



## Fours champions had average age of 84

**The Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club's 2025 Fours Championship final has been won by a team with an average age of over 84.**

The final of the Championship was played in glorious sunshine on Sunday, February 2, according to club secretary Mr Peter Springett.

"This epic David and Goliath final was played between the Superstars, comprised of Lee Cribbs, Jayden Moody, Brett Jacobson and Greg Shirley, and the Oldies, comprised of Gordon Azzopardi (71), Norm Lang (90), Brian Butterworth (89) and Allan Jones (87).

"The Oldies had been playing very well as a team in the earlier rounds, but this was going to be their ultimate test.

"The Oldies got out to a 5-1 lead after four ends, a 10-2 lead after eight ends and a 16-4 lead after 11 ends.

"The Superstars won four consecutive ends and reduced the deficit to 16-12.

"Everyone in the huge crowd of spectators thought: 'Here it comes'.

"But the Oldies, led by Azzo, dug deep and won the next three ends one, two and four, making it 23-12 after 20 ends, so no need to play the last end.

"Allan Jones was probably the player of the match and guided the Oldies round the park very well, all afternoon, but Norm, Brian and Azzo were sensational as well."

**SOURCE:**

Social media, 2 Feb 2025  
Peter Springett, UBMC

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## Umina clinic success leads to call for another

Since opening 12 months ago, over 13,000 patients have been seen at the Peninsula Medicare Urgent Care Clinic in Umina Beach, according to Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid.

"That is why I am fighting for another Medicare Urgent Care Clinic in the south of the Central Coast," he said.

The walk-in clinic is open seven days a week with extended operating hours.

"Medicare Urgent Care Clinics help reduce pressure on our hospitals and emergency departments, allowing them to focus on higher urgency and life-threatening conditions.

Dr Reid said: "As an emergency department doctor, practising medicine at the Wyong Hospital Emergency Department, I understand how important Medicare Urgent Care Clinics are.

"Medicare Urgent Care Clinics help reduce pressure on our emergency departments and provide an avenue of urgent care for people when they have urgent but not life-threatening illnesses.

"These clinics treat minor fractures, sports injuries, insect bites, and minor infections, just to name a few.

"It is clear how successful the Peninsula Medicare Urgent Care Clinic has been since opening in 2023.

"Another clinic will ensure even more people can access a free doctor when they need to.

"Over the coming months, I will be taking my petition suburb to suburb, door to door, and asking our Central Coast community for their support.

"I want to gather as much support as possible, for another clinic, to show the Health Minister that this additional clinic is needed," Dr Reid said.

The petition may be signed online, via <http://penne.ws/NarXep>.

The Peninsula Medicare Urgent Care Clinic is located at 297 West St, Umina.

**SOURCE:**

Media release, 4 Feb 2025  
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson

## Nominations wanted for seniors awards

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch is calling for nominations for the Seniors Local Achievement Awards.

"Nominations are now open for the 2025 Gosford Seniors Local Achievement Awards, celebrating

the positive role seniors play in our community," she said.

"If you know a senior who helps make our community a better place, then I encourage you to nominate them and acknowledge their contribution to our community."

Nominations close at 5pm on Sunday, March 2, and can be made online via <http://penne.ws/w37BNc>.

**SOURCE:**

Social media, 5 Feb 2025  
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

## Peninsula News: A voluntary activity

Peninsula News is as much a community activity as it is a community service.

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

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

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

Other available roles include

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

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Mark Snell, 9 Nov 2023

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## Support Kook Warriors, says Tesch

Umina's Kook Warriors are raising money for cancer research, by getting in the water every day for a surf or swim as part of "SurFebruary".

The annual event is held in support of Chris O'Brien Lifehouse, which conducts research into cancer prevention, diagnosis, treatment and wellness.

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch is supporting the Kook Warriors and encouraging the work of Chris O'Brien Lifehouse by urging residents to get involved.

"Supporting the Kook Warriors' SurFebruary efforts is a thoughtful way for our community to show support for this vital research."

"The Chris O'Brien Lifehouse offers world-class facilities and treatments to provide



comprehensive and expert care to people affected by cancer, while also conducting inspirational and innovative research."

Kook Warriors leader Ms Vanessa Hession said: "Going through cancer, having survived that, I want everyone to have the

best opportunity and chance to get through."

More information is available online at the Kook Warriors' sponsorship page via <http://penne.ws/AN7RbG>.

**SOURCE:**  
 Media release, 1 Feb 2025  
 Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

## Folk music finalist at the Troubadour

The Troubadour Folk Club's concert on Sunday, February 23, will see Irish-born Victorian folk singer Enda Kenny perform.

"Enda made his home in Australia in the late 1980s and has delighted Australian audiences around the country for over three decades," said club president Mr Michael Fine.

Last year, he was a finalist in the Australian Folk Music Awards

for best solo artist and the People's Choice award.

"His thoughtful, descriptive stories of his adoptive homeland have struck a chord with festival audiences all over Australia and are always memorable and spiced with plenty of humour.

"The Troubadour has booked the auditorium at the Everglades Country Club in Woy Woy to accommodate the expected large audience that follow and

appreciate Enda's work.

"At the event, Enda will be launching his new CD, presenting great original Australian music with a distinct Irish accent," said Mr Fine.

Tickets for the event which starts at 2:30pm are available online via links on the club's website at [www.troubadour.org.au](http://www.troubadour.org.au).

**SOURCE:**  
 Media release, 5 Feb 2025  
 Michael Fine, Troubadour Central Coast

## Dry start to February after wet January

January finished with a rainfall total of 178.2mm, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

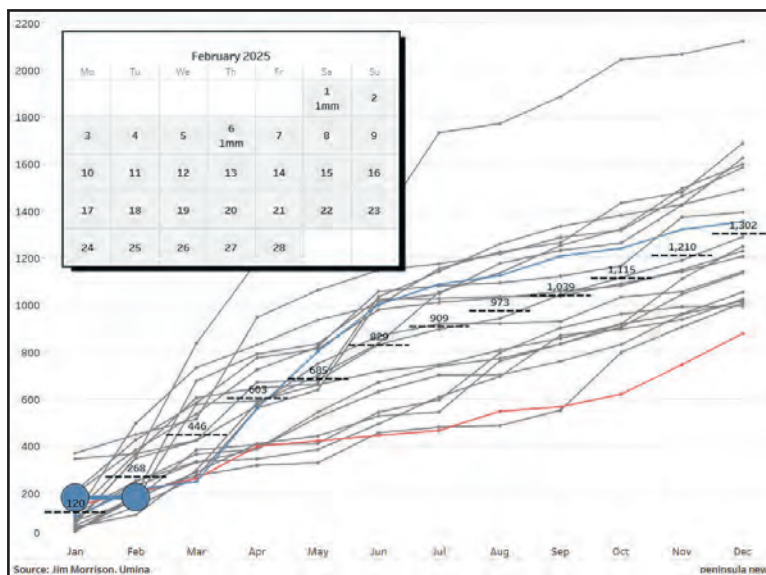
This was 61.2mm, or 52.3 per cent, above the January average of 117mm.

The month had 25 days with rainfall greater than one millimetre and eight days with more than five millimetres.

In the first week of February, only 2.3mm has been recorded.

This is less than two per cent of the February average of 155mm.

**SOURCE:**  
 Spreadsheet, 8 Feb 2025  
 Jim Morrison, Umina



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	2054 0.76	2247 0.82		1957 0.18	2244 0.29
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## Man charged with firearm, drug and driving offences

**A man faced charges for firearm, drug and driving offences after being apprehended at Haynes St, Umina, last week.**

Police say they attempted to stop an unregistered Ford Falcon on Woy Woy Rd, Woy Woy, late on Wednesday afternoon.

When the driver allegedly failed to stop as directed, a pursuit was initiated but abandoned.

A short time later, police were called to Lentara Rd, Umina, following reports that the same vehicle had crashed into a parked car and telegraph pole.

Police said they were told that a member of the public approached the driver and was threatened with a firearm, and that the driver fled on foot.

Police located the man on Haynes St, Umina, where he allegedly pointed the firearm at police.

Officers drew their service firearms and a taser and, following a negotiation, the man surrendered to police.

A subsequent search of the man allegedly revealed a firearm, knife, and clear resealable bag containing a substance believed to be methamphetamine.

A 28-year-old man was arrested and taken to Gosford Hospital for mandatory testing, before being taken to Gosford Police Station.

There he was charged with 13 offences, which included allegations that the car was unregistered and uninsured, that he was driving unlicensed and under the influence of drugs, and that the firearm was unauthorised.

He was to appear before Gosford Local Court on February 6.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 6 Feb 2025  
Brisbane Water Police District



## Minister returns to Umina to help disabled surfers

**NSW Minister for Disability Inclusion Ms Kate Washington said she "couldn't resist" returning to help out at the Central Coast Disabled Surfers Association February event at Umina Beach**

"I was amongst more than 200 volunteers who helped put 'smiles on the dials' of 50 people with disability," she said.

"It's an extraordinary experience for everyone involved, and the smiles aren't just worn by the surfers.

"As the NSW Minister for Disability Inclusion, I'm grateful to everyone involved, from the

amazing organisers, volunteers and sponsors to the participants, their families and carers.

"This is what an inclusive community looks like."

Disabled Surfers' Association president Ms Rae Feichter said a record 206 volunteers attended to give 49 surfers an amazing experience in trying conditions.

"Umina Community Group, Brisbane Water Rotary and Umina Surf Life Saving Club all sent volunteers."

Brisbane Water Rotary secretary Ms Di Bartok said club members had attended the event on two occasions so far.

"We were bag ladies, watching over personal items of volunteers

and participants in the events, held in December and in late January.

"Seeing those volunteers in action, and the smiles of the participants as they body-boarded into shore, was a wonderful experience.

"Watching from the sidelines, our club volunteers felt privileged to be helping make the day a success, even if it was guarding everyone's personal belongings."

Ms Feichter said volunteers were now needed to register for the next event on March 1.

Volunteers can register via <https://bit.ly/DSACC1stMarch>.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 2 Feb 2025  
Kate Washington, Minister for Disability Inclusion



## Help wanted to plant out sensory garden

**The Pearl Beach Arboretum is wanting help to plant out its new Sensory Garden.**

All are welcome to help at the next working bee to be held on Sunday, February 16.

"You do not need to be a member."

The planting will be followed by a morning tea at 11am.

The Arboretum's artist-in-residence Ms Fiona Gavino for

the Pearl Beach Environmental Art Trail 2025 will talk with those attending after the morning tea.

Visitors to the Arboretum are asked to keep off the new crushed gravel paths until our new Sensory Garden is finished.

With inquiries, email contact@pearlbeacharboretum.org.au.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 5 Feb 2025  
Pearl Beach Arboretum

## Firefighters make history

**A group of firefighters have made history at the Umina fire station on Australia Day, January 26.**

They came together as the first all-woman crew at Fire and Rescue NSW Station 340 Umina.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 26 Jan 2025  
Station 340 Umina, Fire and Rescue NSW



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# Townhouses to have plunge pools and permeable drive

**A new development is proposed for 23 Bream Rd, Ettalong, with three townhouses each having their own "plunge pool".**

It will also feature a "permeable driveway".

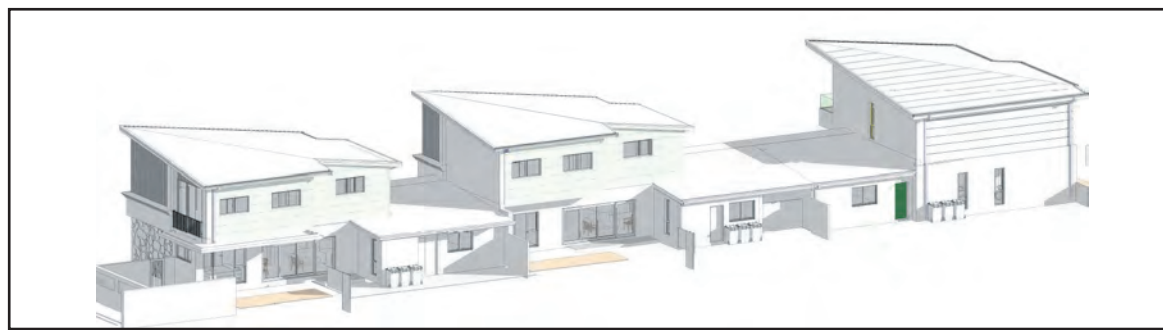
The application, submitted by Corona Projects, involves demolishing all existing structures on the site.

The site is located in the general residential zone (R1), and the proposal claims a floor space ratio of 0.48:1, which is within the permitted limit of 0.5:1.

It would have a height of 8.09 metres which is within the maximum allowance of 8.5 metres.

The application states the proposal complies with building setback requirements.

The front setback is 8.523 metres, rear setback is 4.5 metres according to the plans, but 3.316 metres in the application document



itself. The east and west setbacks are 1.34 metres and 2.91 metres respectively.

It is claimed that the design aims to maximise solar access and to minimise over-shadowing to neighbours.

Shadow diagrams have been provided.

The mix of materials will include stone and rendered masonry walls, and white aluminium wall slats.

The dwellings will be

constructed with concrete slab on the ground and suspended floors with insulation to achieve thermal comfort.

The project will provide six car spaces, including one visitor space, as required by planning provisions.

The plans include swept path analyses to ensure vehicles can enter and exit the site safely.

The dwellings will have windows overlooking the street, and it is claimed the building has

been designed to share views with surrounding properties.

The plan includes six-star gas hot water systems, ventilation systems, three-phase air conditioning, natural lighting and solar panels for each dwelling.

An arborist report produced by Arbor-Express states that all 10 existing trees on the site are to be removed.

The landscape plan indicates that there are to be one coastal banksia and three blueberry ash to

be provided in addition to smaller vegetation.

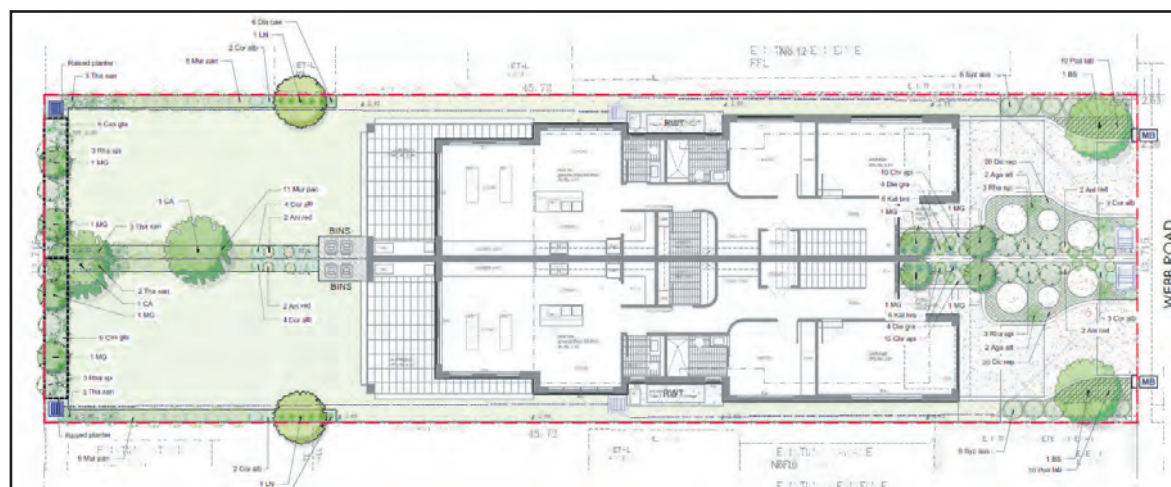
The existing blackbutt street tree would be kept, despite a "major encroachment" of 21.2 per cent by the driveway.

According to the SEE "The development is considered to be in the public interest, as it helps to increase the supply of housing within the locality and provides a logical approach to off-street car parking."

In conclusion the applicant states that the proposal aims to provide a sustainable and well-designed residential development that is in keeping with the area, while addressing the local housing needs.

The development application is on public exhibition, with submissions closing on March 7.

**SOURCE:**  
DA Tracker, 9 Feb 2025  
DA/76/2025, Central Coast Council



## Attached dual occupancy plan for Webb Rd

**An attached dual occupancy and subdivision has been proposed for 14 Webb Rd, Booker Bay.**

All existing structures will be demolished for the two-storey development.

Each dwelling will contain three bedrooms, and incorporate single garages at the front of the building, according to the development application prepared by GVP Design Studio.

The site is a 628 square metre rectangular block within a mixed residential area.

The application describes the surrounding area as containing single and two-storey dwellings, along with some dual occupancies.

The development is within the R1 General Residential zone.

The proposal is claimed to comply with all planning provisions

It meets the minimum lot size of 550 square metres for dual occupancies, the maximum building height of 8.5 metres, with a height less than 7.1 metres.

It has a floor space ratio at the maximum permitted of 0.5:1.

The front setback of the garages is 7.5 metres, with entrances at 8.7 metres.

The ground floor setbacks are 900mm for the side boundaries

and 13.48 metres for the rear setback.

The proposed private open space will exceed minimum requirements due to short driveways resulting from garages situated at the front of the dwellings..

The allowance of 112.3 square metres per unit is more than double the minimum requirement.

It is claimed that habitable rooms will receive adequate solar access.

The application states: "The shadow diagram demonstrates that the private open space areas of the adjoining dwellings will not be significantly affected".

However, no shadow diagrams are included on the council website.

The landscape design claims it will incorporate indigenous or low-water-use species to promote biodiversity.

There is no mention of existing vegetation on the site although a picture in the application shows a medium sized tree in the front setback, which is not included in the landscape plan.

The landscape plan proposes an old man banksia (banksia serrata) at both corners of the front boundary.

More trees are planned for the rear open space, including two white crepe myrtles, two tuckeroos and eight "teddy bear" magnolias.

The drainage system will include grated silt arrestor pits, absorption trenches and water harvesting tanks.

The application claims the development will complement the streetscape and is not expected to affect existing views.

Privacy concerns are said to be addressed via window placement, sills, glazing, setbacks and landscaping.

Each dwelling will have a visitor parking space incorporated "in tandem" on its driveway.

The application concludes that "Council's requirements and good planning principles have been incorporated in the design, which has resulted in a high-quality development that will contribute positively to the built form of the locality by providing new affordable housing stock that successfully addresses the width, length and slope of the site."

The application is currently on public exhibition with the submission period closing on February 28.

**SOURCE:**  
DA Tracker, 9 Feb 2025  
DA/29/2025, Central Coast Council

## 'Compliant' dual occupancy for Donald Ave

**A dual occupancy development has been proposed for 54 Donald Ave, Umina.**

The proposal involves the demolition of an existing single-storey dwelling and garage.

The application prepared by Clarke Dowdle and Associates says the proposal complies with the Central Coast planning provisions.

Each unit will have a single garage, front living area, bathrooms, laundry, a media room and an open dining, kitchen and lounge area on the ground floor. The first floor will have three bedrooms, bathrooms and a sitting room.

The buildings will feature reinforced concrete slab footings, timber roof rafters with colorbond roof sheeting, and aluminium framed windows.

External cladding will include a mix of materials, with weatherboard cladding and powder-coated windows.

The lot size is 784 square metres, the proposed building height is 7.73 metres, and the floor space ratio 0.5:1.

The roof is designed with a 15-degree pitch for the ground floor and a 22.5-degree pitch for the first floor.

The development will include separate driveways for each unit,

providing access to individual garages.

There is no mention any existing trees.

However, pictures in the application appear to show a large tree on the rear west boundary.

The application states that "The proposal includes a landscape design with the ability to include trees within the street to soften the built form and establish tree canopy."

However, there does not appear to be any landscape plan included in the public exhibition.

The proposal includes approximately 200mm of fill to create the required fall for stormwater.

The development claims compliance with site coverage and soft landscaping requirements stating a figure of 46 per cent for "soft" landscaping almost double the 25 per cent requirement.

The application says the development aims to provide additional housing, contributing to the local economy through short-term construction jobs and long-term support for local businesses.

The application is currently on public exhibition, open for written submissions until February 28.

**SOURCE:**  
DA Tracker, 9 Feb 2025  
DA/72/2025, Central Coast Council





## Three houses to go at Broken Bay Rec Centre

The NSW Office of Sport proposes to demolish three houses at its Broken Bay Sport and Recreation Centre on the Hawkesbury River at Patonga.

A development application has been submitted to Central Coast Council for the demolition, together with the removal of an in-ground swimming pool and an adjacent filtration building.

The application itself does not state the reason for the demolition or what has prompted the move.

A heritage assessment submitted with the application describes the buildings as "disused and in various states of disrepair" and as not having any heritage significance in their own right.

"As now-defunct buildings that have outlived their usefulness, their demolition and return of the site to a natural state is a positive impact to the site.

"The plan to remediate the land to match the surrounding landscape improves the setting and views of the Juno Point heritage item."

Known as Lyrebird House, On-Call House and Goanna House, the assessment describes the cottages as of mid-to-late 20th-century construction, with a mix of brick, timber and steel.

The swimming pool is a 25m x 13.5m in-ground pool with depths ranging from 1.0 to 1.7m.

The pool area also includes a shade sail structure and concrete pathways that will be removed.

The demolition area will be returned to the natural slope of the surrounding area, according to the application.

Once the structures are removed, the areas would be filled, compacted, and landscaped with native ground covers and shrubs.

No trees would be removed.

The Broken Bay Sport and Recreation Centre, sited on Crown Land, provides facilities including



a recreation hall, sports oval and accommodation for school camps, sporting events, and community groups.

It is located on a peninsula within the Hawkesbury River and is only accessible by ferry.

The site is within a designated coastal environment and coastal use area, and the application includes consideration of potential impacts on water quality and native vegetation.

The site is located adjacent to the Juno Point military site, a locally significant heritage item from World War I and World War II.

The application includes a Waste Management Plan, outlining the intended reuse, recycling, or disposal of materials generated during demolition.

The Plan claims that 47 tonnes of excavated earth will be used to fill the pool and more than 65 tonnes of timber, brick, tiles, concrete and glass will be recycled but does not give specific details of how this is to be accomplished.

Essential services, such as electricity, gas, and water, will be shut off, capped, or controlled before demolition begins, with relevant authorities notified.

**SOURCE:**  
DA Tracker, 8 Feb 2025  
DA/2105/2024, Central Coast Council

## Dual celebration for Catholic church

St John the Baptist Catholic Church in Woy Woy has celebrated the Feast of St Francis de Sales and the birthday of its parish priest Fr Tim Raj on the same day, Friday, January 24.

The day marks the anniversary of the burial of St Francis de Sales in 1624.

The Woy Woy church has been under the pastoral care of the Missionaries of St Francis de Sales, also known as the Fransalians, since 2016.

The Eucharist was presided over by Fr Tim, joined by several other priests for the special occasion, including the Reverend Fr Brian Maloney, the Dean of the



Central Coast.

The celebration included a shared meal.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 28 Jan 2025  
Jane Rutherford, St John the Baptist

## Community groups urged to apply for grants

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has encouraged local community groups to apply for funds under the NSW Government Community Building Partnership grant program.

The program funds local infrastructure projects that deliver positive social, environmental and recreational outcomes while promoting community participation, inclusion and cohesion.

Ms Tesch said \$450,000 was available to community groups across the Gosford electorate.

She said: "Since 2019 the important impact of this grant program has been clear.

"It is our local community groups that know what is needed day-to-day to support their work, and the NSW Government Community Building Partnership program is a fantastic way to see these dreams become reality."

In the 2024 round of this grant program, organisations such as Marine Rescue Central Coast, Peninsula Lighthouse, Riding for the Disabled and Ettalong Beach Parents and Citizens' Association were supported.

Incorporated not-for-profit community organisations and local councils are eligible to apply for grants of between \$10,000 and \$100,000.

Grants can be for building, refurbishing or repairing community infrastructure, or for buying freestanding equipment or vehicles.

Program guidelines are available at [www.nsw.gov.au/cbp](http://www.nsw.gov.au/cbp).

Applications will be accepted online until 5pm on Friday, February 21.

Successful organisations will be announced later in 2025.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 28 Jan 2025  
Joely Langmaid, Office of the Member for Gosford

## Country club opens grant applications

The Everglades Country Club has opened its Club Grant applications for 2025.

"Club Grants is one of Australia's largest grant programs, providing more than \$100 million in cash each year to a variety of worthy causes across NSW," said club general manager Mr Ross Seabrook.

"Charities, sporting organisations, and not-for-profit community groups are among tens-of-thousands of worthy causes funded through the program each year."

Further information is available on the club's website at <https://everglades.net.au>.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 1 Feb 2025  
Everglades Country Club



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## Mangrove Mountain Landfill issue - not over yet

At the February Council meeting I will be moving a Notice of Motion to establish a Mangrove Mountain Advisory Committee.

Mangrove Mountain landfill has been a long-standing and complex issue. It was initially about the use of waste fill to remodel Mangrove Mountain Golf Course. Ultimately, this became much bigger - a much larger scale of waste fill, also bringing in concerns about lack of oversight by the former Gosford Council and agencies, lack of response from authorities to concerns raised by community members and the risk of pollution in our drinking water catchment.

Importantly, it was the persistence and campaigns of local community members and community organisations over many years that led to action. Our community owes them a debt of gratitude for their efforts. Both Council and the NSW Government moved to turn this issue around through legal

avenues and have had some success.

In 2018, I was proud to establish a Mangrove Mountain and Spencer Advisory Committee in Central Coast Council. The purpose was to ensure transparency, open communication and that this issue remained a priority for Central Coast Council.

The future of the landfill continues to need Council's attention. Recent media from Council about water quality and PFAS in the Ourimbah catchment also highlights the need for attention to the health of our drinking water catchment. I am hoping my Notice of Motion will be supported.



## Road Renewal - update

Last Month I invited you to submit your priority roads for renewal. **Thank you to everybody that took the time to respond!**

Councillors recently participated in a workshop to better understand the Road Renewal process and forward planning. It was also an opportunity to input some of the feedback from our community. It was pleasing to work with my fellow Gosford West Ward Councillors to input that local knowledge.

I am optimistic that much of the feedback from you that I was able to provide to staff will be included in that forward planning— brought forward in the works program. More detail to come!



# Forum

## Which are the five worst streets?

A few issues back, Cr Jane Smith offered us the opportunity to comment on what we saw as the five worst streets on the Peninsula.

Until now I had not seen any response to that, in spite of regular unsolicited private comments by people known to me.

I notice in the February 6 edition of a regional newspaper, it is reported that the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has sent Central Coast Council a list of the five streets on the Peninsula it would like to see added to the Councils capital works program.

After reading the article, I visited the list locations to test my thoughts, versus those expressed.

Firstly, Rabaul Ave, acknowledged as recently resurfaced but "lacking kerb and gutter, concrete footpaths, and stormwater drainage", like most of the Peninsula, not to mention safe entry-exit at the bus stops, as it is

a bus route.

Second was Britannia St, between Ocean Beach Rd and Springwood St, quoted as a "rat run", a claim I suggest is singularly exaggerated.

Have a look at Paul and King Sts or Cambridge St, which are also streets running east to west bounded by Bourke Rd and West St, between Ocean Beach Rd and Springwood St.

Thirdly, Albion St, which I agree with, could use resurfacing.

Fourthly, Rickard St. It is not on my list, but it does suffer from our intent to make all real estate dual occupancies and eliminating sufficient safe street parking.

Fifthly, Beach St, between Springwood St and Broken Bay Rd.

Beach St, between Springwood St and Barrenjoey Rd, has more recently been drastically improved with resurfacing and widening, including bus stop laybacks.

The remainder between

Barrenjoey and Broken Bay has existing kerb and gutter, and again, is not on my list.

I would ask: What about The Esplanade between Kourang and Bangalow Sts?

What about Bangalow also, between Barrenjoey and The Esplanade?

Karingi St, between Barrenjoey and Broken Bay, is a genuine "rat run".

In summary, in my opinion, the bus routes deserve first priority including safe use on and off the buses at each stop, unless there is some sort of calamity with other streets, unidentified at this time.

I am equally sure that, if the people of south Umina spoke up, there would be another likely five candidates.

**SOURCE:**  
Email, 8 Feb 2025  
Darron Shaw, Ettalong

## What is a community?

**A media report in January 2014 highlighted Gosford Council's major advances in 2013.**

Mayor Cr Lawrie McKinna and the general manager Mr Paul Anderson supported Gosford town centre being "an easier and more attractive place to do business".

There was a strong emphasis on growth and development in the report.

It does comment on the proposed performing arts centre: "a \$30M Regional Performing Arts Centre for the Gosford Waterfront ... closer to becoming a reality".

Not anymore.

There is now nothing of interest in Gosford, with all its development and future development, that makes me proud of that centre.

The question that follows is: Does massive restructuring make an area a better place to live?

This is the question Peninsula residents need to answer.

Is there a community in

Gosford?

Or is it a business zone eager for "a social and recreational facelift"?

The bottom line relevant to the Peninsula is: Will high rise development at Ettalong add to the Peninsula's social character?

Or is this dormitory feature destined to corrode the Peninsula's strong social character?

Every edition of the Peninsula News includes reports on the many community activities organised by unpaid volunteers, happy to serve the community.

The editor of the Peninsula News is only one example.

I certainly prefer the Peninsula to Gosford CBD as a lifestyle choice.

I am sure I am not the only person with this bias.

The Peninsula's doctrine should be: "Be more than careful of what you wish for."

**SOURCE:**  
Letter, 31 Jan 2025  
Norm Harris, Umina

# Arts



## Artist to exhibit in Botanic Garden

Pearl Beach artist Marijke Greenway will hold an exhibition in the Royal Botanic Garden from Thursday, February 13, for two weeks.

The exhibition is entitled For Love of Trees and is open from 10am to 4pm daily.

Admission is free. Ms Greenway said she was inspired by a trip to Mt Buffalo.

"It was high summer and the snow gums were showing faded colours.

"Then I reached this colourful snow gum on the crest.

"It was so big that I could stand

in the cradle of its stems and take photos all around.

"I painted this at home on a two metre canvas.

"I will now give it its first airing at The Garden Gallery in Sydney's Royal Botanic Garden.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 29 Jan 2025  
Marijke Greenway, Pearl Beach

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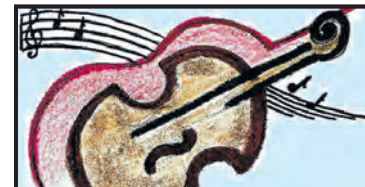
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## Marine Rescue to hold boat licence theory course

A certified Boat Licence Theory Course is being held by Marine Rescue Central Coast at its temporary operations centre at the Woy Woy Community Centre on Saturday February 15.

The theory course will be conducted by trainer and assessor Mr Ian Leafe, and coordinators Mr Bob Gilbody, Mr Paul Broad, Mr and Ms Raymond and Jane Lewis.

Only 10 applicants will be accepted for the five-hour course, which will start at 8.30am.

"Courses are designed to teach you the ins and outs of safe boat handling and help build your confidence in local navigation, boating safety and the marine environment," said Mr Leafe.

A jet ski (PWC) licence course is also available on the same day.

Separate enrolments are taken for the two courses.

To gain a full boat licence, participants will also need to complete the Practical Handbook. They are required to take a minimum of three trips with an experienced skipper, who has held a licence for a minimum of three consecutive years.

Marine Rescue Central Coast is a registered training organisation with members professionally trained to national standards for their roles, both on and off



the water, but does not offer the practical component.

The boat course costs adults \$165, and \$145 for young persons (12-15 year old with parent or guardian).

The jet ski licence costs \$50 with \$10 deposit payable on application for all courses.

The Marine Rescue Central Coast temporary Operations Centre is located at the Peninsula Community Centre, corner Ocean Beach and McMasters Roads at Woy Woy.

Further information is available online via <http://penne.ws/WTSj8i> and <http://penne.ws/97LVps> or phone the base on 4337 9600.

Bookings for the boat licence theory course may be made online on the Marine Rescue website via <http://penne.ws/UepEg4>

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 5 Feb 2025  
David Wicks, Marine  
Rescue Central Coast

## Tree should have stayed, says GUST

The Grow Urban Shade Trees group has said a Queensland brushbox street tree removed earlier this month as part of a development in Kourung St, Ettalong, should have been saved.

"We are not anti development but we think that, with a little change in the design, it could have been saved," said group member Ms Jen Wilder.

"One of the objectives of the council's planning provisions is to ensure the design of the development is of a high quality which contributes positively to the streetscape.

"The loss of a mature community tree is not a positive contribution.

"The council's Central Coast Greener Places Strategy requires community trees be replaced two for one.

"We are not seeing this being implemented."

She said that the Local Planning Panel approved the tree's removal despite many submissions objecting to the removal.

The council's tree officer had supported the removal of the street tree.

Planning provisions required two trees to be planted to replace the removed street tree, but the Panel allowed only one replacement tree to be planted.

"It is not often that GUST focuses on the negative elements around trees, but we are making



an exception here," she said.

"This is not a one-off event.

"It is occurring daily."

She said the group was encouraging residents to write to councillors and council executives if they were unhappy with the increased loss of canopy, reduction

in shade trees, or loss of corridor trees for sheltering birds.

Pictured is the house next door to the demolished tree.

"This was a huge loss to this neighbour."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 1 Feb 2025  
GUST Grow Urban Shade Trees



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# News



## Older Women support church 'food security'

The local Deepwater branch of the Older Women's Network has decided to support two "food security" projects run out of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Woy Woy.

It has identified the "Second Bite" food pantry and the "Hope and Meals" project run from the church hall at 83 Blackwall Rd as worth of support.

The Hope and Meals Dinner at 6pm is run every Friday night, said branch secretary Ms Jennifer Brown.

"The project is open to everyone in the community to come and share a decent meal, meet people from every walk of life and have some light hearted banter and conversation with other community members.

"Recently, we received a request from project team leader Mr Jeffery Law to provide some

much-needed kitchen supplies and 10 sleeping bags for rough sleepers."

Ms Brown said the branch was able to provide three large baking tins with racks, a dozen forks, knives, dessert spoons and teaspoons.

It donated two large salad bowls, 12 dessert bowls, three oven mitts, and five tea towels.

It supplied a set of six kitchen knives and knife sharpener, 80 paper cups, and 400 serviettes, as well as 10 sleeping bags.

"The kitchen supplies will see the community dinner through for some time," said Ms Brown.

Ms Brown said the branch had already given \$500 to the regular food pantry.

"We hope to continue our association with the Seventh Day Adventist Church," she said.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 2 Feb 2025  
Jennifer Brown, Deepwater OWN

## Six teenagers charged after alleged break-in

Police have charged six teenagers after an alleged break and enter to a home in Booker Bay in the early hours of Saturday, February 8.

Brisbane Water Police told the six, aged 13 to 16, had allegedly broken into the home, before being chased out by the homeowner.

They were told that, during the chase, a teenager produced a machete and threatened the homeowner before continuing to flee the scene.

A group of young people were located hiding in bushes on Booker Bay Rd, and fled from police.

Four teenage boys were found

hiding under a wharf and two teenage girls were found nearby.

They were all arrested and taken to Gosford Police Station.

The four boys aged 13, 14, 15 and 16 and the two girls both aged 14 were all charged with "aggravated enter dwelling with intent knowing people there".

The 14-year-old boy was refused bail to appear before Children's Court on February 8, while the other five teens were granted conditional bail to appear before Children's Court on Friday, March 7.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 8 Feb 2025  
Media unit, NSW Police

## Pearl Beach clean-up

A clean-up event will be held at Pearl Beach from 8:30am to 10:30am on Sunday, March 2, for Clean Up Australia Day.

Registration will take place outside the Pearl Beach Community

Memorial Hall at 8:30am.

The event, organised by the Pearl Beach Progress Association, aims to clean up Pearl Beach.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 8 Feb 2025  
Pearl Beach Progress Association

## Marine Rescue in inter-agency exercise

One of Marine Rescue Central Coast Unit's two vessels and its two rescue water craft (jetskis) participated in the NSW State Emergency Service's fifth annual "Who Let the Boats Out?" flood rescue operation training event.

With several vessels from the NSW SES Gosford Unit, along with the Erina Rural Fire Brigade, took part in a range of emergency response scenarios.

The scenarios included fire drills, boat breakdown, emergency anchoring, transferring of casualties between vessels, vessel towing, boat-based casualty recovery, and person overboard.

All scenarios were aimed at replicating events that can occur during significant state-wide flood events.

"We even had to manage a real-life assist midway through the event, adding an extra level of realism to things," said the Marine Rescue unit's Commander Ian Morrow.

"A member of the public encountered the distressed vessel, and seeing us on operation further north on Brisbane Water came to advise us.



"We dispatched our rescue water craft to provide rapid response and assistance and to confirm the issues.

"Our vessel then quickly attended and provide a tow to Gosford.

"It was great to have the SES onboard to observe how we do things.

"It was fantastic for us to work closely with the local Gosford SES team, including having their members aboard our vessel.

"It was a great opportunity to share experiences, and we look forward to working closely together on further exercises."

One scenario was "Crew Person Overboard Drill and Recovery".

Volunteering for the role of "tea bag", given the amount of dunking he endured, was SES Gosford member Mr Peter Hull.

He is pictured being rescued by Marine Rescue operator Mr Shane Rigney.

Peter was subsequently re-dunked, and retrieved aboard the main rescue vessel.

"It was a valuable inter-agency cooperation and training exercise."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 8 Feb 2025  
David Wicks, Marine Rescue Central Coast  
Photo: Steven Constantine

## Umina GP retires after 47 years



Dr Randall Harkness has retired from medicine after 47 years as a general practitioner.

Federal Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid paid a visit to Dr Harkness on his last day at Providence Medical in Umina.

Dr Reid, a local emergency department doctor, presented Dr Harkness with a certificate commending his service to medicine on the Central Coast.

Dr Reid said: "Dr Harkness is an

outstanding medical professional, who has dedicated 47 amazing years to medicine in New South Wales and on the Central Coast.

"Dr Harkness will be missed dearly by the Central Coast community, especially patients on the Peninsula.

"I wish Dr Harkness a very happy retirement and all the very best with this next chapter in his life."

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 4 Feb 2025  
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson

## Santa photos raise \$5000

Santa Photos at Pearl Beach have raised \$5000 for Coast Shelter's Christmas Appeal.

The community event was organised by volunteers from The Pearl Beach Social Club.

Coast Shelter reported a 55 per cent increase in demand for emergency accommodation and domestic violence support services, said social club organiser Ms Karina Stafford.

"Over the Christmas season, even more families and individuals needed assistance, making community contributions like this more vital than ever.

"Plans are already underway for the 2025 event, with profits set to support more local charities."

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 28 Jan 2025  
Karina Stafford, Pearl Beach Social Club



## Dunecare resumes

The Umina Community Group has resumed its weekly dunecare meetings.

The sessions are held every Wednesday from 8am to 10am.

The group describes dunecare as "a great way to get your hands

sandy, meet some locals and do something amazing for our environment".

It also offers "fresh air and a beach view".

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 2 Feb 2025  
Umina Community Group





## Teachers are introduced

Umina Beach Public School has “introduced” its kindergarten teachers for 2025.

They are Ms Gayle Charles, Ms Melisa Deas, Ms Sarah Honeyman, Ms Liza Moulton and Ms Renee Pallas.

“This dedicated group of educators are passionate about

fostering a love for learning in our youngest students,” said school principal Ms Karen Wardlaw.

“Our Kindy Team believes in the power of play-based learning, recognising that young children thrive when they are actively engaged in hands-on experience.”

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 6 Feb 2025  
Umina Beach Public School

## Meet the campus team

The Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College will hold a “Meet the Team” evening for parents next week.

It will be held at the campus on Monday, February 17, from 4:30pm until 5:30pm.

The session will allow parents to meet their child’s teachers and

hear important information about the year ahead.

The evening will begin with an information session, followed by a barbecue and the opportunity to meet your child’s teachers in a more informal setting.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 7 Feb 2025  
BWSC Umina

## Kindergarten students start at St John’s

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School has welcomed its kindergarten students for their first day of school on Wednesday, February 5.

Kindergarten teachers for this year are Ms Rosie Villanueva, Ms Leah Goncalves, Ms Melissa Commins and, job sharing, Ms Fiona Zheng and Ms Aleisha Fox.

Parents were reminded to ensure their child had their bag tag on their bag.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 4 Feb 2025  
SJB Catholic Primary  
School Woy Woy



## Students kept in ‘holding pattern’

Woy Woy Public School has kept its Year 1 to Year 6 students in a “holding pattern” until today when they will be placed in their new classes for the year.

This was necessary to “complete the final checks of our rolls and numbers”.

School principal Ms Sandy Knowles asked parents to support acceptance of the new arrangement.

“When your child comes home, please encourage a positive attitude towards this change,” she

said.

“Classes have been thoughtfully formed to meet the needs of all students, and it may take a few weeks for everyone to adjust to new routines, peer groups, and teachers.

“In the coming weeks, there will be opportunities to discuss specific stage information during our parent information sessions.

“The school’s staffing structure will be shared in our first Namalata newsletter on Friday, February 14, along with additional important information for 2025.”

Ms Knowles said the new

Preschoolers and Kindergarten students had settled into their classes “beautifully”.

They were “having a great time exploring our school environment, making new friends, and getting to know their teachers”.

She said: “We look forward to getting to know our new students and building strong connections with parents and carers to foster a partnership that promotes positivity, safety, engagement, and learning.”

**SOURCE:**  
Social media 7 Feb 2025.  
Sandy Knowles, Woy Woy Public School



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# Sport

## New grand master talks about bridge percentages

**The Brisbane Water Bridge Club's new grand master Mr Barry Foster has given a 15-minute talk at Supervised Play last Friday, February 7.**

His talk was about bridge percentages, the correct way to look at them and "how to make percentages work for you".

Supervised Play is held each

Friday from 9:30am and is open to all players.

Players may come without a partner.

Each session commences with a 15-minute lesson or talk followed by play.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 2 Feb 2025  
Brisbane Water Bridge Club



## Saturday bridge results

**Results of competition at Brisbane Water Bridge Club played on Saturday, February 8, were:**

North-South results were:

1 Christine Hadaway, Jacqueline Wilson 168.6 (56.20 per cent), 0.18 green points.

2 Edith Marshall, Hilary Owen 156.0 (52.00), 0.13.

3 Judy Wulff, Susan McCall 147.2 (49.07), 0.09.

4 Fiona Templeton, Ross Templeton 146.4 (48.80).

5 Frankie Craven, Spider Redgold 141.8 (47.27).

6 Bernard Davidson, Lorraine

Lindsay 141.0 (47.00).

East-West results were:

1 Dasha Brandt, David Bowerman 160.4 (53.47), 0.18.

2 Jaan Oitmaa, Sylvia Foster 158.6 (52.87), 0.13.

3 Karen Ody, Jim Routledge 154.8 (51.60), 0.09.

4 David Adams, Deborah Guthrie 151.0 (50.33).

5 Joan Walsh, Jenny Buckley 146.2 (48.73).

6 Carol Long, Faith Ross 128.0 (42.67).

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 9 Feb 2025  
Brisbane Water Bridge Club

## Twilight bowls at Pearl Beach

**Pearl Beach Tennis and Bowls Club will hold Twilight Bowls from 4pm to 6pm on the first and third Thursday through summertime**

Locals and visitors, men and women, are welcome to come along.

The next event will be held on February 20, weather permitting, at the Pearl Beach Tennis and Bowls Courts.

Experience is not necessary for the social and friendly competitive games.

Bowls are available.

Bowlers are pictured enjoying their own refreshments after the game.

With inquiries, phone 0477 486 065.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 30 Jan 2025  
Pearl Beach Tennis and Bowls

## Free lessons for new dancers

**Brisbane Water United Physie and Dance is offering free lessons to new dancers.**

New preschool dancers will get their first term free.

Preschool classes are held at 4pm on Thursdays to "help girls develop coordination, rhythm, balance, and strength, all while

having fun with songs and nursery rhymes.

"It's a joyful way to learn life skills, build confidence, and enjoy the magic of dance."

Other new dancers will get their first four lessons free.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 7 Feb 2025  
BWU Physie and Dance Ettalong



## Swimmers take part in sprint heats

**Woy Woy Swim Club had six team members head up to Maitland to contest the heat series of NSW Swimming sprints.**

The swimmers showed hard, fast racing by all with some outstanding results, including six personal best times.

Three will now go onto represent Coast and Valley in the

finals series to be held in March at Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre.

They are Kai Evans in freestyle, butterfly and breaststroke, Sara Evans in butterfly, backstroke and breaststroke and Aimee Lockie in freestyle.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 2 Feb 2025  
Woy Woy Swim Club

## Tennis club relaxes booking rules

**Woy Woy Tennis Club has relaxed its booking rules.**

"Some subscribers have asked to be able to book courts twice in one day in the cooler morning or in the evenings under our new lights," said club president Mr Walter Pearson.

"We are always looking for ways to accommodate our subscribers' particular needs, so we have changed the booking software."

Subscribers can now book two one-hour sessions each day.

"If you wish to play for two hours consecutively, simply book twice."

Minimum bookings remain at 30 minutes.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 2 Feb 2025  
Woy Woy Tennis Club



## Umina campus issues swimming carnival instructions

**Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College has issued instructions for its annual swimming carnival to be held on Thursday, February 20, at the Peninsula Leisure Centre, Woy Woy.**

Students participating in 200 metre Freestyle and Individual Medley events need to make their own way to the pool, arriving by 8:15am for registration.

These events will start at 8:30am sharp.

Student entry fee is \$5 to be paid online by Tuesday, February

18.

Parents and spectators are \$4 each which is payable at the leisure centre upon entry.

Students who arrive at school will be transported by shuttle bus to and from the venue.

There will be an assembly on the quad at 8:30am.

Students who require an Early Leaver Pass must have that indicated on their online permission form.

Students are encouraged not to bring phones and other digital devices.

Should they choose to do so, they must ensure they are "off and away".

Limited canteen facilities will be available.

Students should pack sufficient food and drink for the day.

Students are to wear their PE uniform or house colours.

Suitable swimming attire should be worn underneath.

There will be no free swim activities before, during or after the carnival.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 7 Feb 2025  
BWSC Umina



## Southern Spirit to hold cricket reunion

**The Southern Spirit Cricket Club will hold an Old Boys and Girls Day from 12:30pm on Saturday, February 22.**

The event will be held at Col Gooley oval, where the First Grade team will play The Entrance and Fifth Grade will play Northern Power.

All past players and club members from Southern Spirit Cricket Club, Umina District Cricket Club, and Woy Woy Cricket Club have been invited to "come along

and re-live the memories".

Nibbles and a barbecue will be provided, with the canteen open with soft drinks and over-18 drinks available.

"It's all about reconnecting with old mates, enjoying some great cricket, and celebrating lifelong friendships."

For further information, call event coordinator Brendon Jones on 0405 182 430.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 6 Feb 2025  
Southern Spirit Cricket Club



## Rugby club wants players

**Woy Woy Rugby Union Club is looking for players.**

Players may be new to the area, a returning player or keen to start playing rugby.

For players who can't commit to play every week, the club is also looking to expand its pool of players in Third Grade.

The club is seeking "some slightly older players in our women's team".

"We have a lot of younger players from 18 to 25 but if you are 25 and up and physically active

and wanting to play women's rugby, we would love to have you on board," said club president Mr Phil Burgess.

Players are also wanted in junior grades for ages from five to 16 years.

For senior grades, contact Phil on 0435 814 412 or email [president@woywoyrugby.com](mailto:president@woywoyrugby.com). au, and, for junior grades, contact Bianca on 0430 077 282.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 7 Feb 2025  
Phil Burgess, Woy Woy Rugby Club

## Australia Day bowls and trivia

**Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club hosted an Australia Day bowls, trivia and fun afternoon on Sunday, January 26.**

The afternoon attracted 55 players and several non-players.

The tables were decorated with

Australia flags, and bowls of chips and chocolate frogs.

After a game of bowls, with single entries drawn out of the hat, to mix the players up, it was inside for rounds of trivia.

These were hosted by Eddie Burgess.

In the middle of this a draw for a lucky door prize was held and the 10 lucky winners of the 100 club were also drawn.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 27 Jan 2025  
Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club

## First Aid talk for seniors

**A resuscitation and First Aid talk for seniors will be held at Umina Beach Library with 10am to 11:30am on Thursday, March 6.**

Council lifeguards will provide a First Aid knowledge refresher with current first aid information and

some practical components as part of Seniors Week.

Bookings are essential, and may be made at the library.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 3 Feb 2025  
Library Services, Central Coast Council

**Woy Woy Football Club will hold its soccer Grading and Muster today Monday, February 10, and on Monday, February 17.**

It will be held at Austin Butler Oval from 5pm to 7pm on each day.

A "come and try" muster will be held from 5pm to 6pm for Under-5

to Under-7 age groups.

The session will be open to registered and unregistered players.

Grading for Under-8 to Under-18 age groups will be held from 5pm to 7pm.

Only registered players can be allocated to a team.

Registration questions and

issues will be addressed between 5pm and 7pm.

Offline options are now available for registration.

Online registration and payment is available online at <https://ccf.mycompapp.com>.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 8 Feb 2025  
Woy Woy Football Club

## Woy Woy soccer grading and muster

# WHAT'S ON at ETTALONG BOWLING CLUB

Spoil your loved one this Valentine's Day at Ettalong Bowling Club. Valentine Day Hampers will be included in the Friday Club raffles along with some sweet treats when you purchase your raffle tickets from our friendly staff.

Check out this amazing offer from the Alfresco Brasserie: Purchase a Seafood Platter for 2 - only \$65 which includes two glasses of bubbly.

Available for lunch and dinner, pre book by Wednesday 12th February.

Exciting weekend ahead with the HAPPY DAYS Rock & Roll Festival with two big nights of live bands in the club auditorium. Kicking off with ON THE PROWL & DJ GEORGE on Friday 14th at 7pm and Saturday 15th with JIVE BOMBERS & DJ GEORGE at 7pm. Both events are FREE!

Bands are back for 2025 starting with the OLD SKOOL BAND on Saturday 1st March from 8pm. Live entertainment will continue every Friday, Saturday and Sunday with some new exciting artists booked.

Check out our FB page, club app or website for further details. We look forward to seeing you at the Bowlo.

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# Sport

## Woy Woy judo club closes

**Woy Woy Judo Club has announced its "immediate closure".**

It attributed the closure "to a number of factors including the cost of living, extreme overheads and limited coach availability".

In its public announcement, the club paid tribute to its founder Mr Danny Simmons Snr.

"When our club first opened in 1982 by Danny Simmons Snr, his passion and drive to give back to the community was unfathomable.

"He created a club that was there for everyone, completely inclusive, full of love, happiness, fun and joy.

"Our judo club has been a pillar of strength in our community, a legacy that is immeasurable, and to

say we are thankful to every single family that has ever come through our doors, is an understatement.

"Though we may be finishing, our memories are something that cannot be changed, and we will be forever grateful that Danny took a chance and created something so special, his legacy, our legacy.

"Our biggest thanks go to every coach, student, sister club and judo member for supporting us for all these years.

"We also wish to thank Lindy Simmons, our owner, director and rock of the whole club.

"Without her dedication and love of the community, our club would not have existed."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 27 Jan 2025  
Woy Woy Judo Club



## Success at Central Coast competition

**Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club members competed at the Surf Lifesaving Central Coast Lifesavers competition**

**at Soldiers Beach over the weekend of February 1 and 2.**  
Ocean Beach members Kirsty Best and Dave Nash came in first.

Kylie Lowe came second and Ebony Falconer fourth.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 6 Feb 2025  
Ocean Beach SLSC



## Fourth place in state for 15-year-old golfer

**Everglades golfer 15-year-old Shay Bennett has finished in the NSW Champion of Champions after coming third for his age in the Sydney Junior Week of Golf in late January.**

In adult competition at the NSW Amateur Championship for the NSW Medal, he had two rounds of one-under and three-under to finish at four under par.

That qualified him for the Matchplay championship.

It also meant he was in fourth place in the NSW Champion of Champions.

Shay came up against the defending champion.

He played well to be two under par, although it meant a 2-1 loss to the player who went on to defend his championship.

Shay's father, Scott, was caddy for him for the championship.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 28 Jan 2025  
Everglades Country Club  
Photo: Scott Bennett

## Park run attracts 293 runners

**The Woy Woy park run attracted 293 runners on Saturday, February 8.**

There were 121 male runners and 158 female, 14 first timers and 13 voluntary officials.

First male to finish the course was Isaac Lanham in a time of 18:56 for a grade of 70.42 per cent in the SM18-19 division, on his 25th milestone run.

First female was Lylah Glynn with a time of 20:24 for a grade of 81.54 per cent in the JW11-14 division.

Also to have milestone runs were Susannah Bonnor (25) and Nina Scheinhuetter (100).

The 14 first timers Tom Goncalves, Jake Swan, Nathan Wrigley, James Maberley, Jamie Dennis, Pip Goncalves, Tahlia Kenney, Marissa Hamilton, Bob Pollard, Ava Swan, Abigail Couchman, Luke Wrigley, Sonia Wrigley and Cheryl Tanner.

Personal best times were recorded by Patrick UJJan, Gary Weinert, Lylah Glynn, Shane Bukovinsky, Max Kuchin, David Reiling, Simon Grech, Stewart Allen, Maddie Bonnor, Jasmine Burkett, Tommy Hamilton, Michael Roberts, Tatum Osborne, Lauren Higgins, Claudine Wray, Louis Smith, Theo Wright, Anders Stromhall, Robyn Burkett, Casper

Clarke, Troy Felice, Helen Mower, Cassandra Bulman, Alexander Stoddart, Elaine McCarthy, Jacob Kenney, Elijah Clark, Kathy Lakeland, David Clark, Eden Clark, Louise Gabriel, Maggie McGrath, Josiah Wilkes, Kevin O'Kane, Karen Barclay, Maria Ryan and Kelly Edwards.

Volunteers for the day were Dale Bachelor, Ian Bachelor, Reg Butler, Tracey Clissold, Vincenzo Coco, Neil Dufty, Bee Godfrey, Richard Grimmond, Amanda Howard, Charlotte Kenney, Robert Lowry and Scott Wedesweiler.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 8 Feb 2025  
Woy Woy Park Run



## Three play with Cyclones in Tamworth

**Southern Spirit Phoenix cricket players Mark Austin, John Jewiss and Paul Wright have travelled to Tamworth to play with the Central Coast Cyclones from February 1 to 4.**

The over-55s team played in the NSW State Championship for the Div 1 Warwick Hayes Cup.

The Cyclones played hard and finished strong, winning two out of

three games to claim third place.

Young cricket enthusiast Sam Michie joined the players for three days.

They presented him with a kit put together by Southern Spirit Cricket Club, as well as a Phoenix cap, to help him kickstart his cricket journey.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 6 Feb 2025  
Southern Spirit Cricket Club

## Cricket reunion

**The Southern Spirit Cricket Club will hold an Old Boys and Girls Day from 12:30pm on Saturday, February 22.**

The event will be held at Col Gooley oval, where the First Grade team will play The Entrance and Fifth Grade will play Northern Power.

All past players and club members from Southern Spirit Cricket Club, Umina District Cricket Club, and Woy Woy Cricket Club have been invited to "come along and re-live the memories".

Nibbles and a barbecue will be provided, with the canteen open with soft drinks and over-18 drinks available.

"It's all about reconnecting with old mates, enjoying some great cricket, and celebrating lifelong friendships."

For further information, call event coordinator Brendon Jones on 0405 182 430.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 6 Feb 2025  
Southern Spirit Cricket Club

## Lap swimming restricted

**Lap swimming will be severely restricted at the Peninsula Leisure Centre until mid-March.**

The leisure centre will be hosting school swimming carnivals until then.

On only three days before Tuesday, March 18, will no carnival be held.

On those days when a carnival is being held, in most cases, no

lanes will be available for lap swimming during school hours.

On only eight days during this period, two lanes will be available.

Centre staff have warned that parking will be in high demand for the carnivals.

For further information, contact the leisure centre.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 3 Feb 2025  
Peninsula Leisure Centre