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## 'Most pot-holed road' is repaired

Bourke Rd in Ettalong is no longer the most pot-holed road on the Peninsula after it was resurfaced in recent roadworks.

It was among road works undertaken in the area by Central Coast Council over the past two weeks.

Night roadworks took place to resurface Bourke Rd, between Barrenjoey Rd and Memorial Ave.

This was followed by grading Barrenjoey Rd, "from house number 181 Barrenjoey Rd to Palm St", at Ettalong.

Pot-hole filling also took place at Umina.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 25 Oct 2023  
Central Coast Council  
Photo: Allen Trainer

## Consultation about Austin Butler Reserve opens

Central Coast Council has opened its consultation about the future of the Austin Butler Reserve in the form of an online poll.

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has urged the community to have its say to protect Austin Butler Reserve, "a significant stand of paperbark and she-oak trees next to Peninsula Plaza, Woy Woy".

"The community came together to oppose previous plans to reclassify the reserve from 'community' to 'operational' land, to facilitate the sale of the reserve to Peninsula Plaza, which would result in the destruction of dozens of mature trees.

"Council Administrator Mr Rik Hart resolved on September 26 that Austin Butler Reserve should be removed from the bulk reclassification schedule and community feedback sought on the future of the Reserve."

Ms Tesch said she welcomed Administrator Hart's commitment that the future of this site will be completely guided by the community's response through the formal consultation process.

"Community members are being asked whether they support Austin Butler Reserve remaining under community ownership through Council, or whether a sale to the shopping centre and the destruction of this natural site should proceed, with funds going towards the long-term greening of the local area.

"The temporary removal of Austin Butler Reserve from

reclassification prior to community consultation is a huge win for the community, and yet the fight isn't over.

"I firmly believe that investment in greening of our community should not be dependent on the destruction of dozens of mature trees, which are home to native birds and animals.

"I have had hundreds of community members contact my office and sign my community petition.

"It is clear that this issue is of great concern to the community.

"These trees have taken generations to grow and the impact of their removal would be devastating.

"The trees planted through greening projects would take decades to replace the trees at Austin Butler Oval."

Community feedback is being sought through an online poll on the Council website [yourvoiceourcoast.com](http://yourvoiceourcoast.com).

"The online poll simply asks the community whether they support Austin Butler Access remaining under the control of Council, or whether a sale to the shopping centre should proceed with the funds going towards the long-term greening of the local area," said Council director Dr Alice Howe.

She said that the online poll is open to all Central Coast residents to have their say.

"Council has been approached by Peninsula Plaza to sell the land to provide improved pedestrian safety and facilitate goods vehicles docking.

"This would require removal of around 20-40 trees.

"It is proposed that the proceeds of the sale be reinvested in a greening program for the Peninsula area over the next 10 years."

Mr Hart said: "The two outcomes of this process are very clear; that the site would either remain under the control of Council, or the sale to the shopping centre would continue and proceeds from the sale would be used to subsequently fund a greening program across the Peninsula.

"The sale of the land could fund more than 8500 trees across the Peninsula region, including sourcing, planting and maintenance to maturity.

"As I have always said, I will be guided by the community's response through Council's community engagement process and strongly encourage everyone to have their say."

In addition to the online community poll, a targeted survey is being concurrently run by an independent company focussed on residents in the local area.

The consultation opened on Monday, October 16, the publication date of the last issue of Peninsula News.

It opened without any advanced notice which would have allowed details of the consultation to be published in that issue.

The poll is open until Monday, November 13.

SOURCE:  
Media release, 16 Oct 2023  
Central Coast Council  
Media release, 17 Oct 2023  
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

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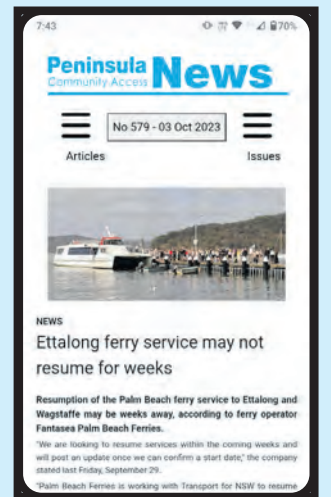
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It includes icons to allow articles to be shared on social media and by email, and has links to enable readers to phone or email their contributions to us.

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Mark Snell, 6 Aug 2023



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# Peninsula News

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## Koala song meter survey resumes

The National Parks and Wildlife Service has told the Pearl Beach Patonga Koala Group that a koala "song meter survey" of Brisbane Water National Park was expected to have started on Monday, October 16.

The Service contacted group

convenor Ms Ann Parsons to say that work would continue on the Brisbane Water Koala Project once the fox baiting had been completed.

"The main aim of our song meter survey for koala this spring is to assess occupancy throughout the entirety of the Brisbane Water National Park to assess its

potential as a future conservation translocation site under the NSW Koala Strategy," Ms Parsons was told.

"Song meters will be deployed at 42 sites across Brisbane Water National Park and the adjoining NSW Office of Sport, Broken Bay Sport and Recreational Facility.

"These sites create a good spread throughout the area.

"Each song meter will be left out for a minimum of 14 nights.

"The bulk of the deployment work is being undertaken by ecology contractors and some sites are being set-up by National Parks Central Coast area staff.

"The survey is one step in this process, and it alone will not necessarily result in a translocation.

"For example: threats which may have resulted in the decline of koalas in the area would need to be shown to be adequately addressed.

"If translocations are considered feasible in Brisbane Water National Park, it will be delivered by the National Parks and Wildlife Service, under the NSW Koala Strategy, to re-establish koalas in unoccupied habitat, improve koala genetic diversity, or to increase the viability of existing koala populations."

**SOURCE:**

Social media, 2 Oct 2023  
 Ann Parsons, Pearl Beach Patonga Koala Group



## Christmas ingredients

The Umina Beach branch of the Country Women's Association has received a donation of ingredients for Christmas cakes and puddings.

The Rotary Club of Brisbane Waters Rotary has donated flour, sugar and dried fruit which the

CWA members will make into Christmas cakes and puddings for Mary Mac's Place.

The donation was delivered by Rotary club board member Ms Jayne Mote.

**SOURCE:**

Social media, 18 Oct 2023  
 Margy Logan, CWA Umina Beach

## Second highest daily fall in six months

The Peninsula has had its second highest daily rainfall in more than six months, with 19.7mm being recorded on Saturday morning, October 28.

A higher daily total of 36.7mm was recorded on August 6, following a total of 33.9mm on April 14 and 37.6 on April 3, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

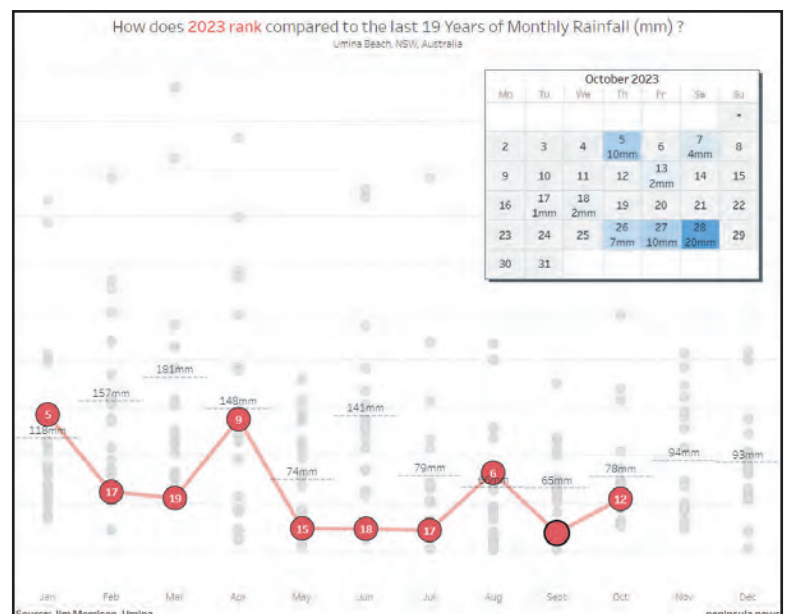
Otherwise, no falls greater than 19.7mm have been recorded since April 3.

The next highest daily totals in that time were 17.0mm on August 14 and 12.9mm on April 30.

All other daily totals have been less than 10mm.

The total for October to Saturday morning was 54.2mm, 31 per cent below the 19-year average of 79mm for the month.

A total of 618.6mm has been



recorded to date this year, 45 per cent below the average total at the end of October of 1134mm.

The average annual rainfall is

**SOURCE:**

Spreadsheet, 28 Oct 2023  
 Jim Morrison, Umina

TIDE TIMES and Heights	Mon, Oct 30	Thu, Nov 2	Sun, Nov 5	Wed, Nov 8	Sat, Nov 11
	0403 0.18	0023 0.77	0329 0.65	0002 0.23	0116 0.20
	1018 1.33	0551 0.29	0825 0.40	0621 0.79	0734 0.96
	1707 0.17	1225 1.20	1459 0.96	1156 0.37	1343 0.30
	2247 0.95	1946 0.24	2234 0.25	1756 0.92	1930 0.95
TIDE TIMES and Heights	Tue, Oct 31	Fri, Nov 3	Mon, Nov 6	Thu, Nov 9	Sun, Nov 12
	0439 0.21	0117 0.71	0438 0.67	0040 0.21	0227 0.21
	1100 1.32	0633 0.33	0938 0.42	0659 0.87	0841 1.13
	1759 0.19	1311 1.11	1600 0.92	1252 0.33	1516 0.25
	2334 0.86	2044 0.26	2321 0.24	1845 0.93	2056 0.94
ATTALONG	Wed, Nov 1	Sat, Nov 4	Tue, Nov 7	Fri, Nov 10	Mon, Nov 13
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## Phegans Bay foreshore plan sent for comment

Central Coast Council has drafted a masterplan to restore the Phegans Bay foreshore and has forwarded it to The Bays Community Group for comment, according to group president Ms Carolina Schuiling.

"The residents who joined the group to restore the foreshore will shortly be invited to consider all the recommendations in the plan and agree on a set of recommended

works," she said.

"These will then be included in the final draft of the masterplan for the foreshore restoration.

"Once the masterplan is complete and adopted by the local group, the committee can seek funding from Council, grants, and other sources to address and implement all the items included in the plan."

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 20 Oct 2023  
Carolina Schuiling, The  
Bays Community Group



## Grant funding to repair Woy Woy baths

Central Coast Council has been awarded \$1,087,360 for the upgrade of Woy Woy foreshore, public swimming baths and accessibility upgrades, Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has announced.

"It was wonderful to join Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid to celebrate this jointly-funded initiative by the Australian and NSW Governments.

Ms Tesch said the money would come through the Community Assets Program, to repair community infrastructure damaged by storm and flood events.

"Dr Reid and I will continue to work together for improved outcomes for our community," she said.

The money goes towards

improvements which are not part of the Woy Woy foreshore masterplan project that are funded from general revenue, including rates.

"The grant funding for the upgrade of Woy Woy Foreshore, baths and accessible upgrades will be in addition to the allocated general revenue funding," said council chief executive Mr David Farmer.

"At this stage, the grant with the NSW Government is yet to have a funding deed signed.

"Once the deed is signed, design and approvals will commence with construction to follow.

"Further details will be announced as the project progresses."

In the NSW State of the Beaches report, released on October 19, Woy Woy Baths was graded as

"poor".

It stated that this indicated "microbial water quality is susceptible to faecal pollution, particularly after rainfall and occasionally during dry weather conditions, with several potential sources of faecal contamination including stormwater and from elsewhere within Brisbane Water".

"Enterococci levels increased with increasing rainfall, often exceeding the safe swimming limit after little or no rain, and regularly after five millimetres or more."

The report showed the proportion of dry weather samples suitable for swimming was 73 per cent.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 26 Oct 2023  
Liesl Tesch Member for Gosford  
Media statement, 28 Oct 2023  
Central Coast Council

## Trivia night for Top Blokes Foundation

The Rotary Club of Umina Beach will hold a Trivia Night on Sunday, November 19, "to help the development of sound mental health and positive social interaction in young men still in school".

The night at Club Umina will raise money for the Top Blokes Foundation mentoring programs.

The night will start at 7pm with eight people per table.

Tickets at \$25 each may be bought as a team of eight or individually.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase from the Club on the night.

Tickets may be bought online at <https://top-blokes-trivia-night-2023.raisely.com/>.

For further information, email [community@topblokes.org.au](mailto:community@topblokes.org.au) or phone 0422 067 036.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 16 Oct 2023  
Rotary Club of Umina Beach

## Ferries diverted to Patonga

Ferry services from Palm Beach to Ettalong have been diverted to Patonga on three days since services resumed to Ettalong on Monday, October 16.

The services were diverted due to forecast large swells.

The Ettalong and Wagstaffe services operated to Patonga on a diversion timetable for Tuesday, October 17, and for Thursday and Friday, October 26 and 27.

The Ettalong service resumed on Monday, October 16, after completion of dredging of the Ettalong Channel.

The ferry service operated between Palm Beach and Patonga while the dredging took place, after silting of the channel prevented the Ettalong service operating.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 25 Oct 2023  
Fantasea Palm Beach Ferries

## Uniting Church closes at Ettalong

The Uniting Church has closed its Ettalong Church, which has served the community of over 90 years.

A Closure Service for UCA Ettalong Congregation was held on Saturday, October 21.

Following the closure, the property will be leased.

"An offer to lease the Church and hall for five years has been submitted by a couple who plan to open a new church," the bulletin of the Ettalong and Umina Uniting Churches has reported.

"They have a family association with Greenhouse Church, which has leased the UCA Long Jetty

property."

Income from the lease would be used to employ a Pastoral Care Worker and a Pastoral Care Youth and Family Worker for the development of a Friday Family Fun Night and support of a Thursday Playgroup (BeeBay).

A proposal to develop the property into a commercial and residential building, incorporating a chapel, became financially untenable with the advent of the Covid pandemic.

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 22 Oct 2023  
Ettalong and Umina  
Uniting Churches



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Social housing provider Pacific Link Housing is one of many local organisations to benefit from the support of the Ettalong bank, with the donation of this maintenance van

# Planning



## Street tree removed for 50 square metre concrete driveway

**A development application has been submitted for an attached two-storey dual occupancy and associated two-lot subdivision at 42 Hobart Ave, Umina.**

The proposal exceeds the floor space ratio limit of 0.5:1 and includes a 50 square metre expanse of concrete across the nature strip for a combined driveway to the two dwellings.

It would see the removal of a street tree, which would not be replaced.

The four-bedroom dwellings will have bedrooms, activity room, bathroom and toilet upstairs, according the application prepared by Untapped Planning on behalf of GJ Gardiner Homes

Downstairs each will have a combined dining family room and kitchen, along with a laundry and toilet.

The site has a total area of 651.2 square metres, with a street frontage of 19.81 metres to Hobart Ave and 32.92 metres to Mt Ettalong Rd.

The proposal is non-compliant with a floor space ratio requirement of 0.5:1, having a ratio of 0.54:1 with a gross floor area 353.22 square metres.

The application argues that the proposed development is consistent with the R2 zone objectives in that it will provide for the housing needs of the community.

It states that the development is sympathetic to the scenic, aesthetic and cultural heritage of the locality and the build form is consistent with other recent constructions in the street.

It says the proposal would not prevent other land uses that provide services or facilities to meet the day to day needs of residents.

It states that the proposed

development would not adversely contribute to the streetscape and contained large areas of open space and articulation in the building.

It claims the development did not contravene the objectives of the floor space ratio planning control and that the variation requested was "minor in nature".

"Given this compliance with other planning controls and the lack of physical and environmental impacts from the development, it is considered that there are grounds to justify contravening the development standard."

The application proposes that two driveways at the front of the building be extended across the nature strip as one solid expanse of concrete of about 50 square metres in area.

It refers to the "necessity" to remove one street tree due to the placement of this driveway.

However, neither the redacted drawings nor survey plan indicate which tree is to be removed.

Referring to the requirement for replacement street tree planting, it argues that "No planting is proposed due to the numbers of existing street trees."

There are a number of street trees impinging on the site.

The arborist's report states: "The site has a stand of mature, remnant and endemic taxa (eucalyptus florabunda) within the current proposal.

"These trees are considered important parts of remnant forest."

It recommends the removal of one tree due to its proximity to the driveway with the retention and protection of three other trees.

The application is currently on public exhibition and open for written submissions until the November 17.

**SOURCE:**  
DA Tracker, 28 Oct 2023  
DA/1627/2023, Central Coast Council



## Two-storey dual occupancy proposed for Woy Woy Rd

**A detached two-storey dual occupancy and Torrens subdivision has been proposed for 99 Woy Woy Rd, Woy Woy.**

The development application prepared by SJH Planning states that the site is zoned R2 (low density residential) and has an area of 839.7 square metres.

The rear (north-west) boundary adjoins Brisbane Water and the front (south-east) boundary is on Woy Woy Road.

The rear unit on Brisbane Water is proposed to be sited on a "battleaxe" lot with the front unit having access to the existing boat ramp via an easement.

Both units are proposed as two-storey in "Hamptons" style.

In both cases, the ground floor would have living, family media, study and dining rooms, as well as "powder rooms" and utility space with direct access to double garages.

On the first floor would be a master and two other bedrooms as well as a lounge/retreat and bath.

The application claims compliance with planning provisions, apart from a question of whether Woy Woy Rd is a "main road" requiring a front setback of 7.5 metres.

The proposed front setback is six metres.

This requirement applies to classified roads, where this section



of Woy Woy Rd is designated "unclassified regional", the application states.

No landscape plan provided for public exhibition though it is listed in the drawing schedule.

The survey plan appears to show a total of four existing trees on the site but there is no mention of these in the application.

The application states that the site will need to be "regraded" in order to accommodate the proposed dual occupancy so presumably all vegetation will be removed.

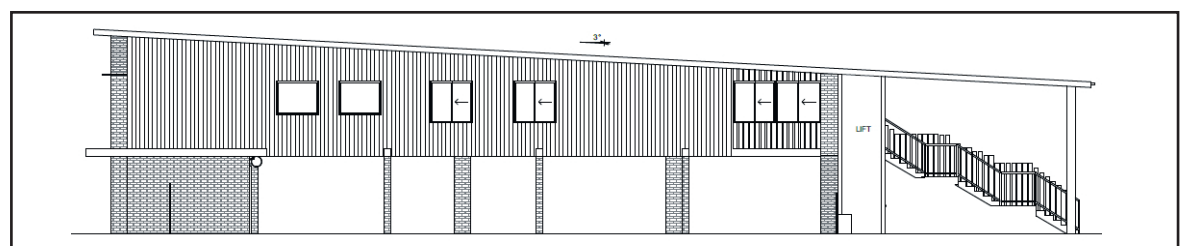
No arborist's report is provided. The application states there would be "planting of citrus trees (lemon, lime and cumquat) together with the establishment of hedges of murraya paniculata

(orange jasmine) and hydrangeas framing manicured lawns and fence lines punctuated by colourful annuals".

In conclusion, it states: "Designed to facilitate economic development, use and occupation of land destined for the purpose proposed, the proposal has been prepared in response to market demand for quality housing in a locality with enviable lifestyle opportunities focused on the waterfront location."

The application is open for public written submissions until November 24.

**SOURCE:**  
DA Tracker, 29 Oct 2023  
DA/1877/2023, Central Coast Council



## Childcare centre proposed for Lagoon St

**A two-storey childcare centre for 24 children aged up to five years with four staff has been proposed for 10 Lagoon St, Ettalong.**

It would operate from 7am to 6pm.

The application prepared by Perception Planning Pty Ltd states: "The proposal includes the construction of a 24-place centre based childcare facility, an eight-space car park and associated landscaping works."

It states: "A Pre-DA meeting was held with Council on Thursday, August 9, 2022.

"The Pre DA-Advice received, and the key issues identified are contained as Appendix 7."

However, Appendix 7 is not included in exhibited documents.

The site is zoned R1(General Residential) and is 695 square metres in area.

The ground floor will include a carpark, and undercover and outdoor play areas at the rear.

"A total of eight car parking spaces will be provided at ground floor level.

The first floor will contain meeting and office areas, bathrooms, a kitchen, activity and play rooms.

An arborist's report states that "There are three large shrubs, and two small trees present on site.

"One species present (frangipani) is listed as having potential for toxicity in play areas for small children.

"All trees present have low or moderate retention value.

"The site has poor potential for any replacement tree plantings, and none are recommended."

The proposal is non-compliant with planning provisions for site width, parking and signage.

The site is less than the minimum width of 18 metres, being only 15.24 metres wide.

A minimum of five temporary standing spaces must be provided but only four are proposed.

The planning provisions stipulate only one sign of no more than 2.5 square metres, but the application calls for two signs both greater than this size.

The application concludes: "The proposed development is permissible on the site with consent and will provide essential childcare services in the area.

"The proposed development is not considered to have a significant impact on the existing character or amenity of the area and will minimise any environmental impacts on the land."

A number of submissions have already been lodged objecting to the proposal, mostly arguing that the development is too big for this quiet narrow street.

The application is open for public submissions until November 3.

**SOURCE:**  
DA Tracker, 27 Oct 2023  
DA/1890/2023, Central Coast Council

# New 'cell' could extend tip life by seven years

Central Coast Council has released a proposal for comment to move the current filling area at Woy Woy tip to an area at the southern end, referred to as the South Cell.

The site of the proposed South Cell has an area of about five hectares and could extend the tip's life by more than seven years.

It has previously been mostly cleared and is currently being used for excavation and stockpiling of engineering and cover material for the existing landfilling operations, according to a scoping report.

The project is expected to provide about an additional 970,000 cubic metres of airspace or seven and half years of filling capacity at currently filling rates, it states.

It is also expected to generate additional construction materials for cell construction and cover material for the ongoing landfilling operations.



The tip has operated since 1974 and is the main solid waste management facility for the southern end of the Central Coast.

Currently around 85,000 tonnes of waste are added to the landfill each year.

The current tipping area is expected to be full by mid or late next year.

The project would "reduce the need for costly alternatives such as transporting domestic waste to another waste management facility or excavating and building a new waste management cell elsewhere", according to the council's Your Voice Our Coast website.

"The new proposed tipping area will require some further earthworks and the construction of a fully-engineered landfill liner and water management system before it is ready to be utilised.

"The development will be subject to approvals from the Hunter Central Coast Regional Planning Panel and the NSW Environment Protection Authority.

"Council is seeking the community's feedback on the questions and considerations they would like included in the Environmental Impact Statement.

Council is inviting the public submissions until Thursday, November 16.

They may be made through an online: feedback form or by email to ask@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au.

They may also be mailed to PO Box 20, Wyong NSW 2259 addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Mr David Farmer.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 27 Oct 2023  
Your Voice Our Coast,  
Central Coast Council



## Council denies telling market to close

**Central Coast Council denied last week it had told the organisers of the Ettalong Farmers Market, to close.**

The market opened as usual on Saturday.

Earlier market organisers said in a social media post: "We've received a call from the council advising the market is to be closed effective immediately due to anonymous complaints they have received about our residence at the Scout Hall."

An online petition, organised by a customer, calling on the council to allow the market to be kept open attracted 708 supporters.

Central Coast Council issued a statement to Peninsula News on Tuesday, October 24, saying it "has not advised the organisers of the Ettalong Farmers Market, which operates out of the Scout Hall, that they need to cease operating".

"As the market comprises all food truck type vendors, the operation of the market is exempt

from a planning permit, so long as the property owner consents to the market being held in the location."

In a social media post on Thursday, October 19, market organisers said they had been told "they have allowed us to continue to provide our fruit and veg market inside the Scout Hall this week prior to our solutions meeting next week.

"Unfortunately, it means we are unable to have any stalls outside of the Scout Hall this week until further notice.

"Our whole purpose of inviting other stall holders to join us was to give them the opportunity to broaden their customer base and enhance our customers market experience with vibes and variety."

The petition, started by Ms Eileen Scobie on Saturday, October 21, said: "We call on central coast council to continue to allow the Ettalong fresh fruit and veg market to be held at Broken Bay Scout Hall, supplying us locals

with a vibrant community-based source of fresh produce.

"I have seen this market grow from a small single table to this outstanding fun place over many years in many places.

"The social aspect cannot be overstated as our community gathers each Saturday morning to chat and buy amazing products.

"To lose Jamie, Andrew and family would be a tragedy for our area."

Organiser Mr Andrew Slade said: "The following Monday we received another call from Council advising us that they had not shut our market and that we were definitely free to operate.

"We run a vibrant farmers' market that is well loved and needed by the community."

**SOURCE:**  
Media statement, 24 Oct 2023  
Central Coast Council  
Social media, 19 Oct 2023  
Ettalong Farmers Market



## Central Coast Friends of Democracy

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### Communities call on Labor to support Local Democracy Plebiscites Bill

**Demerge NSW Alliance (DNA) is calling on all NSW MPs, but particularly Labor, to support changes to the Local Government Act which make it mandatory for the Minister to act on communities' wishes to deamalgamate forcibly merged councils.**

Cootamundra Gundagai Shire Council and the Inner West have already clearly demonstrated that the community is in favour of deamalgamation. Other communities can demonstrate that support for deamalgamation in plebiscites under the Bill.

Glen Moore from Gundagai Council in Exile said "The Minister's announcement on 3rd October that there is no statutory pathway for Cootamundra Gundagai to deamalgamate has devastated the community.

"Twelve months after our deamalgamation was approved by the former Coalition government, Labor wants to put the community through an inquiry process for a third time We do not believe that this is required and is unacceptable."

Grantley Ingram, DNA Coordinator, said: "Labor's policy in opposition was to give communities a say with a plebiscite. It promised legislation to make that happen.

"Now is the time for Labor to do this by giving support to the private members Bill, which has cross bench support.

"It is critical to sort this out in time before the local government elections in September 2024.

"The costs of deamalgamation can be controlled. The Office of Local Government can be asked to produce a standard methodology to demerge. Both are included in the proposed Bill.

"Now is the time to resolve a matter that even the Coalition admits was a major policy failure."

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**Forum**

# What is implied by 'modern planning'?

**In the item about deferred lands in Peninsula News (October 16), Dr Alice Howe makes reference to "modern planning provisions".**

It is unclear what the implications are of the use of this term.

However, I have one possible answer.

Dr Howe refers to "historic planning instruments which have applied to these lands for approximately 50 years".

Hopefully, "modern planning

provisions" will apply and protect the land well beyond 50 years.

"Modern planning" should require provisions which address potential environmental and other damage which extends beyond 50 years.

A comparison of local environmental studies from 1970 to 2023 would show enormous variations and issues to address.

This comparison should be part of Dr Howe's exercise of "phasing out" the historic and replacing it with "modern".

Among the examples of issues deserving attention are the reduction in urban bushland, development of the North Pearl Estate, the sedimentation of more than two metres in Correa Bay, the Hillview St nursing home land, the limited life for Woy Woy tip, various traffic studies, and the sale of part of Austin Butler Reserve.

I dare not ask how "like for like" is applicable in this context.

**SOURCE:**  
Letter, 26 Oct 2023  
Norm Harris, Umina



## Kingfisher takes refuge

**A kingfisher took refuge in the foyer of Mary Macs last week to escape the attacks of other birds.**

"We don't only help humans, we help all forms of life," said project work Ms Sally Baker.

"This little kingfisher was being

attacked by noisy miner birds this morning.

"We let him have a rest in our foyer to escape them.

"I love that he chose our gorgeous artwork to rest on."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 24 Oct 2023  
Sally Baker, Mary Mac's Place

## Op shop relies on passing trade

**In Peninsula News (October 16), your correspondent wrote about the proposed sale of Austin Butler Reserve.**

Your correspondent suggested that Woy Woy Peninsula Neighbourhood Services be relocated to Peninsula Community Centre.

This ignores the fact that

service operates an op shop in the fire station building.

The shop depends on passers-by being able to walk into our shop.

If we are located at the community centre, there will be no passing trade.

The resulting lack of income would cripple the Neighbourhood Service, which would be the end of

the other services we offer to the community.

Those services include laundry services and our mini buses used by various aged and disabled members of the Peninsula community.

**SOURCE:**  
Email, 26 Oct 2023  
David Adams, Woy Woy

## Ettalong Bowling Club announces \$1.9M profit

**The Ettalong Bowling Club has announced a \$1.917 million net profit at its annual general meeting at the club on Sunday, October 29.**

Chairman Mr Gary Thomson told the 46 members attending that the Club's board of directors had been returned for the next two years.

He said the board comprised Mr Thomson, vice-chair Mr Ken Dixon and directors Mr Geoff O'Hara, Mr

Kerry Watkins, Mr Denis Holden, Ms Tracy Burraston and Mr Neil Ferguson.

"The club was able to show off its new flooring, carpet, painting and furniture in the foyer and front of premises - a new fresh look for our great community venue," said Mr Dixon.

"The Club has many initiatives in the pipeline for coming years."

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 29 Oct 2023  
Ken Dixon, Ettalong Bowling Club

## Will Rik Hart be around to keep promises?

**I am worried about the tactics being used by Council Administrator Mr Rik Hart in relation to Austin Butler Reserve.**

He is trying to sweeten up residents with a 10-year plan to green the Peninsula.

Rik Hart may not be here after the next council election in September and this may be just

another broken promise on behalf of Council.

Rik Hart has already sold off \$62 million worth of community land and we have had nothing from the proceeds go toward greening or shading of the peninsula.

How can we trust him with the money from this sale as well?

The trees in Austin Butler are irreplaceable and are the first

steps in the process of greening the Peninsula.

With the heat island effect it is imperative we keep our old mature trees.

These trees are homes and feed for our local wildlife.

Someone must stand up for their rights as well.

**SOURCE:**  
Email, 24 Oct 2023.  
Coral Roberts, Woy Woy

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## Police lay murder, drugs, and break and enter charges

**A murder charge, drugs charges and break and enter charges have resulted from a busy week for police investigating separate incidents on the Peninsula.**

A man was charged with murder after a body was found in a car parked at Umina Beach on Monday, October 16.

Emergency services were called to the surf club carpark on Trafalgar Ave at about 3:15am, where officers from Brisbane Water Police District found the body of a 40-year-old man suffering stab wounds.

A 30-year-old man was arrested about 7:30am the same day at Gosford Police Station.

He was taken to hospital where he underwent surgery for a hand injury.

The man was charged by

detectives from Brisbane Water Police District with one count of murder on Wednesday, October 18.

Investigations into a series of "break and enters" using stolen cars resulted in charges against a 19-year-old man and a 14-year-old boy, who were arrested at a property in Umina at 10.30am on Tuesday, October 17.

Police said that, "in recent weeks, officers from Brisbane Water Police District responded to several incidents where performance vehicles were allegedly stolen from suburbs including Pearl Beach, Kilcare and North Avoca".

"The 19-year-old man was charged with 24 offences including six counts of aggravated break and enter and commit serious indictable offence-people there,



four counts of steal motor vehicle, and four counts of participate criminal group contribute criminal activity.

"The 14-year-old was charged with breach of bail, aggravated break and enter and commit serious indictable offence-people there, steal motor vehicle, drive conveyance taken without consent of owner, never licensed person drive vehicle on road,

and participate criminal group contribute criminal activity."

Two women were arrested in Umina Heights on Friday, October 19, following co-ordinated raids which also took place at Double Bay, Lane Cove, Parramatta and Bankstown

State Crime Command's Organised Crime Squad detectives executed six search warrants at 6:30am across the locations.

The two Umina women, aged 26 and 27, were arrested and taken to Gosford Police Station.

The younger woman was charged with seven offences, including four counts of knowingly dealing with the proceeds of crime, two counts supplying a commercial quantity of prohibited drugs and failing to comply with a digital evidence access order direction.

The older woman was charged

with supplying a prohibited drug.

During the various searches, officers said they seized approximately \$50,000 in cash, a money counter, cryptocurrency wallets, electronics, a small amount of drugs, and documentation relevant to their investigation.

Police said the searches were part of an investigation into a NSW money-laundering syndicate, which converted large amounts of cash to cryptocurrency on behalf of organised crime groups involved in drug supply.

"To date, detectives have charged 12 people and seized approximately 300kg of prohibited drugs, \$2.8 million in cash, and 15 firearms over the course of the operation."

**SOURCE:**  
Media releases, 18-20 Oct 2023  
NSW Police



## Older women's network to hold fashion parade

**Deepwater Older Women's Network will hold a fashion parade in the Umina Beach CWA hall at 2pm on Saturday November 4.**

It will feature a spring and summer collection from Sarongs Ladies Fashion.

Branch secretary Ms Jennifer Brown said: "We recently purchased food for Care4Coast to use in their hampers for desperate, homeless and food insecure people on the Central Coast.

The value of the shop was \$500 and we hope to repeat this project prior to Christmas as their services face ever increasing demand.

"Christmas is often a very stressful time especially for those who have very little.

"The food was delivered to Mrs. Kim Bintley from Care4Coast in their new warehouse space behind Lifeline in Cary St, Gosford, in early October," she said.

Ms Brown said: "Our branch is the largest one on the Central Coast with over 40 members.

"We enjoy a monthly lunch, coffee morning and a general meeting featuring a speaker and reports on our various fundraising functions.

"The Older Women's Network Deepwater at Woy Woy is part of a national advocacy group which looks to the uphold the rights, wellness and dignity of older women in the community."

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 15 Oct 2023  
Jennifer Brown, Deepwater OWN

## Bill Jackson awarded life membership

**The annual general meeting of Ettalong Diggers has elected its former chief executive Mr Bill Jackson to life membership of the club.**

The meeting was told that the board had received two nominations for his life membership.

The first nomination was proposed by Mr Eric Daniels, seconded by Mr Kenneth Rowe.

The second nomination was proposed by Dode Simpson, seconded by Mr David Anderson.

The Board approved and supported the nomination and recommended that the members vote in favour of the resolution.

He was presented with his badge, as an acknowledgment of his loyalty, outstanding service, and measurable contribution providing benefit to our organisation during his tenure, by Club chairman Mr John Wood.

"We thank Bill for his significant contribution to Ettalong Diggers," he said.

"Over a decade, he led instrumental change necessary for the future of this club.

"We are eternally grateful for everything he accomplished, and the honour of Life Membership is well-deserved."

The annual meeting also heard that the club had made a profit "from operating activities ... after



income tax" of \$2,055,489 for 2022-23, compared with \$1,350,620 the previous year.

Loan repayments paid for the year totalled \$3.9 million.

"Taking the cash operations net profit, adding back depreciation of \$1,671,652 and interest paid of \$213,868, along with income tax credit of \$12,185, our earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA) comes in at \$3,928,824 or 17.12 per cent," said chief executive Mr Col Murphy.

He reported the club had supported 43 community organisations contributing \$345,000 in cash and in-kind donations.

Through the ClubGrant Scheme, \$268,000 was distributed to local charities, service clubs and sporting groups.

Bar sales for the year totalled \$2,736,465, an increase from 2022

of \$1,028,889 (60.25 per cent).

The trading gross profit of \$1,628,884 showed an increase of \$628,641, a net profit increase of \$319,216.

Net poker machine takings for the year totalled \$14,928,536, an increase from 2022 of \$4,080,842 (37.62 per cent).

The trading profit of \$8,202,487 showed an increase of \$2,304,085 (39.07 per cent).

Total catering sales for the period were \$3,782,387.

"The trading gross profit was \$2,608,432 and Catering generated a net profit of \$224,381 which amounted to an increase of \$249,922," according to the directors' report.

Pictured is chairman Mr John Wood (left), with Ms Anola Jackson and Mr Bill Jackson.

**SOURCE:.**  
Social media, 23 Oct 2023.  
Ettalong Diggers

Arts



## Mural project gains backing of Rotary club

**A mural project in Ettalong has gained the backing of the Rotary Club of Brisbane Water.**

"Our club donated \$300 towards the project and money is being sought from local merchants to extend the work," said club secretary Ms Di Bartok.

"Ettalong Village is looking a little brighter after local artist Deborah Anne Johnson painted the mural on the wall that leads to the post office in Ocean View Rd."

Ms Bartok said community activist Ms Shery Stinton, who runs the I Love Ettalong Beach Facebook page, drove the project.

"After getting permission from the wall's owners, Shery was able to put the call-out to mural artists to do the job."

Ms Stinton said: "I felt Ettalong village needed a bit of colour."

"She has done a great job. There have been so many positive comments."

"There is nothing like a colourful mural to brighten up a shopping area."

Pictured are artist Deborah Anne Johnson and her assistant Sam with the mural.

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 29 Oct 2023  
Di Bartok, Rotary Brisbane Water



## Centre closes for repairs

**The Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre held its annual Exhibition and Sale at Peninsula Community Centre over the weekend.**

Pictured above it was the culmination of a year's work for the students.

However, in the meantime, the centre itself was closed temporarily while some structural repairs were undertaken by Central Coast Council last week.

The centre was fenced off for the work, pictured below.

Among the work was the replacement of the pottery shed roof, pictured.

"It will be wonderful to be able to see our refurbished centre, and to hold classes again very soon," said patchwork tutor Ms Penny Howard.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 23 Oct 2023.  
Penny Howard, EBACC



## Short films at The Bays

**The Bays Community Group will hold a screening of 11 short documentary films from 3pm on Sunday, November 5, at the Bays Community Hall.**

"From wildlife defenders to waste warriors, from valleys to reefs to powerful stories from First Nations filmmakers, these 11 short documentaries transport us across Australia and showcase people and communities creating solutions to some of the greatest challenges facing our environment," said group president Ms Carolina Schuiling.

"Fresh from the 2023 Sydney Film Festival, entry to these inspiring short films at the Bays Community Hall will be by gold coin donation."

Tickets are limited and booking is required.

Drinks and food will be available for purchase.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 24 Oct 2023  
Carolina Schuiling, The Bays Community Group

## Caddie at movie matinee

**A special movie matinee featuring Australian film Caddie will be held at Pearl Beach on Sunday, November 5, followed by a conversation with its producer Mr Anthony Buckley.**

The matinee will be held at 2pm at the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall.

"We are delighted to have Anthony Buckley AM the film's producer present the film and engage in conversation," said Pearl Beach Progress Association publicity officer Ms Lynne Lillico.

"Regarded as one of the leaders of the Australian film industry, he began his career with the Sydney newsreel company Cinesound."

"His first film was Caddie in 1975, a winner of 14 awards."

"Set in 1925 in Sydney, Caddie leaves her brutish husband and takes her two children with her."

"Forced to work as a barmaid in a pub she struggles to survive."

"After a brief affair ends badly, she falls in love with a Greek immigrant who has to return to Greece for family commitments."

The film stars Helen Morse, Takis Emmanuel, Jack Thompson, Jackie Weaver, June Salter, and Robyn Nevin.

The film is not suitable for children under 15 years old.

Tickets are \$20, which include a welcome drink and refreshments

Bookings are recommended for catering purposes.

For further information, phone 4344 2319 or visit the association's website at [www.pearlbeachprogress.org.au](http://www.pearlbeachprogress.org.au).

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 18 Oct 2023  
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association



## Starting a sewing project with Ghanaian fabric

**Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has started her next sewing project, using fabrics she bought at a market in Accra, on her recent visit to Ghana.**

"This is the start of the journey with my Ghanaian wax print fabrics," she said.

"It is daunting, but very exciting. This will be a top, and is one of many to come."

At the time, Ms Tesch described her visit to the market as "a fabulous sensory overload".

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 22 Oct 2023  
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford



## Arboretum concert attracts 650 Beatles fans

**Organisers estimate more than 650 Beatles fans attended a tribute concert at the Pearl Beach arboretum on Saturday, October 7.**

Frequently the venue for classical music, this was the first "rock concert" held in the arboretum.

Arboretum president Ms Victoria Crawford said: "It was a fantastic concert by The Beatles Rebooted Band."

"We have never had so many people up dancing at any concert before."

"It was a great band with about 40 songs played."

"Concerts and events would not happen without the community support and volunteering to assist with setting up, managing the event and the parking," she said.

All proceeds were shared between the Arboretum and the Pearl Beach Progress Association for environmental and community projects, she said.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 17 Oct 2023  
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association  
Photo: Duncan Bridel



# Aged care facility reports \$8.45M deficit

Peninsula Villages has recorded a deficit of \$8,454,029 for the 2022-23 financial year.

The figure is reported in the aged care facility's annual report, dated September 29.

"This net result includes significant non-cash items for depreciation, asset impairment losses and fair value accounting movements totalling \$11,283,232," said board chair Ms Jan-Maree Tweedie and treasurer Mr Andrew Cordwell.

"Excluding these non-cash items, the company would be reporting a surplus for the year of \$2,829,203."

The report also noted "an overall cash surplus from operations of \$2,615,815".

In a joint report with chief executive Mr Colin Osborne, Ms Tweedie said: "The financial result is very satisfactory under all the circumstances."

She said the overall result was impacted by a significant revaluation of some of Peninsula Villages' land and building assets.

"In early 2023, Peninsula Villages commenced a process to compile a Master Site Development Plan for all of Peninsula Villages' properties.

"This process has included an assessment of the condition and

life expectancy of all of Peninsula Villages' land and buildings and a formal valuation of all land and building assets and identification of future capital works of both a minor and major nature.

"The compilation of the plan was still in progress at the end of the reporting period.

"However, it is anticipated that the plan will be available for the board's consideration in late 2023 and will assist Peninsula Villages in identifying priorities for redevelopment of existing facilities and the development of new facilities and services."

SOURCE:  
Annual report, 29 Sep 2023  
Peninsula Villages



# Event held at Woy Woy for Carers Week

A Carers Week event was held at Woy Woy Hospital last week by Central Coast Health.

Carers, patients and staff gathered at Woy Woy Hospital for a morning tea, craft and "canine cuddles".

They tried their hand at weaving and had the company of four dogs from Doggie Dates.

"Carers play a vital role in our community, supporting family and friends living with disability, medical conditions, mental illness or who

are frail and aged," said Central Coast Health chief executive Mr Scott McLachlan.

"Our Carer Support Unit provides support to local carers as well as hosting social events and opportunities to connect with other carers."

Further information can be found at <https://www.cclhd.health.nsw.gov.au/patients-and-visitors/carer-support/>

SOURCE:  
Social media, 21 Oct 2023  
Central Coast Health

# Return to exercise class for new mums

The Peninsula Women's Health Centre is holding a Return to Exercise class for "mums with bubs, from 9:30am to 10:15am on Tuesdays in a six-week program.

The program runs from October 24 to November 28.

It aims to help new mothers "connect to the pelvic floor through

breathing and specific exercises".

It is promoted as "a gentle way to ease back into exercise to make sure you feel supported from the inside out".

Participants are asked to bring yoga mats and water bottles.

Children are welcome.

The cost is \$10 with registrations taken on 4342 5905.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 24 Oct 2023  
Peninsula Women's Health Centre

# Free clinic

Central Coast Health is offering a free women's health clinic at Woy Woy Women's Health Centre in McMasters Rd.

Staffed by female nurses, the clinic offers cervical screening tests (pap smears), contraceptive advice, postnatal checks, menopause and menstruation information and continence advice.

A GP referral is not required. To make an appointment call 02 4367 9600

SOURCE:  
Social media, 24 Oct 2023  
Central Coast Health

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# Education

## Asbestos find leads to oval closure and remediation plan

The discovery of asbestos in the grounds of Umina Beach Public School in July has led to the closure of the Year 3-6 oval for the rest of term four, according to principal Ms Karen Wardlaw.

It will also "involve engaging with consultants to develop a design which encompasses all work needed to fulfill all recommendations of our remediation action plan", she said.

Parents have been told: "Umina Beach Public School has a site-specific asbestos management plan in place for known asbestos in ground and has been following the regular inspection and management protocols within this plan."

"From July 2023, these regular inspections, including increased inspections following some rain events, meant that a number of fragments have been found."

"Since September 13, we fenced off some additional areas following fragment finds."

"The fragments found in the

soil at Umina Beach Public School are those associated with building waste such as tiles and bricks.

"These fragments are bonded asbestos and in good condition, which means they cannot be crumbled using light pressure."

"There is no evidence of other contaminants in the soil."

"Air monitoring in place from September 14 returned results below minimum reportable levels."

"During the Spring school holiday period we did work in some play areas to prevent further erosion."

Play equipment in the middle of the oval was removed "to create more open play space area for students".

Geofabric was installed over the majority of the Northern oval and topped with 100mm soil before returfing "so it can continue to be used"

Synthetic grass was installed on high traffic areas "where turf is unlikely to be successful and that will provide all weather access to the oval space".

A project to create more functional open play space for students in the central quad, with synthetic turf and a sports court, was also finished during the spring school holidays.

Further work will take place on Saturday, November 11.

Vinyl tiles containing asbestos under the carpet in Building G will be removed.

A section of the wall lining behind the fireplaces in classrooms in Building G will be removed.

"The rooms continue to be safely used as the vinyl tiles and wall lining are undisturbed and the tiles are under the carpet."

"Work areas will be cordoned off, and additional safety measures and monitoring will be put in place."

"The areas will be inspected to ensure they have been fully remediated, and the school will receive a clearance certificate before the rooms are reopened to students and staff."

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 18 Oct 2023  
Karen Wardlaw, Umina Beach Public School



## Rotary club visits college campus farm

The Rotary Club of Umina Beach has paid its annual visit to the farm at Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College.

Club president Mr Wayne Dowdle said it was "one of our favourite activities of each year".

"Students were proud to show us all of the great variety of farm animals which they nurture and show at agriculture shows throughout the State."

"Sadly not all animals return from the shows including the heavyweight boar which was the overall champion at this year's Sydney Royal, such is the expertise of the students in preparing and presenting these animals."

Umina campus principal Ms Kerrie O'Heir thanked the club



for its ongoing support of the agriculture program, supported by teacher and ag co-ordinator Mr Richard McKay.

As part of the presentation, four students addressed the visitors, describing their part in

the agriculture program and their hopes for the future in the farm industry.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 16 Oct 2023  
Wayne Dowdle, Rotary Umina Beach

## Year 6 students complete First Aid training

Year 6 students at Woy Woy South Public School completed a First Aid course run by the Red Cross last week.

"If you are unfortunate enough to break a limb or have a medical emergency at Woy Woy South, we are ready," said principal Mr Matt Barr.

"Students learnt skills to help in

an emergency, including CPR and emergency first aid."

"It was a tremendously interesting course with lots of bandages, compressions, defibrillations and slings."

The course was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Umina Beach.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 25 Oct 2023  
Matt Barr, Woy Woy South Public School

## Crazy sock day raises money for Timor Leste

Students at St John the Baptist Catholic Primary have recently had a Crazy Sock Day.

Families brought in donations to raise money for the missions.

The focus of the missions this year is on Timor Leste.

Catholic Mission will send the school's donation of \$498.45 to help with building an education centre.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 23 Oct 2023  
SJB Catholic Primary School



## Eric Tweedale dies aged 102



**Eric Tweedale has died at the age of 102.**

Announcing his "peaceful" death to members of the Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club, secretary Mr Peter Springett said: "At 102 years old, Eric was the oldest Wallaby and a proud member of Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club."

He said: "Eric Tweedale was an English-born Australian retired international rugby union player."

"He played club rugby for Parramatta Two Blues, provincial rugby for New South Wales and internationally for the Australia national rugby union team as a prop."

Mr Springett referred to a tribute from the Two Blues Rugby social media page.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 17 Oct 2023  
Peter Springett, UBMB



## Major Triples final played in difficult conditions

**The Everglades Men's Major Triples final was contested on Saturday, October 14, in difficult conditions.**

The contest was tied after 24 ends at 21 each.

Ultimately, the team of Peter Green, Michael Tillott and Ian Richardson (23) prevailed to defeat Mervyn Sampson, Malcolm

Hughes and Garry Clarke (21). The Everglades Men's Major Fours competition started on Saturday, October 21.

Pictured are winners Michael Tillott, Ian Richardson and Peter Green.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 17 Oct 2023  
Grant Ireland, Everglades Bowling Club

## Council sponsors surf clubs

**Central Coast Council has announced \$6500 sponsorships to Umina and Ocean Beach surf life saving clubs along with other surf clubs on the Coast.**

Council presents cheque to Surf Life Saving Central Coast to boost beach safety.

(SLSCC)

The council has also presented a \$116,000 cheque to Surf Life Saving Central Coast "as part of their sponsorship partnership".

"The \$213,500 financial

contribution was the second instalment of the two-year sponsorship and will be used to purchase vital rescue equipment and support the promotion of important aquatic safety messaging across the region this summer season," said council unit manager Mr Phil Cantillon.

"This funding will continue to keep safety measures in place and help to continue to foster its growth."

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 26 Oct 2023  
Central Coast Council

## Veterans final

**Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club's Veteran Singles Championship second semi-final was played on Tuesday, October 24, between Roger Twells and Peter Springett.**

Roger defeated Peter and will now play against Don Stephens in the final.

The final will be played on Sunday, November 5.

The club's Veteran Pairs Championship got underway with its first round games played in the afternoon of the same day.

Rex Hunt and Tom Burgmann defeated Brian Wood and Steve Stead.

Lindsay Hicks and Ted Gentle defeated Michael Dewez and Steve Moss.

Other first round games are scheduled for tomorrow, Tuesday, afternoon.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 24 Oct 2023  
Peter Springett, UBMB

## Great opening knock

**Southern Spirit president Anthony Clarke was amongst the best players on Saturday, October 28.**

He had a great opening knock of 51 off 75 balls including six fours for 6th Grade in his game against Warnervale.

Other top players included Dan Campbell with a great captain's knock of 57 not out off 84 balls, including nine fours in 5th Grade's win on Saturday against Northern Power.

Anthony Zdravic hit 51 runs off 47 balls including eight fours for 8th Grade on Saturday against Warnervale.



**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 29 Oct 2023  
Southern Spirit Cricket Club

## Storage help

**The Woy Woy Wolves Baseball Club is seeking help to pay for storage for the club's gear.**

The club is looking for donations before it decides to pass it on to players.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 23 Oct 2023  
Woy Woy Wolves Baseball Club.



## Paddleboarders hold Halloween charity parade

**A stand-up paddleboard business and a yoga instructor have combined for a charity Halloween parade that has raised \$130 for the Central Coast Disabled Surfers Association.**

The event took place in Ettalong on Sunday.

"Local stand-up paddleboard enthusiasts, dressed as witches and warlocks, gathered on the beach parading from Bombora SUP past the Box Cafe to the Ettalong boat ramp," said organiser

Ms Tina Vella.

"This is a regular fundraising event that has been run for the past three years during Halloween by SUP and Yoga with Tina," she said.

"Locals and visitors to the area watched, taking photos and waving as the group paddled by."

"Onlookers were surprised when the paddling group landed on the beach at the cafe for a pop-up Time Warp dance."

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 29 Oct 2023  
Tina Vella, SUP/Yoga with Tina  
Photo: Tina Vella

## Leading the October bridge pointscore

**Judy Wulff and David Adams are leading the October Tuesday Pointscore competition at Brisbane Water Bridge Club with their "best three" of four games totalling 193.53.**

The best three results in the competition currently stand at:

1 Judy Wulff, David Adams 64.12, 65.42, 63.99 (193.53).

2 Jorgen Boettiger, Julie Teague 57.81, 63.66, 54.58 (176.05).

3 Jim Routledge, Chris Hasemore 61.98, 60.65, 47.92 (170.55).

4 Caroline Nichols, Graham Woof 50.93, 51.62, 51.79 (154.34).

5 Lynne Rainford, Hilary Owen 51.16, 45.00, 57.41 (153.57).

6 Kathryn Ivits, Alma Van der Walt 57.41, 47.41, 46.03 (150.85).

7 Peter Hume, Laurie Powell

52.08, 50.00, 48.33 (150.41).

8 Gai Mylne, Helen White 55.21, 37.73, 45.24 (138.18).

9 Meg McGregor, Robyn Serra 36.34, 56.25, 45.24 (137.83).

10 Kerry-Anne Durrant, Coral Erikson 39.35, 46.67, 43.45 (129.47).

11 Marcelle Goslin, Ron Meaney 57.87, 57.74 (115.61).

12 Elaine Hume, Maureen Lockwood 28.94, 46.30, 33.07 (108.31).

13 Hope Tomlinson, Martin Johnson 62.04, 42.33 (104.37).

14 Christine Hadaway, Maria Rose 46.88, 55.06 (101.94).

15 Beryl Lowry, John Aldersley 51.16, 47.62 (98.78).

16 Bobbie Lyons, Glynn Golsby 46.30, 44.05 (90.35).

17 Ann Snow, Edith Marshall 39.35, 47.92 (87.27).

18 Susan McCall, Pamela

Joseph 62.27 (62.27).

19 Bernard Davidson, Lorraine Lindsay 61.64 (61.64).

20 Karen Ody, Jim Routledge 57.94 (57.94).

21 Kerry Dwyer, Lorraine Lindsay 56.02 (56.02).

22 Christine Hadaway, Hope Tomlinson 54.44 (54.44).

23 Joan Walsh, Jenny Buckley 53.97 (53.97).

24 Marilyn Jarrett, Jenny Buckley 53.65 (53.65).

25 Noel Crockett, Shirley Crockett 52.96 (52.96).

26 Meg McGregor, Hilary Owen 42.19 (42.19).

27 Janice Donohoe, Meryl Duke 41.44 (41.44).

28 Lynne Rainford, Edith Marshall 41.15 (41.15).

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 24 Oct 2023  
Brisbane Water Bridge Club

## Barbecue roster at Little Aths

**Woy Woy Peninsula Little Athletics has initiated a roster system for the barbecue at its meetings.**

Each age group will be asked to nominate someone for one hour, once or or maybe twice over the season for the larger age groups to help out the club.

One person from the girls' age group and one person from the

boys age group is expected to cover it.

A committee member will also be there as well to help.

The roster started with the Under-7 Age group and moved to the Under-8 age group and will follow on from there.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 19 Oct 2023  
Woy Woy Peninsula Little Athletics

# Sport



## Grand opening for cricket clubhouse

**Southern Spirit Cricket Club held a "grand opening" of its new clubhouse on Saturday evening, October 28, at Umina oval.**

"A sensational sunset and a full moon set the scene for our Phoenix players and fans to come together to christen the new clubhouse," said club president Mr Anthony

Clarke.

The evening included nibbles and sausage sizzle, with the canteen selling a range of kids and adults drinks.

Earlier in the day, Southern Spirit's second and fifth grade sides played at the ground.

**SOURCE:**

**Social media, 29 Oct 2023  
Southern Spirit Cricket Club**

## Lions club donates sun cream dispensers

**Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club have donated two sun cream dispenser, for use by Umina Surf Life Saving Club and Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club.**

The units automatically dispense sun cream to anyone who requires it at the beach.

"The units are supported by the Cancer Council and have proved to be highly successful at several locations in Sydney," said Lions club secretary Mr Greg Head.

"The two surf clubs will maintain units which are battery operated and can be located wherever they can best help their members and the general public.

"There are also QR Codes and mobile phone numbers on the units for anyone wanting to know more about Lions, both locally and world wide."

The units cost about \$4000 each.

"With a 50 per cent grant from Australian Lions Foundation, we



could afford to purchase the two units at the same time," said Mr Head.

Mr Head said that Lions club members attending, along with himself, were club president Mr Rob Osmond, Mr Ian Taylor, Mr Bob Willis, Mr Tony Griffiths, Ms Lin Griffiths and Ms Faye Austin, as well as Australian Lions Foundation chairman Mr Ken Hallam.

At Umina Surf Life Saving Club,

committee members Mr Rick Boylan and Mr Mike Begg received the dispenser.

At Ocean Beach, it was received by patrol members Ms Amanda Lawer, Mr Jamie Cairns, Mr Shane Oakes and Director of Lifesaving Mr Jordan Smith.

**SOURCE:**

**Media release, 28 Oct 2023  
Greg Head, Woy Woy  
Peninsula Lions Club**

## Bad weather for Ducks

**The Peninsula Ducks Softball Club were unable to play at the weekend after the Central Coast Softball Association cancelled all games "due to continuing rain".**

The association announced on Saturday, October 28: "Due to continuing rain overnight and this morning the grounds are too wet to play.

"All games are off."

The previous night the association explained: "Where inclement weather has been prevalent in the days leading up to the day of play, an inspection of the ground is required at 6:45 am

on the day of play to determine the ground conditions.

"Games are to be moved from Diamonds 1 and 2 to temporary grass diamonds in the first instance.

"Only when the ground condition is likely to cause injury or significant damage to the playing surface are games to be suspended or abandoned.

"Conditions are to be monitored throughout the day to determine ground conditions.

"At this stage, all games are on."

**SOURCE:**

**Social media, 28 Oct 2023  
Peninsula Ducks Softball**



## Charity bowls day held in spring sunshine

**The Ettalong Bowling Club's monthly charity bowls day was held in spring sunshine on Sunday, October 15.**

The 50 bowlers present started with bowls at 9am, followed by a sausage sizzle then a raffle.

"The spider was won by Frans Herben for the first time," said organiser Mr Ken Dixon.

"Lucky rink winners were John Orme, Greg Elliott and Marg Burns.

"Frans also won multiple prizes in the raffle with the main prize of a bottle of Chivas Regal going to Cassandra Whitney."

The event has raised \$2000 for Central Coast Kids in Need in the last two months, he said.

The next event will be held from



9am on Sunday, November 19.

**SOURCE:**

**Media release, 24 Oct 2023  
Ken Dixon, Ettalong Charity Bowls**

## Two sessions to run in state-wide bridge

**The Brisbane Water Bridge Club has two sessions to run for the state-wide Under-100 Masterpoints Championship**

Five sessions hosted by the club started on Monday, October 23.

The sessions were also held on Wednesday, October 25, and today, Monday, October 30.

The two remaining sessions will be at 12:30pm on Wednesday, November 1, and the final on Wednesday, November 29.

Conducted by the NSW Bridge

Association, the championship provides the opportunity to earn extra masterpoints.

Players can play in as many sessions as they wish, and they need not have the same partner each time.

The fifth session is the statewide "final" and all players are welcome at the final even if they haven't played in previous sessions.

Any pair with a player over 100 Masterpoints may play in these sessions but will be non-contending for championship.

The details and performance of eligible pairs will be forwarded to the Association and assessed for further awards .

The UHMP Championship is hosted by several bridge clubs around the state.

Members of other local clubs, including Gosford, Bateau Bay and Long Jetty, are also welcome to participate at Brisbane Water.

Table fees are \$5 for Brisbane Water members and \$7 for visitors.

**SOURCE:**

**Website, 22 Oct 2023  
Brisbane Water Bridge Club**