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The beach was the place to be

For many people, the beach was definitely the place to be on the Australia Day weekend.

All car parks were full and many cars were patrolling endlessly looking for parks.

Some had a long walk to the beach.

Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club has reported its patrolling members had amassed more than 1000 hours for the December and January period to date.

The club has counted a beach attendance of 49,252 people, and has taken 751 prevention actions, was called on for First Aid 18 times and performed 14 rescues.

SOURCE:
Social media, 17 Jan 2025
Ocean Beach SLSC

Council plans changes to school drop-offs

Central Coast Council is investigating changes to "student access, pick up and drop off" at two Peninsula schools, the Local Traffic Committee has been told.

Council officers have met with the Department of Education and school representatives at Woy Woy Public School and at Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College.

The committee was told that draft concept plans were being prepared by Council staff for Bowden Rd, adjacent to Woy Woy Public School.

These were "likely to include modifications to the accessible parking, relocation of the No Parking - kiss and drop, and construction of footpaths and pram ramps to support the proposed kerbside changes".

"Further community consultation and referrals to Local Traffic

Committee will be required in relation to these changes."

As a precursor to the changes, the committee decided to remove an unused bus zone in front of the school which would "provide increased kerbside parking for parents picking up and dropping off at the school".

It agreed to remove the zone in the school holidays "in preparation for the return of students in the 2025 school year".

The proposal to remove the bus zone followed "a number of requests from the community regarding issues with parking infringements".

Plans for changes in Veron Rd for the Umina campus of the College had reached the design phase.

"Funding has been allocated to complete design works associated with the proposal," the committee was told.

"The design phase will include

further consultation with the school community and adjacent property owners."

The question of the plans for Veron Rd was raised by committee member Mr Jayden Delbridge representing Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

At the meeting, Council director Mr Boris Bolgoff reminded the committee that it was "a technical review committee that advises Council on matters related to the regulation of traffic that are referred to it by Council staff, working under delegations from Transport for NSW".

Mr Bolgoff said the process of selecting items for each meeting agenda was via Council staff in line with exercising the functions delegated by Transport for NSW to Council

SOURCE:
Website, 12 Dec 2024
Local Traffic Committee,
Central Coast Council

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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.

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Mark Snell

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At its heart, Peninsula News is a community effort.

It welcomes and relies on the contributions provided voluntarily and at no cost by local organisations, groups and residents.

The newspaper aims to be accessible to the community - both through making its columns accessible to community groups and by having copies available in accessible locations, including through its website.

The following policies and guidelines are designed to support the aims and standards of the newspaper.

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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.

Regional sports will only be covered from the perspective of Peninsula clubs. Regional plans will only be aired in the context of their ramifications for the Peninsula.

Peninsula News aims to be inclusive of as much of the Peninsula community as possible.

Readability

To ensure that the newspaper serves its purpose, it must be readable and represent the interests and activities of the community in its content.

Contributions to the paper are edited to consistent standards of readability. Guidelines are available for intending contributors.

All items will be dated. They must contain the name of the author to whom the contribution may be attributed, with their first name spelt out, along with their suburb or organisation. Anonymous contributions will not be accepted.

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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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Contributors are asked to keep their contributions to the matter at hand, and to

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Other than in the case of holding public figures to account, criticism of others (as opposed to criticism of particular opinions) is unlikely to be published in the interests of facilitating the expression of a diversity of views.

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Peninsula News includes "source lines" at the end of each article which aim to provide readers with information about where and how we came across the information, so that they might judge for themselves the veracity of what they are reading.

It should not be assumed that the article is a verbatim reproduction of the source. Similarly, it should not be assumed that any reporter listed is necessarily responsible for writing the whole news item. Source lines are not by-lines.

Often articles come from a number of sources. They are edited for readability and reader interest and given different headings, and consequently can be expressed quite differently from the source material.

Peninsula News usually receives its information in three ways: It is sent to us by someone wanting to promote their activities; it is sent to us in response to our inquiries; or it comes from a newsletter or other document to which we have access.

Sometimes we may interview a person or report what they said at a meeting.

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Newsletter or Report - published in print or online.
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Churches start online video channel

Central Coast South Uniting Churches, at Umina and Kincumber, have started a new video channel.

The YouTube channel, Central Coast South UCA, is part of work to update the churches' online presence.

"Sometime in February we will be taking Umina's Sunday services off the Broken Bay Facebook page," said the Reverend Frank van der Korput.

"Sadly we are being forced to do that due to copyright issues on

Facebook which we don't face on YouTube.

"I have uploaded every Sunday service from November 24 onwards."

He said the Facebook accounts for Broken Bay and Kincumber were being updated.

"The new websites will continue to be developed."

Microsites website training would be occurring this week.

SOURCE:
Newsletter,
Frank van der Korput,
Central Coast South UCA

Next bingo marathons

Woy Woy Bingo has announced its next marathons.

The next mini-marathon will be Saturday, February 1, at the Peninsula Community Centre.

The next mega-marathon will be held on Easter Saturday, April 19.

On every other Saturday, the normal session will be held.

Funds raised go towards projects of the St John the Baptist Catholic Parish.

This is the original Parish Cash Housie fundraiser which was run at Ettalong from the mid-1950s.

It has been on Saturday nights sWith inquiries, email wcp housie@hotmail.com.

SOURCE:
Social media, 18 Jan 2025
Woy Woy Bingo

Lions meet

Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club has started its meetings for the new year at 6pm on Monday last week, January 20, at Ettalong Diggers.

The club welcomes visiting Lions who may be in the area on holidays.

The club's Car Boot Sale will not be held this month "due to Council work".

SOURCE:
Social media, 18 Jan 2025
Dee Taylor, Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club

Year starts with above-average rainfall

The Peninsula has started the year with above average rainfall.

Just over three weeks into January, the rainfall total is almost 50 per cent above average.

The monthly total was 168.6mm at 9am on Friday, January 24.

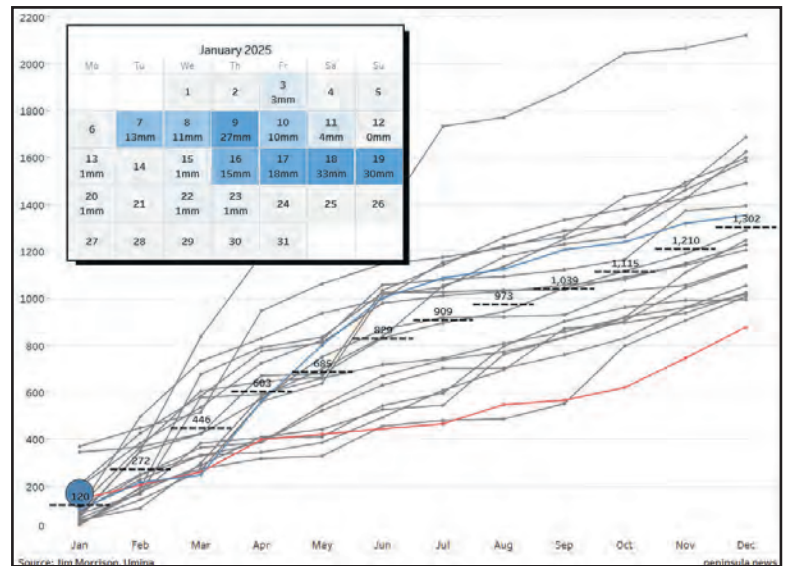
This was 44.1 per cent above the month's average rainfall of 117mm.

Three days this month have recorded more than 25mm.

On January 9, 27mm was recorded, while 32.6mm was recorded on January 18 and 29.6mm was recorded on January 19.

This month is currently the fifth wettest January in 20 years.

Further details, including daily rainfall figures for 20 years, can be



found at <http://penne.ws/rain>.

SOURCE:
Spreadsheet, 24 Jan 2025
Jim Morrison, Umina

TIDE TIMES and Heights	Mon, Jan 27	Thu, Jan 30	Sun, Feb 2	Wed, Feb 5	Sat, Feb 8
	0114 0.23	0339 0.12	0010 0.90	0247 1.02	0604 1.12
	0753 1.11	1006 1.27	0612 0.12	0923 0.24	1324 0.19
	1507 0.17	1711 0.07	1220 1.13	1504 0.78	1904 0.68
	2036 0.68	2242 0.82	1909 0.08	2118 0.19	
	Tue, Jan 28	Fri, Jan 31	Mon, Feb 3	Thu, Feb 6	Sun, Feb 9
	0202 0.19	0429 0.10	0058 0.95	0350 1.05	0024 0.24
	0838 1.18	1050 1.26	0708 0.16	1045 0.25	0705 1.15
	1550 0.13	1751 0.06	1309 1.01	1619 0.70	1423 0.15
	2118 0.73	2325 0.86	1948 0.11	2215 0.23	2005 0.72
AT ETTALONG	Wed, Jan 29	Sat, Feb 1	Tue, Feb 4	Fri, Feb 7	Mon, Feb 10
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Fire brigade lends a hand in storm clean-up

The NSW Rural Fire Service has been busy lending a hand to NSW State Emergency Service all over the state to help with cleanup efforts after the storms.

In Pearl Beach, it was no different.

The Pearl Beach brigade helped deal with tree branches brought down in Coral Cr by the storms.

The brigade and the Gosford State Emergency Services Unit were advised of a tree leaning dangerously across the downhill side of Crystal Ave and threatening to fall on the roadway.

They decided to pass the work on to Central Coast Council crews to fell and remove.

People driving on Crystal Ave were advised that it had been reduced to one lane on the uphill side of the spilt roadway until the work was complete.

The brigade suggested that, with the return of sunshine and easing of winds, residents could fill up their green bins "with everything that fell out of the sky over the past few days of stormy weather".

SOURCE:
Social media, 20 Jan 2025
Pearl Beach Brigade, NSW RFS



Pavlovas and an Aussie barbecue

Australia Day was celebrated early last week at a Umina aged care facility.

Residents at Peninsula Village "whipped up delicious, classic" Australian pavlovas.

"Smiles were everywhere as these sweet treats made afternoon tea extra special," said chief executive Mr Colin Osborne.

"We love celebrating with a true Aussie favourite."

"Our amazing residents made this day so memorable."

The facility also held a barbecue for residents and staff with live entertainment from Layla Nassif and Cassidy Lalor.

SOURCE:
Social media, 21 Jan 2025
Peninsula Villages



The Bays lose power during storm

Ausgrid reported 823 homes in The Bays area lost power with the storms on Saturday, January 18.

The NSW Central Coast Incident Alerts service reported that the restore times were subject to change, as crews were stretched and full assessments were under way for many locations.

"There is a lot of debris out

there so continue to take it easy on the road.

"Be mindful of work crews and emergency services that are doing their best to clean up.

"There are also numerous sets of traffic lights out due to the power failures."

SOURCE:
Social media, 18 Jan 2025
NSW Central Coast Incident Alerts



Boats break from moorings

The "freaky wild weather" experienced in recent weeks caused boats to break away from their moorings and run aground, according to Marine Rescue Central Coast.

Strong winds, surf and swell conditions were hazardous,

including for coastal activities such as rock fishing, boating and swimming.

"If in doubt, don't go out" was the advice.

SOURCE:
Social media, 18 Jan 2025
Marine Rescue Central Coast

Two shops receive money for signage

Central Coast Council has resolved to provide a total of \$3259 to two shops on the Peninsula under the Facade Improvement Support Program.

The two properties were among 40 across the region which shared

an allocation of \$144,398.45 made at the council's December 10 meeting.

Facade painting and new signage costing \$2459 was approved for 17 The Boulevard, Woy Woy.

Signage costing \$980 was

approved for 63 Trafalgar Avenue, Woy Woy.

The motion to approve the allocation was moved by Cr Belinda Neal and seconded by Cr Doug Eaton.

SOURCE:
Central Coast Council minutes 3.6, 10 Dec 2024

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Planning



Alma Ave unit plan is one park short and has no soft landscaping

A light industrial unit proposed for 27 Alma Ave, Woy Woy, would be built to about 300mm of side and rear boundaries, cover almost three quarters of the site, and would intrude by 1.2 metres into the required front setback of 10 metres.

It would provide only three car parking spaces, where four spaces are required, and have no landscaped area as required by the planning provisions.

The application states that “the land has a width of 12.09m, a depth of 39.625m and a calculated area of 483 square metres”.

The proposal is listed on the council planning portal as “industrial units comprising of three units”, but the application shows the development of a single unit.

The application states: “The

adjointing properties on either side are light industrial buildings with associated on site parking. The land is devoid of any significant vegetation.”

The site is zoned E4 General Industrial.

The proposed construction materials are described as “thermally resilient being mainly concrete wall panels and light-coloured steel roof cladding.”

“The roof is insulated. The roof has been structurally designed to accommodate the future installation of PV solar panels.”

The gross floor area of the proposed building is claimed to be 338.8 square metres giving a proposed floor space ratio of 0.701:1.

The proposed height is 7.5m and the proposed site coverage is 352.8 square metres (73 per cent).

The application quotes planning

provisions for site coverage which state that “the extent of built and hardstand areas on site is to be minimised” and “the development footprint is to be augmented by the design, implementation and maintenance of soft landscape works.”

In response, the application contends that “Due to the small lot size and narrow frontage, any land not covered by building or hardstand is minimal.”

“There are no landscape areas on the adjoining development, or in Alma Avenue generally.

“Any landscape strip provided would soon be turned into unapproved parking.”

“The proposed site cover reflects that of the adjoining development and is considered appropriate for the local context.”

The application quotes planning provisions which say vegetation



and trees should be provided to soften the effects of industrial buildings building.

The response in the application states: “Small and narrow development sites such as these provide limited opportunities for landscaping as is evidenced by the existing development in Alma Ave.

“On such a narrow site, by the time a vehicle access crossing is provided, the minimum five metre landscape component adjoining the front boundary becomes insignificant.

“Given the existing parking issues in the street, it is considered that a parking space better utilises the area to provide off-street parking.”

Interestingly, the application later notes a requirement for 3.3 spaces based on gross floor area, which is rounded up to four spaces.

“Three spaces have been

provided,” the application states

“The minor variation is justified as proposed development also provides parking opportunities within the building due to drive through access being available from both Alma Ave and the lane-way.”

In regards to the front setback, it states: “A variation of 1.2 metres to the required 10 metres is proposed.”

The application concludes: “The proposed development will have no adverse impact on the local environment and is worthy of consent.”

The application is currently on public exhibition but the council website does not state a closing date for submissions.

SOURCE:

**DA Tracker, 26 Jan 2025
DA/2110/2024, Central Coast Council**

‘Small scale conception’ for Ferry Rd

The design of a new dwelling and secondary dwelling proposed for 6 Ferry Rd, Ettalong, has taken into account “a small scale conception of the local area”, according to a development application lodged with Central Coast Council.

The principal dwelling would be a new three-bedroom, two-storey house and a double garage at the rear of the property, with planted roof, kayak storage and office space included.

“By providing two off street car parks, two permanently parked cars will be taken off the road in the vicinity of the ferry wharf, and there will be more available space for short term drop-offs to the wharf”.

The secondary dwelling is proposed to consist of a two-storey granny flat of 65.6 square metres, greater than the planning provision maximum of 60 square metres.

“The variation sought is for an additional 5.6 square metres,” the application states.

“This additional area is below 10 per cent of the regulation and will have negligible effect on the amenity of the neighbourhood or

the environment while allowing an additional nook 5.6 square metre nook in the bedroom for a desk to be incorporated.”

The allotment is zoned R1 General Residential and is on a flat block.

It is located 100 metres from the Ettalong Ferry wharf and close to public transport facilities.

The area of the site is 486.9 square metres.

It has a 12 metre frontage to Ferry Rd to the West and is bounded by a 45.54m long sealed laneway to the south, and another lane at the rear.

The application claims compliance with the floor space ratio maximum of 0.5:1, coming in at 0.47:1, which would mean a gross floor area of 228.8 square metres.

In another place, it claims a floor space ratio of 0.49:1.

Several different total gross floor area figures are quoted in the application, including 364 square metres, an implied total of 238.1 square metres, and 229.5 square metres.

For example, the application states: “The proposed house is 213 square metres plus proposed

subfloor enclosure of 151 square metres adds up to a total gross floor area after completion of 364 square metres.”

Apart from the secondary dwelling, the application claims compliance with the planning provisions, including the local character statement, height of buildings, site coverage, setbacks, private open space areas, privacy concerns and solar access/overshadowing.

The application concludes that the proposal would “contribute positively to the neighbourhood in terms of improved quality of housing stock that will endure for the next generation and demonstrating a well proportioned and aesthetically fitting to the Ettalong Beach Locality”.

“It sets a new standard for a local vernacular that respects what came before it and attempts to conserve a character of smaller scale lightweight”.

The application is currently on public exhibition, but no closing date for submissions has been published.

SOURCE:

**DA Tracker, 26 Jan 2025
DA/1578/2024, Central Coast Council**



New submissions policy to be exhibited

Central Coast Council will exhibit a “submissions policy” for public comment before then end of March.

The policy will reflect the council decision to require 20 unique submissions to trigger referral of a development application to the Local Planning Panel.

In response to a question from Peninsula News, Council’s media unit stated: “Council resolved at its December 2024 meeting to adopt a Submissions Policy with 20 unique submissions to trigger

referral to the Local Planning Panel, and to submit that policy to the Department of Planning for approval.

“The next step is for the Submissions Policy to be drafted and put on public exhibition in the first quarter of 2025.”

The original decision was made on the notice of motion by deputy mayor Cr Doug Eaton at the council’s November meeting.

SOURCE:

**Media statement, 24 Jan 2025
Media unit, Central Coast Council**

Book club for 'tweens' to meet in February

A "book club for 'tweens' will discuss *Scout and the Rescue Dogs* by Dianne Wolfer at Umina Beach Library at its next meeting.

The club will meet from 3:30pm to 4:15pm at Umina Beach Library on Wednesday, February 5.

The book club is especially for primary school aged children, 10 years plus.

Scout and the Rescue Dogs is described as a celebration of

community, adventure, kindness and dogs.

Those attending are urged to borrow a copy from the library to read before the meeting.

All are welcome.

Bookings are essential and may be made at the library or by phone on 4304 7333.

SOURCE:
Website, 20 Jan 2025
Library Services, Central Coast Council



Millie Hayes to spend a year in Brazil

Umina Rotary Exchange student Millie Hayes has left for a year in Brazil.

"She will be immersed in Brazilian culture, living with local families, travelling and attending school," said Umina Beach Rotary publicity officer Mr Pat Lewis.

He said she was farewelled at a packed club meeting attended by family and friends, where she gave a speech Portuguese, the language of Brazil.

"Millie will be an outstanding representative of her family, our club, Rotary, and Australia."

Mr Lewis said: "For the first time ever, we had at a meeting four Rotary Exchange students: Beau Seale, Dominic Hall, Reese Vergara and Millie Hayes.

"Beau Seale went to Austria in 2019 and Dominic Hall to Slovakia in 2020.

"Reese Vergara has just returned from Denmark from 2024."

The club received a picture of Millie's arrival in Brazil.



"Take a look at the reception committee that greeted her on arrival," said the club's newsletter editor Mr Wayne Dowdle.

The welcome signs included one saying: "This will be the best year of your life."

SOURCE:
Social media, 18 Jan 2025
Rotary Club of Umina Beach



JP now in Woy Woy

People needing a Justice of the Peace can now find one at the office of Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch in Woy Woy.

"It is often difficult to find a Justice of the Peace and my office has been receiving lots of calls asking where to find a JP."

Ms Tesch said: "My team can assist you with any document needing a JP between the hours of 9:30am and 11:30am and between 2pm and 4pm at 71 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy."

SOURCE:
Social media, 15 Jan 2025
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

Men's Shed seeks people with accounting skills

The Umina Beach Men's Shed is seeking people with accounting and administration skills and IT experience to join its committee.

The Shed's committee decided to spread the news across the membership, and the Peninsula in general, that we are looking for a couple of people, said publicity officer Mr Vic Brown.

"The committee is very conscious of its age profile and health status.

"At a recent committee meeting, there was a good discussion and review of our succession planning," he said.

"We have been operating for

some 14 years and membership has grown significantly over the years.

"We have recently located to our new and long-term purpose-built premises at 90 Osborne Ave, Umina.

"Obviously, we are not a business as such so there are not lots of transactions.

"But as a not-for-profit organization that secures grants, our records and reporting have to be top notch."

Mr Brown said that Umina Beach Men's Shed was a place to connect, a community to belong to with "mates that make it worthwhile".

"Being with a group of men on a shoulder-to-shoulder basis

provides the opportunity to discuss all manner of topics, even health issues."

Health checks were often referred to in terms of throwing a "spanner in the works", he said.

He said the Shed was looking for people with "reasonably modern accounting skills, who were retired or had time on their hands and would like a touch of community involvement".

The Umina Beach Men's Shed opens Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8am to 12pm.

Attendance days and frequency is up to the individual member.

SOURCE:
Media release, 22 Jan 2025
Vic Brown, Umina Beach Men's Shed

Federal grant opportunity opens

The Federal Government's Stronger Communities Program is open for expressions of interest, according to Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid.

"I am encouraging eligible organisations to review the grant opportunity guidelines and consider completing an expression of interest," he said.

"The Stronger Communities Program has assisted many not-for-profit organisations over the past several years."

He said the program had social benefits by funding projects in communities across Australia.

More information and an expression-of-interest form are available on Dr Reid's website via <http://penne.ws/iJx67v>.

Information from the

department's website is available via <http://penne.ws/cvatbL>.

Information from the department by phone on 13 28 46 or from Dr Reid's office on 4322 2400.

The expression of interest forms should be submitted by email to Gordon.Reid.MP@aph.gov.au by Monday, February 24.

SOURCE:
Media release, 21 Jan 2025
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson

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Forum

Draft Council meeting code removes requirement for public forums

There is a new Model Code of Meeting Practice being exhibited by the Minister for comments.

This Code, when adopted, will govern the operation of Council meetings.

There is a long list of goals that, it is said, the new Code is intended to meet, although the direct connection between most of these goals and the proposed changes to the Code aren't easy to trace.

Indeed, the main feature of the proposed changes seems to be that there will be no mandatory

requirement of Public Forums before a Council meeting, although there is a draft provision that Council can adopt, if it so wishes.

Given the trend in recent Council resolutions related to public participation in decisions, I doubt that most ratepayers would be comfortable relying on the Council's goodwill for permission to speak on matters of community importance, so it might be considered useful to address the Minister with an objection to this proposal.

There should be some

mandatory measure for Public Forums, although some details of the means of participation might be left to Council's discretion.

It should be made clear to the Minister that this is a general community view.

There is an online objection form that can be filled in and submitted, and I suggest that anybody concerned about the transparency of Council deliberations on community issues make use of it.

SOURCE:
Email, 20 Jan 2025
Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy.

When unique does not mean unique

I have discussed the article "Network calls for consultation on submission numbers" (Peninsula News, January 10) with the CEN chair Mr Gary Chestnut.

Residents unfamiliar with the development assessment process may believe a "unique objection" is based on a dictionary definition.

This is totally wrong. The process is not that simple.

The definition is based on the Department of Planning's guidelines or similar policy, and is not easy to find and may not be unequivocal.

I have received advice regarding a council DA, providing information on "applications on exhibition", "make a submission", standard submission form template, but no definition of "unique submission" that is not open to interpretation.

Is the public submission process engaging with the community or disengaging with the community?

Those submitting objections to development applications for the first time may be interested in commenting on their experience, favourable or otherwise.

SOURCE:
Letter, 21 Jan 2025
Norm Harris, Umina

Arts

Little Theatre's new season opens

Woy Woy Little Theatre has opened bookings for its first production of the year, Killing Katie: Confessions of a Book Club

The play opens on Friday, February 21, with 10 performances over three weekends.

The "special Australian dark comedy" by Tracey Trinder has an all-female cast of five and is directed by Ms Kelli Ward.

The play is set more than a decade after the shocking death of Katie at a book club.

She is still very much alive in the minds of the four women who

witnessed her death.

None of them have met again or dared whisper her name, until the club's former convenor writes her first novel: Killing Katie – Confessions of a Book Club.

"The play explores the intricacies, depths and power plays of female friendship groups," said Ms Ward.

"How does the arrival of a new member upset the balance? How do the others respond?"

"How did Katie die? And who should feel guilty?"

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Subscriptions are still available for the 2025 season, offering a 20 per cent discount for all four plays.

SOURCE:
Media release, 22 Jan 2025
Graham Vale, Woy Woy Little Theatre

Woy Woy CWA resumes weekly craft and chat sessions

The Woy Woy branch of the Country Women's Association will resume its weekly craft and chat on Wednesday, January 29, from 8:30am to midday.

The branch's monthly business meetings will resume on Wednesday, February 26, at 9am.

"You don't need any qualifications," said publicity officer

Ms Jane Bowtell.

"Just be yourself and let the warmth of the CWA and its branch members sweep you up and open up a whole new world that allows you to choose your passion.

"There is something for everyone, nothing to lose and so much to gain."

SOURCE:
Social media, 13 Jan 2025
Jane Bowtell, CWA Woy Woy

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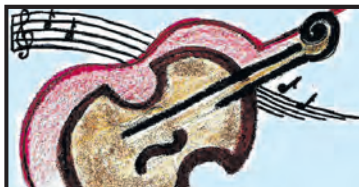


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Enda Kenny opens year for Troubadour Folk Club

The Troubadour Folk Club will hold its first major concert for the year with singer-songwriter Enda Kenny at 2pm on Sunday, February 23, at the Everglades Country Club in Woy Woy.

The club held its first house concert for the year on Wednesday, January 22, with Americana folk duo Those Folk.

Its next house concert is Wednesday, February 5, with veteran English folk singer and multi instrumentalist Steve Turner.

"Rarely does one get the opportunity to experience such fine musicianship within the confines of small, intimate venues- and this is precisely what the Troubadour Folk Club offers with a house concert," said club president Mr Michael Fine.

The club has started its regular program of First Friday Sessions for the year, with music-making open to all on the first Friday of each month.

The club will also continue its Performer's Concerts on the second Saturday of each month, from 7pm in the Empire Bay Community Hall.

"With a number of 15- minute



stage spots available, it's a great night for audience and unpaid local performers alike," he said.

"As the year continues, we have a major concert planned each month in the Everglades club, which has supported us in bringing some of the great folk and acoustic performers in Australia and internationally to audiences on the Peninsula.

The full year's program and further information is available online at www.troubadour.org.au.

SOURCE:
Media release, 10 Jan 2025
Michael Fine, Troubadour Folk Club

Art installations sought for arboretum art trail

The Pearl Beach Arboretum is seeking expressions of interest for art installations in its Environmental Art Trail, which will run from Saturday, March 15, to Sunday, March 27.

Expressions of interest close on February 10.

"The Pearl Beach Arboretum Environmental Art Trail aims to create inspiring temporary public art that promotes nature conservation, supports community identity and increases the cultural vibrancy," said arboretum secretary Ms Mary Knaggs.

"Creating the unexpected is a

key objective.

"This program offers a unique opportunity to create a site-specific art installation responding to theme for 2025 – Harmony in Nature."

Prizes will total \$8000.

First prize for an artist or group over 16 years of age is \$3000.

Highly commended prize (over 16) is \$1500.

People's Choice prize for any category is \$1000.

The Young Person's prize for an artist or group 16 years and under is \$500, plus \$500 to their nominated school.

Highly commended prize (under 16) is \$250, plus \$250 to their nominated school.

The school prize for Years 4-6 is \$500 awarded to the school.

The school prize for Years 7-10 is \$500 awarded to the school.

Community group entries will only be eligible for the People's Choice Award.

The art trail will be open to the public free of charge during daylight hours.

There are expected to be 30 other artworks on display.

On the weekends, the Arboretum will host music, dance and workshops.

SOURCE:
Social media, 20 Jan 2025
Woy Woy Little Theatre

SOURCE:
Social media, 15 Jan 2025
Crommelin Native Arboretum

One cast member still wanted by Little Theatre

Woy Woy Little Theatre has filled all but one role in the cast for its May play, *Witness for the Prosecution* by Agatha Christie.

"The role of Leonard is a fantastic role written as a 'hugely likeable young man' who has been arrested and is on trial for the murder of a wealthy older woman,"

said director Ms Christine Vale.

"If you know of anyone who could fit the role, please forward details onto them.

"If you would like to audition for this role send us your expression of interest."

SOURCE:
Social media, 20 Jan 2025
Woy Woy Little Theatre



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Education

Start the year 'organised, prepared and ready to go'

Brisbane Water Secondary College is encouraging its Woy Woy campus students to "start the year organised, prepared and ready to go".

It has issued required equipment lists for Years 10, 11 and 12, "for year-specific must-haves".

The lists cover workbooks, binders and sleeves, as well as general stationery.

For Year 10, it includes 10 A4 workbooks that are to be margin-lined of 128 pages: six for core subjects, three for electives and one spare.

Maths needs a grid-lined book.

An A4 hardcover binder is needed to "store your books and keep them protected and in good condition".

Plastic sleeves are needed "to keep handouts and worksheet in together and in good nick".

General stationery includes black pens for exams, as well as red, blue and green pens.

A pencil, sharpener and eraser, as well as glue, scissors, ruler and a colour-pack of highlighters are also listed.

A clear pencil case is suggested "as only these can be bought into examinations".

A scientific calculator is required for maths, geography, science and some electives.

The list states that the school has numerous laptop and computer room facilities.

"Any lesson requiring ICT will be accommodated in this way."

Elective specific requirements will be communicated to students in the first week of class.

SOURCE:
Social media, 22 Jan 2025
BWSC Woy Woy



Flying doctors' service brings mock-up plane to vacation care

The Royal Flying Doctors Service has led a day of activities at St John the Baptist Primary School's vacation care and brought a mock-up plane for the day.

"The children had a great time during this engaging educational program, even jumping on board the plane to see the action all for themselves," said principal Ms Nicole Davies.

The vacation care was available

all primary students whether they attended the St John the Baptist school or not.

Highlights have included excursions to Kidchella, Canoelands Orchards and a Friendship day with the Early Learning Centre.

For more information, email oshc.woywoy@catholiccaredbb.org.au

SOURCE:
Social media, 22 Jan 2025
SJB Catholic Primary School



Ettalong issues stationery supplies list

Ettalong Public School has issued a list of suggested stationery supplies for students in

Years 3-6.

The list includes a pencil case, HB pencils, blue and red ball-point pens, highlighters in six colours, 30cm ruler, erasers, scissors, a glue stick, coloured pencils and a sharpener.

The list also includes Textas, but states "No liquid paper or

permanent markers".

Students from Kindergarten to Year 2 will have their equipment supplied for them in their classroom.

Support classes will send home a list of supplies needed once school resumes.

Parents have been asked to label all items clearly.

SOURCE:
Social media, 16 Jan 2025
Ettalong Public School



Woy Woy South summer dresses have arrived

Summer dresses have arrived at the Woy Woy South Public School uniform shop.

They are "ready to be ordered" and picked up at one of the shop's open days.

The shop will open on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 4 and 5, and from Monday to Friday, February 10 to 15.

Opening hours will be 2pm to

4pm on February 4, 9am to 11am on February 5 and 8:30am to 9am from February 10 to 15.

Uniforms may be pre-ordered online or ordered in person at the shop.

For further information, email uniformshop@wwspandc.org.

SOURCE:
Social media, 20 Jan 2025
Woy Woy South Public School P/C

Free cricket

A free after-school cricket program will be held for Woy Woy Public School students from Monday, February 24.

The program is open to students from Kindergarten to Year 6 from 3pm to 4pm.

The Cricket Blast program is designed for children to learn skills, to exercise and to make friends.

For further information, email emily.watts@cricketnsw.com.au.

SOURCE:
Social media, 17 Jan 2025
Woy Woy Public School

Canteen helpers needed at Woy Woy South

Canteen helpers are needed at Woy Woy South Public School.

Shifts are available at the school canteen, Bluey's Shack, from 9am to 11:30am and 11:30am to 1:30pm Monday to Friday.

Extra help is needed on Fridays from 12pm to 1pm.

No experience is necessary.

"Bluey's Shack, is the heart of our community, and we'd love your help to keep it running smoothly," according to the school's parents'

and citizens' group.

For further information, email canteen@wwspandc.org or drop into Bluey's Shack

SOURCE:
Social media, 18 Ja 2025
Woy Woy South Public School P/C

Consider top-up uniform purchases

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School is encouraging parents whose children have had a growth spurt over the school holidays to consider some top-up uniform purchases.

The uniforms are available at

Midford, West Gosford.

The trading hours are 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday, at Unit 3, 6 Bowen Cr, West Gosford.

For further information, email gospord@midford.com.au or phone 4322 2503.

SOURCE:
Social media, 16 Jan 2025
SJB Catholic Primary School

Students urged to find socks

Brisbane Water Secondary College has urged its Woy Woy campus students to find their socks and set alarms in readiness for the new school year.

Years 10, 11, and 12 students will all start on Thursday, February 6.

Students are being asked to bring their pens, highlighters and

books.

A blank exercise book will be sufficient for day one for Years 10 and 11.

They are to wear a full school uniform, with white shirts for Year 10 and blue shirts for senior students.

They are to bring their PE uniform to change into if necessary

The first day will start with a

whole school assembly in the hall for roll call.

Students have been asked to "get there early", with the advice that "The more you prepare, the less you stress".

"Set those alarms, find your socks, and get ready for an awesome year ahead."

SOURCE:
Social media, 20 Jan 2025
BWSC Woy Woy

Private hospital promotes mental health and psychiatric services

A local private hospital is promoting its mental health services as an alternative to the NSW public system which is facing mass resignations of more than 200 psychiatrists.

"The Central Coast Clinic at Brisbane Waters Private Hospital provides access to world class mental health facilities," said chief executive Mr Stephen Johnston.

"With the challenges facing mental health services through NSW Health, we're offering residents another option at the

all-new Clinic at Woy Woy, with modern facilities, private rooms, dedicated staff and experienced psychiatrists."

He said people currently privately insured with psychiatric services cover could take immediate advantage of the service.

He said people currently privately insured, but without psychiatric services, could upgrade and have the two-month waiting period waived.

People who were not currently privately insured would have a

two-month waiting period if taking up private insurance.

Mr Johnston said a GP referral was required for all inpatient and day service admissions at the hospital.

The Royal Australian College of GPs has meanwhile urged the NSW Government to allow GPs to initiate and prescribe medications for people living with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), and to manage their care.

SOURCE:
Social media, 20 Jan 2025
Stephen Johnston, Brisbane Waters Private Hospital



Seven boxes of items donated for Escabags

Seven boxes of essential items have been donated in Ettalong for use by victims of domestic and family violence.

A donation drive run by Ettalong Diggers club has received the donations, weighing more than 60kg, for Escabags Australia.

Escabags is a registered charity, which prepare bags filled with the necessities that may help a victim of abuse and his or her children escape an abusive or dangerous

situation.

Ettalong Diggers is an official stockist of the free escape bags which are available for those in need from Reception.

The club intends to hold another donation drive for Escabags later in the year.

For more information, email hello@escabags.org.

All donations over \$2 are tax-deductible.

SOURCE:
Social media, 16 Jan 2025
Ettalong Diggers



Mr and Mrs Leonard and Kath Player have celebrated 70 years of marriage.

Ms Player has been a volunteer at the Peninsula Village aged care facility in Umina for 28 years.

They have a family of eight children, with grandchildren, great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson.

"Their love and commitment continue to inspire, and they look forward to many more happy years together," said chief executive Mr Colin Osborne.

SOURCE:
Social media, 20 Jan 2025
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Sport

Australia Day Pairs bridge results

Australia Day Pairs were played at the Brisbane Water Bridge Club on Monday, January 27. North-south results were:

- 1 Mal Matt Raj, Brian Richardson 217.0 (57.41 per cent), 0.45 red points.
- 2 Christine Hadaway, Donelle Foate 213.0 (56.35), 0.32.
- 3 Peter Hume, Deborah Guthrie 210.0 (55.56), 0.23.
- 4 Pamela Lumby, Carol Long 196.0 (51.85), 0.15.
- 5 Jim Routledge, Karen Ody 180.0 (47.62).
- 6 Caroline Nichols, Beryl Lowry 178.0 (47.09).
- 7 Jacqueline Wilson, Chris Hasemore 159.0 (42.06).
- 7 Judy Wulff, David Adams 159.0 (42.06).

- East-west results were:
- 1 Dasha Brandt, David Bowerman 199.0 (59.23), 0.45.
 - 2 Jaan Oitmaa, Sylvia Foster 193.0 (57.44), 0.32.
 - 3 Elaine Hume, Daryll Knowles 191.0 (56.85), 0.23.
 - 4 Hope Tomlinson, Barry Foster 190.0 (56.55), 0.15.
 - 5 Susan McCall, Pamela Joseph 167.0 (49.70).
 - 6 John Sandra, Carolyn Harper 163.0 (48.51).
 - 7 Bob Lowry, Dieter Mucharsky 155.0 (46.13).
 - 8 Carolyn Girdwood, Annette Clarke 131.0 (38.99).
 - 9 Steve Anderson, Kerry Anderson 123.0 (36.61).

SOURCE:
Website, 27 Jan 2025
Brisbane Water Bridge Club



Skateboard event has \$10,000 in prizes

A skateboarding event with \$10,000 in prizes will be held at the Umina Skate Park on Saturday, February 22.

The event, Umina Beach Overboard Skate Jam, will be "presented by" the Umina Community Group and "organised by" Totem Skateboarding.

It has attracted more than 20 sponsors, including Central Coast Council.

The event will run from 9am to 3pm and will have seven events, covering under-10, under-12, under-16 and open age groups.

It is billed as "bringing some of Australia's heaviest riders to Umina Beach for the Peninsula's biggest skateboarding event" with the offer to "grab cash for the best tricks" and a "secret after-party".

The under-age sections will compete in street categories, while the open section will have both bowl and street competition.

Each age group will have a maximum of 20 competitors, with a cap of 10 per gender for mixed sessions.

Three wild card entries will be held for each age group.

Entrants may apply for these spots with the final wild card spots given out by the organisers.

Each skatepark jam will last 30 minutes with three obstacles of 10 minutes each for the 20 skaters.

The bowl jam will be for 45 minutes.

The "cash grab" will be for the open section only.

"Please be aware that the open riders will be of an advanced level,

so we recommend registering interest for your age group and considering the open runs on the day," said the organisers.

"We will endeavour to get everyone a spot.

"Pre-register your interest to have the best chance of being involved."

Participants must complete an online waiver form before they can skate.

The event may be cancelled due to the weather.

Helmets are mandatory for all participants under 18 years and will be supplied on the day.

For further information, email bookings@totemskateboarding.com

SOURCE:
Social media, 10 Jan 2025
Overboard Skate Jam

Woy Woy Football Club elects committee

Woy Woy Football Club has elected its committee for the coming soccer season.

President and club administrator is Donna Foster.

Vice-president and coaching co-ordinator is Stephen Troilo.

Secretary and treasurer is Katrina Hogan.

Women's senior player rep and gear officer is Vanessa Quick.

Men's senior player rep is Wade Butler.

Mini-roos player rep is Stuart Meney.

Sponsorship officer is Bec Gardner.

MPIO is Diane Fathers.

Canteen manager is Alison Vesper.

Theresa Troilo and Sam Timms are directors.

Social media officer is Harrison Kerr.

Email Donna at registration@woywoyfootball.org.au with registration inquiries.

Email Bec at partnerships@woywoyfootball.org.au about sponsorship.

Email Stephen at coachingcoordinator@woywoyfootball.org.au with coaching inquiries.

With general enquiries, contact Katrina at secretary@woywoyfootball.org.au.

SOURCE:
Social media, 19 Jan 2025
Woy Woy Football Club

Umina surf club to run Bronze Medallion course

Umina Surf Life Saving Club will run its next Bronze Medallion course from February 4.

The club is promoting the course as allowing participants to become a community support, a first responder to rescue, that lifeline when someone needs you,

a new friend for life and a Umina lifesaver.

More information and registration of interest is available online via <http://penne.ws/WTSj8i> or by calling 4342 0320.

SOURCE:
Social media, 20 Jan 2025
Umina Surf Life Saving Club



Southern-Ettalong lists its selling points

Southern and Ettalong United Football Club has listed its key selling points for the 2025 soccer season.

The seven key points include competitive registration fees, a free development academy for all players up to under-16s and a new playing kit for juniors and seniors.

There are both Men's and Women's Premier League teams and "a huge increase in all age teams".

The club is selling its "improved grading and team formation process" and better resources and support for coaches.

It is promoting its "exciting new

player development programs" and the introduction of football coordinator roles "ensuring that our technical direction is implemented holistically throughout the club".

Registration is now open at <https://ccf.mycompapp.com>.

SOURCE:
Social media, 24 Jan 2025
SEUFC

Umina takes part in Rookie Challenge

Girls from Umina Surf Life Saving Club took part in the Surf Life Saving Central Coast Rookie Challenge on Friday afternoon.

The girls showed their skills and teamwork as they tackled a

range of events, including a theory test, signals, Cameron relay, wade relay, bodyboard relay and beach relay.

SOURCE:
Social media, 24 Jan 2025
Umina Surf Life Saving Club

Two development programs at SEUFC

Southern and Ettalong United Football Club is offering two soccer development programs this year: Academy and Pathways.

They are tailored to different levels of development and commitment, according to president Ms Stevie Skene.

"The Academy Program focuses on skill development and player growth.

"It is open to all players looking to improve their technical and tactical understanding of the game.

"The program involves weekly training sessions over a set period, focusing on skill-building and game awareness.

"Benefits include expert coaching in a structured, supportive environment.

"It is ideal for players wanting to enhance their abilities for club and school competitions, with no ongoing competitive team commitments."

On the other hand, the Pathways Program emphasised advanced player development and competition preparation, she said.

"It is designed for players selected to represent the club at a higher competitive level.

"Full-season commitment involves regular training and competitive matches."

She said benefits included elite-level coaching designed for high performance and exposure to advanced tactics.

It included fitness programs and competitive gameplay and "a direct pathway to higher-level football opportunities".

"Both programs are designed to foster growth and passion for the game, ensuring players can find the right fit for their skills and goals," she said.

SOURCE:
Social media, 21 Jan 2025
Southern and Ettalong United Football Club



Good turnout at floorball training

Peninsula Floorball had some of the best numbers it has seen attend training on Tuesday, January 21.

With a record number of girls, the club was able to have a men versus women game after training. The club meets at the Peninsula

Leisure Centre.

SOURCE:
Social media, 22 Jan 2025
Peninsula Floorball

Pickleball and online booking at Pearl Beach

The Pearl Beach Tennis and Bowls Club now has pickleball available to play on its second court.

It has also introduced online booking for Court One.

Two pickleball courts have been marked on Court Two, and are available for hire.

The club committee was unanimous in its support for this and the lines were marked out on December 13.

Already there are a couple of regular bookings which have been well attended.

The cost is \$20 an hour for members which includes the net, four paddles and 10 balls, and \$25 for non-members.

The club also has a new website, which is linked to the online court booking software called "ClubSpark".

To book online, members need to register with ClubSpark.

Members should have received an invitation to register and, using the link in the invitation, will mean the system will recognise club members and offer member pricing for court hire.

The regular social groups will not need to use it but will be provided with their own code for the combination lock.

Those who wish to continue to book through Judy McFarlane may still do that on 0418 436 225.

The club has also farewelled long-time member Klaas Woldring who has left Pearl Beach after more than 20 years playing with the club.

He and his wife Aafke have moved to Nambucca Heads.

SOURCE:
Social media, 20 Jan 2025
Pearl Beach Tennis and Bowls Club

Manager wanted

Southern and Ettalong United Football Club is looking for a clubhouse manager for the coming soccer season.

The paid position is responsible for overseeing the weekend operations of the clubhouse, ensuring it runs smoothly and continues to be a welcoming space for players, families and supporters.

The manager ensures the clubhouse is clean, organised and fully operational, and supports club events and initiatives to enhance the experience for members.

The person needs to have "organisational skills, a positive attitude, and a passion for community football".

Expressions of interest should be emailed to president@seufc.com.

SOURCE:
Social media, 19 Jan 2025
Southern and Ettalong United Football Club



Award to Tom Burgmann for four-year presidency

Tom Burgmann has been congratulated on his four-year presidency of the Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club.

He was presented with a trophy at the club's President and Officers' Day attended by 55 members on the afternoon of Sunday, January 19.

Mr Burgmann was club president between August 2020 and August 2024, which included "the very tough Covid years", said club secretary Mr Peter Springett.

"The attendees enjoyed the speeches, great lunch, drink ticket and an enjoyable game of turnaround fours in lovely sunshine.

"All attendees were given a special Tom Burgmann-inscribed pen and Tom was presented with a beautiful glass award, to thank him for his great and much-appreciated presidency."

SOURCE:
Social media, 19 Jan 2025
Peter Springett, UBMBC
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Sport



Mariners win at Woy Woy

A long-range goal from 16-year-old Tiana Fuller gave the Central Coast Mariners a 1-0 win over Wellington Phoenix in Ninja A-League competition at Woy Woy Oval on Sunday afternoon.

Fuller's third A-League goal in her debut season allowed Emily Husband's side to return to the top six, leaping over Wellington Phoenix which dropped from fifth to sixth on the table.

SOURCE:
Website, 27 Jan 2025
Matt Comito, A-Leagues

Bicycle group to have relaxed ride around Brisbane Water loop

Central Coast Bicycle User Group will have a "relaxed" ride around the Brisbane Water Loop from 7:30am to 11am on Sunday, February 2, starting at Woy Woy Fishermen's Wharf.

"This ride is perfect for those stepping up from easier rides, like the Woy Woy to Gosford ride," said rider leader Mr Alan Corven.

"With a few short hills to test the legs, it is mostly on road shoulders and shared paths, with some normal traffic roads.

"You need to be comfortable cycling on the road with some passing traffic.

"Ride pace will be slower on the shared path sections, picking up on the road sections."

The group will have coffee somewhere along the way or back near the start.

The ride is graded as medium, with an average pace of 20-22kph.

The ride distance is 47km with an altitude gain of 370 metres.

For further information, phone Alan on 0414 538 977.

The following Thursday, February 6, the group will ride from Woy Woy to Gosford and return.

The ride will start at Woy Woy Fishermen's Wharf at 8am and last for up to 2.5 hours.

Described as an easy ride along the shared path to Gosford and back, a distance of about 25kms in total, there is a possible extension to Point Frederick.

For further information, phone Reg on 0411 705 410.

SOURCE:
Social media, 24 Jan 2025
CCBUG

Jacob Lepre to continue with Southern and Ettalong

Southern and Ettalong United Football Club will welcome back its 2024 Golden Boot winner, Jacob Lepre, for the coming season.

"He will be looking to replicate his goal scoring form and success from last year and go one further in 2025," said club president Stevie Skene.

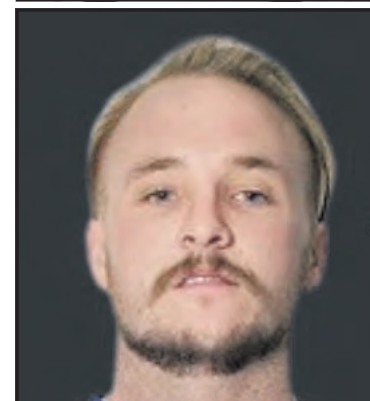
"We can't wait to see Jacob back out on the pitch for what is shaping up to be another strong year for the Lions."

Also playing for another season with the club will be Jack Ellwood.

"Our 2024 Player of the Year and Players Player will again look to build on a fantastic 2024 season which saw him score over 10 goals.

"We are all looking forward to seeing Jack continue on his strong form and get back out on the pitch this year."

SOURCE:
Social media, 23 Jan 2025
Southern & Ettalong
United Football Club



Selected for NSW team

Southern Spirit Cricket Club member Lachlan McDonald has been selected as part of the intellectual disability team to represent NSW in the National Cricket Inclusion Championships, held in Brisbane over the past week.

The championships saw Lachlan and his NSW teammates go up against teams from Queensland, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia and Western

Australia.

The Championships also included hearing and sight impaired teams for both men and women.

The championship were held at Marchant Park in Aspley, Queensland, from Sunday, January 19, with the finals played last Friday, January 24.

SOURCE:
Media release, 14 Jan 2025
Stuart Simpson, Southern
Spirit Cricket Club

Rugby club seeks hosts

Woy Woy Rugby Club is looking for hosts for international players for the six months of the 2025 season.

"If you live on the Woy Woy Peninsula, and have a spare room that you would be happy to rent out to a player, we would love to hear from you," said president Mr Phil Burgess.

"You are not required to transport the player around."

For more details, phone 0435 814 412 or email president@woywoyrugby.com.au.

SOURCE:
Social media, 23 Jan 2025
Phil Burgess, Woy Woy Rugby Club

Cricketer dies

Southern Spirit Cricket Club has announced the death of one of its members who was originally a member of the Umina Cricket Club.

Raymond Whitford Brown died just days before Christmas.

His funeral will be held on February 7 in Blacktown.

SOURCE:
Social media, 22 Jan 2025
Southern Spirit Cricket Club

Soccer club to run free junior academy programs

Umina United Soccer Club has announced two new free junior development programs.

The Umina United Academy program is for players who want to grow, improve, and achieve their personal best.

Coaches running the program will focus on building fundamental skills, boosting confidence and game understanding and nurturing a passion for the sport.

The Umina United Elite Academy program provides high-performance training to help players excel at the next level.

With access to experienced coaches, players will focus on

advanced skills and tactics, game intelligence and decision-making, and preparation for elite-level opportunities

Promoting the programs, the club said C Licence and B Licence coaches would ensure high-quality, professional training for all participants with "player-centered development".

The academies would be free, because "as a family focussed club, we understand the financial pressure on our families and are committed to supporting the development of our players without adding to those pressures".

SOURCE:
Social media, 18 Jan 2025
Umina United