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## Sunshine welcomes crowds

The sun shone yesterday, Sunday, November 12, to welcome the crowds to Brisbane Water Oyster Festival and the regular monthly Woy Woy Craft Market on the Woy Woy waterfront.

The festival was held at Woy Woy Lions Park after a three year absence due to the pandemic.

Country Band Pure Nashville played during the morning and while locals and visitors alike sampled local oysters, food, beer and wine.

The queues to the fresh oyster stalls were 12 deep.

Together, the festival and the market provided people with a multitude of stalls and delights.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 9 Nov 2023  
Brisbane Water Oyster Festival

## Hart tree plan sees minimal canopy increase, panel told

The proposal by Central Coast Council Administrator Mr Rik Hart to plant 8500 trees to "green" the Peninsula over 10 years would see only a three per cent increase in tree canopy, according to the Peninsula Residents Association.

With a Greater Cities Commission target of 40 per cent by 2036 and existing canopy as low as 10 per cent, the Peninsula would need a net increase of as much as 10 times Mr Hart's proposal to reach the target.

Association representative Mr Frank Wiffen told the Local Planning Panel last week that, if all 8500 were planted immediately and "optimistically" survived to have a tree canopy of 50 square metres each in 10 years' time, it would represent a canopy of 0.425 square kilometres.

"While this is a lot, the Peninsula is 14.8 square kilometres, so the 8500 trees would shade about three per cent," he said.

"They would not be nearly enough."

Mr Wiffen said at least 30 per cent tree canopy was needed to help alleviate the predicted extended periods of high temperatures due to climate change.

"It is not just the Association that is calling for more tree canopy and vegetation cover on the Peninsula.

"It is specifically mentioned in the Central Coast Regional Plan 2041.

"Under Planning for the Narara District, Planning Priority No 2, it states that Woy Woy is the most populous and urbanised area on the Central Coast and that future planning will consider the potential impacts of climate change including the urban heat island effect and that the urban tree canopy will be increased."

Mr Wiffen was speaking in support of a council recommendation to refuse a proposed multi-dwelling development at 8 Priestman Ave, Umina.

"If you look at number 8 Priestman Ave on Google Maps satellite view you will see quite a lot of green vegetation, roughly 30 per cent.

"This proposal, as with virtually all gunbarrels, proposes to reduce that to zero.

"Of course there may be some token landscaping planted at project completion but, if you look at other gun barrels on Google maps that have been completed, you'll see that this is generally of such a small scale as to be virtually undetectable."

As well as planting more trees, the council needed to prevent tree loss.

He said the council needed to refuse applications "such as this one which push us even further into the red zone".

Mr Wiffen said after the hearing that, with 182km of roads on the Peninsula, 8500 street trees equated to only one tree on each side of the road every 40 metres.

Central Coast Council's online community poll about the sale of the Austin Butler reserve to fund the planting of 8500 trees closes tonight at [www.yourvoiceourcoast.com/AustinButler](http://www.yourvoiceourcoast.com/AustinButler).

SOURCE:  
Local Planning Panel  
agenda 3.1, 9 Nov 2023

## Booker Bay listed as top future climate risk

Booker Bay has been placed in the top 20 coastal locations in NSW for future climate risk.

The suburb is listed as expected

to be 20th most impacted by "coastal erosion" in 30 years' time, according to the Groundsure ClimateIndex, from property information specialist InfoTrack.

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Our fortnightly voluntary non-profit community newspaper is produced by members of our community as a service to our community.

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Volunteering can range from spending an hour or two through to taking responsibility for a role within the production team. Training is provided.

Volunteers are currently needed to help with fundraising and sponsorship, news gathering, and sub-editing collected material into news style.

Other available roles include

that of photographer and picture editor, online production manager and bookkeeper.

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Mark Snell, 9 Nov 2023

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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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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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

## Christmas lunch for volunteers

The Rotary Club of Umina Beach will hold its Peninsula Volunteers Annual Christmas Lunch from noon on Thursday, November 30.

"This is an opportunity to celebrate the wonderful Peninsula volunteers who are a vital connection to our community and make it a better place," said club president Mr Wayne Dowdle.

"They have a positive impact on our community by helping with the smallest tasks that can make a real difference to the lives of people, animals, and organizations in need."

All Peninsula volunteers are welcome to the lunch.

"We look forward to celebrating your wonderful generosity and kindness in volunteering."

The cost of the lunch is \$10, with each person attending receiving a \$10 voucher for drinks.

Payments must be received by November 17, by electronic funds transfer to the club at BSB 633-000, account 163 094 592 with a reference of the payee volunteer's organisation name.

With questions, email club program director Mr Peter Doherty at p.d3@bigpond.com.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 9 Nov 2023  
Wayne Dowdle, Rotary Umina Beach



## Club prepares for annual Christmas tree sale

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy is getting ready for its annual Christmas tree sale.

The sale will be held in the southern end of the commuter car park at Woy Woy.

"The sign went up today," said club vice-president Mr Don Tee.

"We look forward to seeing you on the first two weekends in December to purchase your tree."

"I am sure we will once again sell out."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 31 Oct 2023  
Rotary Club of Woy Woy

## Aunty Di at 'tent embassy'

Aunty Di O'Brien will speak in a "Tent Embassy" art installation in Sydney 2000 Park, next to Mingaletta in Sydney Ave, Umina, from 11:30am to 12:30pm on Saturday, November 25.

The session aims to explore some of Aunty Di's personal history and connection to aboriginal civil rights movements, the challenges faced, the victories celebrated,

and the wisdom garnered over the years.

MC will be Brooke Scobie. Richard Bell's Tent Embassy art installation has been presented nationwide and around the world since 2013 and "provides a critical platform to challenge preconceived ideas and stereotypes about aboriginal people, art and culture".

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 9 Nov 2023  
Mingaletta ATSC

## Three days of more than 10mm of rain

The Peninsula has had three falls of more than 10mm of rain so far this month.

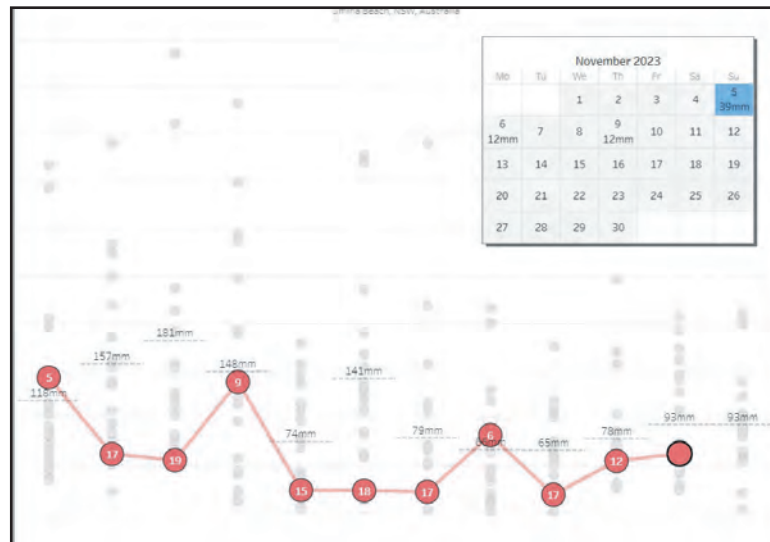
A total of 61.8mm was recorded, with 38.8mm on Sunday, November 5, and 11.5mm recorded on Monday, November 6, and on Thursday, November 9, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

The total is two-thirds of the monthly average of 94mm for November.

The cumulative total for the year is 680.4mm, compared to the average cumulative total at the end of November of 1228mm.

It is just over half of the 19-year annual average of 1321mm.

**SOURCE:**  
Spreadsheet, 10 Nov 2023  
Jim Morrison, Umina



TIDE TIMES and Heights	Mon, Nov 13	Thu, Nov 16	Sun, Nov 19	Wed, Nov 22	Sat, Nov 25
	0300 0.22	0442 0.27	0156 0.76	0513 0.93	0130 0.19
	0915 1.20	1112 1.28	0718 0.33	1107 0.32	0745 1.23
	1602 0.23	1828 0.22	1357 1.18	1718 1.08	1422 0.23
	2138 0.91	2358 0.79	2122 0.20		2008 0.99
	Tue, Nov 14	Fri, Nov 17	Mon, Nov 20	Thu, Nov 23	Sun, Nov 26
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	2221 0.87		2219 0.19	1819 1.06	2058 0.95
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# Peninsula may miss out on Crown Lands grants

**The Peninsula seems unlikely to benefit from State Government funding to “maintain and improve” Crown Land, despite a call from Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch to apply.**

“Crown Land managers – including community organisations, Councils and user groups seeking to maintain and improve Crown reserves and facilities – can now apply for funding under the NSW Government’s Crown Reserves Improvement Fund,” she said.

“I strongly encourage eligible applicants to apply for a total of around \$16 million in funding through the Fund.”

Central Coast Council manages Crown Land on the Peninsula, but does not appear to intend to apply for the funding.

The Peninsula’s Crown Land is mainly foreshore reserves, but also includes the Council’s Woy Woy depot, part of the Everglades lagoon system and the Burrawang bushland reserve in Hillview St as well as a large part of Blackwall Mountain.

One piece of Crown Land of almost three hectares at Woy Woy adjacent to the railway line has been identified as a priority by the Save Our Species program of the Office of Environment and Heritage for its endangered Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland, with a recommendation for “site-based weed control”.

Another is the weed-infested old Sanitary Depot off Patonga Dr, surrounded by National Park, which was never restored to bushland after its use as a raw sewage dump.

Ms Tesch said: “These grants help maintain and upgrade reserves, and facilities on them, for residents’ use and enjoyment, as well as to protect areas of important environmental land.

“Grants support weed and pest management projects to ensure we have healthy public reserves that help protect native plants and animals from invasive species.”

However, in a statement on behalf of Central Coast Council chief executive Mr David Farmer, Peninsula News was told: “Council

is not currently in a position to apply to the Crown Reserves Improvement Fund for the Crown Land at Woy Woy.

“While the site is not included in the Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland Endangered Ecological Community Restoration and Rehabilitation Management Plan, it is however likely that there are some patches of Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland vegetation on the site along with other vegetation communities such as saltmarsh.

“Council officers have been in discussion with the Save Our Species team from the Department of Planning and Environment about the site.

“Further planning in consultation with the Saving Our Species Team is required prior to any vegetation management or bush regeneration works being undertaken including in the Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland patches.

“There are some priority actions, such as access control and the removal of a historically dumped car body, that Council is working towards implementing.

“Council is focusing on ensuring the first priorities and planning are undertaken.

“The Crown Reserves Improvement Fund, particularly the weed projects stream, is a potential source of funds that Council may investigate further once the planning has progressed towards completion.”

The statement gave no indication of how long this work was expected to take.

Ms Tesch said that Crown reserves supported communities by protecting the environment and providing open spaces and facilities for parks, ovals, walking, cycling, camping and other sports and recreation activities.

“We all know the benefits that these reserves and facilities bring to our community and that a healthy community is a happy community.”

Applications for the NSW Government’s Crown Reserves Improvement Fund close on Friday, November 17.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 31 Oct 2023  
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford



## Service held at Vietnam memorial

**A Remembrance Day service was conducted at the Ettalong Beach Vietnam memorial at 11am on Saturday by the Vietnam Veterans Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association, Central Coast sub-branch.**

The service commenced with a minute’s silence followed by

prayers from the Reverend Arthur Pearce.

Guest speaker was Mr Richard Gray, a former president of the Vietnam Veterans Association.

He spoke of the importance of maintaining Remembrance Day services, particularly so that young people would learn of the sacrifices of their forebears.

Wreaths were then laid and the Last Post and the National Anthem were played.

The Australian Cadet Unit Erina for providing personnel to assist the association with the service.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 11 Nov 2023  
Larry Searle, VPPAACC  
Photo: Larry Searle



Ms Eva Penson

## Milestones

**Morning and afternoon teas celebrating significant personal milestones have been organised by the Federal Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid.**

Two couples from Umina celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

They were Mr Bruce and Ms Amanda Stavert, and Mr Fortunato and Ms Laura Vella.

Ettalong resident Ms Eva Penson celebrated her 101st birthday.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 1 Nov 2023  
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson

## Ferry Rd trees to be replaced

**Central Coast Council has told Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch it will replace trees removed from the Ettalong Beach foreshore by council contractors.**

Council planning director Dr Alice Howe said the “six dead banksia trees” located on the Council reserve at Ferry Rd “are likely to have been poisoned some time ago”.

“However, the tree assessment was unable to find evidence to support that conclusion,” she said in a letter to Ms Tesch, who had raised the matter on behalf of a constituent.

“The trees were inspected by

Council’s team leader public tree risk management and operations on August 4 in relation to a customer service request.

“Based on the risk assessment, it was determined that there was an arboricultural requirement to undertake the removal of six dead Banksia trees, as the trees posed an unacceptable risk to people and property, with no remedial works suitable to mitigate the risk.

“Council organised the removal of the trees by appropriately qualified tree contractors.”

**SOURCE:**  
Letter, 20 Oct 2023  
Alice Howe, Central Coast Council

## No water in Ocean Beach Rd

**Residents of Ocean Beach Rd were left without water after a water main broke in Umina on Monday, November 6.**

Homes between McMasters Rd, Woy Woy, and West St, Umina,

were affected.

Water was restored by 2:30pm, with residents advised to check their pipes for discoloured water.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 6 Nov 2023  
Central Coast Council

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## Two-storey arched waterfront window

An arched window 4.2 metres wide and two storeys high facing Brisbane Water is the feature of a house proposed to be built on the waterfront at 416 Orange Grove Rd, Blackwall.

The gross floor area for the development would be 450 square metres on a block of 1037 square metres zoned R2 (low density residential), complying with the floor space ratio limit of 0.5:1.

"The site has an existing two-storey dwelling, swimming pool and associated outbuilding, which are subject to demolition," the development application states.

"The site has an existing approval for a marine boat shed, and swimming pool under DA2007/32839 which will remain.

"The site falls from south to the north of the site towards the natural water body: a fall of approximately four metres over a length of 52.425 metres."

The width of the site is given as 20.115 metres.

"The new build will provide a modernisation to the streetscape and the water body, and also take advantage of the view to the ocean.

"The external appearance will provide a more modern appeal with contemporary coastal finishes.

"The roof of the dwelling is proposed as a metal finish to create a seamless appearance with modern materials to the wall such as timber, and render and stone elements to the front fence."

The main dwelling is claimed to comply by the height limit of 8.5 m, as stipulated in planning provisions.

However, the detached garage is greater than the allowed height of 4.8 metres, with a proposed a height of 6.45 metres.

The proposal also breaches the building envelope requirements of the planning provisions which require the portions of side walls above 4.5m to be restricted by a line drawn at an angle of 25 degrees.



However, the application argues that this does not apply.

"The minimum required setback from a side boundary in accordance with the Building Code of Australia is 900mm.

"In technical terms and the hierarchy of legislation, the Building Code takes present over any restriction outlines in a Council planning instrument as research has been undertaken to ensure the safety of occupants.

"The Council planning document is a desirable outcome for the local government area, but cannot be strictly enforced in that being said justification to the objectives of the clause for a side boundary setback."

The application lists the objectives of side setback controls and argues that these have been fully met and that therefore strict adherence to the "numeric controls" is unnecessary.

Various arguments are used to justify the garage being placed in the front setback and the use of a 1.8m high fence at the front boundary, which do not comply with planning provisions.

The application concludes: "The overall impacts of the development can be determined as a positive outcome for the site and area with an increase to the streetscape and amenity of the area with the improvements to the dwelling.

"The proposal will have minimal environmental impact on the surrounding locale and the merits of the proposal shall be considered on their own merit.

"Based on the positive outcomes, it is therefore concluded that approval for the development shall be granted by the local consent authority known as Central Coast Council."

This application is currently listed with a status of "Awaiting Information Post-Lodgement".

**SOURCE:**  
DA Tracker, 8 Nov 2023  
DA/1920/2023, Central Coast Council

## Refusal recommended for multi-dwelling proposal

A proposed multi-dwelling development at 8 Priestman Ave, Umina, was considered at the meeting of the Central Coast Local Planning Panel last Thursday, November 9.

There had been 11 public submissions against the application DA/397/2023.

The council assessment recommended refusal, stating that the building height and floor space ratio exceeded the maximum permitted.

The report stated: "An extrapolation of the southern-most first-floor ridge to the surveyed existing ground level has indicated a building height of more than 8.5 metres (which exceeds the maximum permissible height).

"Assessment of the application has also revealed a miscalculation the gross floor area, excluding areas of laundry, garbage storage and unspecified use within the proposed garages.

"Measurement of these areas demonstrates an additional gross floor area that results in exceeding the permissible floor space ratio of 0.5:1.

"The applicant has not provided an appropriate statement in

accordance with Clause 4.6 with regard to non-compliances with development standards."

Other non-compliance with planning provisions included "rear setbacks, private open space and fencing, sunlight access, car parking, landscape design and cut and fill".

At the Panel hearing, the only speaker was Mr Francis Wiffen who spoke in support of the Council recommendation on behalf of the Peninsula Residents Association.

Mr Wiffen praised the council for its "diligence and attention to detail" and stated that "the Association wholeheartedly supports the Council's recommendation for refusal".

He raised the heat impact: "If you look at number 8 Priestman Ave on Google Maps satellite view you will see quite a lot of green vegetation, roughly 30 per cent. This proposal, as with virtually all gunbarrels, proposes to reduce that to zero."

He said allowing applications that did not comply with the planning provisions would "push us even further into the red zone".

**SOURCE:**  
Local Planning Panel agenda 3.1, 9 Nov 2023

## 'Coastal' design and tree removal sought

An application to amend a development application for a dual occupancy at 105 Karingi St, Umina, approved in 2021, has been lodged with Central Coast Council.

"The modification proposes more of a coastal design with a skillion roof and incorporates internal raked ceilings to all common living and dining areas," according to the application prepared by Red Apple Design.

It also proposes to remove a tree at the rear of the property "as it seems to be near the approved

development".

"The approved development application is for a single storey, three-bedroom dual-occupancy with a traditional 22.5 degree hipped-roof with gable ends over the alfresco."

This amendment is currently on public exhibition and open for public submissions.

The closing date for submissions is not displayed on the Council website.

**SOURCE:**  
DA Tracker, 9 Nov 2023  
DA/59225/2020A, Central Coast Council



## Men's Shed saga continues with amendment lodged

**Central Coast Council still appears to be placing obstacles in front of the Umina Beach Men's Shed five years after it resolved to lease council land to the non-profit group for its shed, and purported to support its activities.**

The Shed had been hoping to hold an opening ceremony in December, but it now appears to be unlikely to be able to do so until the New Year.

The Men's Shed has now lodged a proposed amendment to its development approval, following a letter from the council "for additional information to meet the requirements of a Section 4.55[1A]".

The amendment seeks to retain the current original alignment of the carpark driveway.

The Council letter was dated October 17, within two days of the fifth anniversary of the first meeting with the Central Coast Council senior management team and councillors on October 19, 2018, according to the latest Men's Shed newsletter.

"It is still on-going," the newsletter states.

"Your current Shed is basically all packed up and pretty ready to relocate to the new Shed in Osborne Ave, but delayed awaiting the finalization of the Occupancy Certificate.

"We are in very regular contact with the authorities but the formalities make for slow progress."

In the amendment application lodged with the council, Shed secretary Mr Vic Brown said: "We think it is important to provide additional background information.

"The initial discussions with Council started back in 2017-2018 regarding the possibility of providing a suitable site or facility for the Umina Beach Men's Shed.

"The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council 26 November 2018 show Item 2.2 Proposed Lease of land at 90 Osborne Av Umina to Umina Beach Men's Shed. Moved Mayor Smith, seconded Councillor Holstein.

"At the outset the original concept was for the complete area of Lot 13 [90 Osborne Av] to be provided to the Men's Shed.

"Presumably following the due process of submissions following the advertising of the proposal, and the Shed having started work on plans and layouts, we were advised that the Shed would be leased only a portion of Lot 13 and the remainder to be retained by the Council as a 24/7 public car park.

"At this initial stage [of utilising the whole area] it was thought that the cross over entrance to Lot 13 from Osborne Ave might have to be moved in order to accommodate the Shed structure and parking.

"However, at the point when the Shed was advised of the 24/7 car park and the actual area that was to be leased to the Shed, the existing crossover /entrance to the car park would naturally be retained.

"The Development Application No 57593/2019 Part 1 was issued August 6, 2020.

"However it included a new crossover structure/plan inside the area of the existing structure. "The existing structure designed by the Council to cater for its larger 24/7 car park and later for the 24/7 public car park facility is broader, more accessible and seemingly therefore 'driver safer' than the proposed replacement.

"The existing entrance / crossover to the designated 24/7 car park is in actually the same location as on development plan, is wider, designed and constructed by the Council, and is operational.

"To remove this structure to simply supply and construct a narrower version is thought to be impracticable.

"The changes proposed are to retain the existing entrance/ crossover structure designed and built by the Council to continue to provide access to the Council's 24/7 public car park in doing so there would be nil changes to environmental effects."

The application is open for submissions until November 24.

**SOURCE:**  
DA Tracker, 6 Nov 2023  
DA/57593/2019/A, Central Coast Council



## Patonga gets a fire boat

**Patonga Volunteer Rural Bush Fire Brigade now has a fire boat.**

It has been years coming and it is not quite operational, according to members.

But it will ensure the Patonga brigade can attend more fires, especially across to the islands and fires inaccessible by road.

The brigade's newly-qualified

skippers and boat crew collected the boat from Mooney Mooney on Sunday, October 29.

It is now at its new home close to Patonga fire station, ready to help the brigade serve its community even more.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 1 Nov 2023  
Patonga Volunteer Rural Bush Fire Brigade



## Promoting accessibility

**Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has returned from at the 66th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Conference in Accra, Ghana, with renewed determination to advocate for people with disabilities.**

"I look forward to continuing to pursue the importance of including people with disabilities at all levels of society, including parliaments across the Commonwealth," she said.

"Throughout the Commonwealth work is being undertaken towards improving the physical accessibility of Parliaments, procuring assistive technology, as well as supporting persons with disabilities to seek higher office.

"These initiatives in the area of accessibility of parliaments are being undertaken as part of the Commonwealth Parliamentarians with Disabilities Capital Investment Fund.

"I'm thrilled to be working in close partnership with other parliamentarians in Commonwealth countries to help them up their game to ensure people with disabilities have a better quality of life.

"During my time in Ghana, it was an incredible honour to spend time among a united group of parliamentarians with disability

within the Commonwealth, such as Laura Kanushu MP (Uganda), Senator Isaiah D Jacob (Malaysia) and The Hon Wetangula Timothy Wanyonyi (Kenya).

"We were so very fortunate to be given the opportunity to tour the Accra Rehabilitation Centre and to network with Commonwealth peers as well as attend workshops on topics such as Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians."

Ms Tesch, who attended as the Australian Regional Champion for Commonwealth Parliamentarians with Disabilities, said it was an honour to represent people with disability.

"It was a genuine privilege to be able to represent the NSW Parliament.

"When I became a parliamentarian six years ago, physical access to parliament was a significant challenge.

"Positive progress has been made in this area in the years since, although there is still more work to do.

"I'm working to ensure that parliaments across Australia are accessible, so new members of parliament with disability do not have to face the same barriers I had to face – and they can get on with the job immediately after they are elected."

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 31 Oct 2023  
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

## Rewarding day for Clean4Shore co-ordinator

It was a rewarding day for Clean4Shore co-ordinator Mr Graham Johnston when Umina campus support unit students joined him for a clean-up of Pelican Island and the Woy Woy Channel last week.

"Watching support unit students overcome challenges and work as a team to remove some difficult items is overwhelming," he said.

"It is even better when the supervising teachers allow the students to meet these challenges and the smiles of satisfaction on completion of the task."

Mr Johnston said that "Which way, Jono?" was an early call when walking through thick mangroves on Pelican Island.

Then "follow me" and "over here" from the students as rubbish was found and the team loaded it onto the barge.

"Plenty of soft and hard plastics, oyster product, marine ply, pallets



and some hard plastic were retrieved from the retaining wall adjacent to the Woy Woy Channel salt water pool.

"The students only walked the Channel, filling the barge with 15 full bags of small litter plus the larger items.

"A shopping trolley and office chair were removed from the drain along the broadwalk."

He said there was support from local kayakers and fishermen upon arrival back at Lions Park, with the hungry students enjoying a healthy lunch.

The 280 kg of rubbish collected on the day was offloaded at Woy Woy Tip

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 9 Nov 2023  
Graham Johnston, Clean4shore

## Trivia quiz is on Saturday, not Sunday

**The Rotary Club of Umina Beach will hold a trivia quiz for the Top Blokes Foundation at 7pm this Saturday, October 18, at Club Umina.**

Money raised from ticket sales at \$25 each will be used to support the "Top Blokes Foundation's

mentoring programs that help young men improve their mental health", according to club publicity officer Mr Pat Lewis.

"It will be a night of quizzing with lots of prizes to be won."

Publicity issued by the Top Blokes Foundation previously gave Sunday's date.

"The date stated is incorrect,"

said Mr Lewis.

"The date is Saturday, November 18, not Sunday, November 19."

He said he hoped the confusion would not deter possible participants or have people turning up on the wrong night.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 5 Nov 2023  
Pat Lewis, Rotary Umina Beach

## Marine Rescue Central Coast splits to create new Terrigal unit

**Marine Rescue Central Coast is to be split in two, with the announcement that Marine Rescue Terrigal will be reinstated as stand-alone unit.**

Inspector Steve Raymond of Marine Rescue NSW Hunter Central Coast said the Terrigal unit amalgamated with the neighbouring Central Coast unit in 2017.

He said that over time it became evident of the need for Terrigal to

return to a unit in its own right.

"With Terrigal having favourable access to the ocean, we felt it was important for boaters in the region that the unit was reinstated because of its offshore capability.

"The Terrigal base has the most southern entry point to the ocean on the Central Coast and provides important offshore coverage between the Norah Head and Broken Bay units.

"With the Central Coast unit positioned on enclosed waterways, the endorsement for the re-

establishment of the Terrigal unit provides boaters in the area with reassurance that in the event they need assistance, Marine Rescue NSW has multiple units and assets that can respond.

"The Terrigal unit has 40 volunteer members and a 10-metre Naiad rescue vessel with offshore capability up to 30 nautical miles ensuring swift deployment for rescue missions," he said.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 2 Nov 2023  
Travis Winks, MRNSW



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**Forum**

# Many unanswered questions on Woy Woy baths repair

Details of Woy Woy baths repair as reported in Peninsula News (October 30) may be logical to all levels of government but there is definite need to explain the interaction of all stakeholders, funding and responsibilities.

The baths will not be repaired to original condition.

For any works of significance, the nearby amenities block will need to be relocated.

Where this will be is open to conjecture.

I may not be the only resident trying to decide which actions are

applicable to "damage by storm and flood events" as opposed to the Woy Woy Waterfront Masterplan.

Funding from state and federal governments is easy, compared to the challenge of determining the future of the baths and juggling the many demands on the waterfront.

Is the council committed to constructing a "waterfront promenade" in the area of the Memorial Park.

If so, both state and federal governments should prepare for more requests for funding due to "infrastructure damaged by storm and flood events".

I have made a submission on the Lions Park upgrade, referring

to issues the council has not addressed, particularly the future of the bowling club site.

I now question the value of the council's public consultation held on June 9, 2022, at the Peninsula Leisure Centre.

Confrontation is looming in the near future.

I expect Dr Gordon Reid will be very concerned about poor water quality.

Will there be a call for volunteers to carry out regular water testing studies?

It is certainly a very interesting project.

**SOURCE:**  
Letter, 3 Nov 2023  
Norm Harris, Umina

# We need ambition for ourselves

I have a better idea for the Austin Butler Reserve.

Why don't we tear down the shabby, dilapidated Peninsula Plaza building, with its broken facade panels and its ugly, badly maintained carpark, and replace it with a Woy Woy Civic Square that we can be proud of?

We could group the library, the ambulance station, the post office and the courthouse around it.

We could even, probably, find some way to deal with the regrettable police building.

Maybe, the police could be relocated in conjunction with the courthouse.

And we could find space for a Council sub-office which is badly

needed.

Such a square would highlight the Austin Butler trees and provide a worthwhile access to the tennis courts and oval and, eventually, to the shamefully underutilized waterfront.

The scheme could even include a well-designed public carpark to contrast with the hideous wasteland of Umina's Bullion St park.

We don't need Mr. Hart's bean-counting approach.

What we need is ambition for ourselves.

Oh, and lots and lots of new trees.

**SOURCE:**  
Email, 5 Nov 2023  
Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy

# Just say 'no' and re-organise carpark

Central Coast Council Administrator Mr Rik Hart is reported to have said: "As I have always said, I will be guided by the community's response through Council's community engagement process."

It would appear to me that Mr Hart is constantly inviting the community to have their say on endless projects.

Why doesn't Mr Hart do what he is paid for, make the decision, full stop.

The decision whether Woolworths should be allowed to purchase part of the Austin Butler Reserve, should have been a

simple one for Mr Hart to make: one single word, "No".

Now we have the charade of yet another request for community response.

Who is paying for this? It's not coming out of Mr Hart's pocket.

It's coming out of the ratepayers' pockets.

I regularly go to Woolworths Woy Woy and have no problems parking.

Yes, when a goods vehicle is present, access and parking can be a problem.

However, Woolworths can easily manage this by simply removing four car park spaces immediately fronting where their goods vehicle

parks, plus another two to four car spaces adjacent to the reserve.

Such would make it easier for cars to turn to access the full car park.

As to complaints that Woolworths goods vehicles are the main cause of traffic jams on Blackwall Rd, it's not the primary reason.

It's the continued line of walking ants crossing the pedestrian crossing from the old Westpac Bank to Peninsula Plaza.

Spend the money saved on this pointless community consultation, Mr Hart, and install pedestrian crossing lights.

**SOURCE:**  
Email, 5 Nov 2023  
Ray Hall, Koolewong



# Frogmouth family reunites

A family of tawny frogmouths at Pearl Beach Tennis Courts are back on their prime spectating branch over Court One.

After reports that the babies had

been blown from their roost onto the court, they were returned to their branch with mum with the help of local wildlife carers.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 5 Nov 2023  
Pearl Beach Tennis and Bowls

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**Funeral Notice**

**Ernest "Geoff" Geoffrey Jones**  
Passed away in the early hours of October 27, aged 82.

A former member of Woy Woy Fishing Club and Woy Woy Leagues Club, he will be greatly missed by his wife Marlene, daughter Sian and granddaughter Chloe.

Anyone wishing to pay respects is invited to attend his funeral service being held at 12:00pm at Greenway Chapel, Green Point on Monday, November 20.

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The above address is in probate and we are looking for anyone who is a relative or may know the contact details of any family related to the deceased Mrs Gwendoline (Gwen) King.

In order to make a claim for this estate, please contact Stephen Hickey  
**0411 674 120**

## General practices to receive government grants

**Six Peninsula medical centres will receive either \$25,000 or \$35,000 under a Federal general practice grants program.**

Ettalong Medical Centre and RMP Umina will each receive \$25,000.

Peninsula Medical Centre, Providence Medical Umina Beach, Woy Woy Family Practice and Woy Woy General Practice will each receive \$35,000.

Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid said the Federal Labor Government was helping to strengthen healthcare in the region.

"Primary care is fundamental healthcare, and it is critical that we are doing everything we can to support our general practices to continue providing high-quality patient care", Dr Reid said.

"The Federal Labor Government understands that having a strong primary care system, helps

reduce pressure on our hospital emergency departments and ensures people can access care when they need it".

"Our investment in Medicare will help general practices bulk bill children under 16, pensioners, and those with concession cards".

"Additionally, The Peninsula Medicare Urgent Care Clinic will open at Umina Beach and start seeing patients for urgent care this month", Dr Reid said.

"Urgent care includes presentations such as for minor infections, minor fractures, sprains, sports injuries and sudden onset neck and back pain, UTIs, STIs, minor cuts, insect bites, mild burns and more".

"More needs to be done and we will continue to work towards addressing the issues affecting healthcare in the region", Dr Reid said.

**SOURCE:**

**Media release, 30 Oct 2023  
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson**



## New 'household' on display at aged care home

**A Woy Woy aged care home has held an "open house" to display its new "household model" of aged care.**

The event was held at Blue Wave Living last Monday, November 6, to show people through its first new fully-completed household, named Aqua House, as part of its redevelopment works.

"It is going through the final sign-offs for approval for occupation," said chief executive Mr Matt Downie.

"It is now at practical completion and fully furnished, ready to go for residents to move into very soon."

Blue Wave Living will have a number of households as well as a new central "Clubhouse" to be developed in as a large activities space, which will be built as part of Stage Two works.

"It will look and feel somewhat like a local club," said Mr Downie.

"This space will become a much larger area than the central space is currently, and play host to large activities and events.

"However, it will be available for use by family and residents at any time.

"It will include smaller areas, such a fireplace lounge area, a private cinema space, and sitting spaces.

"It will also open up onto the central courtyards on either side, and a new dedicated barbecue space will be constructed on the eastern side courtyard."

Mr Downie said a second household would be completed by the middle of next year.

A third one would be completed early in 2025 as part of Stage Two works.

"Stage Two works are still in final planning stage.

"We hope to kick off works in February ideally, subject to being able to achieve some timelines with planning, council approval and builders."

He said Stage Two would be undertaken in two steps.

"We are aware this will be disruptive at times.

"However, the end goal will be the creation of some wonderful new households and spaces for our elders in care to enjoy."

**SOURCE:**

**Newsletter, 1 Nov 2023  
Matt Downie, Blue Wave Living**

## Indian restaurant is 'best in regional NSW'

**Woy Woy has "the best Indian restaurant in regional NSW".**

Spices 29 Goan Indian Restaurant received this accolade at the recent State Restaurant and Catering Association of Australia Awards.

The restaurant has been a finalist in the awards from the year after it started in 2018.

Business owners Mr Nelson Fernandes and Ms Selma Rocha (pictured left and right) said they were overjoyed with the win.

"The great day for the business has arrived because of the constant support from our customers and the teamwork of our staff," said Ms Rocha.

"It has been our pleasure and a great opportunity to be able to compete against all big businesses."

Mr Fernandes said that the enthusiasm and dedication shown by the staff over the last five years have been the biggest factors contributing to the win.

"I have been working in the hospitality industry for over 20



years myself, and it always is an absolute pleasure to be able to bring delicious food and warm service to the clients," he said.

The State win means the restaurant is now a finalist in the national awards.

Head chef Mr Praveen Kumar (pictured centre) said he saw the win as a challenge and was already preparing for the nationals.

"People come here to celebrate,

and it is our duty as a team to offer them the best."

"At Spices 29, we have always strived to serve the best food and service," said restaurant manager Shiwangi.

"Winning is a wonderful thing. However, the focus is to be constantly becoming better."

**SOURCE:**

**Media release, 5 Nov 2023  
Nelson Fernandes, Spices 29**

## Troubadour to feature two ensembles

**The Troubadour Folk Club's concert at 2pm on Sunday, November 26, at the Everglades Country Club, will feature two accomplished ensembles, according to club president Mr Michael Fine.**

The theme will be music for the world, drawn from across the globe.

The first is Verve Harmony, an acappella vocal group that shares a love of singing in harmony.

The Central Coast community-based choir gives its debut concert, led by Elizabeth W

Scott, who comes from New York and has worked across many music genres.

The choir presents a diverse mix of choral works including from African, African-American, indigenous, and eastern and western European folk traditions.

The choir is accepting new members, with more details on its website at <https://verve.choirgenius.com>.

The Jaga Band is the other ensemble, which has entertained audiences for nearly a decade.

It has a "distinctive celebration



of traditional songs and dances", inspired from across the Carpathian region, with rich and diverse influences from Ukraine, Hungary, Moldova and Romania, said Mr Fine.

Led by multi-instrumentalist and singer Mar'vana Sywak, the band has been raising funds for the Ukrainian people by joining forces with many international musicians.

"These incredibly talented musicians will take you on a musical journey to the land of Cossacks of the past and heroes of the present," said Mr Fine.

"They will bring to life traditional songs of love, hope and celebration

of life."

Part of the proceeds from this concert will be donated to those in need in Ukraine.

"In a troubled world torn by conflict, music offers harmony, inspiration and togetherness.

"Don't miss this chance to show your support for a better, more creative and peaceful world."

For more information and ticketing, visit the folk club's website at <https://www.troubadour.org.au> or phone 4342 6716.

**SOURCE:**

**Media release, 9 Nov 2023  
Michael Fine, Troubadour  
Central Coast**

## Nicholas wins London trip

**Umina Beach apprentice chef Mr Nicholas Smith has taken out the 2023 Brett Graham Scholarship after a final cook-off on Tuesday, October 31, at Hamilton TAFE.**

The \$10,000 prize includes a Certificate IV in Commercial Cookery and a trip to London, to work with Mr Graham in his award-winning businesses, including the Harwood Arms and The Ledbury.

Mr Smith, an apprentice at Saddles Mt White, said he felt privileged to have won.

The cook-off was held in the Hamilton TAFE cookery restaurant kitchen, and involved preparing a three-course meal for 60 judges, food critics, media guests, dignitaries, sponsors, their employers and families.

**SOURCE:**

**Media release, 2 Nov 2023  
Lauren McAllister, TAFE NSW**



# Planning

## Booker Bay listed in top 20 for future climate risk

**Booker Bay has been placed in the top 20 coastal locations in NSW for future climate risk.**

The suburb is listed as expected to be 20th most impacted by "coastal erosion" in 30 years' time, according to Groundsure ClimateIndex reports, available through property information specialist InfoTrack.

The information comes from a "tool" which also analyses other climate risks including flooding, and bushfire.

Groundsure chief executive Mr Dan Montagnani said the climate risk associated with a property can impact the homebuyer's ability to borrow money, insurance premiums, and potentially the future value of the home.

"Climate change is already considered a tier one risk by lenders on the impact to investment and value, and homeowners in some affected locations are already living with the consequences through higher insurance premiums," he said.

InfoTrack head of property Mr John Ahern said the Groundsure reports provided property-specific assessments for individual residences.

"They are specifically designed for property lawyers and conveyancers to do their due diligence and better inform

buyers," Mr Ahern said.

The reports respond to an increasing legal and consumer demand for information which allows them to advise and warn their clients about climate risks.

"Until now, climate change has not been front of mind, but a new generation of homebuyers is demanding insight on risks, to consider the potential long-term impact for their families and financial security.

"Homebuyers have a right to know what could lie ahead as they make the most expensive financial decision of their lives."

Mr Montagnani said it was also hoped the reports will encourage impacted communities to consider infrastructure to improve their resilience.

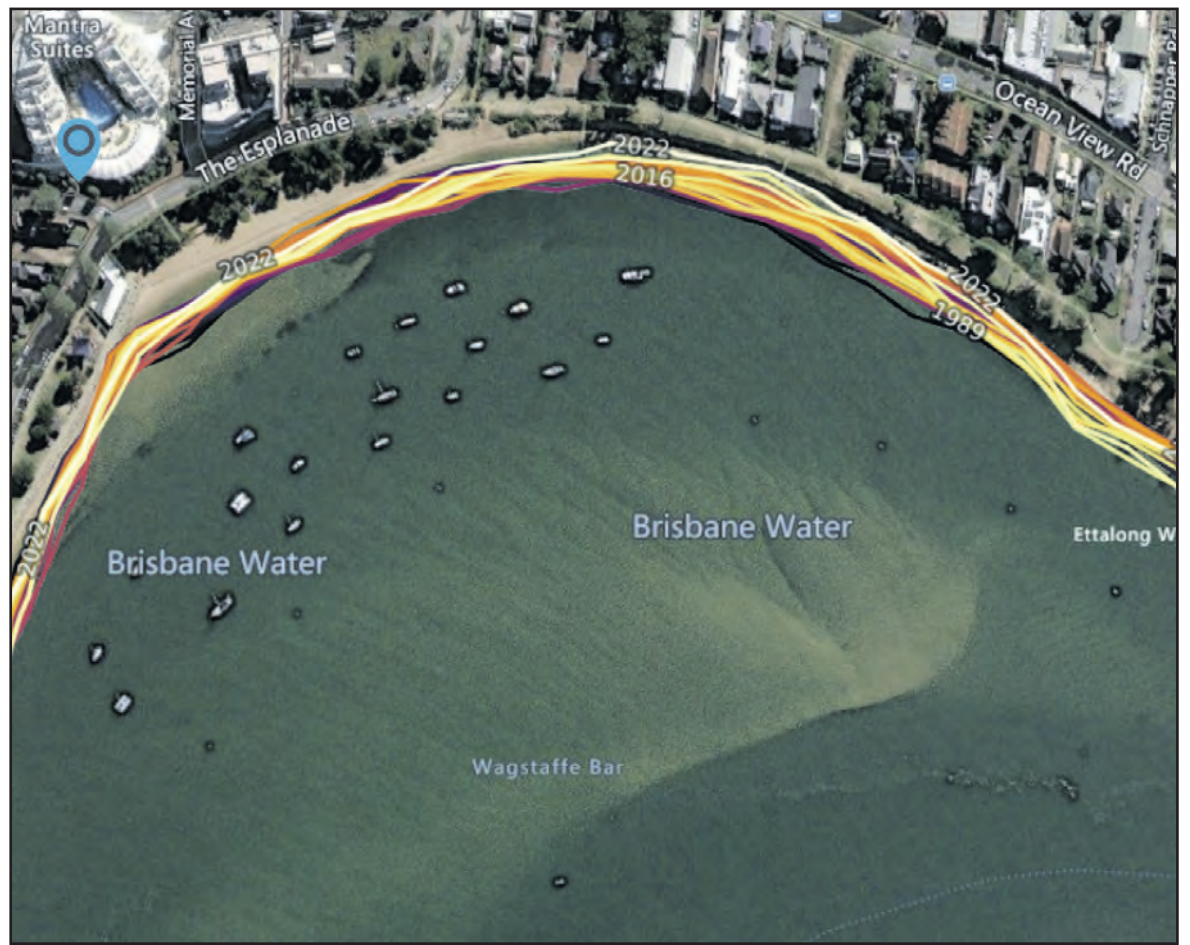
He said: "To forecast a property's coastal erosion risk, we blend historical erosion data with current coastline geomorphology.

"Our algorithm estimates the time until the coastline reaches a property.

"We then categorise the risk.

"Our Today rating assesses threats most highly which will impact the property in the near future, while our 30-year projection evaluates long-term erosion concerns to the property owner in the future."

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 8 Nov 2023  
Clare Christensen, Adoni Media



## Study finds State resists risk-based planning

**A study by a Woy Woy PhD candidate has found that NSW has resisted adopting risk-based land-use planning which is responsive and adapting to natural hazard events including climate risks such as coastal erosion.**

"The New South Wales planning legislation continues to provide planning mechanisms that allow development in high-risk beach locations and there is no policy to move people away from high-risk zones," Woy Woy town planning student Mr Mark Ellis writes in an article published in the Australian Journal of Disaster Management.

Mr Ellis said case studies of Central Coast Council and of Byron Shire Council showed that even where a council was taking a risk-based approach it was frustrated by State Government Policy.

The case studies "highlighted

the differences in adaptation strategies to reduce the risk of erosion".

"In the Central Coast case study, a self-reinforcing feedback and path-dependency approach based on current legislation was adopted," said Mr Ellis.

"The council is not reducing the risks from rising sea levels and storm surges, by allowing development in high-risk coastal locations.

"The Byron Bay case study found that the council wanted to act on coastal hazards, looked beyond the current legislative path and has opted for a managed-retreat approach.

"However, the council is restricted because of the NSW Government intransigence [in requiring] that the strategy aligns with existing government planning policy.

"This study did not identify

any political will nor appetite for changing public policy to incorporate managed retreat as an adaptation action to reduce risk," he said.

Mr Ellis said that, with increasing climate risk and coastal erosion, landholders and planners must stop relying on engineering options like sea walls and beach renourishment "to prop up properties that are no longer sustainable in a climate-affected future".

He suggested the alternative of a national coastal reserve "that adopts nature-based solutions as a coastal defence and is legislated by state governments and implemented by local governments" as a possible way of reducing the ongoing risks of coastal erosion and sea-level rise.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 1 Nov 2023  
Mark Ellis, Woy Woy

## Beachfront houses could become 'stranded assets'

**Many Peninsula beachfront properties could become "stranded assets", losing property value with insurance and banking sectors withdrawing from the coastal property market, Woy Woy town planning PhD student Mr Mark Ellis has warned.**

He was commenting on the listing of Booker Bay in the top 20 NSW future coastal climate risks.

Mr Ellis said a 2022 report by CoreLogic rated Ettalong Beach as having one of the highest beach retreat rates in NSW at 2.56 metres per year with the value of residential property at risk being \$25 million.

Recent decisions by the Central Coast council to allow rezoning of a land on The Esplanade for high rise development perpetuated the future risks, he said.

In recommending approval of the beachfront development, the Council's planning director stated the development was outside the coastal hazard line, and therefore was not expected to be impacted

by erosion and complied with planning provisions.

"Such simplistic responses ignore the reality of sea level rise and ongoing erosion of the beach in front of Lance Webb reserve," he said.

"It is just another example of a planning scheme that is not keeping up with the forecasted climate extremes, and moving the problem onto future generations.

"While there have been changes in the NSW Coastal Management Act to better integrate land-use planning within the coastal framework, a shift in urban planning and adaptation methodology for coastal communities must occur to achieve intergenerational equity and a new resilience for coastal development that address the Sendai framework goal of strengthening disaster risk governance.

"As other Australian states promote avoidance of development in high-risk coastal areas, the NSW Government continues to advocate protection over relocation."

**SOURCE:**  
Media statement, 10 Nov 2023  
Mark Ellis, Woy Woy

**New Coastal Design Guidelines to protect and enhance the state's waterways, coast, and estuaries are unlikely to protect the NSW Coast, according to town planning PhD candidate Mr Mark Ellis of Woy Woy.**

"While heading in the right direction, these are an example of guidelines which have no statutory power," he said.

He said the Government announcement was right that the guidelines "can help" if the council wanted to go in that direction.

However, he did not believe local Members of State Parliament nor Central Coast Council wanted to do so.

In the announcement, a

Department of Planning executive director, Ms Danijela Karac, said: "The guidelines include a new coastal management framework, and provide up-to-date support for best practice coastal planning, including place-based urban planning, planning for natural hazards.

"The guidelines provide expert advice for councils, developers and other stakeholders to make sure the NSW coast remains a spectacular natural resource and place of cultural significance for generations to come.

"The updates will help to improve strategic decision-making and environmental outcomes in our coastal places, which impacts most of our population and visitor economy in NSW.

"They will help better inform important decisions by councils, developers and anyone involved in designing coastal places.

"The guidelines can help with decisions on requests for changes to planning rules in coastal communities, appropriate design for urban areas in coastal places, and managing growing coastal communities."

Mr Ellis said: "The Marine Estate, which is also part of the coastal management framework, also has guidelines which pursue protection of beaches and coastal environments and is based on a threat and risk assessment which states climate change and development as two key impacts."

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 10 Nov 2023  
Danijela Karac, DPE





## School for Seniors faces closure

**The Peninsula School for Seniors will be forced to close on 6 December 6, unless it can find volunteers to help on the committee.**

Ms Diana Johnston said she, Ms Denise Simpson, Ms Dee Chrystal and secretary Ms Oriel Williams has served as the committee but wanted to attract fresh ideas.

The group, which has operated since 1989, hosted individuals and organisations from across the Coast community to educate the group on a wide range of subjects, she said.

It meets on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during the school term.

On special occasions, the group welcomes children from the childcare centre to perform for them.

Prior to the pandemic, there were 130 School for Seniors members. Now there are 57.

The School also organised bus day trips for the members to have lunch together or to see a show.

Every Wednesday there is a craft morning.

The committee seeks out speakers, manages the meetings and the bookkeeping.

Ms Johnston said the School "provides somewhere safe and friendly to come if you are living on your own".

"It's like family almost."

Pictured are Ms Simpson, Ms Johnston and Ms Chrystal.

Membership is \$5 a year, plus \$5 at each meeting to cover the cost of Council hire charges.

Anyone interested in becoming a member or serving on the committee should contact Ms Johnston on 4341 8171 or Ms Chrystal on 4343 1903.

**SOURCE:**  
Interview (Allen Trainer),  
31 Oct 2023  
Diana Johnston, School for Seniors

## School musical costs \$55 for 'family of four'

**A "family of four" will have to pay \$55 to attend the Umina Beach Public School's musical tonight Monday or tomorrow night Tuesday, November 13 and 14.**

Alternatively, families will have to go cap in hand to the school to seek a lower price.

"We recognise that times are financially difficult for many right now," said school principal Ms Karen Wardlaw.

"Please contact the school if we can be of any assistance towards ensuring that your family can enjoy this wonderful event."

Adult tickets will cost \$20 and "school aged and under" tickets will cost \$10.

"Family of four" tickets will cost \$55.

All tickets for matinee performances at 11:30am this morning and tomorrow will cost \$10 each.

Years K-2 students will attend the matinee performances at no cost as part of their school day.

The school musical, Global Warming, has been written by teacher Mr Jeff Bonnor together with a friend who composed the music.

It is described as "a hilarious musical for the whole family that will have the audience in stitches", with performances lasting two and a half hours.

The story is set in a fictional school and begins with a new



school principal, Mr Wrathmore informing the teachers that they are all being replaced because they are boring.

Fortunately, students Allan and Ana are suspicious and soon discover their new teachers are evil worms from outer space, taking over the Earth.

The performances are open to the public and tickets can be purchased from Trybooking.com, under Umina Beach Public School.

Pictured are (back row) Manaia Davis and Zoe De Vivo and (front row) Kaylyn Alderson, Phoebe Pardey, Ruby Eagleson and Josie Smith.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 6 Nov 2023  
Karen Wardlaw, Umina  
Beach Public School  
Media release, 8 Nov 2023  
Susannah Bonner, Umina  
Beach Public School

## College principal to attend

**The Parents and Citizens Association at Woy Woy South Public School will hold a meeting at 7pm on Thursday, November 16.**

Brisbane Water Secondary College relieving principal Mr Simon Warren has been invited to attend the meeting.

He will follow up on a survey that was sent out last term and answer questions.

Non-members may attend the meeting.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 8 Nov 2023  
Woy Woy South Public School PIC



# Liesl Tesch MP

Member for Gosford

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# Education



## Students learn of the day Greece said no: 'Oxi Day

Students at St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School have learnt about the day Greece said no to an ultimatum from Italian dictator Mussolini and entered the Second World War.

The anniversary of that day, October 28, 1940, is celebrated in Greece with a public holiday known as Oxi (meaning No) Day.

The school's Greek teacher, Ms Anna Karantonis-Dalton, along with several students, led the

school in a Greek assembly on Friday, October 27, focusing on the significance of the day.

The school was told that schools around the whole of Greece held assemblies, just like the one held at St John's, in celebration of Oxi Day.

At these assemblies, students read poems describing the events on October 28 and the emotions involved in fighting for freedom.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 6 Nov 2023  
Nicole Davies, SJB Catholic Primary School

## Principal and deputy put on 'delicious spread'

Umina Beach Public School principal Ms Karen Wardlaw and deputy Ms Kristy Nott have put on a "delicious dessert spread" for its Parents and Citizens Association committee.

"As the end of the year is coming quickly, they took the time this evening to express their ongoing thanks and gratitude towards our amazing group of volunteers," said association president Ms Kristy Lowe.

"They celebrated us with kind words, and a delicious dessert spread.

"We were pleasantly surprised by their lovely gesture of kindness.

"We feel incredibly fortunate to be part of a school where our dedication is valued and celebrated.

"Our monthly meetings involve collaborative discussions between



parents and the school's executive team.

"The fact we also enjoy ourselves say a lot about the strong sense of community and

mutual respect we share," said Ms Lowe

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 8 Nov 2023  
Kristy Lowe, Umina Beach Public School P/C

## Rotary plan for First Aid for all primary schools

The Rotary Club of Umina Beach is planning to expand its support for the Preliminary First Aid course to include all five primary schools on the Peninsula.

"Both Woy Woy South and Woy Woy Public Schools have made

arrangements with the Red Cross to attend each of the schools this month," said president Mr Wayne Dowdle.

"Umina Beach Rotary Club has negotiated to meet the cost for Red Cross to have its instructors attend to conduct the Preliminary First Aid course for all Year 6 students at

these schools.

"The longer-term goal is to have all Year 6 students attending these schools have an opportunity to complete their Preliminary First Aid Certificate – for the benefit of all."

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 1 Nov 2023  
Wayne Dowdle, Rotary Umina Beach

## In State water polo team

Year 9 students at Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College Ruby and Phoebe Graf have been selected in the New South Wales Combined High Schools Water Polo team.

Their selection followed their participation in the NSW Combined High Schools Girls Secondary Water Polo Championships in Tamworth, where they competed for Sydney North, with wins including impressive scores of 21-3 and 16-3.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 3 Nov 2023  
Kerrie Thomas, BWSC Umina



## Teachers win excellence awards

Two teachers from Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College and one from Woy Woy campus have Excellence in Teaching awards for World Teachers' Day.

They were Ms Megan Cremasco and Ms Tullia Cilia from Umina campus and Ms Amirah Ahmed from Woy Woy campus.

"Umina Campus is privileged to have teachers of the high calibre of Ms Cremasco and Ms Cilia whose dedication to public education and the Brisbane Water community makes a difference to our young people's lives everyday," said Umina campus principal Ms Kerrie Thomas.

"Ms Ahmed received her award for being highly respected classroom teacher and staunch advocate for student voice and public education," said Woy Woy campus principal Ms Rebecca Cooper.

"Her level of care is second to none, such an amazing asset to our school.

"Unfortunately Ms Ahmed could not attend the night as she was HSC marking."

Woy Woy South Public School teacher Ms Jennifer Parker also received an award.

"Ms Parker received her award for being highly respected classroom teacher and colleague who has successfully provided generations of Woy Woy South students with a solid start to their



Above: Ms Kerrie Thomas, Ms Megan Cremasco, Ms Tullia Cilia and College principal Mr Simon Warren. Below: Ms Amirah Ahmed and Ms Jennifer Parker.

primary school education," said Woy Woy South principal Mr Matt Barr.

"Her level of care is second to none, such an amazing asset to our school."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 31 Oct 2023  
Kerrie Thomas, BWSC Umina  
Social media, 31 Oct 2023  
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy  
Social media, 31 Oct 2023  
Matt Barr, Woy Woy South



## Federal Speaker visits Woy Woy

The Speaker of the House of Representatives, Mr Milton Dick, visited Woy Woy Public School last Friday, November 10.

He was accompanied by Local Federal Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid.

Dr Reid said to Mr Dick, who is Member for Oxley in Queensland: "What a great experience, and thanks for visiting the Central Coast."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 10 Nov 2023  
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson

## 'A real problem to solve' at Halloween Pairs

### Brisbane Water Bridge Club held its 2023 Halloween Pairs with 10 tables of players.

"For the experts, it was just another day," said club president Mr Jim Routledge.

"For the not so clever, it was a day of deception and intrigue.

"Almost every hand had a real problem to solve.

"If it wasn't all the trumps being in the one opposition hand, it was one opposition hand having all the points while their partner had none.

"It was truly a day to test the metal of all and sundry."

North-south results were:

1 David Bowerman, Dasha Brandt 253.0 (58.56 per cent), 0.45 red points.

2 Lorraine Lindsay, Bernard Davidson 235.0 (54.40), 0.28.

2 Christine Hadaway, Maria Rose 235.0 (54.40), 0.28.

4 Judy Wulff, David Adams 223.0 (51.62), 0.15.

5 Kerry-Anne Durrant, Coral Erikson 209.0 (48.38).

6 Peter Hume, Laurie Powell

203.0 (46.99).

7 Ann Snow, Edith Marshall 201.0 (46.53).

8 Margaret Driscoll, Stephen Calcroft 197.0 (45.60).

9 Graham Woof, Caroline Nichols 188.0 (43.52).

East-west results were:

1 Hope Tomlinson, Martin Johnson 277.0 (64.12), 0.45.

2 Lynne Rainford, Hilary Owen 271.0 (62.73), 0.32.

3 Karen Ody, Jim Routledge 244.0 (56.48), 0.23.

4 Barry Foster, Sylvia Foster 236.0 (54.63), 0.15.

5 Meg McGregor, Robyn Serra 206.0 (47.69).

6 Elaine Hume, Maureen Lockwood 193.0 (44.68).

7 Kathryn Ivits, Alma Van Der Walt 191.0 (44.21).

8 Joan Walsh, Jenny Buckley 177.0 (40.97).

9 Susan McCall, Pamela Joseph 149.0 (34.49).

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 1 Nov 2023  
Jim Routledge, Brisbane Water Bridge Club.

## Six go to Tomaree Congress

### Six Brisbane Water Bridge Club players made the two-hour journey north for the Tomaree Congress.

On the Saturday, the pairs competition was determined over six eight-board matches.

In a field of 56, Shirley and Noel Crockett finished ninth with an impressive record of five wins and one loss.

On the Sunday, the teams competition was also a battle of six eight-board matches.

In a field of 25, Brisbane Water's

sole entry won the competition with six wins.

The Crocketts playing in a combo team finished sixth with a 3-1-2 record.

Brisbane Water Bridge Club teams were Team Brandt - 1st: Dasha Brandt, David Bowerman, Sylvia and Barry Foster and Team Dressler - 6th: Virginia Dressler, Ian McKinnon, Noel and Shirley Crockett.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 30 Oct 2023  
Brisbane Water Bridge Club.

## Major Fours final at Everglades

### The Everglades Men's Major Fours bowls final was contested on Saturday, November 4.

The final was played in good spirits, according to assistant club secretary Mr Grant Ireland.

The team of Colin Nicholls, Kevin Hughes, Peter Gaffel and Andrew McDonald defeating Jay Allwood, Jason Buksin, John Donahue and Ken Young, 22-7.

This completes the Men's Bowls major events at Everglades for the year.

Some club tournaments are still scheduled, including the Mixed



Fours which starts on Saturday, November 18. Kevin Hughes.

Picture are Andrew McDonald, Peter Gaffel, Colin Nicholls and

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 5 Nov 2023  
Grant Ireland, Everglades Bowling Club

## Rugby club announces coaches for 2024

### Woy Woy Rugby Club has announced its coaches for 2024.

First XV Men's coach will be Nigel Mainland.

First X Women's coach will be Iain Russell, supported by Alex Muirey.

Club president Mr Phil Burgess said the new committee voted in the coaches at its first meeting on

Wednesday, November 8.

"I would like to thank Waisale Qalulu for his hard work and dedication with the 1st XV Men's team over the last few years, through difficult times.

"We wish the best to Wais in future endeavours and hope to still see you around our club as you will always be a part of our Pride of Lions."

In a note to club members,

Waisale Qalulu said: "I've really enjoyed my time working at the club over the past few years and I'm confident that the club will go on to do great things.

"I just wanted to send a short note to say thank you for the opportunity and to pass on my best wishes to the new coach."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 9 Nov 2023  
Phil Burgess, Woy Woy Rugby Club

## Netball representative teams announced

### The Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association has announced representative teams for 2024.

The under-17s representative team is Priyanka Radhakrishnan, Jessica Skehan, Ruby Wright, Abby Burns, Jumoke Deideigbo, Cleo Guthrie, Phoenix Henderson and Samantha Green

Coaches are Zoe Wilson and Tiah Santarossa.

The under-12s representative team is Madison Clarke, Ruby Chadd-Dufficy, Khloe O'Neill, Hattie Wells, Emma McCunn, Coco Hardy, Harper Reidy, Indiana Robinson, Anika Wood and Sienna Head.

Training partners are Koa Goddard and Georgie Marshall.

Coaches are Rita Perl and Chelsea Barnes.

Trialling continues for the under-14s representative team,

with the following players having made it to phase two: Annabel Griffith, Katherine Gordon, Danika Szostak, Ysobella Gale, Winter Hill, Indigo Long, Coco Wainiqolo, Elisha Field, Sienna Stevenson, Tilly Henry and Erin Kearns.

Coaches are Ros Ferguson and Britney Thompson.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 1 Nov 2023  
Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association

# WHAT'S ON at ETTALONG BOWLING CLUB

Once again we will be having our Ham Raffles which will be held over three Wednesday's in December: 6th, 13th and 20th. There will be 80 half hams up for grabs on each night, tickets on sale from 12pm, drawn 7pm.

Why not head down early with the family to enjoy a meal from the Alfresco Brasserie for the "Why Cook Wednesday" blackboard specials. Bookings Recommended.

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# Sport



## College student is women's golf champion of champions

**A Brisbane Water Secondary College student has won the Central Coast Women's Golf Association's 2023 Champion of Champions competition played at the Everglades Country Club on Monday, October 30.**

Everglades golfer Georgie Clune won with a score of 71, having a personal best round and also breaking the course record at Everglades by four.

She also claimed the 49 years

and under age championship.

Other age group winners were Yvonne Boardman (50 years) from Toukley with a score of 83, Kim Burke (60 years) from Shelly Beach-Magenta with 79, Dianne Thomlinson (70 years) from Magenta with 90 and Judy Dind (80 years) from Toukley with 106.

Pictured are Georgie Clune, Kiara Connelly Jackson, Yvonne Boardman and Kim Burke.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 30 Oct 2023  
BWSC Woy Woy

## Liesl Tesch is a legend, says Basketball NSW

**Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch will be "elevated to Legend status" by Basketball NSW at its Hall of Fame dinner on Saturday, November 25, in Wollongong.**

In a statement announcing the recognition, Basketball NSW chief executive Ms Maria Nordstrom said: "Overcoming a tragic mountain bike accident in 1988, thanks to her trademark courage and tenacity, Liesl turned into one of the best wheelchair basketball players this state has ever produced, and did so in short order.

"In just two years, she was named to the New South Wales team and then the national team in 1990, playing in that year's World Championships and following that up with the first of an astounding five Paralympic appearances at the 1992 Barcelona Games.

"She was the vice-captain of the

Australian team at Sydney 2000, the captain in 2004 and would go on to win three Paralympic medals, including gold in London in 2012.

"Such was her remarkable talent and will to win, she caught the eye of several professional men's teams in Europe and would play five years on the continent, becoming the first woman in the world to play wheelchair basketball professionally.

"Off the court, she established the first women's wheelchair basketball league in Europe and played in Italy and France.

"A member of the Order of Australia and an individual whose devotion to and promotion of her sport are unparalleled, the elevation of Liesl Tesch to Legend status in the Basketball NSW Hall of Fame is an easy decision."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 31 Oct 2023  
Maria Nordstrom, Basketball NSW

## DSA holds volunteer day

**Central Coast Disabled Surfers Association will hold volunteer training from 8:45am to 11:30am on Saturday, November 25.**

A theory session will be followed by in-water training.

"We will give you an overview of the DSA and how we operate, explain the significance of the different coloured rash shirts and wristbands we use, and the

makeup of teams," said association president Ms Rae Fletcher.

"Once on the beach, we will show you the process of introducing our surfer to the team, getting them onto the board, forming a channel and taking them in for a surf with a tandem rider.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 10 Nov 2023  
Central Coast Disabled Surfers Association.

## Umina crews finish strongly in first round of competition

**Two crews from Umina Surf Life Saving Club have finished strongly in the first round of Central Coast and Hunter boat series held at Ocean Beach.**

The Masters men's crew, The Lepers, came prepared to defend their title.

An under-19 girls' crew, The Bruisers, were making their debut appearance at this carnival.

The Lepers secured an impressive record with three first-place finishes and a solid second, giving them the lead.

The Bruisers left their mark with one first-place finish, two strong seconds, and a disputed third, landing them third on the leader board.

"In classic boatie weather, the first carnival of the season had small but spirited surf and occasional showers," said Umina



club publicity officer Mr Mike Begg.

"Weather, tide, and the conditions all conspired to create an exciting short course with four rounds.

"The surf, though small, delivered plenty of action as boats from far and wide, including

Redhead, Swansea, as well as Central Coast crews, navigated the waves with flair.

"There were sideways entries, a few lost crews and oars, and even some boats finishing in reverse."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 6 Nov 2023  
Umina Surf Life Saving Club

## Youth bowls tournament has \$1000 in prizes

**Ettalong Bowling Club will run The Eagles Youth Triples on January 21 with more than \$1000 in prize money and gift vouchers.**

The tournament will be played in three games of 13 ends of two-bowl triples, starting at 9:30am start.

Teams of three must have at least two players under 18 and one under 25.

Winners will be decided on wins plus margin.

A free barbecue lunch will be served after the second game.

Full bowls uniform is required.

Players can change positions from game to game, but not teams.

All players must be present at the presentation to collect a prize.

Prizes will be \$360 to the first team, \$270 to the second team, \$180 to the third team, \$120 to the fourth team and \$90 to the fifth team.

Four random prizes valued at \$25 will be awarded to players not in the top five teams.

No fee will be charged for entry.

Entries close on Wednesday, January 17, and are to be lodged with Darren Morrison by email to darren@ettalongbowlingclub.net or John Roberts at jr@ettalongbowlingclub.net.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 9 Nov 2023  
Ettalong Eagles

## Southern Spirit cricket results

**Results of games played by Southern Spirit Cricket Club after the weekend of November 3 and 4 were:**

In senior competition, the Firsts game against Kincumber-Avoca was still in progress, with Southern Spirit without score and Kincumber Avoca 8/197.

The Seconds game was also in progress, with Southern Spirit at 5/151 and Kincumber Avoca at 131.

In women's cricket, the Second Grade Purple team 103 lost to Lisarow Ourimbah 5/109.

The Second Grade White team 2/102 lost to Lisarow Ourimbah 6/116.

Women's Thirds 2/75 defeated Lisarow Ourimbah 2/74.

Men's Fourths 8/201 defeated The Entrance 7/142.

Fifths 4/60 defeated Terrigal Matcham 55.

Sixths 184 defeated Redtongues 145.

In Seventh Grade, Southern Spirit 135 lost to The Entrance 185.

In Eighth Grade, Southern Spirit 93 lost to The Entrance 7/95.

In junior competition, the Male Youth League game was still in progress with Southern Spirit without score against Wyong 9/118.

The Under-16 game against Wyong was washed out.

The Under-14A Southern Spirit team 73 defeated The Entrance 7/68.

The Under-14B Southern Spirit side 24 lost to Redtongues 2/27.

In Under-12A, Southern Spirit 57 lost to Kincumber-Avoca 130.

The Under-10s 0/87 lost to Terrigal Matcham 0/96.

The Stage Two Female game against The Entrance was washed out, while in Sixers Southern Spirit 0/70 defeated Kincumber Avoca 0/66.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 5 Nov 2023  
Southern Spirit Cricket Club

## Selected

**Six local life savers have been chosen to represent Surf Life Saving Central Coast in inter-branch competition.**

Jacob Falconer from Ocean Beach has been selected as captain of the team.

Jodie Mead is the other Ocean Beach member of the team.

Umina members chosen were Marli Hoyland, Savannah Glynn, Chloe Hall and Sadie Martin.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 2 Nov 2023  
Umina Surf Life Saving Club



## Electronic keypad for tennis courts

**Woy Woy Tennis Club has replaced its gate lock with an electronic keypad.**

The keypad is the first phase of providing an online booking system.

Financial members should have received an email from the club explaining how they should be able to get in.

Members without an email address have been asked to call 0424 177 590.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 3 Nov 2023  
Woy Woy Tennis Club