit of one parking space for visitors.

It states: “The proposed rear garage has a setback of 1.33 metres to the rear boundary that does not comply with the 4.5 metre

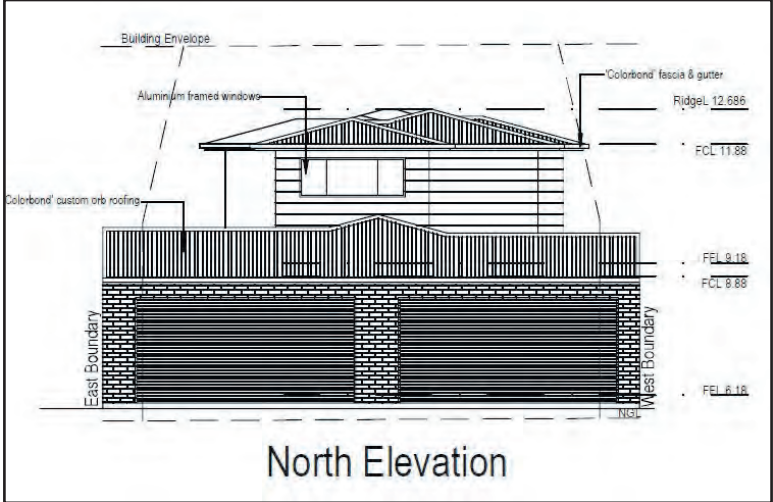
numerical measure.

“The only portion of the building that breaches the setback are the single storey double garages while the upper floor has a 7.8 metre setback to the rear boundary.

“That entails an over-achievement in terms of numerical compliance.

“The garage location is commensurate with the garages to laneway setback that have been established along the thoroughfare and would not be imposing overbearing massing or privacy impacts to the neighbouring lots or the public domain.

“The six metre laneway provides sufficient physical separation



to the properties located on the northern side of the lane that would alleviate amenity impacts from the rear dwelling and accessway from the lane.”

The application states: “The proposed garages provide five off-street parking spaces.

“Due to the narrowness of the site, no visitor parking is provided.

“The development only consists of three dwelling that equated to 0.6 spaces and therefore is only just over the threshold for the one visitor parking space.

“Unrestricted on-street parking is safely available within immediate proximity of the site.”

The application seems to

anticipate the removal of one street tree with a confusing reference to “Lot 1”.

“The proposal requires the removal of one tree to be removed from the nature strip to allow the construction of a new driveway for Lot 1.

“The character of the leafy area would be retained with the implementation of landscaping, including street tree planting.”

Written submissions can be made until January 13.

**SOURCE:**  
**DA Tracker, 11 Dec 2022**  
**DA3831/2022, Central Coast Council**

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# Chloe receives Scout of the Year award

Joey Scout Chloe McLennan of Umina has received a Scout of the Year award by Scouts NSW.

The member of Broken Bay Scouts was one of six Scouts from across the state to win awards.

The award recognises "Scouts who have made an exceptional contribution to Scouts and made a difference in their wider community".

A Joey Scout (aged 5-8), Cub Scout (aged 8-11), Scout (aged 11-14), Venturer Scout (aged 14-17) and Rover Scout (aged 18-25) were each selected for an award, along with one People's Choice winner.

Chief commissioner Mr Neville Tomkins said Chloe won the Scout of the Year Award for her work towards the No Poverty United Nations Sustainable Development Goal in 2022.

"With the devastating floods in Lismore, Chloe saw the effects it had on the community and especially the kids that had lost all their possessions.

"At just eight years of age, Chloe decided to start up a book collection, initially asking family and friends for donations.

"On two Saturday mornings, she also set up a book drop-off at her Scout Hall.

"Chloe then delivered the collected books to We Care Connect."

Chloe has been a Joey Scout



for two years since joining Scouts in Year 1 of primary school.

Chloe said: "Scouts is always fun.

"We always do something different, and I made three new friends."

Chloe started this year with a broken arm but still managed to enjoy plenty of activities including stacking cups.

"Next year I'm looking forward to going on night bushwalks and camping with the older Cub Scouts."

More information about Scouts can be found online at <https://joinscouts.com.au/>

Chloe is pictured with Youth Council chair Ms Jennifer Riley and assistant chief commissioner Ms Meg Cummins.

SOURCE:

Media release, 28 Nov 2022  
Sam Spurr, Niche Marketing Group



# Liesl Tesch inducted as 'Champion'

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch was inducted into the NSW Hall of Champions on Monday, November 28.

"Her remarkable career saw her attend five Paralympic Games with the Australian wheelchair basketball team where she won silver medals at the 2000 and 2004 Paralympics and a bronze in 2008," said Sports NSW media

officer Mr Greg Campbell. She then switched to Para Sailing "capturing gold medals in the Skud18 class at the 2012 and 2016 Paralympic Games".

Ms Tesch is pictured with her award.

SOURCE:

Media release, 29 Nov 2022  
Greg Campbell, Prism Communications

# Council to replace removed dune trees

Central Coast Council has told community groups opposing destruction of the Umina dunes that it will replace five removed trees with "16 new suitable trees within the precinct".

However, it has also said the dunes carpark project will proceed unchanged.

"Council is committed to replacing the removed trees," council's open space manager Mr Brett Sherar wrote in a letter to a representative of the groups.

"Additionally, Council will be funding maintenance works on the hind dune focusing on removal of exotic weeds and planting suitable trees and ground cover.

"Council will also be installing a fence between the new path and the dune to further protect it."

In a letter to Peninsula Residents' Association vice-chair Mr Julian Bowker, Mr Sherar said: "To complete the car park portion of the project, five trees, including one dead one along with a few saplings need to be removed.

"The project was designed, after extensive community consultation, to meet growing community needs to provide a safe, user friendly, diverse and active precinct to suit all demographics and accessibility needs.

"Council has worked closely with The Umina Community group and users of the recreation precinct on the designs of the new facility and will continue to keep the community updated on progress.

"The design of the car park and shared path caters for the high volume of cars and pedestrians while minimising conflict points



for users of the park and the campground."

However, the groups have claimed the car park design was not publicly advertised, that it will reduce car parking from 83 (below) to 50 spaces, and that the Ettymalong Landcare Group, despite being active in the precinct, was not regarded as a "user" group.

Mr Sherar said an environmental review had been completed.

"This review determined that the activity could proceed.

"Council staff recently met with concerned community members

and listened to their concerns.

"Based on the issues raised, Council requested that the design consultant review the design to determine if it was possible to redesign the car park to avoid the need to remove the trees without substantial loss of parking space.

"This review identified that it was not possible to meet both competing objectives of providing improved parking and safe accessibility while not impacting the rear portion of the hind dune."

SOURCE:  
Media release, 9 Dec 2022  
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Planning

## Multi-dwelling proposal ‘aims to fit well in streetscape’

An application for a three-unit two-storey multi-dwelling located at 36 Kourung St, Ettalong, has been submitted to Central Coast Council.

The application prepared by Red Apple Design states: “Considering the nature of the property in question, the aim of the proposed development is to fit well within this streetscape by emulating that which is established.

“Immediate to the site, existing low-scale mixed double- and single-storey dwellings and multi-dwelling housing dominate the streetscape.

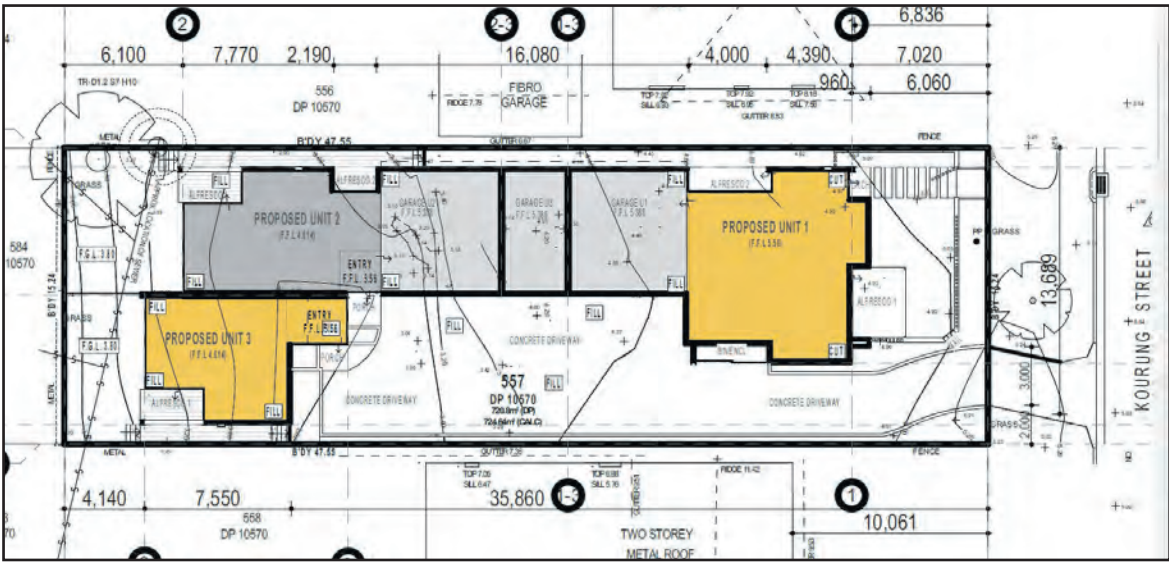
“The roof is flat and concealed within a parapet.

“Window shrouds and light shelves are placed on the northern facing windows to provide shadow casts and further contrast to the facade.”

Only one sheet of drawings is supplied, containing a basic site plan and elevations.

No shadow diagrams are provided for public scrutiny.

The site is 724.64 square



metres, of which “soft soil landscaping” is claimed at 30.64 per cent (222.03 square metres).

The concrete driveway will be 170 square metres leaving a building footprint of approx 332 square metres.

The application claims the proposal complies with floor space ratio and height limits, with a floor space ratio of 0.49:1 and a

height of 7.87 metres, where the maximum height is 8.5 metres.

However, it also states: “The building heights are exaggerated with the natural ground line below dipping to 2.8 metres at one point and then rising approximately 0.9 metres across seven metres towards the rear.

“Considering the limitations of the site, the outcome is favorable

and strict compliance is argued as unnecessary.”

The application seeks exemption from setback requirements: “The front setback is required at 8.45 metres. The proposed setback is 7.02 metres to Unit 1 building line.”

“Considering the complex nature of the site containing the over-land flow of storm water and

the restriction of use towards the rear of the site due to the sewer location, Unit 1 encroaches within the front setback.

“The development remains behind it’s neighbours to the west who sit at 6.836m setback.

“It is argued that strict compliance is unnecessary in this instance.”

A variation to the rear setback is also requested: “There are no overshadowing or privacy impacts to the neighbouring sites as the bedrooms have been provided with highlight windows.”

The variation to the rear setback means that the private open space for Unit 3 does not comply with the minimum dimension of 4.5 metres.

The private open space for Unit 1 is located on the front setback which therefore does not comply either.

The application is on public exhibition and written submissions will be accepted until January 13.

**SOURCE:**  
DA Tracker, 10 Dec 2022  
DA2807/2022, Central Coast Council

## ‘Shadows cast by two-storey dwelling are unavoidable’

Central Coast Council has received a development application for a three-unit two-storey multi-dwelling “gun barrel” development arranged at 34 Picnic Parade, Ettalong.

The only variations mentioned in the application, submitted by Clark Dowdle and Associates, are solar access and parking.

Shadow diagrams are provided

showing that significant shadowing of the neighbouring property to the south will occur.

The diagrams do not show the shadowing effect to the proposed development that would be caused by the existing building to the north.

According to the plans, the roof line of that building has a roof gutter height of 10.07 metres 1.4 metres from the boundary.

The application states: “The

development would allow greater than three hours solar access to the living areas and private open space areas of the subject dwellings.

“The neighbouring properties would not receive greater than three hours of sunlight to their private open space during the winter months.

“Due to the orientation of the lot within the cadastre of the area,

the shadows cast by a two-storey dwelling is unavoidable.”

It states that all private open space areas are compliant.

However, it is intended to place the private open space for Unit 1, as an enclosed courtyard, within the front setback which is not permitted under the planning provisions.

It is proposed to provide five on-site car parks, one less car park

than is required by the planning provisions.

“Due to the narrowness of the site, no visitor parking is provided,” the application states.

“Unrestricted on-street parking is safely available within immediate proximity of the site.”

Written submissions may be made to council up to January 13.

**SOURCE:**  
DA Tracker, 11 Dec 2022  
DA3526/2022, Central Coast Council

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## Firefighter retires after 35 years

Umina Fire and Rescue firefighters have recognised the service of one of their fellow firefighters, who is retiring after 35 years.

They announced the retirement of C Platoon firefighter Mr Brad Page on the fire station's noticeboard.

They also recognised his "service to community, and cooking skills" in a social media post.

"We wish you a happy and healthy retirement."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 30 Nov 2022  
Fire and Rescue NSW  
Station 340 Umina



## Irish theme at folk club

An Irish Christmas is the theme for the Troubadour Folk Club's Christmas Party and Concert to be held at 7pm on Saturday, December 17, at the Everglades Club.

"We welcome everyone and encourage as many as possible to get on the stage, especially those of you who enjoy performing," said club president Mr Michael Fine.

"This is a Christmas party where local musicians perform.

"All we ask is that all acts have at least one item of Irish festivities: songs, tunes, recitation, dance, jokes and stories – all are welcome."

Anyone willing to perform is asked to book beforehand to ensure there is no duplication.

"If you'd like to just sit back and join the audience, you're also welcome."

More information and bookings are available through the club's website, [www.troubadour.com.au](http://www.troubadour.com.au).

With ticket prices reduced to \$10, Mr Fine said: "It's much cheaper and heaps much more fun than a formal Christmas day dinner."

With inquiries, phone 4342 6716.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 6 Dec 2022  
Michael Fine, Troubadour Folk Club

## Pearl Beach couple win environment award

A Pearl Beach couple have won the Community Environment Network's top award for 2022.

Ann and Stephen Parsons from the Pearl Beach Crommelin Native Arboretum were joint recipients of the 2022 Most Outstanding All-rounder award.

"Stephen and I feel very honoured to have received the Central Coast Environment Award tonight," said Ms Parson.

"It was a total surprise."

Network deputy chair Mr John Asquith said Mr and Ms Parsons became members of the Crommelin Native Arboretum when they settled permanently at Pearl Beach in 2009.

"Ann joined a coastal hazards committee and was instrumental in getting the Pearl Beach Lagoon within the remit for the study of lagoons on the Central Coast.

"She contributed strongly to the subsequent ecological studies of the lagoon," Mr Asquith said.

"Ann was instrumental in obtaining a grant of \$20,000 from the Commonwealth Government for a project to promote native bee conservation and examining the feasibility of re-introducing koalas into Brisbane Water area," he said.



"The project was refocussed to one ensuring habitat support for both koalas and native bees in the Arboretum.

"Stephen has been a member of Pearl Beach Bushcare since 2009 and has superbly led the team for almost 10 years.

"Stephen has also been a member of the Arboretum's management committee.

"Stephen has organised and run Clean Up Australia since 2010 and also removes litter all year round from the local roadsides in and around Pearl Beach.

"Throughout their time in Pearl Beach, Ann and Stephen have participated in local environmental activities including CEN,

Arboretum working bees, arranging guest speakers, managing environment-focussed functions and fund raisers and encouraging others to join the Arboretum, Bushcare and Cleanup days."

Peninsula resident Ms Lesley Harvey of the Grow Urban Shade Trees group was named the Network's Rookie of the Year, as a newcomer to the conservation movement who has contributed to our region's environment and sustainability.

Ms Harvey recently organised the planting of the Queen's Tree on the Woy Woy waterfront.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 6 Dec 2022  
Jackie Pearson, CEN

## Book fair

Pearl Beach Progress Association will hold its summer book fair from 9am to 1pm on Wednesday, December 28.

The sale will include a wide selection of books including favourite authors, fiction and biography, as well as children's books and games.

The fair will be held at the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall at 9 Diamond Rd, with all profits going to the progress association.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 5 Dec 2022  
Pearl Beach Progress Association

## Woy Woy choir to resume

The Frantastics Choir will resume rehearsals on Monday, January 30.

Registration will take place at 12:30pm on the day at Walter Baker hall, corner Victoria and Blackwall Rds, Woy Woy.

"The year's initial repertoire will include two-part harmony renditions, some with choreography, including a Gershwin medley, a Seekers medley, and songs Puttin' on the Ritz, Those were the days, and I still call Australia Home, said choir director Ms Fran Kendall.

"With the first performance at the

end of May, members perfect items in an atmosphere of friendliness, dedication and enjoyment," she said.

She said the choir adopted the mantra: "Show that you love singing and you love the song".

The choir is accompanied by pianist Ms Lindy Nankivell.

The choir welcomes new members and bookings.

Further information is available on the choir's website, [www.frantastics.org](http://www.frantastics.org)

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 2 Dec 2022  
Fran Kendall, Frantastics Choir



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### What are the three issues that concern you most?

This is one of the questions we have been asking in our Kitchen Table Conversations with our community. There is a lot to talk about.

It is now 15 weeks to the NSW State election. The State government plays a critical role in our day to day lives.

It is the State government that has the main role in delivering health, education, transport, environmental protection, social services and much more.

It is the State government that makes laws about planning.

It is also the State government that has the power to remove our Council - thereby removing local democracy and local representation.

Our vote is one of the most precious things that we

have. Each of us is equal when we walk into a polling booth and cast our vote. The lead up to the election is a time when politicians will be eager to get your attention and tell you why you should vote for them.

**VOCC believes that it is our community that needs to be heard.**

Although most of us will take the opportunity over Christmas to have a break - to rest and recover from a challenging year - it is also a time for reflection.

**What are the three issues that concern you most? We want to hear from you.**

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Forum

## Conveniently inconvenient

With the recent launch of the “myGov” app, many people still seem to be striving for “convenience” rather than their rights and freedoms.

This new app is the stepping stone towards a “digital ID”.

Isn't it secure? Sure... it's so secure that the government would be able to lock you out of your own identity if you do something, or hold an opinion, they don't like.

The same goes for digital currencies, which will allow the corporate world to lock you out of your own bank account.

Smart cities are advertised as allowing everyone to have their workplace and shopping needs (wants) conveniently within 20 minutes of their home... but you will be watched constantly and you could be locked out of public transport and even your own residential building.

Will all of this be powered by the proposed Waratah Super Battery at Lake Munmorah?

The transformation into a “smart prison” is right at our doorstep: a state plan ushered in by the State-

appointed “administrator” Mr Rik Hart.

Why is the voice of the people being ignored?

Do the people have a voice?

Or has the idea of “convenience” got you hooked into wanting this digital prison for yourselves?

Attend council meetings to see this dictatorship in action for yourselves.

The next one is on Tuesday, December 13.

Determine whether the politicians actually care about you like they promise in their campaigns by writing to them about your concerns with these developments.

Being passive is what created this mess.

Wanting “convenience” (which can be seen as a form of laziness and selfishness) has allowed them to play out this agenda thus far.

Your choice to “opt out” of their “convenience” will put an abrupt end to it.

SOURCE:  
Email, 8 Dec 2022  
Mike Gallagher, Ettalong

## Best hope is that Peninsula News keeps us informed

**Norm Harris asks a very good question, when he says “Can you imagine editions of the Peninsula News without adverse comments against the Council?” (“Do plan questions not get answered?”, PN 557).**

However, a better question would be: “Can you imagine Council ever taking notice of an adverse comment in Peninsula News?”

I can't recall Council's ever taking notice of an official objection submitted as part of the “consultation” process, so complaining in Peninsula News seems a bit futile.

The best we can hope for is that Peninsula News keep us abreast

of the undesirable things Council is doing, so we, at least, know what negative actions Council is engaged in.

One day, we might even get the chance to express our concern at the ballot box.

However, given how little notice Council now takes of public opinion in development matters, can anyone imagine what the situation will be when all important decisions pass into the hands of the Developers Committee being set up under the just-approved Regional Plan?

We know nothing about the operation of this committee, but it will be astonishing if its deliberations are not even more closed to input than the Council's are now.

Will Peninsula News even be able to keep us informed of what is going on or will committee deliberations be so cloaked that the public is essentially in the dark about the region's future directions?

Given that the committee is a creature of the Minister and given that the Department is notable for its non-responsiveness to public criticism, I think I can predict which direction the committee will head in.

I believe Norm Harris will not lack for future opportunities to express negative comments about the planning process in the Central Coast.

SOURCE:  
Email, 7 Dec 2022  
Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy

## Already forgotten

Firstly, a huge thank you to the team at Peninsula News for allowing residents this space to express their concerns.

I have to say I agree with Norm Harris of Umina (Peninsula News, November 15).

Earlier this year, I attended the Anzac Day service at Gosford to honour our veterans, both past and present.

While the crowd was repeating “Lest we forget”, I found myself

looking around and wondering how many people had forsaken the freedoms fought and won for us by allowing themselves to be forced into having an injection they did not want, or perhaps being forced to completely close their business, sometimes going broke in the process.

Lest we forget?

It seems many already have.

SOURCE:  
Email, 30 Nov 2022  
Michelle Shoemark, Umina

**It is with great sadness that we at Ettymalong Creek Landcare see that Council has begun the destruction of an area of the hind beach dunes at Umina, despite widespread community protest and a range of possible alternatives which would have enhanced the dunes and provided a shaded parking area and pathway. (Peninsula News, November 14).**

The compensatory planting and weeding work to be done on the remaining dunes, while essential in the circumstances, by no means compensates for the loss of the mature and juvenile trees, shrubs

and ground cover plants.

It is enormously difficult and expensive to establish new growth on beach dunes in times of weather extremes.

Planting is one thing, ensuring long term survival is quite another.

Implementation of the current plans on top of the incursion into the dune area when the gravel car park was created will see a cumulative reduction of 30 per cent of this dune.

This loss of dune area cannot be compensated and is likely to have long term and adverse consequences for the adjacent bushland (which is already listed as an endangered ecological community), and for the council infrastructure being built.

The good work being done by community tree planting and bush regeneration groups on the Peninsula is being undermined by the concreting of public open spaces and the daily destruction of mature trees, including street trees, right across the Peninsula.

It can take up to 30-50 years to truly replace the loss of a mature tree and its habitat, foraging and shade benefits.

If we are going to survive and have a habitable environment, things need to change.

Council and the State government need to listen to the community and do much, much better.

SOURCE:  
Email, 8 Dec 2022  
Bryan Ellis, Umina

## Bank shows contempt for Umina

**The utter contempt that the Commonwealth Bank appears to be showing its customers at Umina Beach is beyond belief.**

Several weeks ago, we had a staffed branch, which had been in Umina Beach for over 60 years), two ATMs and the use of conveniently located “precinct” ATMs free of charge.

Then without consultation, they announced and closed the branch, conveniently leaving one ATM and cancelling free use of precinct ATMs.

At the end of October, I got caught with a \$2.80 ATM fee, advised on screen, with a queue of people behind me, and unaware that they had very generously left a CBA ATM, because there was no awning sign.

I paid the fee.

I phoned to complain, angry that there was no warning of the termination of free use of precinct ATMs and explained my issue.

Furious that I was being transferred to a third party, where I would again have to explain my complaint, I abruptly told the young lady not to bother.

I would take my business elsewhere.

Later that evening, I had calmed down and followed the bank's complaint system, filled out the form, requesting refund of the \$2.80 fee and mentioned that a sign, visible from West St, that a CBA ATM was still in place.

On November 11, nearly a fortnight later, I received a response by email to my telephone complaint, not the written one.

It was evidently a cut and paste generic response and neither answered my question about an awning sign nor refunded the fee.

In conclusion it stated: “There is nothing further you need to do if you are satisfied with the outcome.

“If you are not satisfied with the outcome of our investigation you can contact our Commonwealth Bank Complaints team, write to CBA Group Customer Relations, tell us online, or call 1800 805 605.”

As I had already complained through the bank's form filling experience and have still not received a response, I replied to the email, stating that I had complained in writing and was awaiting a response and that I was

once again, unsatisfied.

Yesterday, I very diligently went to the CBA ATM, blocking traffic using the busy West St main crossing only to discover workers repairing the bank front after removing the ATM.

I again resorted to using the precinct ATM and again incurred a \$2.80 fee.

I attempted to use my phone app to request a refund and have kept screen shots of the conversation with a robot.

I requested to talk to a human, and was asked the last four digits of my account number.

I had to exit the chat session to find the number and then tried to resume the chat.

The entire episode is so bizarre I don't know if I should laugh or cry.

If this is an example of how far a once-great banking institution has fallen, I recommend everyone with banking accounts at the CBA Umina close them.

Not all banks who support the precinct ATMs charge fees for their use.

SOURCE:  
Email, 3 Dec 2022  
Michael Emmett, Umina Beach

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Education

## Year 9 graduation to be held on Thursday

**Brisbane Water Secondary College will hold its Year 9 graduation ceremony at the Umina campus gym from 9am this Thursday, December 15.**

Students may have up to two guests attend the ceremony.

During the ceremony, students will be presented with a certificate to mark the completion of their studies at the Umina Campus,

"The graduation will take approximately one hour," said campus principal Ms Kerrie O'Heir.

"Students will be required to attend roll call as normal at 8:25am and will begin to be seated at the end of roll call.

"This is a formal assembly and students are expected to wear full school uniform.

"At the conclusion of the ceremony, students will be given

a drink, a slice of graduation cake and will have the opportunity to take photos with their friends using the photo wall backdrop.

"If accompanied by a parent or guardian, they will be given permission to sign out for the day.

"School finishes for Year 9 on Friday, December 16.

"Students have been made aware that for the final days of school, our phone policy will revert to the previous 'off and away' policy.

"We are looking forward to celebrating this important milestone.

"We wish our students all the best as they move on to Year 10 at the senior campus."

SOURCE:  
Social media, 6 Dec 2022  
Kerrie O'Heir, BWSC Umina



## Umina campus captains appointed

**Brisbane Water Secondary College has appointed its Umina campus school captains for the coming year.**

They are Gemma Fabbiani and Alyssa Haremaker, pictured with

campus principal Ms Kerrie O'Heir and vice-captains Milena Alex and Ebony Falconer.

There were 11 nominees for the positions.

"You are all amazing and we

feel honoured to have you as part of our 2023 SRC team," said Ms O'Heir.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 29 Nov 2022  
Kerrie O'Heir, BWSC Umina

## School plants 460 trees

**Woy Woy Public School planted more than 460 native trees and shrubs across its new outdoor learning space on the oval on Wednesday, December 7.**

The planting was made possible with the assistance of a grant for Tree Planting for the Queen's

Jubilee, obtained earlier in the year.

The whole school took part in the event, which included a formal assembly at 2:10pm, followed by a barbecue.

SOURCE:  
Newsletter, 2 Dec 2022  
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School

**The staff at Woy Woy Public School's Breakfast Club have tallied their productivity over the past year.**

"This year we have toasted over 16,485 slices of bread, used 270kg of margarine, 265 jars of jam and over 30 jars of Vegemite," said principal Ms Ona Buckley.

The Breakfast Club was run on

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings.

Bread was donated by Bakers Delight Woy Woy and volunteers and community members donated spreadable items.

SOURCE:  
Newsletter, 2 Dec 2022  
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School

## Year 1 readers

**Four students in class 1M at Woy Woy Public School have recorded more than 125 nights of home reading.**

One student recorded 275 nights.

They were Finn Scouler 125 nights, Lucien Morrissey 175 nights, Luka Omura Vana 250 nights and Alexander Bernie 275 nights.

SOURCE:  
Newsletter, 2 Dec 2022  
Ona Buckley, Woy Woy Public School

## Toasting 16,485 slices of bread



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## Two new teachers for Umina Beach

### Two new teachers will join Umina Beach Public School next year.

Ms Alex Miller has been appointed assistant principal for curriculum, working with the school to ensure a continuous focus on literacy and numeracy.

"Ms Miller will be supporting curriculum implementation with the new K-2 English and Mathematics syllabuses, coordinating professional learning for teachers, monitoring student outcomes, and supporting families to be key partners in student learning," said principal Ms Karen Wardlaw.

Ms Madison Baharoglu will join the Stage 3 team, teaching Year 6 next year.

"Ms Baharoglu joins us from Barnier Public School, Quakers Hill, and will be a wonderful

addition to our school staff with her enthusiastic and energetic approach to teaching," said Ms Wardlaw.

"Ms Baharoglu is actually returning to us, having completed her schooling here at Umina Beach Public School."

Mr Jacob Butler has been appointed a permanent teaching position at Umina Beach Public School, following a highly-competitive merit selection process.

"Mr Butler has served our school for many years with an unwavering commitment to quality teaching and learning and we are so pleased to see him achieve permanency with us."

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 29 Nov 2022  
Karen Wardlaw, Umina Beach Public School



## College team wins league tag grand final

**A Junior Girls rugby league team from Brisbane Water Secondary College has won its grand final in the inaugural Roosters Shield High School League Tag Gala Day held at Morrie Breen oval at Wyong on November 30.**

The college's Senior Girls team was runner-up in its grand final.

The MacKillop Catholic College was their opponent in both matches.

BWSC defeated MacKillop 6-4 in the juniors, while MacKillop defeated BWSC 8-4 in the seniors.

The day attracted 250 female students from nine schools.

NRLW Sydney Roosters player Jocelyn Kelleher presented the

winners with their medals.

The Wyong Roos Rugby League Club hosted the event, setting up the fields and opening its canteen.

Central Coast Rugby League Referees Association provided the referees.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 30 Nov 2022  
Play Rugby League Central Coast

## Schools may apply for upgrade funds

**Local schools can now apply for grants of up to \$25,000 to create better-equipped learning environments and support students after disruptions caused by Covid-19, according to Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid.**

"I encourage schools in my electorate to apply for this funding," he said.

He said both government and non-government schools could apply for funding towards small-scale projects as part of the

Australian Government's Schools Upgrade Fund.

"School communities on the Central Coast can receive financial support to upgrade air ventilation, build or improve outdoor learning spaces, purchase tablets and laptops, and refurbish classrooms," he said.

Schools can apply for funding at [www.education.gov.au/schools-upgrade-fund](http://www.education.gov.au/schools-upgrade-fund).

Applications close Friday, February 24.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 28 Nov 2022  
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson

## Students attend Space Workforce Exhibition

**Five Woy Woy campus students from Brisbane Water Secondary College took an excursion to the Space Workforce Exhibition in Little Bay, Sydney, on Friday, December 2.**

"The exhibition featured rocket developments from UNSW, Newcastle University and Sydney University," said college careers adviser Mr Michael Strappazon.

"Exhibitors and guest speakers included the Australian Space Agency and Lockheed Martin, with the latest developments in space technologies.

"The afternoon was a hands-on experimental workshop.

"Students gained excellent vocational insights, were shown demonstrations and experimented in the realm of space, biology and physics."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 5 Dec 2022  
Michael Strappazon, BWSC Woy Woy



## WHAT'S ON at ETTALONG BOWLING CLUB

Come celebrate with us on New Years Eve. Budi Bone will be performing in the outdoor area from 4pm – 8pm followed by the legendary Smokin Rosie Band in the Auditorium from 8.30pm until late. Or head in for dinner and grab yourself some raffle tickets for your chance to win some fabulous meat trays. Tickets on sale from 6.15pm, drawn at 7pm.

We are so excited to bring you some fantastic artists throughout the venue in the month of December including the 90's BOOM BAND on Saturday 17th December and THEY CALL ME BRUCE on Xmas Eve starting from 7pm. All our entertainment is live and free. New Years Day will also be jam-packed full of entertainment from 12pm – 6pm continuing with our Sunday Club raffles at 12.30pm.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish our members and guests a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year. Thank You for your support throughout 2022 and looking forward to seeing you all again in 2023.

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Sport

Bridge club is in top 20 for membership growth

**Brisbane Water Bridge Club has been ranked in the top 20 for membership growth across 330 affiliated bridge clubs in Australia.**

The Australian Bridge Federation reported a slump of 44 per cent in overall bridge club participation during the peak of Covid.

Online bridge participation increased substantially at the same time.

Brisbane Water Bridge Club increased membership by 21 in 2022, and by 12 in 2021.

The club has attributed its membership growth to its teaching programs which attracted most of the membership growth.

The club's next "bridge learning program" is scheduled to start in February 2023.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 5 Dec 2022  
Brisbane Water Bridge Club



Cricket club looks for new secretary

**Southern Spirit Cricket Club needs a secretary.**

Current secretary Mr Jack Wilson is stepping down to begin a career with Qantas.

The club is looking for a motivated, organised team player, who is a "great communicator".

The position is described as an

integral part of our club's executive team.

The secretary is expected "to share new ideas and work with the club's committee and members to help strengthen and support the continued progression of our club".

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 7 Dec 2022  
Southern Spirit Cricket Club

Year's first disabled event attracts 39 surfers

**Central Coast Disabled Surfers Association hosted 39 surfers and 89 volunteers for its event at Umina Beach on Saturday, December 3.**

"Our surfers were as ecstatic,"

said association president Ms Rae Fletcher.

"We were as pleased to see them."

Ms Fletcher said she was thankful for all those people who contributed supplies and services to the branch.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 3 Dec 2022  
Central Coast Disabled Surfers Association.

Keys received for new netball clubhouse

**The Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association has been given the keys to its new clubhouse at Lemon Grove Netball Courts.**

Association secretary Ms Nichole Barnes and president Ms Sharon Bailey were pictured with their new keys.

"We look forward to all our members and the community enjoying the benefits of our fantastic new facilities," said Ms Bailey.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 26 Nov 2022  
Sharon Bailey, Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association.



Lachlan Cork bowls 6/17

**Southern Spirit Cricket Club first grade player Lachlan Cork has been recognised for an outstanding performance in his game against Brisbane Water.**

He bowled 6/17 off 13.4 overs, including seven maiden overs.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 11 Dec 2022  
Southern Spirit Cricket Club



Association committee elected

**Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association has held its annual general meeting and elected its committee for 2023.**

President is Sharon Bailey, vice-president Daniel Reeves, secretary Nicole Barnes, treasurer Simone Garner and assistant

treasurer Damon Kiley.

Rep's convenor is Tracey Burraston, games and grader Catherine Bailey, coaching convenor Rita Perl, umpire convenor Kylie Henderson and public relations Alex Marshall.

Roles that were not filled include canteen convenor, assistant

umpire convenor, carnival convenor and gear steward.

"Please let us know if you wish volunteer your time to what looks like an exciting year for our association," Ms Bailey said.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 27 Nov 2022  
Sharon Bailey, WWPNA



Ettalong wins district fours

**Ettalong Women's Bowling Club has won both the open and senior district fours, played at Gwandan on December 7.**

The Senior Fours team (above) comprised Robyn Holden, Tess Koutsellis, Karen Croker and

Margaret Smith.

Open Fours team (below) was Marie Woodbine, Rose Ednie, Carol Edwards and Julie Paris.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 8 Dec 2022  
Peter Springett, Bowls Central Coast



Soccer meet and greet

**Southern and Ettalong United Football Club will hold a "meet and greet" session for all soccer players interested in trialling for the club's premier league squad for the coming season.**

The session will be held at James Browne Oval on Tuesday, December 13.

Anyone interested who is unable to attend should express interest to club president Glen Balneaves on 0407 454 963.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 5 Dec 2022  
Glen Balneaves, SEUFC

New black belt at judo club

**Woy Woy Judo Club has announced a new black belt in the club.**

Sensei Liz Roach passed her grading and was promoted to the rank of Sho Dan (first dan).

Liz has been a member of the club since the early days along with her mum Sensei Cathy, a second dan.

The club held its presentation day at Lions Park, Woy Woy, yesterday, Sunday, December 11.

Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid presented the awards "to my old judo club".

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 5 Dec 2022  
Woy Woy Judo Club

