



## Year 10 spends first day at Woy Woy campus

Brisbane Water Secondary College Year 10 students had their first day at Woy Woy campus on Thursday, February 1.

The day started with a meeting in the school hall at their new campus, with "lots of new people to meet".

They had the campus to themselves with Year 11 and 12 students starting on Friday, February 2.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 1 Feb 2024  
BWSC Woy Woy

## 'Pre-consultation' starts for community land review

Community groups and residents have been invited to a "pre-consultation" about further changes to the categorisation of Council-owned "community land".

The invitations were sent to groups and residents who made submissions about Central Coast Council's region-wide Community Land Plan of Management adopted in April last year.

"The upcoming 2024 update ... is to facilitate inclusion of a significant number of extra sites and to review the categorisation of many sites already included," the Council invitation stated.

Attached to the invitation were two lists, one with "provisional" additions and amendments and another where changes proposed by submissions were not supported.

"They may be amended or adjusted on account of feedback during the pre-consultation or because of other stakeholder feedback."

Among the changes are two previously uncategorised parcels on the Peninsula.

The Dulkara Rd Reserve is to be categorised as "Park", and listed by its secondary boundary of 36 Karingal Cl, Woy Woy.

Two lots adjacent to the Hillview St nursing home are categorised as "Natural Area", one predominantly bushland and the other predominantly watercourse.

Among the supported changes on the Peninsula is a piece of foreshore land near Blackwall Point which, "on review", was considered to be more appropriately categorised as natural area – foreshore, rather than its current category of Park.

The tennis court and bowling rink at Opal Cl, Pearl Beach, will be changed from General Community Use to Sportsground, while the surrounding area will remain as Park or Natural area – bushland.

An area of dune and beach at Ettalong Point will be re-categorised from General Community Use to Natural area – foreshore.

Another area that will no longer be part-listed as General Community Use is land at the head of Kahibah Creek, behind McEvoy Oval. It will remain as Natural area – wetland and bushland, and Park.

Among the rejected submissions, areas of reserve on the Woy Woy Channel would remain categorised as Park, as would pocket parks in McKenzie Ave, Woy Woy, 58 McEvoy Ave, Woy Woy, and Wallaby Reserve at 19B Memorial Ave, Blackwall.

Runway Park in Trafalgar Ave, Woy Woy, will also remain as a Park, despite a request to regard it as an Area of Cultural Significance as part of the wartime Trafalgar Ave airfield.

The Ocean Beach Surf Club and surrounds will remain General Community Use.

Suggestions to recognise the area around the Paul Landa Reserve at Green Point, Pearl Beach, as Natural area – escarpment were also rejected.

The categorisation of Blackwall Mountain would also remain unchanged.

"Categorisation is the process of determining how community land is used and how it is best managed in the future, eg as park or bushland or sportsground or foreshore," the invitation stated.

"Categorisation involves a stage of formal community consultation prescribed by the Local Government Act.

"Council has added a preliminary stage of pre-consultation to allow for more information to be shared and more community feedback to be incorporated.

"Pre-consultation starts this week and is initially directed to community members who made submissions or attended hearings as part of the consultations in early 2023."

"Council will offer an early evening workshop hosted by an external facilitator at the Wyong Administration Centre on Wednesday, February 7."

Anyone wanting to attend should send their name, suburb, phone number and email address to [plansofmanagement@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au](mailto:plansofmanagement@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au)

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Email, 30 Jan 2024  
Plans of Management,  
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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

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Residents of Deepwater Court retirement village in Park Rd, Woy Woy, came together to celebrate Australia Day on Friday, January 26.

SOURCE: Social media, 29 Jan 2024  
 Living Choice Deepwater Court

## Women players 'better get in quick'

Woy Woy Rugby Union attracted 15 players to its women's training last Thursday night.

The focus was on catch and pass drills and breakdown work.

"I am so impressed with the enthusiasm, willingness to learn and how quickly they are gelling as a team," said coach Ian Russell.

"Our squad must now be at around 25 players with plenty of new and familiar faces.

"If anyone wants to join the squad, you'd better get in quick as we have a cap on registered players this year."



SOURCE: Social media, 1 Feb 2024  
 Iain Russell, WWRU

## January records 99mm rainfall

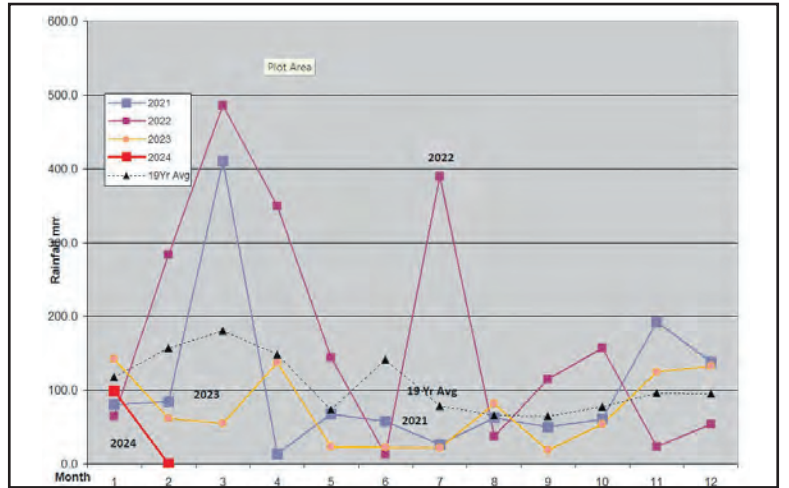
A total of 99mm of rain fell on the Peninsula in January, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

The total was 19mm or 16.1 per cent less than the January average of 118mm.

Only two days had more than five millimetres, being January 15 when 62.6mm was recorded and January 18 with 13.0mm.

Falls of greater than one millimetre were recorded on 10 other days during the month.

SOURCE: Spreadsheet, 2 Jan 2024  
 Jim Morrison, Umina



TIDE TIMES and Heights	Mon, Feb 5	Thu, Feb 8	Sun, Feb 11	Wed, Feb 14	Sat, Feb 17
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	1227 0.29	0808 1.24	1037 1.33	0704 0.12	1038 0.24
	1748 0.62	1521 0.12	1735 0.02	1300 1.03	1609 0.66
	2329 0.26	2051 0.77	2312 0.93	1937 0.09	2157 0.24
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# 'Is Ocean Beach sea wall still planned?' ACF group asks

**Central Coast Council has provided inadequate information about its Coastal Management Plan for the Peninsula, according to the Australian Conservation Foundation Central Coast group.**

Among the questions not answered in the current round of consultations about the plan was whether a sea wall, or "terminal structure", was still proposed along The Esplanade at Ocean Beach.

"The coastal zone management objectives and actions should reflect community and stakeholder opinions and values," said group secretary Mr Norm Harris.

"How can the community have effective input when they don't know what the focus of the Plan is?"

"What are the priority actions proposed by council to provide medium to long term resilience of the beaches from Umina to Ettalong with ongoing climate

change?

"Will Council update the hazard lines for Ettalong and Umina Beach?"

"There should be significant investment by council in awareness, education, and negotiation of the issue affecting our beaches defined in the coastal beach zone."

Mr Harris said that, while the council was wanting feedback on matters such as beach and rockpool access and dune safety, the Coastal Management Plan was required by legislation to show how the council would protect and enhance natural processes and environmental values of the coast line.

"It must facilitate ecologically sustainable development and promote sustainable land use planning that looks to long-term resilience, and mitigates current and future risks from coastal hazards, taking into account the

effects of climate change including impacts of extreme storm events."

"If the plan is to be based on scientific evidence, will they accept that sea walls kill beaches and have a detrimental impact on the coastal ecosystems, contrary to the objects of the Coastal Management Act?"

"There has been erosion around Ettalong Beach for the past 80 years, and the suburb is rated highly for climate risk to erosion in a study by Core Risk.

"Why has there been no public consultation on the Peninsula regarding these beaches?"

"We are encouraging residents to contact the council to ask these questions now, rather than wait until the document is set in stone and the next storm arrives."

Submissions can be made via <https://www.yourvoiceourcoast.com/waterways>

**SOURCE:**

Media release, 3 Feb 2024  
Norm Harris, ACFC



## Prime Minister has Medicare cake in Umina

**Medicare turned 40 years old on Thursday, February 1, and to mark the occasion Prime Minister Mr Anthony Albanese visited the Peninsula Medicare Urgent Care Clinic at Umina Beach.**

Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid accompanied the Prime Minister as he cut the

birthday cake.

"Labor created Medicare and we will always strengthen it," said Dr Reid.

The 58 Medicare Urgent Care Clinics the Government had rolled out across Australia were an example.

**SOURCE:**

Social media, 1 Feb 2024  
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson

## Craft donations wanted for book fair

**Organisers of the Pearl Beach Easter Book Fair are calling for donations for its "Made by Locals Stall".**

The 47th annual book fair will be held from 9am to 5pm on Easter Saturday, March 30, with proceeds going to the Pearl Beach Progress Association.

"The craft and cakes stall introduced last year was a great success and sold out too quickly,"

said Ms Alison Phillips.

"It would be wonderful if we received more donated items for the next sale.

"I would appreciate our talented crafting locals using the next couple of months to produce an item or items to donate," she said.

These items might include candles, soaps, jewellery, knitted and crocheted items, ceramics, cards and decor.

Donated cakes were also needed early on the Easter Saturday.

More good quality books, DVDs, CDs, vinyl records and puzzles are also wanted for the Easter Fair.

For further information, email [alisonphillips@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:alisonphillips@hotmail.co.uk) or phone 0487 444 537.

**SOURCE:**

Social media, 27 Jan 2024  
Alison Phillips, Friends of Pearl Beach

## Pool 'regularly unavailable'

**The 50m pool at the Peninsula Leisure Centre will be "regularly unavailable" during school hours for the next five weeks.**

The pool has been booked for school swimming carnivals most days until Tuesday, March 12.

Other patrons have been advised to "allow plenty of time to get to your learn to swim, group fitness class or other activity".

"We will be busy during this time."

Availability of the pool for lap swimming can be checked online at <https://leisure.centralcoast.nsw.gov.au/ResourceAvailability>

**SOURCE:**

Social media, 1 Feb 2024  
Peninsula Leisure Centre

## Season announced by Little Theatre

**Woy Woy Little Theatre has announced its 2024 season with four plays to be performed at the Peninsula Theatre.**

Relatively Speaking opens on February 23.

Moon over Buffalo opens on May 17.

The Girl on the Train opens on August 2.

Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley opens on October 25.

Adult tickets cost \$30 per show, with discounts offered for subscriptions.

A subscription to the four plays costs \$95.50, while a subscription to three plays costs \$77.50.

**SOURCE:**

Website, 2 Feb 2024  
Woy Woy Little Theatre

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## Affordable housing proposal has 17 one-bedroom units

**A 21-unit development has been proposed at 18 Macleay Ave, Woy Woy, to provide "affordable housing in Woy Woy where a significant lack of smaller properties are available for rent".**

The proposal is described as a mix of "residential flat buildings and multi-dwelling housing" with 17 one-bedroom units and four two-bedroom units.

It was prepared by Barker Ryan Stewart Pty Ltd for Pacific Link Housing.

"The development predominantly employs a two-storey form with the provision of single storey villas along the southern boundary," the application states.

The proposal features a 5.5 metre wide central concrete driveway, which "facilitates a communal area that will function as the central hub for the interaction of residents".

The development is described as "generally compliant" with the different standards for flats and for multi-dwelling housing (units G09-G11).

However, it does not comply with development controls for parking, private open space, solar access, garbage and waste services and setback.

The proposal includes 27 car spaces of "at grade" parking at the rear, where the requirement is stated to be 35.7 spaces of which 4.2 would be visitor spaces.

The application noted that "affordable housing developments are generally undertaken in accordance with State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing)", which allows "discounted parking rates".

However, to qualify, the proposed development had to be within 400m of a bus stop providing hourly services between 6am and 9pm.

"Bus services are provided every two hours on a Sunday, therefore precluding the development from utilising the controls in the Housing SEPP."

Three units are not compliant with the private open space requirements of 45 square metres and 4.5 metre minimum dimension.

Unit G09 has 26 square metres, while Units G10 and G11 each

have 17 square metres.

Unit G09 will not receive the required amount of sunlight which is three hours of unobstructed sunlight access between 9am and 3pm on June 21.

The front setback is five centimetres short of the six metre requirement.

Garbage and waste services requirements are also not met.

The application argues: "The controls for multi dwelling housing are considered to represent an over estimate of the waste generation for this size of dwelling given the typical townhouse-villa is three bedrooms."

The proposal requires the removal of 31 individual trees and one "stand" of trees.

"A further 19 trees can be retained within close proximity to the development footprint."

The application states: "The proposed clearing of native vegetation does not exceed the Biodiversity Offset Scheme Threshold and the site is not heritage listed."

It claims: "The proposal does not require a supporting biodiversity development assessment report because: the development is not likely to significantly affect threatened species or ecological communities, or their habitats; the development does not trigger any biodiversity offsets schemes; and the development is not proposed in a declared area of outstanding biodiversity value."

"A comprehensive assessment of ecological impact was undertaken in the Ecological Assessment Report.

"A Five-Part Test was undertaken in accordance with the Biodiversity Conservation Act

requirements which confirmed that the native vegetation present on site has been disturbed by weed invasion, rubbish dumping, soil disturbances and historical clearing and is in a highly degraded state despite some regrowth.

"No significant impacts to threatened species or ecological communities are expected.

"Proposed landscaping will positively contribute to the ecological values of the surrounding area and the translocation of soils associated with Plant Community Type 1645 will be facilitated to a nearby Council site as per request of the Council.

"The development will facilitate the installation of 23 trees with mature heights up to 10 metres in addition to an extensive integration of groundcover planting and shrubs to mature heights of four metres."

The application describes the overall design: "The development proposes a contemporary and lightweight form with masonry elements complemented by cladding and articulation of the upper storey."

"The development provides an attractive upgrade to the streetscape with a generous landscaped front setback comprising planting and sandstone block fencing."

"The proposed landscape treatment of the site will significantly upgrade the streetscape and promote a welcoming environment for residents and their guests to live and socialise."

The application is on public exhibition for written submissions until March 8.

**SOURCE:**

DA Tracker, 3 Feb 2024  
DA/2464/2023, Central Coast Council



## Blanket planning rules could change the Peninsula

**The State Government is proposing blanket planning rules that could change the nature of the Peninsula without any regard to local needs.**

Its "Explanation of the Intended Changes" is open for submissions until Friday, February 23.

According to the Explanation, the changes are designed to "respond to the housing crisis and will build a better planning system for the future".

"We will need to build at least 550,000 new homes in Sydney by 2041."

The Explanation lists some specific provisions, but the explanation is frequently vague or conditional, making it difficult to understand the impact that the changes would have on the Peninsula.

The changes will affect Greater Sydney and Six Cities Areas, both of which include "Central Coast City" as it is called in the document.

The Explanation states "Sydney is one of the least dense global cities", but does not state the density it has in mind or give a comparative example.

Mogadishu in Somalia is reputedly the world's most densely-populated city with 33,244 people per square kilometre. This is not mentioned in the Explanation.

Its solution is to increase density of two-storey "low-rise" and six-storey "mid-rise" housing.

It states that across the Six-Cities Region, around 77 per cent of residential land is zoned for low density (R2), but only 12 per cent is zoned for medium density (R1).

Rather than rezoning, it targets increasing density in Low Density Residential (R2) zones, and plans to implement provisions that councils will be unable to refuse.

Councils would have "the flexibility to set more permissive local controls that suit local areas".

The proposed changes are not accompanied by any required increase in infrastructure and, in

some respects, it is reduced with, for example, less off-street parking.

The changes take no account of areas like the Peninsula which, with about 45 per cent of land zoned R1 medium density, has almost four times the average.

Many of the changes only apply to development types "whenever they are permitted" within the zone.

The Department of Planning's proposals stop short of overriding the list of "uses" for a zone specified in the council's planning scheme, although the Explanation states it will "work with" councils where it believes the list should change.

The new dual-occupancy rules would apply in low-density zones on the Peninsula, because dual-occupancies are already permitted in that zone.

The changes would allow 9.5 metre high dual occupancies in low-density areas of the Peninsula, while only 8.5 metre high dual occupancies are permitted in the medium density areas.

In low-density areas, the changes will allow lot sizes as small as 450 square metres and a 30 per cent increase in the habitable floor area (not including utilities and the like) to 65 per cent of the lot.

The changes allow for gun-barrel and other multi-dwelling developments to be permitted in low-density zones within 800 metres of the town centres of Woy Woy, Ettalong and Umina, with a maximum height of 9.5 metres and a floor space ratio of 0.7:1.

Residential flats could be built to 21 metres high within 400 metres of town centres and to 16 metres within 800 metres, except in low-density zones.

The Explanation can be found at <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/draftplans/exhibition/explanation-intended-effect-changes-create-low-and-mid-rise-housing>

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 2 Feb 2024  
Explanation, DPIE

## CEN announces campaign to fix planning scheme

**The Community Environment Network has announced a campaign to have the NSW Government to fix the Central Coast's planning scheme.**

It has called on the Government to suspend Central Coast Council's planning powers.

"The Central Coast deserves a better plan," said Network chair Mr Gary Chestnut.

"Planning on the Central Coast is broken.

"Our lifestyle, amenity, native flora and fauna, cultural heritage and sustainable development are all at risk," he said.

"This region's character and lifestyle are at stake."

A campaign launch will be held at 7pm on Tuesday, February 13, at Ourimbah Campus.

For further information, email [admin@cen.org.au](mailto:admin@cen.org.au).

**SOURCE:**  
Media release,  
Jackie Pearson, CEN

# Peninsula groups to pilot local energy trading network

The Peninsula Environment Group has joined with three other community groups to run a pilot of an “energy trading network” where local residents could sell and buy electricity from each other for 12 cents a kilowatt hour.

The project, called Central Coast Solar Share, will be run by members of three Peninsula non-profit groups - the environment group, the Umina Community Group and the Patonga Progress Association – together with Electrify Bouddi.

Environment group spokesman Mr Mark Mann said the project would allow local residents with solar panels to sell their surplus to others who can't have panels “such as renters, people living in units or with shaded roofs”.

He said trading would be virtual. “A piece of software matches when one solar-owning household exports electricity to the grid and another non-solar household uses electricity, and makes a trade.

“The software operates automatically; once set up, there is no need to do anything.”

Mr Mann said: “It means people who can't have solar panels can switch some of their electricity to solar, helping Australia's transition from fossil fuel to renewable energy.

“The project is a pilot study, to find out if energy trading really works and can be adopted more widely across Australia.

Solar Share participants would need to switch suppliers to Energy Locals “simply because they are currently the only electricity retailer in our area” which supports the software.

The groups had “no financial affiliation” with the retailer and did not endorse it over any other supplier.

The project is free to join and participants will be free to leave at any time, Mr Mann said.

“The study needs both households with solar panels (to sell electricity) and without solar panels (to buy it).

“If you own solar panels, you will get a slightly higher rate than the feed-in tariff.

“If you don't own solar panels, you can buy that electricity at a much lower price than normal electricity tariffs.

“Trading only operates during the daytime, when solar panels are producing electricity.

“To buy the cheap solar power, people without panels will need to shift some of their energy use into the daytime.

“This is important, because the more electricity we use during the day (when it now comes mainly from solar), the fewer expensive batteries need to be built to replace coal at night.

“In short, shifting energy use to the day is the fastest and cheapest way to speed up the energy transition and help prevent catastrophic climate change.

“As part of the project, participants will get advice and tips on how to shift their energy use, such as heating hot water or running washing machines on timers during the day.”

More details are available on the project's website at [www.centralcoastsolarshare.org](http://www.centralcoastsolarshare.org).

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 3 Feb 2024  
Mark Mann, Peninsula Environment Group



## Plenty of activities at Patonga fire station

Patonga Volunteer Rural Bush Fire Brigade had a full station on Tuesday, January 30, allowing plenty of activities for the regulars and the trainees.

This included a refresher on driving the Cat 9 fire truck for one of our members.

Extinguisher and drip torch training was held for the “newbies”.

The probationers had a local

knowledge tour in the Cat 1 truck, on a regular check-out of the fire trails and tracks around Patonga.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 31 Jan 2024  
Patonga Volunteer Rural Bush Fire Brigade



## Energy efficiency talks

Umina Community Group is holding a series of three free talks on Wednesday, February 21, to help local residents become energy efficient, to save money and reduce emissions.

Project leader Mr Sean Richardson said: “While many people's first thought is going solar, it is not possible for everyone.

“There is so much information that it is not easy to find out where to start or you become overwhelmed and miss opportunities.

“Talks will be informative and help people take action that suits their circumstances.”

Mr Richardson said: “People's situations are different whether that be their financial arrangements, or their living arrangements where they may be renting, in a strata development or in a standalone house or small business, which all need different approaches.

“People who are building or thinking of renovating could find it is easier to build in energy efficiency from the start and be ready to take advantage of the renewable energy that is being increasingly supplied into the energy system, rather than retrofitting and making more expensive changes years down the track.

“There will also be information to help people become aware of various government grants and schemes they might be able to use in their home or business to help with some of the costs to becoming more energy efficient.”

The talks start at 7pm at Umina Surf Life Saving Club.

Further details and free registration are available online at [uminacommunitygroup.com.au](http://uminacommunitygroup.com.au)

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 24 Jan 2024  
Alison Winch, Umina Community Group

## Craft day held on long weekend

The Umina Beach branch of the Country Women's Association held its January Saturday craft activity on the Australia Day long weekend, Saturday, January 27.

Attendees constructed Christmas baubles, pinning folded fabric squares on a foam ball.

Sequins, ribbons and beads added the final touch.

Christmas cake with tea

and coffee rounded off a most enjoyable social morning, said publicity officer Ms Margy Logan.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 27 Jan 2024  
Margy Logan, CWA Umina Beach



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# Forum

## Miticide used for varroa mite

**The honey bee article this week is incorrect (PN586).**

I am a registered beekeeper and I receive a weekly update from the Department of Primary Industry.

The current situation is: Yes, we are moving into management of the varroa mite, but we have been allowed to breed bees anywhere in the state, including the Peninsula, since the September 19 last year.

We have to report our mite counts every 16 weeks to the Department: <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/emergencies/biosecurity/current-situation/varroa-mite-emergency-response>

About nine weeks ago, the Department came to my property in Umina and checked my bees for varroa mite.

The mite was present and they supplied me with Bayvarol treatment strips that I had to leave in the hive for seven weeks.

The miticide was supplied free for a short while after going to management, but the Department has stopped giving it away since January 24.

It's adding a lot of cost to beekeeping now.

For a 20 pack which treats five regular sized hives, it is \$75 plus shipping.

We probably need to use it twice a year on each hive.

They also want us to switch to different treatments between treatments so the mite doesn't build up an immunity.

**SOURCE:**  
Email, 29 Jan 2024  
Brad Born, Umina

## 'Cinderella' site should be community land

**The reserve known as lots 21-23 Memorial Ave, Blackwall, is a Cinderella reserve.**

It doesn't have a spectacular view of the ocean like the Paul Landa Reserve, nor is it in the heart of Woy Woy like Austin Butler.

No, this reserve's location is less desirable.

On one side its neighbour is an unremarkable block of units, and on the other side is a paddock, waiting to become 12 dwellings.

Its frontage, which gives onto an unnamed laneway, serves as a carpark thanks to Council positioning sandstone blocks a vehicle's length away from the boundary.

In 2021, when this reserve was one of a group of Council properties intended to be sold off, many local residents held rallies and signed petitions to save it.

Since then, however, Council has left it in limbo by refusing to

maintain it.

Weeds and tree-strangling creepers run riot.

And yet, this reserve is much loved by those of us lucky enough to live nearby.

Its trees, rare remnant of Umina Sand Plain Woodland, grow tall and handsome.

Up in the canopy a family of microbats sleep the days away.

In the background looms the mysterious presence of Blackwall Mountain.

Underneath the weeds lies treasure.

The local indigenous people used this space as a gathering place, and a place to feast on shellfish.

The evidence is all over the reserve, which is a registered midden.

While Council sold off all the other lots on the north side of the laneway, Lots 21-23 remained in

its possession.

Being the lowest point in Blackwall, this land was retained as flood mitigation.

During heavy rain, the cars parked along its boundary get bogged down, waterlogged and occasionally written off.

Building units on this reserve, even if that were possible, would be disastrous for the surrounding houses.

The Administrator's avowed aim is to sell it to a developer, which he is able to do because it is classified as operational land.

In order to stop this happening, this reserve should be included in the group of properties whose classification is to be changed to community land.

**SOURCE:**  
Email, 1 Feb 2024  
Jane Hendy, Blackwall

# Fortress mentality widespread within Council

**Norm Harris is right to be concerned about the lack of public access to planning information from the Council ("Significant failure of the planning system", PN 586).**

In the past, there was always a duty planner available to provide information and advice to members of the public, and I availed myself of this useful service on more than one occasion, so it is disappointing, but not exactly surprising, that

Council has decided to dispense with this avenue of assistance to ratepayers.

Anyone who has written a letter of inquiry to the Council knows that it will take months to get a reply and that the information reluctantly provided will be couched in the most unhelpful terms, while answering the inquiry in the most limited sense in which the question can be interpreted.

There is some kind of "fortress"

mentality widespread within the Council organisation, whereby Council servants see ratepayers (their employers) as adversaries in a contest to keep as much secret within the organisation as possible and grudgingly reveal as little as can possibly comply with statutory requirements.

This contempt with which ratepayers are regarded is typified by the Administrator's decision to renew the CEO's contract for a

period of five years, in breach of all procedural requirements and without giving the slightest hint beforehand of the intention to block any possible public review of the CEO's performance, when the new Council is elected this year.

This cosy little arrangement completely ties the hands of any elected Council, far out beyond the next Council's term of office.

In fact, the next two elected Councils, assuming that we have

elections in 2024 and 2027, will be virtually hamstrung in undertaking any review of the CEO's performance, when he has tenure until 2029.

One wonders what other little tricks the Administrator has up his sleeve, to limit the freedom of action of our elected Council, whenever we are lucky enough to get one.

**SOURCE:**  
Email, 30 Jan 2024  
Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy

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## Marine Rescue unit busy on Australia Day weekend

A 6.3m Bar Crusher, estimated to cost \$150,000, nearly became the latest Brisbane Water shipwreck, when it ran out of fuel off Box Head on the Australia Day weekend.

Marine Rescue Central Coast responded on Friday afternoon to a Mayday call which came from the skipper of the vessel with four people on board.

He advised the craft was being drawn to the rocks east of Box Head.

Conditions on Brisbane Water were 20 – 25 knots north-westerly winds and half metre seas.

Marine Rescue's rescue craft Central Coast 21 was dispatched from the Point Clare base, reaching the distressed vessel within 25 minutes.

When the crew arrived, the wind had shifted to a south-westerly blowing around 20-25 knots, tide was ebb and the seas were two to three metres on the bar and 1.5 to two metres in Broken Bay.

The vessel in danger was located about 300m east of Box Head and a line was attached before being towed to the leeward side of Lion Island, then waiting for about 10 minutes to hand over the tow to another boat from the Hawkesbury Unit.

It took the vessel south of Brooklyn, back to the Parsley Bay ramp which is located southwest of

Flat Rock Point.

Marine Rescue Central Coast returned to the Point Clare base at about 5pm.

An unusual rescue came in the form from a canoe with father and two daughters aboard, set to enjoy the sights of Waterfall Bay.

Unfortunately, the wind picked up, preventing paddle power from adequately pushing the trio of adventurers to return to Woy Woy Bay.

Marine Rescue Central Coast's rescue jetskis CC10 and CC11 were dispatched to the site and towed the adventurous trio to safety.

A small yacht ran aground on the western side of St Huberts Island, which was also freed with the help of the jetskis.

The skipper got his crew to make up a bridle that could be attached to the two rear winches of the yacht and then attached to the towline to pull the yacht out backwards.

Marine Rescue Central Coast is currently looking for new volunteers and will be holding an information evening on Thursday, February 8, with a second session set for Saturday, February 10.

For more information, contact the Point Clare base on 4337 9600 or read the MRCC Facebook page.

**SOURCE:**

Media release, 28 Jan 2024  
David Wicks, Marine  
Rescue Central Coast



## 'Tent embassy' event at Pearl Beach

The Pearl Beach Aboriginal History Group hosted an event in a replica of the 1972 Aboriginal Tent Embassy at the Pearl Beach Arboretum on Sunday, January 21

With the assistance of the Gosford Regional Art Gallery, artist Richard Bell's Tent Embassy, was erected in the Arboretum.

The day attracted 85 interested

people who listened to and shared stories and exchanged ideas and information.

Facilitator Ms Brooke Scobie explored the personal history Mingaletta elders Aunty Di O'Brien, Aunty Robyn Reid, Aunty Anita Selwyn, and Aunty Nerida Daisettieo and their connection to Aboriginal civil rights movements.

Mr Ray Munro, a descendant of the original Tent Embassy

activists, spoke of the struggle of these activists to be heard and of his generation's commitment to continue their work.

A Poetry and Weaving Workshop was held where poetry and the art of weaving were blended.

The day ended with a free sausage sizzle.

**SOURCE:**

Media release, 23 Jan 2024  
Peggy Todd, Pearl Beach  
Aboriginal History Group

## The world's oldest living culture

Aboriginal people were the foundation of Australia's story and caretakers of the world's oldest continuous living culture, Mingaletta elder Aunty Di O'Brien told those attending Australia Day celebrations at Pearl Beach in her Acknowledgement of Country.

"She stayed for several hours answering questions and generally enjoying the festive, inclusive atmosphere," said Pearl Beach Aboriginal History group publicity officer Ms Peggy Todd.

Pearl Beach Progress Association raised \$1650 through the day for Mingaletta's early



intervention education program.

Ms Nicole Manners is pictured presenting Aunty Di with the cheque.

**SOURCE:**

Media release, 1 Feb 2024  
Peggy Todd, PBAHG  
Photo: Colin Husband

## Dunecare work resumes



Umina Community Group has resumed its dunecare work for the year.

"We are back on the dunes for 2024 continuing with our regeneration work," said group member Ms Alison Winch.

"We would love to have some new helpers so if you have an hour or two to spare from 8am to 10am on a Wednesday morning please come and join us.

"It's a great way to meet some locals.

"No experience is required!

Meeting points are: First Wednesday, Ocean Beach Rd (February 7); second Wednesday, Berith St (February 14); third and fourth Wednesday, South St (February 21 and 28).

**SOURCE:**

Social media, 2 Feb 2024  
Umina Community Group

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**Arts**

# Free textiles project starts for women

**A free basketry and textiles project for women will be held from 10am to 12pm on Friday, February 23, at Woy Woy Scout Hall in North Burge Rd.**

The session will introduce a range of textiles and fibre sculpture techniques including eco dying, basketry, slow stitch, embroidery,

beading and mixed media.

The Threads of Community Project will be run by Gosford Regional Community Services with further sessions held over 11 Fridays, ending on August 16.

The skills will be used in a final group project, that will be available to exhibit at the end of the year.

The project aims "to build connection, inclusion, capacity and

promote wellness".

Materials are supplied.

No experience is necessary, and all abilities are welcome.

For further information and booking, email Lisa McArthur-Edwards at threadscommunity@gmail.com.

**SOURCE:**

Social media, 30 Jan 2024  
Peninsula Women's Health Centre



# Little Theatre holds free play readings

**Woy Woy Little Theatre is holding play readings at 7:30pm on the last Monday of the month at The Peninsula Theatre, at the corner of McMasters and Ocean Beach Rds, Woy Woy.**

The readings are free and all are welcome.

"You don't need to be a member to come to the play reading,"

said Little Theatre president Ms Christine Vale.

"There is no cost, just an informal read in the foyer at Peninsula Theatre.

"You can choose to read or just listen in."

Last month's reading was "Don't Look Now" by Daphne du Maurier.

**SOURCE:**

Social media, 29 Jan 2024  
Christine Vale, Woy Woy Little Theatre

# Fabric sale

**The Umina Beach branch of the Country Women's Association will hold a "giant fabric, yarn and craft sale" from 10am to 2pm on Saturday, February 17.**

The sale will include lace, buttons, patterns, tapestry fabric, embroidery materials and "lots of fabrics".

Held at the Umina CWA hall, Devonshire teas will be available "at a reasonable cost to keep you fuelled up for shopping".

**SOURCE:**

Social media, 29 Jan 2024  
CWA Umina Beach

# Group 'happy to be back'

**Term 1 classes have started again at the Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre.**

"Our Monday patchwork group were happy to be back and keen to share some of their recent projects," said tutor Ms Penny Howard.

"Marlene Mead brought in her gorgeous quilt in shades of mauve,

and Cheryl Jones showed her fabulous boro-stitched bag

Sarah Vaughan brought in her wonderful finished quilt made in the traditional Arkansas Crossroads patchwork design using a myriad of small squares.

**SOURCE:**

Social media, 1 Feb 2024  
Penny Howard, EBACC

**Planning**

# Fresh proposal for 135 Paton St

**A fresh application has been made for a multi-dwelling development at 135 Paton St, Woy Woy, following the rejection of a similar application in February last year.**

The new application is for three two-storey three-bedroom town houses, where the previous one was for three four-bedroom units.

The previous application was rejected because that "the proposal has not demonstrated that development is compatible with the desired future character of the zone or that it exhibits best practice design given its excessive impervious hardstand and resulting flooding issues".

Other reasons given were non-compliance with the required floor space ratio, rear setback, minimum dimension of all private open space areas, articulation, a shortfall in carparking and soft landscaping.

The fresh application has come up with a new design which avoids the gun-barrel design. Rather than having a driveway running the entire length of the site, the design has combined units 2 and 3 into a "side by side" dual occupancy configuration at the rear of the site with unit 1 at the front of the site.

Compared to the previous design, the area of the driveway (impervious surface) has been reduced by about 30 per cent (60 square metres).

Units 2 and 3 now have a compliant private open space, articulation is improved and non-compliances in rear setbacks have



been eliminated.

There are still some non-compliances with the front private open space for Unit 1 being a little undersized and partly located on the front setback.

This application also proposes to do away with the visitor car parking space (a 20 per cent variation) and there are some variations in the proposed front setback.

The fresh application shows what can be done to improve design outcomes in response to a Council Assessment.

rather than continually "hammering away" at the council to approve inferior designs which unnecessarily damage the environment.

The application prepared by Clarke Dowdle & Associates

attempts to justify the lack of visitor parking stating: "Due to the narrowness of the site, no visitor parking is provided" and that "unlimited" parking is available in the street.

Referring to open space for Unit 1, the application claims: "The proposal allows sufficient areas for soft landscaping areas and direct and accessible private open space."

It does not seem to address the variation caused by the Unit 1 POS partly being located on the front setback.

The application is currently on public exhibition and open for written submissions until March 1.

**SOURCE:**

DA Tracker, 4 Feb 2024  
DA/2472/2023, Central Coast Council

# Proposal to replace one 'gun-barrel' with another

**An application has been made to replace a three-unit single-storey gun-barrel development with a four-unit two-storey gun-barrel development at 40 Bogan Rd, Booker Bay.**

Submitted by Clarke Dowdle and Associates, it describes Booker Bay as "a somewhat tired and austere suburban landscape" and claims it "includes refreshing schedule of finishes that will establish a new benchmark in terms of dwelling appearance".

"The flat 1119m2 site is located on the north-eastern side of the road reserve," it states.

"The surrounding medium density residential development is characterised by an eclectic blend of post-world war fibre-cement clad dwellings that are being redeveloped to cater for multi-dwelling housing development within the medium density zone.

"Each unit would include garages, living-dining areas and adjoining private open space located on the ground floor and bedrooms with bathrooms located on the first floor.

It describes the proposal as having a "gable front deck design that is consistent with the roof design that is encouraged by the character statement for the precinct".

"The units would be separated by and have direct access from their living areas to a private open space."

The application states that one

tree would be removed from the site and one retained, while the site plan shows two trees being removed and two retained.

"Two trees can be provided within the nature strip and within rear setback".

The application admits the proposal is non-compliant with planning provisions in two respects.

It exceeds the building envelope on the northern side of Unit 4; and private open space for Unit 1 is within the front setback.

The application claims that precedents had been established recently in Ettalong, where private open space had been allowed "as front courtyards" including at 31 Burrawang St, 21 Burrawang St, 34 Picnic Parade, 33 Burrawang St and 102 Bay Road.

The application concludes: "The proposed multi-dwelling housing development at 40 Bogan Rd, Booker Bay, is consistent with the objectives, planning strategies and controls applicable to the site."

"The proposal provides increased housing density and additional smaller dwellings that are in acute demand.

"It is well designed to meet residential needs and is commensurate with the character of the surrounding area."

The application is currently on exhibition and available for written submissions from the public until 23rd Feb.

**SOURCE:**

DA Tracker, 3 Feb 2024  
DA/48/2024, Central Coast Council





## Charity bowls day raises \$1035

Ettalong Bowling Club's bowlers have raised \$1035 at their charity day on Sunday, January 21.

"We had 42 charity bowlers as well as the Rebels and the WhoAreWe Tribe," said organiser Mr Ken Dixon.

"The Spider was won by Greg 'Chardy' Elliott for the first time while Patsy Reynolds won the Patisserie Voucher.

"Bill McClellan was the winner of the Wednesday Bowlers Bourbon.

"Dolly's cousin Lisa was the successful bidder for the Port,

adding another \$50 to the total.

"Happy Gilmour's team picked up the winning rink draw against Mick Petho."

Mr Dixon said the day raised a further \$1,035 for Central Coast Kids in Need.

The group was told that the three Bendigo Bank branches on the Central Coast had each also donated \$5000 for Kids in Need for the year.

The next charity day will be held on Sunday, February 18.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 22 Jan 2024  
Ken Dixon, Ettalong Charity Bowls

## Sensitive storytime

A "Sensitive Storytime" session will be held at Woy Woy library from 9:30am on Wednesday, February 28.

The session provides a gentle storytime for children aged two to five years with neuro-divergent or other sensitivities and their families.

The sessions will run on the last Wednesday of each month during school term.

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

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 2 Feb 2024  
Library Services, Central Coast Council



## Celebrating her 105th birthday

A resident of a Umina aged care facility celebrated her 105th birthday on Friday, February 2.

Peninsula Villages resident Ms Joy Lewis celebrated her birthday surrounded by loved ones, including her friend Joyce and sister Yvonne.

Ms Lewis enjoyed a day filled with warmth and celebration, said Peninsula Villages chief executive

Mr Colin Osborne.

"The joy on her face was truly contagious.

"Born in 1919, she has witnessed over a century of change and continues to inspire us all."

Joy is pictured holding a cherished family photo of a young Joy standing proudly next to her father, mother, brother and sister.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 2 Feb 2024  
Colin Osborne, Peninsula Villages

## Psychiatry specialist

A new psychiatry specialist has joined the team at a local private hospital.

Dr Christopher Wellard has joined Brisbane Waters Private Hospital, with areas of interest including mood disorders, axis 1 disorders, psychosis and anxiety spectrum disorder.

Dr Wellard is currently only accepting referrals for inpatients.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 24 Jan 2024  
Brisbane Waters Private Hospital



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# Education



## New silvercraft tutor starts at arts and crafts centre

Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre has a new silvercraft tutor, allowing silvercraft classes to be reinstated.

Ettalong resident Ms Jessica Evans is the new tutor, bringing 25 years' experience as a practising artist specialising in silver jewellery design.

She also has experience in sculpture, ceramics, textiles, photography, drawing and painting.

Ms Evans is an experienced high school teacher in visual arts and technology, having worked at high schools on the Central Coast and for the Sydney Diocese.

Her classes will enable students to learn the "lost wax casting" technique, with designs initially carved in wax.

The lost wax casting process results in a replica of the original design in solid sterling silver.

Students will be guided through



the polishing process, ending with a shiny, highly-polished finish.

The class is open to all levels of experience.

Further information is available on the centre's website at [www.ebacc.com.au](http://www.ebacc.com.au) or via email at [ebacc.email@gmail.com](mailto:ebacc.email@gmail.com)

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 31 Jan 2024  
Gwynneth Weir, EBACC



## Year 6 students type faster than they write

Almost all Year 6 students at Woy Woy South Public School finished the year being able to type faster than they could write with a pen, according to principal Mr Matt Barr

"During stage 2 and 3 all the kids are strongly encouraged to knock down and learn to type without looking at their fingers," he said.

"It has been a huge success. We love it when our students can touch type. They get a photo

with the Golden Keyboard." Those students who broke 50 words per minute earned a signed seat cushion from Mr Barr.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 20 Jan 2024  
Matt Barr, Woy Woy South Public School

## Families will 'meet the teacher'

Umina Beach Public School will provide families with the opportunity to learn about their new teacher and classroom at "meet the teacher" sessions.

Class information will be shared at the sessions, which will be held after school on Tuesday, February 13.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 1 Feb 2024  
Umina Beach Public School



## Cross country training starts at Woy Woy South

Cross Country training is held at 8am on Fridays at Woy Woy South Public School.

It will be held all term and cancelled only if it is raining.

Students from grades 2-6 met in front of the canteen last Friday for

their first run of the year. "It's an awesome way to start your day," said school principal Mr Matt Barr.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 1 Feb 2024  
Woy Woy South Public School



## Professional learning for school staff

Woy Woy Public School staff participated in a professional learning session on Country on Wednesday, January 31.

The cultural experience was facilitated by Mr Stu McMinn,

owner and lead cultural facilitator from Gawura Cultural Immersions.

"The day was filled with valuable, contextual knowledge and offered insight into how teachers can support all students within the

classroom and throughout their schooling journey," said school principal Ms Ona Buckley.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 31 Jan 2024  
Woy Woy Public School

Ettalong Public School has reminded parents to update their phone "parent portal" app.

"Our Sentral Parent Portal is back up and running for 2024 and over the break there were some important updates made," said principal Ms Jodie Campbell.

"All users are advised to update the app on their devices to the latest version or they will not be able to log in.

"In 2024, this will be our main

platform for communication, payments and permission notes.

"Our new kindergarten students will receive information about how to set up their account once they start school."

Parents have been asked to contact the school office staff if they need help setting up their account.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 1 Feb 2024  
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong Public School

## Bridge club plays Australia Day pairs

**Australia Day Pairs attracted 17 pairs of players on Saturday, January 27, at the Brisbane Water Bridge Club.**

The day included a half-time break with lamingtons and tim-tams.

At the end of the session, north-south winners were Susan McCall and Judy Wulff.

East-west winners were Chris Hannan and Chris Hasemore.

Novice players Kerry-Anne Durrant and Sue Ashley scored a top-half result.

There were a few tricky hands including board five where north-south declarers went off in too many spades and east-west declarers went off in too many hearts.

North-south results were:

1 Judy Wulff, Susan McCall 209.0 (62.20 per cent), 0.45 red points.

2 Chris Williams, Jan Clarke 206.0 (61.31), 0.32.

3 Joan Walsh, Julie Teague 200.0 (59.52), 0.23.

4 Kerry-Anne Durrant, Susan Ashley 174.0 (51.79), 0.15.

5 Gary Heyting, Stephanie Mathews 161.0 (47.92).

6 Peter Hume, Elaine Hume 155.0 (46.13).

7 Edith Marshall, Hilary Owen 153.0 (45.54).

8 Robyn Serra, Helen Cashman 137.0 (40.77).

9 Marcelle Goslin, John Aldersley 117.0 (34.82).

East-west results were:

1 Chris Hannan, Chris Hasemore 224.0 (59.26 per cent), 0.45 red points.

2 Hope Tomlinson, Martin Johnson 213.0 (56.35), 0.32.

3 Karen Ody, Jim Routledge 204.0 (53.97), 0.23.

4 Pam Deverall, Deborah Guthrie 200.0 (52.91), 0.15.

5 Deirdre James, Graham James 192.0 (50.79).

6 Richard Carter, Lorraine Lindsay 186.0 (49.21).

7 Carol Long, Faith Ross 160.0 (42.33).

8 Frankie Craven, Spider Redgold 133.0 (35.19).

SOURCE:

Website, 28 Jan 2024  
Brisbane Water Bridge Club



## Umina life savers patrol at The Entrance

**A small team of Umina Surf Life Saving Club lifesavers volunteered to patrol at The Entrance SLSC on Saturday, January 27.**

"This gave The Entrance's only five patrol teams a day off and our lifesavers an experience patrolling another beach with different conditions and environment to our

own," said Umina club president Ms Kerry Armstrong-Smith.

SOURCE:

Social media, 27 Jan 2024  
Umina SLSC

## Grant for new cricket turf pitch roller

**Southern Spirit Cricket Club is set to receive a grant of \$25,000 for a new turf cricket pitch roller from the NSW Local Small Commitments Allocation Program.**

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch said: "Sport holds a special place in my heart and I know the joy that getting out and playing a team sport brings to our community."

"The NSW Government is committed to supporting our community sport clubs thrive and I am thrilled that this cricket roller will provide the club with a world-

class field to play the game they love.

"The roller will give the Southern Spirit Cricket Club, which comprises men's, women's, juniors' and veterans' cricket teams, the ability to properly prepare a high-quality turf wicket at Umina Oval throughout summer.

"I have always advocated for our community sporting clubs and the value that they bring to our community.

"I am proud to see the NSW Government continuing this ongoing support with the purchase

of a new turf cricket pitch roller."

Southern Spirit Cricket Club director Mr Sean Dickson said: "Grants like these are essential for local sporting clubs to help provide top quality recreational services and experiences to its members and the greater community.

"The funds granted to us have been utilised in the purchase of assets which will go a long way in the future proofing of our club for current and future members."

SOURCE:

Media release, 25 Jan 2024  
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

## Bunnies start 'boot bank'

**Umina Bunnies Junior Rugby League Football Club has started a "boot bank".**

The boot bank will take donation of clean spare football boots and are made available to any registered playing member of Umina Bunnies.

"Your footy boots will get another season in the red and green."

Donors may email [uminabunniesjrffc@gmail.com](mailto:uminabunniesjrffc@gmail.com) or text 0497 696 034 to arrange collection of any available pairs.

They will also be accepted at the club's registration days at Ettalong Diggers on February 10 and 11.

SOURCE:

Social media, 1 Feb 2024  
Umina Bunnies JRLFC

## WHAT'S ON at ETTALONG BOWLING CLUB

Ettalong Bowling Club is the Peninsulas Best Kept Secret. Just a short stroll from Ettalong's foreshore, the club offers modern facilities, a family friendly atmosphere and great value for food and drinks.

Hungry? Try the local's favourite, 'Harrys Restaurant', for their homemade entrees and new on the menu an assortment of dumplings. Alfresco Brasserie offers wood-fired pizzas, steak and pasta including weekly blackboard specials.

Kids play area, Sports Bar, TAB, cocktails, and pint happy hour Mon - Fri 4pm - 6pm & Sat-Sun 3pm - 5pm. Free live entertainment every Friday, Saturday & Sunday.

Our friendly staff are looking forward to seeing you at the Springy!

**ETTALONG**  
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THE BEST-KEPT SECRET ON THE CENTRAL COAST

# Sport

## Woy Woy Wolves open baseball registration

**Woy Woy Wolves Baseball Club has opened registration for this year's season.**

The club has been forced to raise player fees for the first time in over a decade.

Fees for new players for 2024 will be \$220.

Of this, less than 10 per cent goes to the club.

Baseball Australia "capitation" is \$63, Baseball NSW capitation is \$72.70 and Central Coast Baseball Association affiliation \$65, while club affiliation is just \$19.30.

Operating costs are still heavily subsidised by Ettalong Bowling Club.

Competition will start on Saturday, April 6.

Teams will be entered into the

Pacific Coast Baseball League competition and locally for lower grades.

Preseason training will be held on February 25 and March 10, 17, 24 and 31.

Uniform distribution will be held on March 17 and 31.

Registration is open for both volunteers and players.

Volunteer registration includes non-playing coaches, umpires, scorers and general volunteers.

Player registration includes playing coaches.

For winter-only players, fees are \$220.

For those registered for summer 23/24, the fees are \$84.30.

**SOURCE:**

Social media, 31 Jan 2024  
Woy Woy Wolves Baseball Club



## Fours championship bowls final played

**A side of Darrin Fleming, Allan Rhodes, Paul Watson and Mark Hogden has taken out the Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club 2024 Fours Championship Final.**

A big crowd watched the final played on Saturday, January 27.

They were playing Ian Mutton, Ian Jarratt, Vic Gauci and Steve "Lazarus" Stead.

"Steve's side had come back

from the dead in their previous two games and were looking for a repeat against the Hoggo 'dream team'," said club secretary Mr Peter Springett.

"Steve's game plan got off to the planned start, with 10 shots behind after three ends.

"Unfortunately, they weren't able to produce the come back of the previous two weeks.

"Steve's side steadied the ship

and almost held Hoggo's side for the second half of the game, but they weren't able to claw back the early deficit.

Pictured are Darrin Fleming, Allan Rhodes, Paul Watson and Mark Hogden, with Steve Stead, Vic Gauci, Ian Jarratt and Ian Mutton.

**SOURCE:**

Social media, 27 Jan 2024  
Peter Springett, UBMC



## Girls should give Aussie Rules a try, says Tesch

**Parents and carers looking for ways to get girls aged 5 to 12 active and forming lasting friendships should give Aussie Rules footy a try, according to Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.**

Come and Try days with the Woy Woy Peninsula Swans Junior AFL Club are held at 4:30pm every Wednesday in February at Rogers Park on Dunban Rd, Woy Woy.

"There's a welcome barbecue, so dinner for the kids is already taken care of," she said.

"It was fantastic to get down to Woy Woy Peninsula Junior AFL Club for one of their 'Come and Try' days."

Interested parents and carers should contact Peninsula Swans Junior AFC president Ms Lara Davis on 0410 236 828.

**SOURCE:**

Social media, 28 Jan 2024  
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

**Central Coast Outrigging Canoe Club will host its own regatta at Patonga Beach on Saturday, February 17, with competing clubs coming from all over NSW.**

The regatta follows the club's success at the Newcastle Regatta on January 20.

The morning started with the OC1 and OC2 Shortcourse, with the club taking first place in each.

The club's novice crew in an OC6 won its event.

"It was an exciting finish, catching up three boat lengths to win by one second," said club media officer Ms Rosemary Chapman.

Novice team members Murray Burrows, Jodi Murphy, Stephen Peruch and Janet Strindvall all said they were thankful for the opportunity

Murray Burrows said "It was a special day."



Stephen described the experience as "exhaustion, elation, team spirit".

Janet said it has left her "hungry for more".

The Women's Grand Masters Crew came second in their division in challenging conditions over an eight kilometre course.

"They managed to stay upright, while five canoes capsized and

one had to be towed due to a damaged hull."

In the Long Course, the club's Golden Masters Mixed crew came in third.

"A great day was had by all our paddlers," said coach Michelle Costa.

**SOURCE:**

Media release, 30 Jan 2024  
Rosemary Chapman, CCOCC

## Surf club to hold advanced resuscitation course

**Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club will hold an Advanced Resuscitation Techniques course from 6:30pm to 8:30pm on Monday, February 12.**

The session aims to develop skills to respond to and manage life-threatening emergency

situations.

Participants must be 15 years of age and hold a Provide First Aid certificate (HLTAID011).

To register and for more information, email education@oceanbeachslsc.com

**SOURCE:**

Social media, 25 Jan 2024  
Ocean Beach SLSC

## New team formation process at SEU

**Southern and Ettalong United Football Club has announced its new grading and team formation process for the coming season.**

"Whether your son or daughter are looking to develop their skills competitively or just want to play football with friends, the club has them covered with our redefined

grading and team formation process," said club president Sam Appleby.

"Our primary goal is offering the best development environment and player experience on the Central Coast."

Player evaluations and team formation days will occur on every Monday in February at James Browne Oval.

"We are committed to offering the best development for all our junior members and aim to ensure that every player enjoys playing football."

Registration for the soccer club are now open online at <https://ccf.mycompapp.com/#/>

**SOURCE:**

Social media, 29 Jan 2024  
Sam Appleby, SEUFC