



Helicopter lifts off after filling at Everglades lagoon

## Helicopter helps contain Killcare fire

**A firefighting helicopter was used to help contain a bushfire on the Old Wagstaffe Trail at Killcare from about 2:30pm yesterday.**

The helicopter took a number of low-level flights over the Peninsula, taking water from the lagoon at the

Everglades Country Club.

The Pearl Beach brigade reported that crews from Killcare, Empire Bay and MacMasters Beach were in attendance, and that the Pearl Beach brigade had not been asked to attend.

Crews attending the fire

reported at 2:35pm that they had contained the fire, but would remain in the area to ensure that the containment lines were secured.

**SOURCE:**

Social media, 15 Oct 2023  
Pearl Beach Brigade, NSW RFS

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## The Peninsula votes No

**The Peninsula has voted No by a substantial margin at Saturday's Federal referendum.**

The tally was 10,868 Yes votes (40.4 per cent) and 16,032 No votes (59.6 per cent).

Of the 29,600 votes cast, 16,562 votes were made at pre-polling centres before Saturday.

Pre-polling at Woy Woy saw only 36.6 per cent of the 14,406 votes in favour of the referendum proposal and 63.4 per cent against.

Votes at polling booths on the day was slightly closer with 45.6 per cent (4713) Yes votes and 54.4 per cent (5625) No votes.



Only one Peninsula booth had a majority of Yes votes and that was the Mingaletta booth at Umina, where 596 people voted Yes and

585 voted No.

The next most positive was the booth at Woy Woy campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College which had a difference of 22 votes.

Booker Bay booth had the lowest Yes vote on the day with 38.6 per cent voting Yes and 61.4 per cent voting No.

For the whole Robertson electorate, 42.5 per cent or 39,344 votes were in favour of the constitutional change and 57.5 per cent or 53,250 votes were against.

**SOURCE:**

Website, 15 Oct 2023  
Australian Electoral Commission

## Palm Beach ferry resumes today

**The Palm Beach to Ettalong ferry will resume regular service from today, Monday, October 16.**

"Recent dredging of the Ettalong Channel successfully removed 29,300 cubic metres of sand from the channel to provide a safe navigation route for the ferry," according to a statement published on the Transport for NSW website last week.

Resumption of the service was "allowing passengers to get back on board ahead of the busy summer season", it said.

"With the return of services to Ettalong and Wagstaffe wharfs, the temporary free shuttle ferry and bus services to Patonga Wharf will no longer be require."

They will also cease today.

"The ferry operator has slightly modified its timetable to ensure a safe and reliable service that better

serves the community, including enhanced services between Ettalong and Wagstaffe."

Under the new timetable, services will depart Ettalong every day at 9:30am, 10:50am, 12:30pm, 2:20pm, 4pm, 4:50pm and 6:20pm.

Extra services will run weekdays at 6am, 7am and 7:50am.

**SOURCE:**

Website, 10 Oct 2023  
Ettalong Channel dredging,  
Transport for NSW

## Read Peninsula News on your phone

People often comment that Peninsula News is so popular it disappears from the news stands within a couple of days of publication.

Unfortunately, the current level of sponsorship does not allow for the print run to be increased. Longer term, we hope with more people sharing the cost of printing, more copies can be printed.

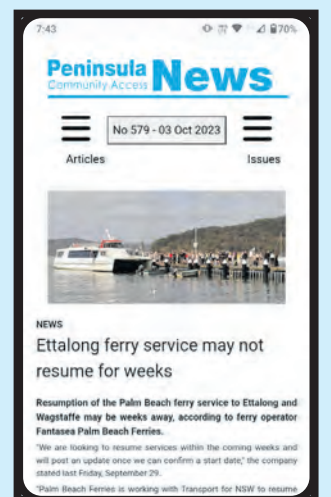
However, in the meantime, we have created a new website so that people can read Peninsula News on their phones.

The website features flyout side-panel menus allowing access to all articles in the current issues as well as access to previous issues.

It includes icons to allow articles to be shared on social media and by email, and has links to enable readers to phone or email their contributions to us.

Find it at <http://peninsula.news/mobile> or scan the QR code.

Mark Snell, 6 Aug 2023



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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.

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**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.

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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.

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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.

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

## Virus cases

Only five coronavirus cases have been reported on the Peninsula since Service NSW removed Covid services from its phone app on October 1.

Two cases were reported for the 2256 postcode area on Friday, October 6, and Wednesday, October 11.

Three cases were reported for the 2257 postcode area on Sunday, October 1, on Monday, October 2, and on Thursday, October 5.

**SOURCE:**  
 Website, 13 Oct 2023  
 Covid cases, Data NSW

## Stalls available at oyster festival

Organisers of the Brisbane Water Oyster Festival are looking for arts and craft and food stalls.

The festival will be held from 10am to 4pm on Sunday, November 12, at Lions Park, Woy Woy.

Oysters will be available for sampling, along with beer and wines from all over the region. Live entertainment will include

music from groups Pub Crawl and Pure Nashville.

The festival includes a competition of "How many oysters can you eat in 30 seconds".

A shuttle bus will run from Ettalong wharf.

Stall sites may be booked by email to wales@bigpond.net.au.

**SOURCE:**  
 Social media, 10 Oct 2023  
 Brisbane Water Oyster Festival



## CWA group makes quilts

The Tuesday craft group at the Umina Beach branch of the Country Women's Association is currently making quilts.

The finished quilts will be donated to Wyong Hospital.

They will be used in the hospital's palliative care unit which is due to open at the end of the year.

**SOURCE:**  
 Social media, 10 Oct 2023  
 Margy Logan, CWA Umina Beach

## Clean-up program

The marine clean-up program Clean4shore has announced that its annual report is now available.

The report highlights the achievements of the schools and volunteer organisations involved in the unique environmental program, said co-ordinator Mr Graham Johnston.

Data and graphs may be used for publication and school projects, he said.

Soft copies of the report are available on request by emailing Clean4shore at jonomacs@clean4shore.org.au.

**SOURCE:**  
 Social media, 4 Oct 2023  
 Graham Johnston, Clean4shore

## On course for lowest rainfall in 19 years

The Peninsula is on course to record its lowest annual rainfall in 19 years, following on from the wettest year last year.

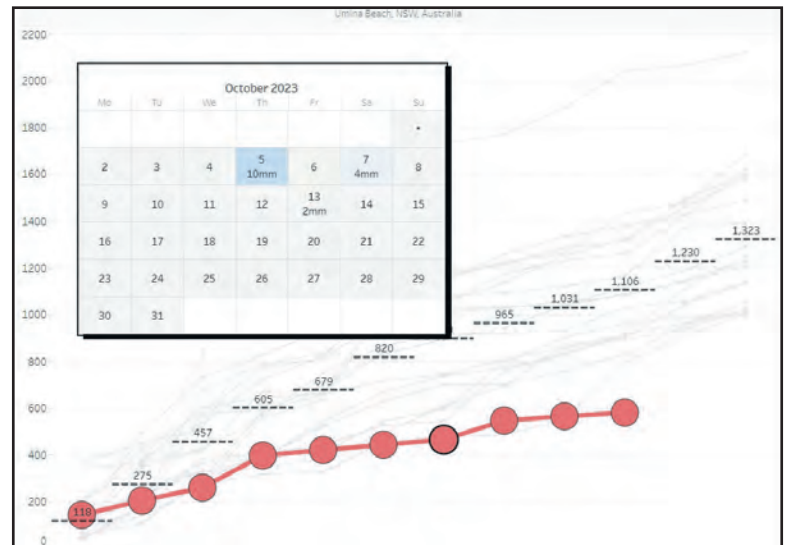
Only 15.5mm has been recorded in the first 13 days of October, more than 80 per cent below the monthly average of 79mm, according to Mr Jim Morrison of Woy Woy.

The cumulative total for the year to date is 579.9mm, compared to an average at the end of October of 1134mm, almost twice the current total.

The next lowest total at the end of October was 797mm in 2018.

The lowest annual total was 993mm in 2019.

Average rainfall for the last three months of the year is 266mm, which would only bring this year's



total to 830mm.

More detail is available online at <http://bit.ly/PNRainfall>

**SOURCE:**  
 Spreadsheet, 13 Oct 2023  
 Jim Morrison, Umina

TIDE TIMES and Heights	Mon, Oct 16	Thu, Oct 19	Sun, Oct 22	Wed, Oct 25	Sat, Oct 28
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## Conservation zones proposed for 'deferred matters land'

Land around the Peninsula that has previously not been zoned according to the State's "standard template" will be zoned for conservation, under a planning proposal being put forward by Central Coast Council.

The land, known as Deferred Matters Land includes "Dillon's Farm", parts of Bull's Hill quarry, land between Woy Woy Bay and Phegans Bay, land fronting Correa Bay, land between Shoalhaven Dr and the Woy Woy tip, the Mt Ettalong escarpment in Pearl Beach and land along Patonga Creek.

The proposal will be on public exhibition until Wednesday, November 8.

Information sessions will be held at Erina library this Wednesday and Thursday, October 18 and 19, and online via Teams on Monday, October 23.

Registration for the sessions is required.

Under the proposal, land around the Peninsula will be zoned either C2 Environmental Conservation or C3 Environmental Management.

The C2 zone "is for areas with high ecological, scientific, cultural, or aesthetic values outside national parks and nature reserves", according to a statement on the council's consultation website.

"The zone provides the highest level of protection, management and restoration for such lands whilst allowing uses compatible with those values."

This zoning will apply to land adjacent to the tip, at Woy Woy Bay, at Mt Ettalong and along Patonga Creek.

The C3 zone "is for land where there are special ecological, scientific, cultural, or aesthetic attributes or environmental hazards and processes that require careful consideration and management".

It will apply to Bull's Hill quarry, and parts of Patonga and Pearl Beach.

The planning proposal would assign "like for like" zoning

and development standards, based on the existing zones and environmental attributes of each land parcel, according to Council director of planning Dr Alice Howe.

"This will result in the phasing out of historic planning instruments, which have applied to these lands for approximately 50 years and replace them with modern planning provisions that are consistent with those operating across the remainder of the Central Coast.

"To support the review of the land proposals, a map has been created showing parcels of land affected and detailing their proposed new zones.

"The proposal has been developed to retain the existing high environmental value of land for protection and conservation, while allowing existing dwelling entitlements to be retained.

"The review has been informed by a Deferred Lands Land Use Assessment, that can be viewed in the proposal, and was guided by the Department of Planning Practice Environmental Protection



measures."

More information on the Draft Deferred Matters Land Planning Proposal is available on the council's consultation website,

<https://yourvoiceourcoast.com/deferredlands>.

SOURCE:  
Media release, 11 Oct 2023.  
Alice Howe, Central Coast Council

## Information sessions for prospective councillors

Central Coast Council is hosting three public information sessions for people interested in becoming a councillor.

The first of the three pre-election candidate information sessions will be held on Wednesday, October 18, from 6pm in the function room of the Wyong Administration Building.

Further sessions planned for March and June next year.

Council's director Ms Marissa Racomelara said: "This first session is simply an information night, and it does not commit anyone to running for election.

"If you are unable to attend this

face-to-face session and have any queries you are welcome to contact our Governance team or attend an additional session next year.

Council Administrator Mr Rik Hart said the sessions were an opportunity for prospective councillors "to learn from the experts and gain a broader understanding about the roles and responsibilities of councillors".

"Experts in local government will provide a presentation and take part in an open question and answer session," Mr Hart said.

SOURCE:  
Media release, 11 Oct 2023  
Marissa Racomelara,  
Central Coast Council

## Annual arts and crafts sale

The Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre will hold its annual exhibition and sale on Saturday and Sunday, October 28 and 29 at the Peninsula Community Centre, Woy Woy.

Student works including

handmade pottery, quilts, paintings, woodwork, textile and floral items will be on display and for sale.

Refreshments including sweet and savoury treats, tea and coffee will also be for sale.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 29 Sep 2023  
EBACC



## Neighbourhood service buys 'new' bus

The Peninsula Neighbourhood Service has purchased a new bus, after rule changes following the Singleton bus accident made the cost of registering their previous bus prohibitively expensive.

Service president Mr Ian Taylor said it was going to cost the voluntary non-profit organisation \$11,000 to fit seat belts so the existing bus could be registered.

"The bus was getting old and it was less expensive to sell it for campervan conversion and to buy a more recent model secondhand."

He said the organisation bought its new bus from the Evergreen retirement village in West Gosford,

which was in the process of upgrading its buses.

After the sale of the old bus, the replacement left the Neighbourhood Service \$7000 out of pocket.

Signwriting showing a view to Lion Island on one side and an aerial view of The Bays on the other was sponsored by the Ettalong Community Bank, he said.

The Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club contributed around \$1000 a year to the running costs.

Mr Taylor said the bus was mainly used to take frail elderly Peninsula residents shopping in Woy Woy on Thursdays and to Erina on every second Wednesday

at a small charge.

Residents of Ettalong Village were taken shopping on Fridays.

He said it was a requirement that those using the service were able to get on and off the bus without assistance, but volunteer hostesses and driver were available to help them on and off with their shopping.

Volunteers were also available for "medical transport" in private cars for a small fee, he said.

For further information, phone 4341 8837.

SOURCE:  
Interview(Mark Snell), 14 Oct 2023  
Ian Taylor, Peninsula  
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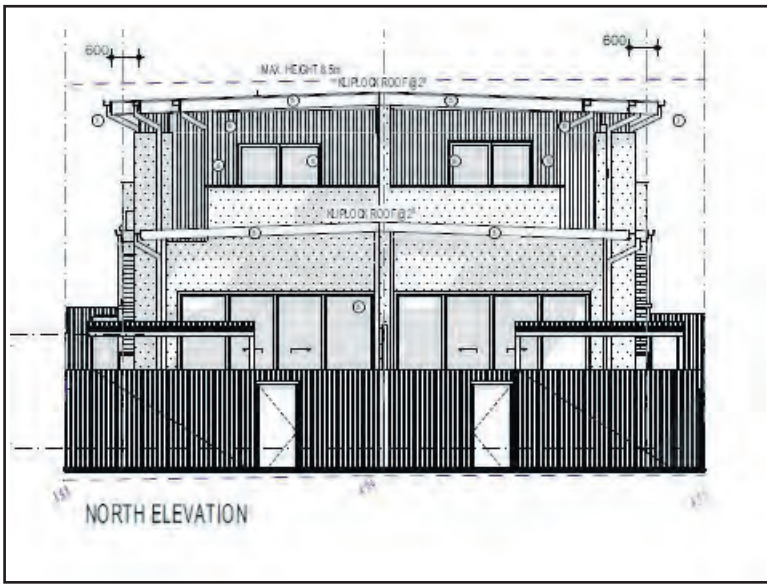
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# Planning



## Townhouse plan features curved walls

**Four town houses have been proposed for a multi-unit development at 203 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.**

The “gun-barrel” layout features curved walls at the south-east and south-west corners, but does not comply with planning provisions for setbacks, private open space and onsite parking.

A protruding section of wall at first floor level is shown in a contrasting dark colour and spouting is restricted to the north side of the complex.

The application was submitted by Clarke Dowdle and Associates on behalf of the owner, with the drawings prepared by Walsh Architects.

The “gun barrel” layout is oriented roughly east-west with Blackwall Rd on the east side on a site totalling 663.9 square metres.

An almost full length driveway takes 200 square metres on the south side of the site, for access to two double garages and two single garages, providing a total of six off-street car parking spaces.

All of the units will be two storeys and attached.

Each unit will have three bedrooms and two bathrooms on level one, with living spaces at ground floor level.

The total gross floor area which includes “habitable” rooms which excludes bathrooms and parts of stairwells is claimed to be 398 square metres, which complies with a floor space ratio requirement of 0.6:1.

The design uses a low-pitched roof of three degrees over a large part of the proposed building.

The central portion is a more conventionally pitched, gabled roof, at right angles to the main structure.

The proposal is 8.43m high, well below the maximum allowable height limit of 11.5m.



The arborist’s report states that all six trees on site will need to be removed as well as a street tree that is located within the footprint of the new driveway.

The total area of landscaping is stated to be 166 square metres which would almost exactly meet the requirement for 25 per cent of the site area to be landscaped.

However, a large number of variations to planning provision requirements have been requested, as a result of the proposal being too large for the site.

Both the front and rear setbacks are well below the minimum required in the planning provisions.

The front set-back is proposed at 3.6m but, as Blackwall Rd is a classified road, the required setback is mandated in the DCP at 7.5m.

None of the required “private open space” for each of the units meets provisions for a minimum size of 45 square metres and a minimum dimension of 4.5m.

The application states that Unit 3 would not meet solar access

requirements, although this may actually apply to Unit 4.

The open space for Unit 1 is proposed to be sited on the front setback which is prohibited in the planning provisions.

The application states that no visitor parking would be provided, relying on visitors “to park their vehicle within nearby Farnell Rd, located less than 100m from the site”.

The application concludes that “the proposed multi- dwelling development at 203 Blackwall Road, Woy Woy is consistent with the objectives, planning strategies and controls applicable to the site”.

“The proposal provides increased housing density which is well designed to meet residential needs and is commensurate with the character of the surrounding area.”

The application is available for public submissions until October 27.

**SOURCE: DA Tracker, 14 Oct 2023. DA/1927/2023, Central Coast Council**

## Carport parking proposed to retain large tree

**Rear access with carport parking has been proposed for a new side-by-side dual occupancy as a means of retaining a large tree at 49 Ridge St, Ettalong.**

The proposal lodged with Central Coast Council includes vehicle access via the rear lane with open carports instead of garages.

The application prepared by Ms Sandra Tradd of Red Apple Design states that she had “made several calls and had several discussions with planners, engineers and tree officers as to the best way to retain a large eucalyptus tree and provide carports via the rear lane-way.”

“The reason the carports and alfrescos couldn’t be approved under a complying development certificate along with the remainder of the proposal (main dwellings) is because these structures are proposed within a flood storage area.

“It is understood that council is inundated with applications now and approving only a minor portion of the proposal may result in a quicker approval.

“There is a large eucalyptus tree at the back that the proposal aims to retain.

“The proposed carports in lieu of garages are a way of achieving this purpose and the alfresco is a deck built on piers to allow

water flow underneath as per engineering guidelines for building within a flood storage area.”

The application claims compliance with all current planning controls, commenting that “it is assumed the controls for the one metre rear setback for the garages with access to the laneway remains in effect”.

It also states: “The proposed site is suitable for a side-by-side Dual Occupation development with an area of 585.2 and 13.715m frontage with a rear laneway access.”

It concludes: “The design employs with effectiveness the DCP guidelines to create a functional development with high levels of amenity, both for the end user and those it neighbors.

“In development of the concept, all siting, environmental and aesthetic influences and impacts have been assessed and addressed.

“The proposal, when complete, will add vibrancy and character to the area and develop a new standard to be applied upon similar development in the precinct.”

DA/1819/2023

The proposal is currently on public exhibition and accepting written submissions until October 27.

**SOURCE: DA Tracker, 15 Oct 2023 DA/1819/2023, Central Coast Council**

## Road toll relief to start in the new year, MP says

**Member for Gosford Mr Liesl Tesch has confirmed that road toll relief will start on January 1 with a \$60 toll cap.**

She said it will be “an election promise delivered”.

“Our motorists, whose access to public transport alternatives are more limited than in other parts of the state, have been crying out for relief from the ever-rising burden of tolls on the family budget.

“Motorists who spend above \$60 per week will be able to claim back their spend above this

amount, via a quarterly refund from Service NSW.

“Labor’s \$60 toll cap is part of ending an era in which government placed more emphasis on growing toll revenue than helping people get around, without breaking the bank.”

Ms Tesch said she knew people in Umina who reported sometimes spending as much as \$1000 on tolls each week.

**SOURCE: Media release, 13 Oct 2023 Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford**

## Review request for refused dual occupancy

**Amended details have been submitted for a dual occupancy at 23 Bangelow St, Ettalong Beach.**

The development application was originally lodged by Wales and Associates on October 11 last year.

It received 21 submissions against and was recommended for refusal by the Council’s assessment officer.

It was refused by the Local Planning Panel on August 10.

It has been resubmitted as a request for review of a determination (Section 82A review).

According to the Council website, there was an amended version of the application lodged on May 19 and some of the drawings also.

In the council’s latest assessment report dated August 23, it was stated that there was no information supplied about the amendments that had been made to the drawings.

The Council’s assessment report gave four reasons for recommending refusal.

“Non-compliance with clause 4.4 Floor Space Ratio (9.8% variation).

“Non-compliance ... in regard to setbacks, deep soil, waste, private open space and solar access.

“Public submissions and matters raised therein.

“Insufficient information in regard to access



(swept paths and clearances required); engineering (preliminary engineering plans required); landscape plans (amended landscape plans required).”

The public submissions seemed to be mainly concerned with overshadowing, the 24-hour access requested by the applicant during construction, issues with the two garages accessed from the lane at the back and privacy concerns in relation to the height of the proposal and the roof deck on top of it.

The application is again on public exhibition with public submissions accepted until October 27.

**SOURCE: DA tracker, 15 Oct 2023 DA/1776/2022, Central Coast Council**

## Swinging Sixties fundraiser on Saturday

**The Rotary Club of Brisbane Water will hold its Swinging Sixties major fundraising night on Saturday, October 21, at Umina Beach Surf Club.**

The rock and roll evening will feature popular local DJ George Galea, said Rotary club secretary Ms Di Bartok.

"Money raised will go to Allawah House, which provides short-term accommodation for women fleeing domestic violence, and local Rotary projects.

"The night promises to be fun-filled, with music for dancing and remembering, a great two course meal with canapes and amazing raffle prizes.

"There will be prizes for best-dressed, so get on your 60s' gear and get in the swing of a fun night that will be raising funds for a worthwhile cause," Ms Bartok said.

Tickets are \$95 through Humantix, or call 0404 147 743.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 4 Oct 2023  
Di Bartok, Rotary Brisbane Water

## Trivia night raises \$4300

**A trivia night for wildlife rescue service, Wires, held in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Brisbane Water attracting 120 guests, has raised \$4383.80.**

Rotary club co-president Mr Mitchell Gordon joined Mr Troy Dove for their sixth charity trivia night at Ettalong Diggers on September 21.

"The Pearl Beach Room at Ettalong Diggers was busting at the seams," Mr Gordon said.

"We are so grateful to the community for coming out and

showing their support for Wires Central Coast.

"The large crowd enjoyed raffles, giveaways and four rounds of original trivia questions.

"Prizes were awarded to the winning team at the end of each round.

"Live auctions, speeches and games rounded out the evening."

For more information and to make a donation, visit the Wires website at <https://www.wires.org.au/branch/central-coast>.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 12 Oct 2023  
Mitchell Gordon, Rotary Brisbane Water

## Help wanted for Melbourne Cup raffle

**The Rotary Club of Woy Woy is seeking the help of local community groups to sell tickets in its Melbourne Cup Trifecta raffle.**

"The club has been running this charity fundraising event for almost 45 years and has raised over \$250,000 for local charities and those in need on the Peninsula," said club president Mr Trevor Walker.

"We produce, staple and sell thousands of trifecta tickets each Melbourne Cup.

"Each ticket has three numbers. If those three numbers are first past the post in any order in the Melbourne Cup, the lucky ticket holder will win \$800.

"We usually have three sets of colours, and there is an \$800 prize for each colour.

"The tickets are still only one

dollar each, so there has been no price increase for the last 40 years."

He said the club would sell tickets at a table in Deepwater Plaza, adjacent Wendy's Ice Cream, each day from 9am to 4pm between Monday, October 30, and race day on Tuesday, November 7, or until sold out.

Mr Walker said the club would arrange to deliver tickets to local community groups who wanted them.

"If you have an organisation, phone 0409 457 977 and we will organise getting some tickets out to you."

Pictured are former Rotary club members Mr John Regan and Mr Ted Watson at a Trifecta raffle stall in a previous year.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 9 Oct 2023  
Trevor Walker, Rotary Woy Woy

## More dried fruit wanted

**The Umina Beach branch of the Country Women's Association is wanting more donations of dried mixed fruit.**

The branch has been receiving the donations to make Christmas cakes and puddings for Mary Mac's Place for its Christmas Dinner this

year.

Branch publicity officer Ms Margy Logan said that donations could be dropped off at Stephenson's Real Estate in West St, Umina.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 3 Oct 2023  
Margy Logan, CWA Umina



## Third phase of Paul St planting completed

**The volunteer Grow Urban Shade Trees group has completed the third phase of planting in the Paul St Reserve.**

The group along with supportive community volunteers, planted another 70 plants on Sunday, October 1, in this phase of the ongoing project.

"Our first copse planting in Paul St was less than 18 months ago and already we can see a beautiful green garden where there was previously a dry and barren landscape," said group organiser Ms Jan Deighton.

"The second copse planting

was only 10 months ago and it too is growing well."

The plants chosen are local native species found in our nearby threatened Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland.

This endangered woodland is found only in three small areas of the Peninsula.

"The Paul St project will help support retention of this unique ecological community," Ms Deighton said.

"Paul Street will go on to provide a habitat for our native bees, butterflies and birds.

"It is a productive green area that will be enjoyed by our local community, just as The Runway

Park in Trafalgar Ave, Guyangil Park in Australia Ave and Sydney 2000 Park in Sydney Ave have been in recent years.

"This is all due to the hard work of dedicated volunteers who weed, plant and care for these precious areas so that we can enjoy them today and into the future," she said.

The planting was supported by funding from the Protection of the Environment Trust.

For further information, contact the GUST Grow Urban Shade Trees group on social media or email [gust@peg.org.au](mailto:gust@peg.org.au).

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 12 Oct 2023  
Jan Deighton, GUST



## Umina pharmacy celebrates its 10th anniversary

**A Umina pharmacy is celebrating the 10th anniversary of its rebranding, as well as the appointment of a new pharmacist.**

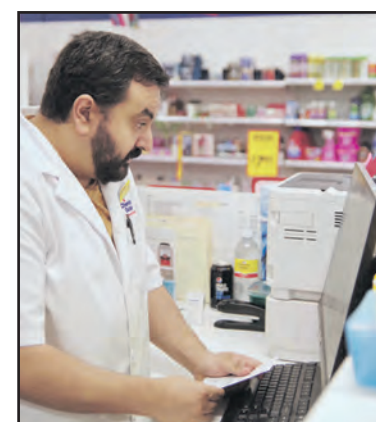
The Chemist Outlet pharmacy in West St will celebrate its 10th birthday from 9.30am to 11.30am on Thursday, October 26.

"We will have lucky door prizes, gift bags, giveaways, food and more," said manager Ms Winnie Lobb.

"Chemist Outlet Umina Beach will also be having great sales all day on most products."

Customers will also have the opportunity to meet new full-time pharmacist Mr Fady Kozzy, pictured.

"He has been in the business for over 15 years, lives locally and specialises in community care and



customer relations.

"He has a great team in dispense with Kirstie Smith, Kristy Kelly, Dylan Brandham and our youngest member Sophie Pratt.

"Many of staff have over 20 years' experience, especially Di Matthews who knows all about

daily vitamin needs and has been with us for over 29 years."

Ms Lobb said: "The pharmacy has been in Umina Beach since the 1970s.

"Michael and Gianna Cunico have owned the pharmacy and post office for more than 24 years."

Pictured above is the team (in the back row) Dylan Brandham, Fady Kozzy, Kirstie Smith, Winnie Lobb, Sophie Pratt and Joanne Vadala and (in front) Wendy Chinchin, Di Matthews and Kristy Kelly.

"The staff would like all of you to come to celebrate and to say thank you for supporting us over the years," said Ms Lobb.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 11 Oct 2023  
Winnie Lobb, Chemist Outlet Umina Beach

**Forum**

# An alternative to the sale of Austin Butler Reserve

**In regard to Austin Butler Reserve, Woy Woy, there is an alternative to the proposed sale to Peninsula Plaza to enhance the supermarket.**

Council could consider the sale of the Council owned properties on the corner of Blackwall Rd and Oval Ave, Woy Woy, to the Peninsula Plaza and supermarket.

With heritage conditions attached, the Council building facade facing Blackwall Rd, built in 1931, is maintained indefinitely.

Heritage buildings can be incorporated into modern architectural buildings.

For example, The Fullerton Hotel Sydney retains the facade of the heritage-listed GPO Sydney.

The structures east of the 1931

building facade could make way for the Plaza expansion with any Heritage listed components retained and incorporated into future Council buildings that are on the drawing board.

The Council services that currently occupy the building, the Library and Council Customer service, could be relocated to the Council-owned Peninsula Community Centre on the corner of Ocean Beach and McMasters Rds.

The Peninsula Community Centre could be reconfigured and grow to accommodate these services.

The Old Woy Woy Fire Station building being relocated to Council-owned land elsewhere on the Peninsula and repurposed.

The Woy Woy Peninsula Neighbourhood Services Inc, which occupies the Old Woy Woy Fire Station, could also be relocated to the Peninsula Community Centre, making the Peninsula Community Centre a Council and community service hub.

The Peninsula Community Centre is modern and well-equipped and is on two main roads with public transport at the door.

We can not just keep expanding our regions outwards to accommodate our burgeoning populations.

Covering prime agricultural land and native forests with new housing estates is not the answer.

Think of the billions of dollars that governments would save if we all would look inwards and

upwards.

No need to construct billion dollar highways further and further out.

These funds could be put back into our communities.

People's daily commute to work would be measured in minutes not hours.

Our backyards would become the parks, the theatres, the playing fields, the art galleries and the ocean.

Let the trees grow.

If we, the communities and governments, embrace the concept of inward and upward growth of our suburbs we can.

**SOURCE:**  
Email, 8 Oct 2023  
Janet Porter, Woy Woy



## 'Heartbroken' at loss of healthy shade tree

**The Grow Urban Shade Trees group has said it is "heartbroken" that a healthy shade tree in Booker Bay Rd will be removed with the approval of an adjacent development application.**

It described Booker Bay as "already a barren streetscape".

"Desirable parts of the world have Tree Preservation Orders in place to prevent irresponsible removals like this," said group member Ms Jen Wilder.

"We plead for logic and science to be the new norm here on the Central Coast too.

"Regardless of many objections, the Local Planning Panel has given permission for the removal of the tree to make way for not one driveway but two.

"The new dwelling will consist of two units.

"The applicant was not required to change the design."

She said the group believed many of the reasons given by applicant's arborist for removal of the tree were illogical and "set a dangerous precedent for all street trees in our area".

"Many of our supporters are elderly, parents with prams or have mobility issues and they are far more frightened of shadeless streets than of minor (or even major) tree root lift, that could be worked around."

She said people often underestimated value of a mature tree.

"They support bird life, clean pollutants and, of course, shade us against overwhelming heat."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 11 Oct 2023  
Jen Wilder, GUST

## A green zone vision for Woy Woy town centre

**Is there a vision for a sustainable Woy Woy town centre?**

A large group believes "no" while a small group believes "yes".

How will Administrator Mr Rik Hart assess which group is correct?

Does he believe in sustainability?

Council meetings are short on detail, based mostly on advertising the council's credibility and praising the council's work program without

addressing essential matters.

Consider the facts since amalgamation.

The Local Government Area is enormous with a corresponding enormous population that will increase.

Council meetings are held once a month to adopt recommendations supplied by staff.

The duties of the Administrator are far less onerous than a mayor and councillors.

Could Mr Hart control 15 council directors with the privilege

to comment freely on council matters?

Informed local residents are guessing which approach Mr Hart will adopt to decide if Austin Butler reserve is to be reclassified.

The town centre will grind to a halt if reclassification is supported.

An independent traffic management study is essential prior to this matter being discussed by Council staff, if the council is to be transparent.

Could the area from Railway St to Victoria Rd become a pedestrian

mall town centre similar to Kibble Park?

If it is good enough for Gosford, why wouldn't it be suitable for the Peninsula?

Converting Blackwall Rd into a green zone is a vision for the future as the effects of climate change increase.

Green zones are compensation for intensifying the heat island effect.

**SOURCE:**  
Letter, 7 Oct 2023  
Norm Harris, Umina

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# 10th birthday

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## Three parties in five days as Eileen Crawford turns 100

### Ms Eileen Crawford of Umina has had a week of celebrations for her 100th birthday.

She has had three parties in five days attended by family, friends and well-wishers, all with large birthday cakes.

Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club celebrated its first member to turn 100 years old on Tuesday.

"Eileen Crawford has been a member since 1987 and has been a competitive bowler over the years," said men's club secretary Mr Peter Springett.

"She was delighted to have a party at her club with all the bowlers wishing her well.

"Marj Ransom, a long time friend and fellow bowler, gave an insight into Eileen's life and shared some bowling anecdotes.

"President Gale Hill welcomed Eileen's family and friends.

"We all sang Happy Birthday and enjoyed a beautiful birthday cake made by Judith Moroney.

"Eileen responded by thanking us all for coming and said how much she had enjoyed her years of bowling and stressed to us all 'never give it up'."

Another party was held on

Thursday by Peninsula Village where Ms Crawford is a resident of Pam Palmer House.

"We celebrated 100 amazing years of Eileen Crawford with a celebration that aligned with our Happy Hour festivities," said chief executive Mr Colin Osborne.

"We had a delightful mix of residents who joined in on the fun, bringing their unique stories and experiences to the afternoon.

"Eileen, the star of the day, radiated with joy and shared her wisdom with all of us."

Ms Crawford's family celebrated her birthday at Club Umina on Saturday.

They reported "a wonderful celebration".

Eileen was born in 1923 in Orange NSW, one of six children.

She had three children in Sydney before retiring to Umina on the Central Coast in the 1980s.

As well as being involved with Umina bowling club, she also worked as a volunteer for Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary for 30 years.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 10 Oct 2023  
Peter Springett, UBMC  
Social media, 12 Oct 2023  
Colin Osborne, Peninsula Villages



## Pearl Beach food fair to be held for 16th year

The 16th annual Pearl Beach Food and Wine Fare will be hosted by the Pearl Beach Progress Association between 10am and 4.30pm on Saturday, October 28.

It will be held at Pearl Beach Memorial Hall at 9 Diamond Rd, and proceeds will go toward the upkeep and management of the hall.

"As a community activity, it attracts large crowds who enjoy tasting and purchasing from a select range of Hunter boutique wines and local gourmet foods," said association publicity officer Ms Lynne Lillico.

Exhibitors this year will include regulars Little Creek Cheese, Hunter Olives, Crooked Creek, Sweet As, Natural Hive Honey, The Original Smoke and Spice Company, Soul Free and Enokido Miso.

Exhibiting for the first time will be For the Luv of Cakes, Spiralz Fermented Foods and Mountain Pride Farms.

Participating wineries will be



Old Inn Road Winery, Millbrook Estate Winery and Fires Creek Botanical Winery.

Refreshments will also be available on the back deck of the hall served by local Pearly's Cafe.

A hamper of exhibitors' produce will also be raffled.

Further information is available on the association's website at [www.pearlbeachprogress.org.au](http://www.pearlbeachprogress.org.au).

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 14 Oct 2023  
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association

## Tempted by golf club on Norfolk Island

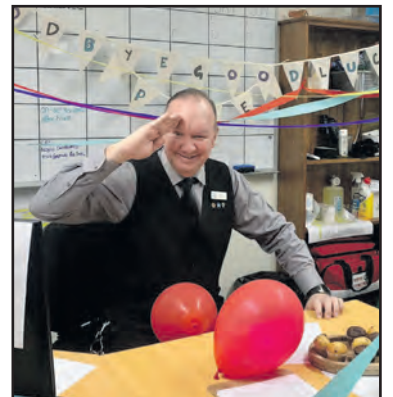
The opportunity to become operations manager at the golf club on Norfolk Island has tempted a manager away from his long-term role in Ettalong.

Ettalong Diggers duty manager Mr Peter Hoare has taken extended leave to relocate with wife Pam to the island.

"It is a great life change for him and his wife," said marketing manager Ms Kim Cole.

"He will be sadly missed here, with his experience, good humour, and popularity amongst our staff."

She said he had the best wishes management and staff for



his move and new position.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 6 Oct 2023  
Kim Cole, Ettalong Diggers

## Thrilled to be chosen for award

### A Woy Woy resident says she was thrilled to have been chosen for a national business award for her online store.

Owner of Ruby's Home Store, Ms Jane Fonti, has been recognised as a "Local Business Hero" under the Australian Post Local Business Heroes program.

She is one of 100 local businesses from around Australia, receiving \$5000 in financial and marketing support through the program.

Ms Fonti said she came to Australia more than 10 years ago, with her then 12-year-old son Sam, initially working as a trained nurse.

"I've always dreamt of owning my own homeware store.

"My parents sadly passed away and left me some money.

"I saw it as a sign that now was



the time to embrace my dream and make it happen.

"Life can be short, and it was my time to create the life I always wanted for myself.

"In September 2019, I bought an existing online store.

"I decided to change the name to Ruby's Home Store because it felt more like me.

"My granddaughters name is Ruby, so it felt like a good fit.

"My goal for Ruby's Home Store is to inspire your home design, offering one-off statement pieces, mixed with classic and timeless design, as an affordable way to update your look and refresh the vibe in your home."

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch said: "Local businesses are the backbone to our community and it's fantastic to see such a deserving winner here on the Peninsula."

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 8 Sep 2023  
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford  
Picture: Allen Trainer

## Women's network helps re-provision food larder

The Deepwater Older Women's Network, Woy Woy, has recently helped re-provision the food larder at Mary Mac's Place, Woy Woy, with a donation presented on September 26.

Mary Mac's project officer Ms Sally Baker accepted two large shopping trolleys with \$500 of provisions, including cereals, fruit poppers, milk, biscuits, baked beans, spaghetti, pasta, pasta sauces, tinned soup, tinned stews, drinks, muesli bars, microwavable pastas and soups, noodles and jelly fruit cups.

Network secretary Ms Jennifer Brown said the network hoped



to repeat the donation closer to Christmas.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 2 Oct 2023  
Jennifer Brown, Deepwater OWN



## Author talk at Woy Woy library

**Woy Woy library will host an author talk at 10:30am on Monday, October 30.**

Author Lucy Lever will discuss her newly-published first book *Mystic Ridge* "and all things writing".

Ms Lever, a former social worker, said she made frequent visits to family on the NSW north coast, where she found inspiration for the novel, a rural romantic comedy set in an alternative small community.

She said the book was about Claire who had a genius in helping others discover their path, which failed for herself when she learnt of plans to bulldoze her carefully-regenerated rainforest home and build a high-end wellness centre.

"Claire vows to rally her small community and save Mystic Ridge,

although she has no idea where to start.

"Perhaps her first port of call should be the local newspaper, but after a fake-dating misadventure with the news editor, Leo, rising tensions - and chemistry - get in the way.

"Meanwhile, her old love, soapie actor Jake, promises to help protect her home.

"Yet Claire suspects his loyalties lie elsewhere, and she doesn't know who to trust anymore.

"Will Claire find the courage to fight for the rainforest, her family and her chance at love?"

Bookings for the talk are essential and may be made at the library or by phone on 4304 7555.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 13 Oct 2023  
Library Services, Central Coast Council

## Former judge to perform at folk club

**A former Federal Circuit Court judge will perform at the Troubadour Folk Club concert at the Everglades Country Club on Sunday, October 29.**

Judy Small, who was a full-time folk singer-songwriter in the 1980s and 1990s, retired altogether from performing when she was appointed a judge in 2013.

Having retired from the bench in 2020, and receiving the National Folk Festival Lifetime Achievement Award in 2022, "now she's back", said folk club president Mr Michael Fine.

"And best of all, she's coming to the Troubadour in Woy Woy."

Mr Fine said Judy Small, was undoubtedly Australia's most popular and successful woman folksinger-songwriter of the 1980s



and 90s.

"She was loved by audiences across Australia and internationally for her honest, powerful feminist and political songs."

She won a Mo Award for Australian Folk Performer of the Year in 1989.

"She produced 12 albums and hundreds of songs, many of which have been recorded by other artists in Australia and internationally.

"In 1998, she stopped performing full-time and became a family lawyer in Melbourne while continuing to perform regularly at festivals around the world."

Mr Fine said Judy Small would be supported by Newcastle contemporary Australian-French folk singer-songwriter Anousha Victoire and one of the members of her trio.

"This will also be the Central Coast launch her new EP."

Bookings are essential and may be made direct from the Troubadour website at <http://troubadour.org.au/>

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 10 Oct 2023  
Michael Fine, Troubadour Folk Club

## Didge and dance program

**The MINGALETTA DIDGE and Dance program will start this term on Monday October 23.**

The free weekly sessions are run by Mr Rheese Bull and Ms Bianca Hennessy every Monday from 4pm to 5:30pm at MINGALETTA in Sydney Ave, Umina.

The group is open to children, young people and their families.

There will be cultural activities

such as didge, dance and storytelling.

A light afternoon tea is provided.

For more information, contact Bianca Hennessy at [bianca.hennessy@interrelate.org.au](mailto:bianca.hennessy@interrelate.org.au) or Rheese Bull at [rheesebull91@gmail.com](mailto:rheesebull91@gmail.com).

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 13 Oct 2023  
MINGALETTA ATSIC

**The Woy Woy Little Theatre group will present a French farce with 10 performances at Peninsula Theatre over three weekends starting on Friday, October 27.**

*Don't Dress For Dinner* by Marc Camoletti has been adapted to English by Robin Hawdon, and set in the NSW southern highlands.

The Little Theatre production is directed by Penny Dilworth

The cast is Mark Vangelatos, Michelle King, Gerard Minogue, Liane Porter, Cassandra Brown and Sebastian Yule.

Box office manager Mr Graham Vale said about the plot: "Bernard is planning a romantic weekend with his chic Sydney mistress in his charming converted Southern Highlands farmhouse, while his wife, Jacqueline, is away.

"He has arranged for a cordon bleu cook to prepare gourmet

delights, and has invited his best friend, Robert, along too to provide the alibi.

"It's foolproof; what could possibly go wrong?"

All bookings and payments may be made online.

However, a volunteer is available to help with bookings by phone on 4344 4737.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 6 Oct 2023  
Graham Vale, Woy Woy Little Theatre



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# Education

## Program aims to break down misconceptions

**Ettalong Public School Year 6 students will continue a "Different on the Outside, Same on the Inside" program on Wednesday this week.**

The program from Social Futures is designed to challenge stereotypes about disability.

It aims to break down misconceptions and social barriers, and to encourage awareness and inclusion for people with disability.

Program coordinator Ms Maree Jenner said she hoped to engage young people by speaking of her own experience of difference as a person of short stature, and the challenges faced by "growing up little" in a world built for average height people.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 9 Oct 2023  
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong Public School



## Dance student receives nomination

**Brisbane Water Secondary College HSC student Sarah James has received a nomination for Callback.**

Callback is a showcase of exemplary works from the 2023 HSC Dance examinations. She was nominated for her Core

Performance HSC dance Exam.  
**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 12 Oct 2023  
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy

## Halloween disco to be held tomorrow

**Umina Beach Public School will hold a Halloween Disco tomorrow, Tuesday, October 17.**

The Years K-2 disco will be held from 5pm to 6:15pm, while the Years 3-6 disco will be held from 6:30pm to 8pm.

Students have been invited to

dress up for the disco, where a free gift, games and prizes are offered.

Tickets cost \$8 and include a snack and drink.

Tickets may be bought online or at the gate.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 12 Oct 2023  
Umina Beach Public School

## Early entry gained for two courses

**Brisbane Water Secondary College has announced that one of its Year 12 students has gained early entry to two university courses.**

"Emily Low has gained early entry for Bachelor of Exercise and Sports Science at Newcastle and Bachelor of Medical Science at UNSW."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 13 Oct 2023  
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy



## Donations sought for teachers

**The parents and citizens association at Woy Woy South Public School is seeking donations to give teachers at the school a treat for World Teachers' Day celebrations on Friday, October 27.**

The day aims to thank teachers who inspire, empower, and make a difference in the lives of students worldwide.

The association is asking that "donations of any size" be made online via the association's uniform shop.

Last day for donations is Friday, October 20.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 11 Oct 2023  
Woy Woy South Public School P/C

## St John's holds crazy sock day

**St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School will hold a Crazy Sock Day on Wednesday, October 18.**

All students and teachers have been invited to wear their boldest and brightest socks.

They have been asked to bring a gold coin or \$5 donation.

Donations will help raise funds for Mission Month 2023.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 12 Oct 2023  
SJB Catholic Primary School

## Grandparents Day to be held at Woy Woy

**A Grandparents Day will be held from 1:50pm to 2:50pm on Monday, October 30, at Woy Woy Public School.**

"The Grandparents' Day event is where we honour the wisdom and warmth our grandparents and important people bring to our students' lives," said principal Mr Dan Betts.

He said grandparents would be able to visit their grandchildren's

classrooms, join in afternoon tea, and engage in a special seed planting activity.

"Just as seeds transform into vibrant blooms, you support for your grandchildren allows them to flourish in countless ways."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 10 Oct 2023  
Dan Betts, Woy Woy Public School

## Headstart program starts this week

**Ettalong Public School's Headstart program for 2024 Kindergarten students starts this week.**

Group 1 begins on Wednesday, October 18.

Group 2 begins on Wednesday, October 25.

Bookings for the sessions are still being accepted.

"If you haven't booked in for a session or would like more information about enrolling your child for Kindergarten in 2024, please contact our office on 4341 3655," said principal Ms Jodie Campbell.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 11 Oct 2023  
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong Public School

## Interested in next year's snow excursion?

**Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College is calling for expressions of interest in next year's Year 9 Snow Excursion to be made by tomorrow.**

Parents have been asked to check their email for expression of

interest forms.

"These need to be completed by Tuesday, October 17," said principal Ms Kerrie O'Heir.

"Please do ensure your booking is secured."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 11 Oct 2023  
Kerrie O'Heir, BWSC Umina



## First rewards for term four

**A Year 8 student at Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College has been recognised through the campus "reward system".**

Jackson Montgomery was the first to receive five tickets for term

four.

He is pictured receiving them from campus principal Ms Kerrie O'Heir.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 12 Oct 2023  
Kerrie O'Heir, BWSC Umina

# Two Peninsula childcare centres in award finals

Two local childcare centres will find out on Saturday, October 21, whether they have won an award in one of 28 categories in the Excellence in Early Childhood Education Awards.

Umina Child Care Centre and Woy Woy Long Day Care have been accepted by 20 judges to be among 56 finalists for the awards to be presented by the Australian Childcare Alliance NSW in Sydney.

The two centres were among 3395 long day care services are

invited to nominate for the annual awards.

"The team here at Coast Community Connections are so excited that our Woy Woy Long Day Care is a finalist," the service stated in a social media post.

"We could not be prouder of our team and the work they do."

For further information, contact the Alliance by phoning 1300 556 330 or emailing nsw@childcarealliance.org.au.

SOURCE: Social media, 3 Oct 2023 Coast Community Connections



# Under-14s win NRL grand final

The Under-14 Rugby League 9s team from Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College has won the grand final of its NRL Central Coast competition against Tuggerah Lake Secondary

College.

Other schools to take part included Kariong Mountains High, Erina High School, Northlakes High School, Narara Valley High School and St Brigid's Catholic College.

The day was held at Ted Doyle Oval, Berkeley Vale, where the canteen was open throughout the day to keep the students and spectators refreshed.

SOURCE: Social media, 12 Oct 2023 BWSC Umina

# Preschool 'exceeds' quality requirements

Woy Woy Public School's preschool has received an "exceeding" rating in all seven quality areas set forth by the Early Childhood Education and Care National Quality Framework.

"This extraordinary accomplishment reflects the outstanding commitment of our educators and families in providing a nurturing and enriching environment for our little learners," said school principal Mr Dan Betts.

"It affirms our collective dedication to ensuring the highest standards of early childhood

education and care.

"This achievement is a testament to the tireless efforts of our educators who consistently go above and beyond to create an atmosphere of creativity, exploration, and love for learning.

"It also recognises the incredible support and involvement of our families, who play an integral role in the success of our community.

"Together, we have created an environment that not only meets but surpasses the highest standards of quality early childhood education."

SOURCE: Social media, 3 Oct 2023 Dan Betts, Woy Woy Public School

# For students in Year 9 or aged 15 years

Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College is promoting TAFE programs available to students in Year 9 or aged 15 years or older.

One day programs are being offered in Hair and Beauty and in Hospitality on Tuesday, October 24.

They are also being offered in Automotive, in Early Childhood Education and Care and in Fitness

Sport and Recreation on Friday, October 27/.

"The day will consist of a combination of careers information and practical skills," said careers teacher Ms Yvette Beemster.

"Students do not have to be 15 for these five courses.

"They do have to be in Year 9," she said.

Places are also available in eight week courses.

"Two spaces have also opened

up in Beauty Therapy and one in Hairdressing at Gosford TAFE every Tuesday, starting (tomorrow) October 17 for eight weeks.

"Applicants must be available for the entire eight weeks.

"Students must be 15 for these courses>"

Email yvette.beemster@det.nsw.edu.au for further information.

SOURCE: Social media, 10 Oct 2023. Yvette Beemster, BWSC Umina

# WHAT'S ON at ETTALONG BOWLING CLUB

Join us on Melbourne Cup day to celebrate the Race that stops the Nation. We have prizes for the best dressed, giveaways, live entertainment and watch the race live on the BIG screen. Blackboard specials from Harry's Restaurant or Alfresco Brasserie. Grab a bite to eat from our newly opened Green Café.

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# Sport

## Ride to Work ... or to Gosford Hospital?

**Central Coast Bicycle User Group is offering the option of riding to Gosford Hospital for Ride to Work Day on Wednesday, October 18.**

Starting at Woy Woy Fishermen's Wharf at 6:45am, the return trip of about 25km is expected to finish at 9:15am.

"It is an easy ride along the shared path plus a few local streets, this time to Gosford Hospital, about 25kms in total,"

said organiser Mr Alan Corven.

"We will have coffee at Gosford Hospital with our NSW Health friends."

Mr Corven said it was "good to register your intent to ride" and to arrive at least five minutes before start time to sign on.

For further information, phone 0414 538 977.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 7 Oct 2023  
Alan Corven, CCBUG



## Everglades take flag after drawn final

**Everglades Bowling Club's Grade 2 women's pennant team has won the Central Coast District Pennant, after drawing its final game 37-all against Ettalong on Tuesday, October 3.**

Everglades was awarded the flag, having finished the season at the top of the ladder.

It was a "nail-biter of a game", said Everglades committee member Ms Vicki Redrup.

"Both teams played fantastic bowls and had amazing shots."

"It was extremely close throughout the match with only one or two points separating the teams."

"It came down to the last end of the game to determine a winner."

"On the last end Everglades had a five-shot lead and then, remarkably, Ettalong managed to win the last end with five shots."

"The game ended in a draw, 37-37."

"It was an unbelievable

game played in great spirit and sportsmanship."

The team will now play in the regional finals at Charlestown on Monday, November 27.

Pictured is the team of Jeanette Jenkins, Maureen Jackson, Bev McFarlane, Sue O'Connor, Elaine Vincent, Loraine Cross, Val Davey and Helen Cooper

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 5 Oct 2023  
Vicki Redrup, Everglades Bowling Club

## Baseball players in country championships

**Peninsula under-14 baseball players Riley Coombs and Dom Brown were members of a Central Coast under-14 baseball side which played in the NSW Country Baseball Championships in Coffs Harbour over the long weekend.**



The Central Coast Marlins finished the three-day tournament in third place, beating the Coffs Harbour team 7-0.

The Marlins team was made up of players from several Central Coast teams.

The team just missed playing for the trophy on a count back.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 3 Oct 2023  
Frank Turik, Sport Central Coast

## Major pairs final played at Umina

**Sid Stokie and Mark Harrison have defeated Lee Cribbs and Mitch Douglas, 20-19, in the Major Pairs Championship Final at Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club.**

"This final was a true classic," said club secretary Mr Peter Springett.

"The Final was evenly matched and there was nothing between them, right to the very last bowl."

"Sid and Harro would be a couple of shots ahead and then Lee and Mitch would bring it back even again and then they would go a shot up."

"It was a sensational exhibition of draw bowls."

"At the end, Sid and Mark won the game by one shot."



"It could have gone either way."

He said Lee Cribbs and Mitch Douglas has done well to beat Joel Austin and Tony Potter in the first round, Glenn Simington and Greg Shirley by one shot in the

second round, Peter Springett and Mark Connell in the quarter-final and then Darrin Fleming and Paul Watson in the semi-final.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 7 Oct 2023.  
Peter Springett, UBMBG

## Volunteers wanted for Nippers program

**Umina Surf Life Saving Club is looking for volunteers to help in running its Nippers program.**

"Volunteer support is essential to creating a safe and enjoyable experience for our young Nippers," said club sponsorship manager Mr Mike Begg.

He said surf clubs were run and operated by volunteers, who took a variety of roles including in water safety, as IRB crew, as beach and uniform shop helpers, and for set-up and pack-down and general age group help.

"To make our Nippers competitions a resounding

success, we need support," he said.

At Umina SLSC, we are all about teamwork and creating a positive community spirit.

"As part of this, it is a happy requirement from Surf Life Saving Central Coast that we provide officials-to-competitor ratios."

"It is not as complicated as it sounds."

"By coming together as a united team, we can ensure our children get the chance to shine and have a blast in the upcoming competitions."

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 8 Oct 2023  
Mike Begg, Umina SLSC

## Last trip away before group renames

**The Central Coast Past Presidents' Association bowling group held its last annual trip away at the end of September.**

The group, which includes a number of Peninsula bowlers, will continue as Central Coast Travelling Bowlers after its annual general meeting in November.

The trip to Cessnock saw 30 members visit Kurri Kurri Bowling Club and East Cessnock Bowling Club, and other attractions of the area.

President Mr Ian Jarratt said that, on the Saturday, they visited the Kurri Kurri Bowling Club and joined with the Kurri Kurri bowlers

for two games of bowls.

"In the evening, the members had pre-dinner drinks at the motel's reception room, before dining at the hotel next door."

"Sunday was a social day with the majority opting for a visit to the historical town of Morpeth and an enjoyable lunch at the hotel."

"Others chose to test the local wines."

"That evening we had nibbles and pizzas delivered to the hotel's function room, which topped off the day."

"Up early on Monday, we were hosted by the East Cessnock Bowling Club for a morning game of bowls followed by lunch before

returning home to the Coast."

Local bowlers involved included past presidents Ian Jarratt, Ken Harrison, Barry Gilmour, Gwen Jarratt, Lorraine cooper and current Umina Beach women's president Gale Hill.

Other members included Pat Reynolds, Don and Sue McFarlane, zone secretary Doug Rose, Richard Carlyle, Peter Jellicoe and Rob Hill.

The group currently 60 members including bowlers from Umina, Everglades and Ettalong clubs.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 6 Oct 2023  
Ian Jarratt, CCPABG

## Defibrillator awareness

**Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club will hold an awareness session about automated external defibrillators in its upstairs clubrooms from 9am to 10am on Sunday, October 22.**

The session follows on from a similar session held on Monday, September 24.

The "In a Heartbeat" session is free of charge, said the club's advanced resuscitation facilitator Mr Richard Grimmond.

"It provides information to boost the confidence of anyone in the community to locate and use an automated external defibrillator should a cardiac arrest emergency arise," he said.

He said that, inside an hour, those attending will see demonstrations on adult and infant manikins to reinforce the information provided about using defibrillators in emergencies.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 12 Oct 2023  
Richard Grimmond, Ocean Beach SLSC