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Hats like field of poppies at Anzac assembly

It was like a field of poppies at Woy Woy South Public School with students in their hats for their Anzac Day assembly on Monday, April 7.

"The school proudly acknowledges the commitment and effort displayed by both students and staff in commemorating Anzac Day yesterday," said principal Mr Matt Barr.

SOURCE:

Social media, 8 Apr 2025
Woy Woy South Public School

Education Minister to hear of preschool siting concerns

Community concerns about the location of the Umina Beach Public School Public Preschool will be raised with the State Education Minister Ms Prue Car.

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch said she had written to the Minister last week requesting "an urgent meeting with the associated decision-makers".

Ms Tesch wrote to the Minister after an online petition was started on Friday, April 11, calling for the proposed siting of the preschool to be rejected.

"This plan includes uprooting our infant's playground and oval, significantly affecting their outdoor play area," the petition stated.

"Safety is a prime concern.

"With the introduction of a car park, the risk of accidents involving our little ones could escalate.

"We don't want our school to be a risk zone for our children.

"The significance of outdoor play for children cannot be overstated, with countless studies showing its importance in promoting healthy physical and emotional development.

"The school has requested community feedback on this matter.

"This petition is our resounding 'no'.

"There are other areas within the school grounds that can be used for the new preschool without impinging on the current infant oval and playground.

"We intend to ensure that our children's safety and play areas

are not compromised by this proposed construction."

In a letter to Peninsula News "as a supporter of early childhood education", P/C Association committee member Ms Sarah Lambkin said: "I express both my support for the addition of a new preschool in our community and my concern regarding the proposed location for its construction.

"While I welcome the investment in expanding educational infrastructure, the current proposed site will significantly impact an important green space and outdoor playground that is critical for students K-2 years.

"These outdoor areas play a vital role in children's development and wellbeing, offering a safe place for physical activity, social interaction, and a connection to nature—especially in an increasingly urbanised environment."

She said a satisfactory alternative site had been identified within the school grounds.

Ms Tesch said: "It is essential that any proposed public preschool does not negatively impact the education and development outcomes of the current and future students at Umina Beach Public School.

"I have written to Minister for Education and Early Learning, Prue Car sharing our community's concerns about the proposed location for the project and have also requested an urgent meeting with the associated decision makers.

"The proposed new NSW

Government funded public preschool at Umina Beach Public School will provide dozens of new critically needed, free preschool places for young children and their families in our local community.

"I have heard from too many families who are unable to access early education spaces on the southern end of the Central Coast and this public preschool is an important step to delivering critical additional early education spaces in our community."

Ms Tesch encouraged anyone with concerns to email my office at gosford@parliament.nsw.gov.au.

"These emails will be shared directly with the Minister."

Federal Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid also wrote to the State Education Minister.

"It has been brought to my attention that our community does not believe that proper consultation has taken place concerning the final site for this new public preschool on the school grounds."

He said that concerns raised with him included the loss of greenspace for Year K-3 students, the placement of carparking, the impact on local fauna and flora, and the management of construction activity.

"Our community would appreciate that you review the current plans for the preschool's placement and consider further consultation with parents and stakeholders to identify the most suitable site."

SOURCE:

Social media, 14 Apr 2025
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

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Mark Snell, 9 Nov 2023

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The newspaper's editorial policy reflects a desire to reinforce the Peninsula's sense of community.

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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.

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Tesch garden 'to flourish as years go by'

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has started a garden behind her office in Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

"My team and I have high hopes for growing a bright little garden for our community to enjoy as they pass through Woy Woy, with more happy plants to come.

"You may notice some small new plants behind my office as you move between Blackwall Road and Deepwater Plaza in Woy Woy.

"I encourage everyone to take a moment to think about the little moments of joy nature brings in our community.

"While our office community



garden may not look like much right now, I look forward to seeing it grow and flourish as the years go by."

SOURCE:
 Social media, 16 Apr 2025
 Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

Disabled Surfers call for Umina Beach amenities block upgrade

The Disabled Surfers Association is calling for the Umina Beach amenities block to be upgraded in its submission to Central Coast Council's Disability Inclusion Plan.

It was desperately-needed, said association president Ms Rae Fiechter.

"I am told the Review of Public Amenities document is scheduled to go before a Council meeting in

May. "Once the review is tabled and approved, Council can then schedule works.

"Umina Beach is slated for a Regional C Block which has suitable amenities for our needs.

"Given its been there for the 30 years I have lived in the area, a rebuild ASAP would be welcomed."

The association's Central Coast committee was returned at its recent annual general meeting.

Re-elected were president

Ms Rae Fiechter, vice-president Mr Czes Lawicki, secretary Ms Pauline Maniskas and treasurer Ms Gillian Moran.

General committee members are Ms Cheryl Hocking, Ms Janine Prosser, Ms Merylyn Bailey, Mr Brendon Lagudi, Mr Paul Davis, Mr Peter McCudden and Ms Megan Jessop.

SOURCE:
 Social media, 16 Apr 2025
 Central Coast Disabled Surfers Association

Dry start to April sees just 21mm of rain

A dry start to April has seen less than one seventh of the month's average rainfall recorded on the Peninsula in the first two thirds of the month.

A total of 20.9mm was recorded by Friday morning, just 13.4 per cent of the April average of 156mm, according to Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

Rain fell on just five days, with falls of 7.0mm and 7.5mm recorded on April 7 and April 15.

Falls of less than five millimetres were recorded on April 16, 17 and 18.

The rainfall total for the year stands at 410.4mm which is about one third (32.2 per cent) below the average at the end of April of 605mm.

However, in seven of the last 21 years, the total for the year at



the end of April was less than this figure.

More details, including daily rainfall figures, are available online

at <http://penne.ws/Rain>.

SOURCE:
 Spreadsheet, 18 Apr 2025
 Jim Morrison, Umina

	Mon, Apr 21	Thu, Apr 24	Sun, Apr 27	Wed, Apr 30	Sat, May 3
TIDE	0209 1.00	0524 1.12	0205 0.17	0458 0.15	0036 1.21
TIMES	0935 0.26	1210 0.18	0800 1.13	1034 0.91	0810 0.19
and	1516 0.68	1805 0.98	1414 0.16	1619 0.23	1351 0.74
Heights	2034 0.37		2021 1.33	2245 1.38	1908 0.36
	Tue, Apr 22	Fri, Apr 25	Mon, Apr 28	Thu, May 1	Sun, May 4
AT	0319 1.03	0007 0.25	0301 0.15	0600 0.17	0140 1.12
ETTALONG	1033 0.24	0618 1.16	0849 1.08	1133 0.83	0913 0.20
	1621 0.76	1253 0.16	1454 0.18	1708 0.28	1505 0.74
	2151 0.35	1852 1.11	2107 1.39	2338 1.31	2023 0.38
	Wed, Apr 23	Sat, Apr 26	Tue, Apr 29	Fri, May 2	Mon, May 5
	0425 1.07	0107 0.20	0359 0.14	0704 0.18	0246 1.04
	1124 0.21	0710 1.16	0941 1.00	1238 0.77	1007 0.20
	1716 0.86	1334 0.16	1535 0.20	1803 0.32	1611 0.78
	2302 0.30	1936 1.23	2154 1.40		2140 0.38

Peninsula will have 12 polling places

Robertson electors will find 12 polling places open on the Peninsula from 8am to 6pm on Federal election day, Saturday, May 3.

Two will be in Pearl Beach and Patonga, and two in Ettalong and Booker Bay.

Umina and Woy Woy will each have four polling places.

In Patonga, polling will take place at the Patonga Progress Association hall in Bay St.

In Pearl Beach, it will take place at the Pearl Beach Community Memorial Hall in Diamond Rd.

The Ettalong Beach Primary School in Uligandi St and the Booker Bay Pre School at 32 Telopea St will both be polling places.

The four polling stations in Umina will be at Umina Beach Primary School in Sydney Ave, at Umina Beach Library on the corner of Bullion and West Sts, at the Umina Uniting Church Community Centre in Neptune St, and at Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College in Veron Rd.

The four polling stations around Woy Woy will be at the Woy Woy campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College in Edward St,

at the Woy Woy South Primary School at The School Mall, at the old South Woy Woy Progress Association hall on the corner of Woy Woy Rd and Pier St, and at The Bays Community Hall at 19 Woy Woy Bay Rd, Woy Woy Bay.

A "Special Hospital Team" from the Australian Electoral Office will also visit the Boronia Court Aged Care Facility in Kathleen St, Woy Woy.

Early voting is available from today, Tuesday, April 22, at the Peninsula Community Centre in McMasters Rd, Woy Woy, opening each day until Thursday from 8:30am to 5:30pm.

From next Saturday, April 26, both the Peninsula Community Centre and the Broken Bay Scout Hall in Carawa St, Umina, will be open for early voting.

On Saturday, April 26, they will open from 9am to 4pm.

From Monday to Thursday, April 28 to May 1, they will open from 8:30am to 5:30pm.

On Friday, May 2, they will open from 8:30am to 6pm.

SOURCE:
Website, 17 Apr 2025
Australian Electoral Office

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Immunisation and health checks at Mingaletta

Drop-in immunisation and health checks for children aged up to five years will be held at Mingaletta in Umina every second Wednesday in April, May and June.

The next session being held from 9am to 12pm on April 30 at Mingaletta Community Centre at 6 Sydney Ave, Umina.

Following that, sessions will be

held on May 8 and 22 and June 4 and 18.

Aboriginal health workers and nurses will be available for immunisations, early childhood milestone checks and to discuss any concerns.

Phone 4394 9147 for more information.

SOURCE:
Social media, 16 Apr 2025
Mingaletta ATSC

Car boot sales to resume

The Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club is expecting to resume its car boot sales on Sunday, April 27.

Planning is well underway for the club's Tea Cosy Expo over the June long weekend, according to club secretary Ms Denise Taylor.

"Boxes are available in our

libraries where entries may be left," she said.

"Just put your tea cosy in a plastic bag with your entry form and details."

SOURCE:
Social media, 14 Apr 2025
Dee Taylor, Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club



Breastscreen van starts screenings in Woy Woy

The Breastscreen NSW mobile van has arrived in Woy Woy, with screenings starting last week.

The van is parked in the

grounds of the Country Women's Association hall at 30 The Boulevard, Woy Woy.

The visit of the mobile service has become an annual event.

Call 13 20 50 to make an appointment.

SOURCE:
Social media, 7 Apr 2025
CWA Woy Woy

Petition urges Council to address 'urban heat crisis'

The Peninsula's Grow Urban Shade Trees group has started a petition urging Central Coast Council to take action in 19 suburbs across the Coast "to address the urgent Urban Heat Crisis".

"Suburbs of the Central Coast have amongst the lowest canopy cover in NSW," said petition organiser Ms Miriam McInnes.

"In 2021, Central Coast Council published the Greener Places Strategy, where 19 local suburbs were recognised as Urban Heat Islands with less than 10 per cent canopy cover, significantly impacting on livability.

"Yet to date the Council has not allocated any additional funds toward essential tree planting across the Coast to tackle this urgent issue.

"We need Central Coast Council to allocate funds towards an Urban Forest budget, like so many nearby councils already do.

"Such a budget would cover tree planting, tree maintenance, community engagement and education.

"It would be actively used towards reaching a defined canopy cover target, which is more closely aligned to the 40 per cent coverage recommended by the State Government in its 2021

Greener Neighbourhoods Guide, "Walking through the hot streets of our suburbs becomes unbearable, unsafe and unattractive due to the urban heat impact.

"Heatwaves have a greater impact on population health in Australia than any other natural hazard, and are associated with a significant increase in mortality and morbidity rates.

"Children are spending more time inside than ever, leading to a physical and mental health catastrophe.

"We need shady areas for young people to walk, ride and play as it is more important than ever to encourage them to be outside.

"Leafier suburbs are proven to create healthier, happier, safer and wealthier residents.

"We are calling on Central Coast Council to meet their obligation to protect community health and provide liveable and resilient suburbs by allocating funds for an Urban Forest Budget.

"Council currently spends less than 10c per resident on urban greening."

The Central Coast urgently needs to catch up to other councils on their urban greening activities to ensure our suburbs are liveable for residents young and old now and in the future.

"Other local councils are implementing region-wide tree planting programs and creating healthier, more desirable suburbs and streetscapes for their residents.

"It is unrealistic and unsustainable for Central Coast Council to expect tree planting to be carried out by a tiny volunteer group.

"We need them to establish their own tree planting program like other councils have across Australia.

"Central Coast Council has a current annual tree planting budget of about \$35,000.

"For comparison, many councils have urban forest budgets of around \$1million annually to support this essential green infrastructure."

Ms McInnes said many NSW councils planted hundreds and thousands of trees each year, many being no larger than the Peninsula.

She said the group was expecting strong support for the petition, which she hoped would influence Central Coast Council's Operational Plan and beyond.

The petition can be found online at <https://chng.it/7vN4WgXdWF>.

SOURCE:
Website, 16 Apr 2025
Miriam McInnes, GUST

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Planning

Townhouses to have less drive area than 'gun barrel'

An application has been lodged with Central Coast Council to construct seven three-bedroom townhouses at 6-8 Berith St, Umina.

Three of the proposed townhouses would have vehicular access from Berith St and the remaining four from Alexander Lane at the rear of the property.

A total of 12 car parking spaces are included in the plans, comprising both garaged and outdoor spaces.

The site has a total area of 1579 square metres, consolidating two adjacent lots, and is zoned R1 General Residential.

Existing houses of each lot would be demolished.

The proposal claims to have no variations to setbacks and provides full size private open spaces at ground floor level, substantial extra private open space at first floor level.

It is claimed that all units will receive the required amount of solar access both to internal living areas and to private open spaces and that overshadowing



to neighbouring properties will be "negligible".

The total area of on site concrete driveway is 173 square metres with the two rear on-site car parks located on a permeable surface.

This compares with 200 square metres of concrete driveway commonly found with three-unit "gun barrel" developments.

A Traffic Impact Assessment, prepared by Genesis Traffic, concludes that the traffic generation of the proposed development "will not present any adverse traffic implications" and that the proposed

parking provision complies with the planning provisions.

The application states that the proposed development has a maximum height of 7.20 metres, which complies with the 8.5-metre maximum building height for the site.

The proposed gross floor area is claimed to be 786 square metres which would result in a floor space ratio of 0.5:1 complying with the development standard for residential development.

The application also indicates that 30 per cent of the site area

is proposed as soft landscaping, which meets the minimum requirement of 25 per cent.

The application acknowledges that the site has been substantially cleared of most of its original vegetation with "several small exotic trees and domestic plantings remaining on the site".

"These will be removed as part of the development process."

A landscape plan, prepared by Contour Landscape Architecture, is designed to offset the vegetation removal, including the planting of native trees, shrubs, and ground

covers.

The landscape plan includes, on site, four bungalow palms, three tuckeroos and a frangipani all with a 75 litre pot size.

There are several smaller trees and shrubs.

According to the site plan, there is an existing small-medium sized street tree out-side 8 Berith St, which appears to be close to Unit 1's proposed driveway.

However, this is not mentioned in the application or the landscaping plan.

No arborist report is included in the public exhibition documents.

The landscaping plan proposes the planting of three street trees, comprising coastal banksias with a 75 ltr pot size.

The application claims the development will provide a high-quality residential facility that will offer substantial benefits to the local community.

The closing date for written submissions is May 14.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 20 Apr 2025
DA/175/2025, Central Coast Council

Two-storey dual occupancy proposed for Rickard St

An application for a two-storey dual occupancy containing three bedrooms in each unit has been submitted for 17 Rickard St, Umina.

The application, submitted by Clarke Dowdle and Associates, states: "The proposed dual occupancy development is two storeys in height with a contemporary twin gable roof design that has been accepted with the built form in the locale.

"The area includes an eclectic mix of older post-World War II

single dwelling houses, 1970s red brick austere villas and large contemporary dwelling houses located along the esplanade."

The application states that the "proposed use as a 'dual occupancy' is permitted" on the site with an area of 607 square metres, in the R1 Low Density Residential zone.

However, a variation to the planning standards relating to earthworks is acknowledged.

The proposal includes 1.05 metres of fill at the rear of the lot to ensure sufficient gradient for stormwater to discharge to the

street system.

This exceeds the one metre limit above existing ground level stipulated in the planning provisions.

The application argues that this level of fill is commensurate with other developments in the area, particularly on lots with swales, and is necessary for proper stormwater management.

The Flood Information Certificate included in the documentation indicates that the property is a "flood control lot" with a minimum habitable floor level set at 5.20 metres AHD.

An arborist report recommends the removal of five trees, three street trees and two trees within the site.

It states the trees would be significantly impacted by the proposed development, rendering



them unviable in the future.

The report notes that the street trees, a Western Australian peppermint, a weeping bottlebrush and a broadleaf paperbark, have previously been subject to pollarding due to over-head powerlines, resulting in poor

pruning and epicormic growth.

The development application is currently on exhibition, with the closing date for submissions being May 7.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 20 Apr 2025
DA/276/2025, Central Coast Council



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Coastal Twist Festival applies for Fair Day

The Coastal Twist Festival has applied to Central Coast Council to hold its Coastie Carnie Fair Day at the Peninsula Recreation Precinct on Sunday, October 5.

The market is planned to include up to 120 stalls offering a variety of goods and services, alongside live entertainment featuring music and a dog show.

The application states the aim of the Coastie Carnie Fair Day is to foster community spirit, celebrate diversity, and boost tourism in the Central Coast region.

Set up will start from 5am, with the market running from 10am to 5pm.

Dismantling is expected to be completed by 8pm.

To manage waste, the event organiser will arrange for additional bins through Central Coast Council.

Stallholders will have the responsibility for managing their own waste.

The event will rely on parking in surrounding streets and existing car parks to cater for its requirements.

The application, prepared by

Funhaus Factory, states that the day aligns with the objectives of the RE1 Public Recreation zone and will not compromise future development of the land or have detrimental environmental effects.

It was hoped the Coastie Carnie Fair Day would be a positive event for the community, offering a day of fun and celebration while ensuring responsible management of the event site.

The application is currently open for public comment, which closes on May 7.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 20 Apr 2025
DA/140/2025, Central Coast Council

Surf Life Saving to test long-range drone technology

Surf Life Saving NSW has announced it will test the experimental use of long-range drone technology on the Central Coast.

It has described the experiment as a "push into new aerial technology that could radically transform the state's lifesaving operations into a broader national asset for disaster prevention, response and recovery".

"A partnership with Babcock

Australasia will explore opportunities to modernise and enhance coastal drone operations and pursue long-range drone technology and emergency response capabilities using "Beyond Visual Line of Sight Remote Pilot Aircraft Systems".

"Further details and plans to be finalised in due course."

SOURCE: Media release, 9 Apr 2025 Media unit, SLS NSW

Marble maze

Children aged eight to 12 will be able to make their own marble maze as part of the school holiday program at Umina Library from 10am to 11:30am on Wednesday, April 23.

Those attending will be able to design and build their own Lego Marble Maze.

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

SOURCE: Website, 16 Apr 2024 Library Services, Central Coast Council



Commemorative plaque features Peninsula News

The Umina Beach Men's Shed has been presented a plaque to commemorate the opening of its new shed.

Member Mr Sam Pansare created and crafted an industrial artistic plaque featuring the Peninsula News edition 607, which reported the opening.

At the presentation, the original founders of the Umina Shed, Mr Bill Ide, Mr Lionel Blayden and Mr Darrell Pannowitz were recognised for their efforts in the development of today's facilities.

During his presentation, Mr Pansare stressed the importance of remembering the efforts of all the members past and present who put their time and efforts into developing and creating the current facilities which members use and enjoy.

Pictured from left is Mr Ide, founding president Mr Pannowitz, current president Mr Gary Gilday and Mr Pansare.

SOURCE: Media release, 17 Apr 2025 Vic Brown, Umina Beach Men's Shed

Deepwater OWN Easter raffle raises \$2000 for food pantries

More than \$2000 has been raised in the Easter raffle run by the Deepwater branch of the Older Women's Network.

The raffle was run at Deepwater Plaza on Wednesday and Thursday, April 9 and 10.

It was drawn by Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch in her offices in Woy Woy at 12pm on Monday, April 14, in the presence of branch committee members.

Ms Tesch rang the winners herself to congratulate them.

The proceeds will be donated to Mary Mac's Place food pantry, Woy Woy Community Food Pantry at the Seventh day Adventist Church in Blackwall Rd and Community SOS food pantry as well as for petrol vouchers for Meals-on-Wheels volunteers.

Deepwater branch secretary Ms Jennifer Brown said: "Our first prize was a huge box of boxed chocolates, Easter eggs, a soft toy bunny and pralines.

"Second prize was a large basket of tinned and boxed chocolate, Easter eggs, a soft toy bunny and pralines.

"All chocolate in these two



prizes was donated by our branch members."

She said third prize was donated by a West Gosford confectionary business.

Pictured are Ms Brown with Ms Tesch and executive committee member Ms Vicki Spain.

Executive committee member Ms Christine Marsh and branch member Ms Anna Sztuka also attended the draw.

Ms Brown said: "The Older Women's Network, Deepwater Woy Woy advocates for the rights, dignity and well-being of older

women in the community.

"The Deepwater branch has grown to 45 members who enjoy social lunches, coffee mornings and meetings often with a guest speaker to help them live their best lives.

"Our next function will be our Autumn-Winter Fashion Parade on Saturday, May 17, at the Ettalong 50+ Leisure and Learning Centre on the corner of Broken Bay and Karingi Rds at 2pm."

SOURCE: Media release, 15 Apr 2025 Jennifer Brown, Deepwater OWN

A Cocktails for a Cause event will be held to raise funds for the Cancer Council NSW from 6pm to 9:30pm on Friday, May 16.

The event will be held at Ettalong Diggers in support of its tourism manager, Ms Kim Cole, in her fundraising effort for the Cancer Council's Stars of the Central Coast fundraiser.

The \$50 entry cost includes champagne on arrival, finger food and desserts.

There will be beer, wine and

spirit tasting, lucky door prizes and a raffle.

The evening will include speakers, a photographer and entertainment by ACE Award female vocalist nominee Christine Tyrell.

A percentage of cocktails sales will be donated to the Cancer Council.

Tickets are available online via <http://penne.ws/ZrrQmv>

SOURCE: Media release, 15 Apr 2025 Kim Cole, Ettalong Diggers

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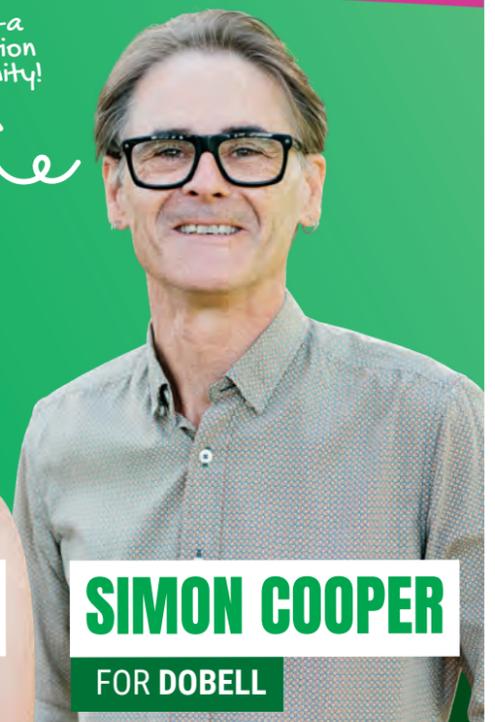
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News

Talk about climate change impacts on biodiversity

An associate professor from the University of Western Sydney will speak on "Climate Change Impacts on Australian Biodiversity" at a public meeting at the Peninsula Community Centre in Woy Woy at 6:30pm on Wednesday, April 30.

Associate Professor Rachael Gallagher is a plant ecologist studying the plants of Australia and how they are responding to climate change.

She will describe the pressures on our forests, how species are moving in response to the warming and how their survival will be impacted.

She will be joined by Central Coast climate educator Mr Richard Weller in the sixth forum of a series, organised by the Community

Environment Network across the Central Coast.

Mr Weller will discuss the current situation, increasing weather extremes, and what policies we need to achieve the Paris goals.

"Governments around the world have failed to stop greenhouse gas concentrations rising," he said.

He will describe the policies proposed by the Parties and what is needed to get back on track.

The forum will include panel discussion and question time about risks on the Coast and the way forward with options for those wanting to take action.

Further information and bookings are available on the Community Environment Network website at cen.org.au/events.

SOURCE:
Website, 16 Apr 2025
Future Sooner, CEN



CWA supports children's program at writers' festival

The Woy Woy branch of the Country Women's Association has announced support for the children's program at the Words on the Waves writers' festival at the end of May.

"This is the fifth year that we have supported them with our sponsorship going towards the children's Ripples program," said branch president Ms Margy Ure.

SOURCE:
Media release, 14 Apr 2025
Jane Bowtell, CWA Woy Woy

Writers' festival author talk sessions announced

The fifth annual Words on the Waves Writers Festival will be held from Wednesday, May 28, to Sunday, June 1.

The program has been released for the festival's "low-cost, high-impact" author talks in the Peninsula Recreation Precinct on Saturday, May 31, its free Family Fun Day on Sunday June 1 and for free book launches.

Sessions of around 45 minutes at The Dip Festival Marquee in the Recreation Precinct on the Saturday will vary in cost from \$3.50 to \$18.50, with one session costing \$28.50 including booking fee.

Sessions include Central Coast Reads with Jane Caro, The State of Australia Today with Hugh Mackay, The Bunny Club with Blanche d'Alpuget, Australia's 'Most Hated Woman' with Quentin McDermott, Live Your Best Life and Save Money Too with Lottie Dalziel, Can MDMA Cure You? with Rebecca Huntley, Broken Brains with Rosie Waterland, An evening with Kate Grenville, and an inaugural Ebb and Flow Poetry Slam.

On the Sunday, the marquee will be the venue of the Free Family Fun Day with a range of events for children and teens from 9am-2pm.

The Dip will be located in the Peninsula Recreation Precinct, off Sydney Ave, Umina.

This year four books will be launched on the Peninsula.

Juno Gemes will launch Until Justice Comes: Fifty Years of the Movement for Indigenous Rights from 4pm to 5pm on Saturday, May 31, at The Dip Festival Marquee.

Outback Jess Day will launch Spotto books and Tenille Dowe will launch Being and Belonging from 9:30am to 10:10am on Sunday, June, also at the marquee.

Toby Davidson will launch The Grand Reopening from 5.30pm to 7pm on Thursday, June 5, at Upstairs Wines Ettalong.

The cost of an adult ticket for the festival is \$160.

SOURCE:
Media release, 9 Apr 2025
Words on the Waves
Writers Festival

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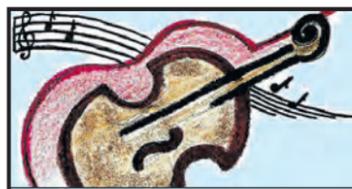
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Forum

Green infrastructure is more than a facade

I note the recent grants provided to shopfronts under the Council's Facade Improvement Program.

The primary aim of the program is to enhance visitor experiences of town centres and revitalise town centres.

It might be difficult to track data on how well this aim has been achieved across the Central Coast shopfronts that have received funding under this program.

Two grant recipients were approved for painting and signage in Woy Woy at the end of 2024.

I would like to suggest that a longer term plan for enhancing visitor experience and revitalising town centres lies in more extensive planning and maintenance of public garden areas in Woy Woy.

This would include looking after trees; creating garden spaces that looked cared for and

are maintained by appropriately trained staff on a permanent basis.

Garden staff should be visible in the community tending the gardens; trialling new plantings in front of the oval; improving the library gardens; improved seating options in gardens as they are established.

In short, this is bringing this aspect of planning, maintenance and revitalisation to the forefront.

Green infrastructure can provide shade; create habitat and provide a boost for biodiversity.

It provides an outdoor connection to nature enhancing physical and mental wellbeing and is available to all regardless of age, ability, or language spoken.

It would be so much more than a facade.

SOURCE:
Email, 24 Mar 2025
Wendy Baylis, Woy Woy



Seating needed at Memorial Park

Our Woy Woy Memorial Park, with its cenotaph and memorial plaques, is a lovely place to visit and relax.

Unfortunately, with Anzac Day approaching, there are no seats or benches to sit on.

Visitors can only sit on the grass or on the stone surroundings of the memorial sites.

That is, if they are able.

People also walk along the Brisbane Water side towards Lions Park.

This is a long walk, and if you need to rest, there is no seating either, except for two covered table settings.

This part of Woy Woy attracts visitors, but more can be done to

attract more visitors and increase enjoyment for all if more seating were to be placed along the path and at the memorial park.

We have seen what placing seating at Ettalong Beach has done for that area.

Why not here?

SOURCE:
Email, 8 Apr 2025
Johanna Reygersberg, Woy Woy

Planning appeals should go to tribunal

Frank Wiffen ("Saga illustrates planning system flaws", PN616) has pointed out some of the shortcomings of the development-approval system.

There are several others that deserve the Minister's attention, particularly as they relate to small-scale applications that drag on for months, for no reason at all except the cumbersome process that Council follows for every application.

I have previously suggested that the backlog can easily be dealt with, by a simple alteration in the Act to change "deemed to be refused" to "deemed to be approved" after, say, 60 days without a decision.

Front fences, carparks and the like could pass automatically through the approval process, unless the Council had some specific objection that can be brought to the applicant's attention for correction.

Probably, one person in the Planning Office could deal with all these trivial matters expeditiously, sparing applicants months of pointless wait, while the Council's

mills grind exceeding small.

Another area that requires attention is the appeals process.

At present, all appeals have to be settled in the Land and Environment Court, through a procedure that is slow and enormously expensive.

In fact, the average person cannot, in any practical sense, appeal against a Council decision, without the risk of bankrupting himself, so justice is effectively denied in a great many cases.

I have suggested to the Minister that, in the case of small applications, an avenue of appeal could be opened to NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

The Minister's response was that planning requirements were too complicated for NCAT and required the expertise of the court for proper adjudication.

It is puzzling that the Australian Administrative Tribunal manages to deal with an enormous variety of complex subjects, including taxation, welfare, unemployment and immigration (all far more complicated than planning) but NCAT is, apparently, too incompetent to be entrusted with

a role in the administrative-appeal process above the kindergarten level.

Every time there is a court appeal, ratepayers have to foot the bill for a legal extravaganza that is both unnecessary and unfair.

I recall that, at one time, the Minister used to appoint a Commissioner (normally, a planning professional) who dealt with matters in an informal hearing and made a recommendation to the Minister who held power over the final decision.

There was no Court palaver, no expensive legal counsel and no delay in getting the decision, so, if the Minister is so concerned about NCAT's lack of planning expertise, it is only necessary to recruit a few "Commissioners" to become members of the Tribunal.

I guarantee that they won't lack for appeals to keep them busy, and the knowledge that an applicant has a means of appeal might introduce some sense of urgency and reality into Council proceedings.

SOURCE:
Email, 15 Apr 2025
Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy

Making a great contribution to my community

My name is David Tanare and I am proud to belong to The Peninsula Residents Association.

It's a non-partisan group which focuses on improving the liveability and sustainability of the Woy Woy Peninsula.

Our goal is to give a unified voice to the community on quality-of-life issues, ensuring social and environmental sustainability.

We share information, address residents' concerns, represent their interests, advocate for responsible planning, and encourage community engagement, collaborate with other groups, and coordinate beneficial activities.

Our goal is to enhance local

infrastructure and services while providing a collective voice for residents in discussions with local and government bodies.

It is a great organisation to belong to as I feel that I am making a great contribution to my local community.

I am a building designer. I focus on designing buildings that provide practical solutions to meet clients' lifestyle needs.

As a member of the Peninsula Residents Association, I gain insights into maintaining the Peninsula as a sustainable, environmentally friendly area which also helps my business.

SOURCE:
Email, 13 Apr 2025
David Tanare, Woy Woy

Preschool site concerning

I am writing as a local resident and supporter of early childhood education to express both my support for the addition of a new preschool in our community and my concern regarding the proposed location for its construction.

While I welcome the investment in expanding educational infrastructure, the current proposed site will significantly impact an important green space and outdoor playground that is critical for students K-2 years.

These outdoor areas play a vital role in children's development and wellbeing, offering a safe place for physical activity, social interaction, and a connection to nature—especially in an increasingly urbanised environment.

Additionally, the inclusion of a new parking area as part of the proposal seems unnecessary given the existing infrastructure.

There is already sufficient parking nearby, and any concerns about drop-off congestion could be effectively mitigated by implementing staggered start times, as is common practice in many schools.

This would improve efficiency without sacrificing green space.

I urge you to consider an alternative site for the preschool which has already been identified within the school grounds.

This location currently comprises underutilised or out-of-bounds areas that would be far less disruptive to student recreation and the broader community.

By choosing this alternate site, the preschool can proceed with minimal environmental and social impact, while still meeting the needs of local families.

Please sign the petition at <https://chng.it/YS44ZVptDj>.

SOURCE:
Email, 11 Apr 2025
Sarah Lambkin, Umina

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Raising the tax-free threshold for

Matt Lloyd, One Nation

self-funded retirees to \$35,000pa.

Eliminating the excise on alcohol served at licensed venues.

Immigration levels remain at record highs despite promises made by both the ALP and LNP. We propose:

A 130,000 per year immigration cap.

Deporting 75,000 illegal workers and immigrants currently in Australia.

Ending the student visa loopholes that allow applications for permanent residency.

Reintroducing Temporary Protection Visas.

Introducing an eight-year waiting period for both citizenship and welfare.

Australia's national debt continues to increase at an alarming rate.

One Nation proposes:
Ending the multi-national corporate rorting on natural gas by levying royalties at the point of production and creating a domestic gas reserve.

Cracking down on the estimated \$3 billion in Medicare and PBS fraud.

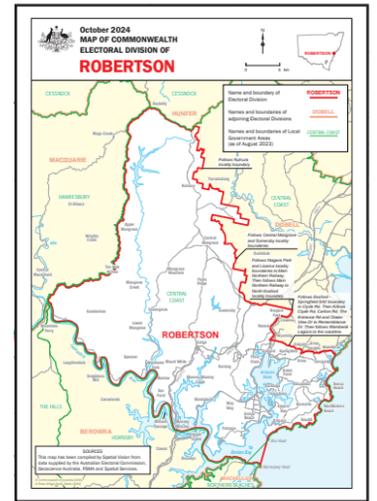
Abolishing the Department of Climate Change and related

agencies and programs, estimated to cost \$30 billion a year. Protection programs for the natural environment would be left untouched.

Replacing Indigenous Agencies and departments with direct grants and essential remote infrastructure based on need not race, saving \$12.5 billion.

Returning the NDIS to its original purpose, helping the severely disabled, and introducing means testing potentially saving \$20 billion a year.

SOURCE:
Media release, 15 Apr 2025
Matt Lloyd, Pauline Hanson's One Nation



Robertson electorate

The Robertson electorate boundaries encompass an area including the Peninsula to Wiseman's Ferry to Bucketty and to Terrigal, an area of 939 square kilometres and about 112,700 electors.

Seven nominations have been received for the electorate for the 2025 Federal election to be held on Saturday, May 3.

The candidates are:

- 1 Matt Lloyd, Pauline Hanson's One Nation
- 2 Cheryl Wallace, The Greens NSW
- 3 Lucy Wicks, Liberal Party NSW
- 4 Tom Lillycrap, Legalise Cannabis Party
- 5 Lisa Bellamy, Independent
- 6 David Borg, Trumpet of Patriots
- 7 Gordon Reid, Australian Labor Party NSW.

Each candidate was invited to submit a statement of policies for publication in this issue of Peninsula News.

No contribution was received from Tom Lillycrap or David Borg.

Contributions received from the others are published here.

SOURCE:
Website, 17 Apr 2025
Australian Electoral Commission

The Central Coast is beautiful, and I want to keep it that way.

As a Registered Nurse for 45 years, mother, grandmother, bird and nature lover, I see the community through volunteering with Oz Harvest, Surf Life Saving, Landcare and my outdoor activities.

Intergenerational unfairness is growing while we pay more for basics and billionaires make massive profits.

The Greens will deliver cost of

Cheryl Wallace, Greens

living relief by taxing billionaires and large corporations to pay their fair share of tax to fund services and make supermarket price gouging illegal.

The Greens will address housing affordability by ending tax handouts to wealthy property investors, including negative gearing changes, caps on rent increases, and build homes people can afford.

The Greens will urgently address the climate crisis and

environment protections to support clean, cheap renewable energy and end native forest logging.

No new coal and gas, end subsidies to polluters and no nuclear.

The Greens will fight for healthcare and education with dental and mental health into Medicare, GP for free, fully fund public schools, quality, free early childhood education, end student debt and free university and TAFE.

The Greens will prioritise First

Nations Justice on Closing the Gap and support the International Court of Justice immediate ceasefire.

The Greens will keep Trump politics out and redirect AUKUS to benefit Australia's defence.

Greens policies work for people. See <https://greens.org.au/>

I'll stand up, speak out and act to deliver real solutions for the Central Coast.

If you want to change you have to vote for it.

SOURCE:
Election statement, 17 Apr 2025
Cheryl Wallace, Greens

Lucy Wicks, Liberal

a canteen with dual storage, a small clubroom, accessible amenities and storage for summer and winter sports.

Amenities at Erina Oval would be redeveloped for \$1.2 million including women's changerooms, a canteen with dual storage, a small clubroom, accessible amenities and storage for summer and winter sports.

At Patrick Croke Oval in Kincumber, \$500,000 would deliver two change rooms and accessible amenities.

Liberal candidate for

Robertson, Lucy Wicks, said these commitments were "an investment in the ability of our young people to play the sports they love on the Central Coast".

"Our kids deserve access to facilities comparable to those available in Sydney and other regions in New South Wales, and these commitments will deliver that," Ms Wicks said.

"Some of our local sporting facilities have not been able to accommodate the growth in participation in local sport on the Coast, particularly amongst young

women and girls.

"Our sporting stars of the future rightly expect that they can change in privacy and have access to high-quality amenities, regardless of their age or ability.

"When we have high levels of participation in local sport, our community is not only healthier, but we become more connected and stronger, as a region.

"These commitments are part of the Liberals' plan to get Australia back on track."

She said the plan was available at nswliberal.org.au/our-plan.

SOURCE:
Media release, 15 Apr 2025
Michael Watkinson, NSW Liberals

A Dutton Liberal Government will commit \$3.5 million to deliver upgrades to grassroots sporting facilities across the Central Coast, according to Liberal candidate for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks.

These commitments include upgrades which would improve access, safety and participation at sporting facilities across East Gosford, Erina and Kincumber, she said.

Amenities at Hylton Moore Oval 7 in East Gosford would be redeveloped for \$1.8 million including women's changerooms,

Lisa Bellamy, Independent

beaches, precious bushland, and close-knit neighbourhoods. But we're under pressure.

Overdevelopment, unaffordable housing, and skyrocketing rents are forcing locals out — if you can even get out, with our roads more clogged than ever. GP clinics are overstretched, aged care support

is lacking, and our reserves and parks are constantly under threat.

I want to be a voice of reason and compassion — someone who listens to locals, not party bosses or corporate donors. My vision is simple: a healthy environment, healthy community, and healthy food. That means stopping

inappropriate developments, protecting bushland and pocket forests and supporting small-scale farmers. We need to get back to local solutions for our local issues.

We also need to ask the bigger questions. Why are things so broken? Let's tax big polluters and foreign-owned corporations, introduce a vacancy tax so we use the empty homes already

here, and break up the corporate duopolies holding us back.

I believe we can build a thriving local economy that protects our way of life and our future. A vote for me sends a clear message to the major parties: people and the planet must come before profits.

SOURCE:
Election statement, 17 Apr 2025
Lisa Bellamy: A Coastie Who Cares

As a mother, grandmother, wildlife carer and finance manager, I'm running as an Independent for the seat of Robertson because it's time to put our community and environment ahead of profits for a few.

The Peninsula is a unique part of the Coast — beautiful

Gordon Reid, Labor

upgraded to a Headspace Plus.

Locals will have access to free, walk-in mental health support and care with the upgrade of an existing mental health service to a full Medicare Mental Health Centre in Tuggerah.

Medicare Mental Health Centres provide free, walk-in mental health support and care for people in

distress and ongoing care for more complex mental health needs.

The centres are staffed by a multidisciplinary care team, including social workers, nurses and peer support workers, who will provide wraparound support and care across extended hours.

To boost access to specialist care, the Albanese Labor

Government has invested an additional \$29.9 million to provide access to psychologists and psychiatrists for every centre in the 2024-25 Budget.

The Medicare Mental Health Centre in Tuggerah is part of a \$225 million election commitment to roll out 31 new and upgraded Medicare Mental Health Centres.

Further, Headspace provides a welcoming, youth-friendly space

and highly trained staff who can provide help with mental health care, physical and sexual health care, alcohol and drug issues, and work and study.

Headspace centres assist the growing number of young people aged 12 to 25 years who experience or are at risk of mild to moderate mental ill-health.

SOURCE:
Media release, 8 Apr 2025
Gordon Reid, Australian Labor Party

Education

School to attend Woy Woy Anzac Day service

Woy Woy South Public School will participate in the Anzac Day Service held at the Memorial Park on April 25, despite the day being in the middle of the school holidays.

"This important event allows us to honour the bravery and sacrifices of those who served in the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps during World War I and subsequent conflicts," said school principal Mr Matt Barr.

"Any student wishing to be a part of the service is welcome to march.

He said that students would gather at 10am in the Deepwater carpark, opposite Gloria Jeans coffee shop.

Students will be expected to wear full school uniform including

hat, and to bring a drink bottle.

"We invite all families to join us in this meaningful ceremony which will begin at 10.30 am at the Memorial Park, Woy Woy," said Mr Barr.

"The ceremony will commence promptly.

"Woy Woy South staff will be in attendance at the Deepwater carpark and will march with the students to the Memorial Park.

"Parents are required to be in attendance and collect their children from the teachers at the conclusion of the service.

"It is a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn about the significance of Anzac Day and to reflect on the values of courage, mateship, and sacrifice."

SOURCE:
Social media, 9 Apr 2025
Matt Barr, Woy Woy South Public School



Students were 'principal' on rewards day

Several Woy Woy South Public School students have been chosen to "Be the Principal" for good behaviour during Term 1 as part of Bluey's Reward Day.

Kicking school principal Mr Matt Barr out of his desk, they put on a tie, glasses and blazer to look the part.

The "super-excited" students wrote certificates for students and

teachers who were showing their 3Rs.

Other rewards on "Bluey's Reward Day" included "be the teacher", eating during class, bringing a toy to school, wearing "mufti", a classroom swap, Mr Barr's Pizza Party, cooking, ice creams and a lucky dip.

SOURCE:
Social media, 11 Apr 2025
Woy Woy South Public School

School upgrades during holidays

Woy Woy Public School is having upgrades undertaken over the school holidays.

"The playground will undergo significant improvements, including excavation work to install a new drainage system and resurfacing the asphalt from the preschool area to the car park," said school principal Ms Sandy Knowles.

"In addition, we will be installing new blinds in the administration, B-Block, and D-Block to improve the comfort and aesthetics of these spaces.

"We will also replace the existing mismatched shelving with new cabinetry along the B-Block hallways, providing a more cohesive and functional environment.

"We will be adding three new wet areas in B-Block, ensuring our students have access to modern facilities that support their learning and play."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 28 Mar 2025
Sandy Knowles, Woy Woy PS



SRC looks at house system

Brisbane Water Secondary College's "Super Students Representative Council" recently held a planning day at Umina campus.

The Super SRC, which consists of students from both campuses, focused on "reimagining the

college's house system".

"Their work throughout the day was outstanding, and they have exciting announcements to come," said Umina campus principal Ms Kerrie Thomas.

SOURCE:
Social media, 11 Apr 2025
BWSC Umina

Night under the ... Hall Roof

Brisbane Water Secondary College's Night under the Stars was moved to the Woy Woy campus hall due to threatening skies.

With "precarious grey clouds", organisers decided to "play it safe" and move the event indoors.

The night was still deemed a success with "talented music students who lit up the stage with beautiful and fun performances".

SOURCE:
Social media, 9 Apr 2025
BWSC Woy Woy



St John's students explore meaning of belonging

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School students have explored the meaning of inclusiveness and belonging, as they celebrated Harmony Day recently.

"This is one of our favourite events of the year," said school principal Ms Nicole Davies.

"Our whole school came together for a special assembly, featuring the diverse range of cultures that makes up our vibrant school community.

"Flags, traditional costumes, greetings and mottoes in different languages were shared during this beautiful celebration.

"Harmony Day certificates were also presented to some students at morning assembly this week, to show our appreciation for these student's consistent, genuine and enthusiastic willingness to assist in all aspects of Harmony Day.

"As part of the students continual cultural and language learning,



during their weekly Greek lessons, they have also discovered the religious and historical significance of March 25 in Greece and will conclude the term by learning Greek Easter wishes, customs and traditions."

SOURCE:
Social media, 9 Apr 2025
SJB Catholic Primary School Woy Woy

Disco night had record attendance

Umina Beach Public School held a night of disco dancing for Years K-2 and 3-6 organised by the school's P/C on Tuesday, April 8.

"We had around 450 students attend, about 75 per cent of the school, which might just be our biggest attendance record and all students at both discos were amazing," said school principal Ms Karen Wardlaw.

"I have attended many, many schools discos and I can honestly say last night topped them all in terms of student engagement, positive behaviour, enthusiasm, great manners and consideration of others," she said.

She said the time, energy and effort put in by parents planning, organising and working behind



the scenes with school staff who assisted, supervised and DJ'ed "really was a night of community

partnership in action".

SOURCE:
Social media, 9 Apr 2025
Umina Beach Public School

Bridge club holds premier event

Brisbane Water Bridge Club's Open Teams club championship is the club's premier event of the year and the Country Teams qualifier.

The tournament was held over two sessions with 10 teams signed up.

Team Foate won the day with a clean sheet of nine wins.

Team Fane picked up second place with seven wins and two losses.

Third place went to Team Foster with five wins and four losses.

The championship was directed by Peter Hume, who is in demand at other clubs for higher level events.

The day closed with drinks to celebrate the 2025 champions.

Results after nine of nine matches were:

1 Donelle Foate, Christine Hadaway, Gary Heyting, Stephanie Mathews 131 Imps (138.38 VPs) 9-0-0 W-D-L, 2.16 red points.

2 Felicity Fane, Elaine Hume, Matt Raj Mal, Jorgen Boettiger 109 (127.20) 7-0-2, 1.68.

3 Sylvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa, Jim Routledge, Karen Ody 96 (112.96) 5-0-4, 1.20.

4 Pauline Caust, Alan Bustany, Anne Grayden, Julie Sadler 45 (104.88) 6-0-3, 1.44.

5 Kevin Hughes, Tracey Dillon, Beryl Lowry, John Aldersley -5

(89.31) 5-0-4, 1.20.

6 Fiona Templeton, Ross Templeton, Frankie Craven, Spider Redgold -48 (76.24) 3-0-6, 0.72.

7 Shirley Crockett, Sue Morris, Sue Eastman, Margaret Driscoll -42 (74.61) 3-0-6, 0.72.

8 Jenny Buckley, Joan Walsh, David Bowerman, Dasha Brandt -52 (69.16) 2-0-7, 0.48.

9 Judy Wulff, Susan McCall, Deborah Guthrie, David Adams -71 (67.51) 4-0-5, 0.96.

10 Merylyn Reid, Anne Birt, Susan Asley, Kerry Robertson -163 (39.75) 1-0-8, 0.24.

SOURCE:
Social media, 6 Apr 2025.
Brisbane Water Bridge Club



Easter Bowling Carnival held in 'beautiful weather'

The Everglades Country Club held its Easter Bowling Carnival last Saturday, April 19.

"It was a great day on the green," said bowling club secretary Ms Vicki Redrup.

"The weather was beautiful, a little warm but perfect for bowling.

"It was a wonderful day filled with lots of fun and laughter."

There were 14 teams playing. Congratulations to the winners, with the the draw, cards and scoring

organised by Grant Ireland who had just returned from holidays.

Winners were Rita Farkas, Richard Carlyle and Maureen Carlyle (pictured).

Second were Ross Meyers, Don McFarlane and Beverly McFarlane.

Third were Geraldine Baxter, Vicki Redrup and Mick Redrup

SOURCE:
Media release, 19 Apr 2025
Vicki Redrup, Everglades Bowling Club

Technical director at SEU

Southern and Ettalong United Football Club has announced the appointment of Josh Jamieson as its technical director for 2025.

"Josh is a current Football NSW Sports School Coach whose football journey began with a decorated youth career, before playing senior football with Blacktown City and Hills United in the State League," said club president Ms Stevie Skene.

"An injury unfortunately brought his playing career to an early close at the age of 23.

"His coaching career spans both Australia and the USA, including roles as technical director at Rouse Hill Rams in 2008 and assistant coach at Gahanna Lincoln Lions High School Division 1 in Ohio in 2011-2012.



"Josh spent more than seven years at Southern and Ettalong United, coaching both boys' and girls' programs before joining Marconi NPL 2 Girls, where he coached the under-14s, under-15s and under-20s over three seasons.

"Most recently, he coached the under-18s and assisted the under-23s at Sydney Olympic in the NPL 1 Girls competition and is Southern and Ettalong United's current 14s Pathways coach.

"Josh also currently serves as the Football NSW Naidoc State Team Coach for the under-16 boys."

SOURCE:
Social media, 13 Apr 2025
SEUFC

President impressed

Woy Woy Lions Rugby Club president Mr Phil Burgess has welcomed "an impressive win" for the club's Men Premier 1 team in Gosford in round one.

"Premier 2 came back from staring down the barrel of a defeat, at half-time to end the game tied 29-29.

"Premier 3 lost but were competitive with many players who had never played together before in the side.

"Our men's registrations continue to climb from last season when we were running just Firsts and Seconds and only had 1.5 teams worth of players.

"This season we have three fresh teams of players, plus reserves for Third grade."

SOURCE:
Social media, 10 Apr 2025
Phil Burgess, Woy Woy Rugby Club

Water bottle graveyard

Woy Woy Tennis Club has established a "Water Bottle Graveyard" on top of the fridge in its clubroom.

Members have been asked to take that which is theirs.

There's some other lost property there too.

SOURCE:
Social media, 12 Apr 2025
Woy Woy Tennis Club



WHAT'S ON at ETTALONG BOWLING CLUB

Spoil your Mum this Mother's Day, Sunday 11th May, at Ettalong Bowling Club. Loads of Gift Cards, prizes and a MAJOR Mother's Day Hamper up for grabs in the Sunday Club Raffles. Tickets on sale from 10am - Raffle drawn at 12.30pm.

Enjoy a Seafood Platter from the Alfresco Brasserie for only \$99.00 and stay for the afternoon to enjoy Fifth Whisky perform from 2pm in the main lounge area.

Harrys Restaurant is offering a complimentary lamington with cream for dessert for all the Mum's ordering the banquet for lunch or dinner. Don't forget to check out the "All You Can Eat Buffet" at Harrys Restaurant every Thursday: Tasty seafood, traditional Chinese cuisine, roast meats & vegetables and a chocolate fountain tower with fresh fruit are just a few things on offer.

Tickets are selling fast to the "Bingo With A Twist" Naughty Numbers event on Friday 23rd May. Tickets only \$20. Purchase from reception or Club website. Our friendly staff look forward to your visit.



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MOTHER'S DAY

Raffle

Celebrate Mother's Day with us!

SUNDAY 11TH MAY

Join us for a wonderful day filled with joy and delicious food.

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Pre order your Seafood Platter for two from the Alfresco Brasserie by Thursday 8th April 5pm.

Lots of gift cards and the ultimate Mother's Day Hamper up for grabs in the Sunday Club Raffles.

Tickets on Sale from 10am - Drawn at 12:30pm.

ENTERTAINMENT BY FIFTH WHISKY IN THE MAIN LOUNGE FROM 2PM.



THE BEST-KEPT SECRET ON THE CENTRAL COAST

Sport

Second straight 3-2 victory for Southern and Ettalong

Southern and Ettalong's 3-2 defeat of Budgewoi was the Match of Round 2 in Men's Premier League games in the Central Coast soccer competition.

The bright lights of James Browne Oval and a lively crowd held witness to the five-goal thriller between the two sides.

This was the second straight 3-2 victory to start the season for Southern, remaining one of two teams yet to drop points this year.

Unlike last week where Southern found themselves down with 10 minutes to play, it was a fast start for Matt Page's men who opened the scoring after just five minutes of play.

A beautifully whipped corner from the precise left-foot of Jacob Lepre found defender Jack Jenkins at the near post who guided the ball off his head into the back of the net for his second goal in as many weeks.

Southern's one-goal advantage soon turned to two when another corner, this time from the other side, was whipped deep into the back stick where Southern's captain Todd Balneaves met the ball with his head, steering the ball into the ground and past the Budgewoi keeper to take the game to 2-0 after 18 minutes.

It didn't take Budgewoi long to respond.

In the 22nd minute, Charlie

Entwistle evaded two Southern defenders down the right flank and whipped a pinpoint cross across the opposition's box where Stuart Adams was able to tap it past the oncoming keeper.

With 10 minutes left to play in the opening period, Budgewoi was able to get the game back on level terms following a free kick.

Just outside Southern's 18-yard box, Stuart Adams stood over the ball and delivered a dangerous cross into the back stick.

The ball struck the retreating Southern defender who accidentally turned the ball into the back of his own net.

As was the case the previous week, locked at 2-2 and needing a goal, a long throw-in from Todd Balneaves found Alfie Martin who was posted up inside the six-yard box.

Martin was able to volley home his chance, restoring Southern's lead to 3-2.

Budgewoi's endeavour to fight their way back into the game became a little more difficult in the 79th minute when coach Corey Atkinson was sent from the field.

Both sides kept the high tempo and intensity throughout the whole 90 minutes and certainly entertained both crowds.

Match official was Miles Allen-Scott.

SOURCE:
Website, 16 Apr 2025
Central Coast Football



Triples final played at Umina Beach

Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club played its Ladies Triples final on Sunday, April 13.

Pat Neal, Lyn Kennedy and Leila Gilmour defeated Natasha McDowall, Cheryl Catchpool and Lauren Ford in a closely fought match.

"It was played in great conditions and was interesting to watch," said club website editor Ms Lesley Swales.

"We had seven entries for this

event."

In the semi-finals, Natasha McDowall, Cheryl Catchpool and Lauren Ford defeated Judy Brown, Lynette Hodder and Susan Craske in a close game, with only one shot the difference.

In the other semi-final, Jean Boardman, Lynette Kennedy and Leila Gilmour defeated Kerry Yates, Barbara Schultz, Cheryl Ryan in another close game.

"The final was played in ideal conditions," said Ms Swales.

"Both teams started off well, the

lead changing throughout.

"However Leila's team forged ahead three-quarters of the way through but Lauren's team fought back and in the end lost by only three shots."

Pictured are winners Pat Neal who replaced Jean Boardman, Lynette Kennedy and Leila Gilmour.

Runners Up: Natasha McDowall, Cheryl Catchpool, Lauren Ford.

SOURCE:
Social media, 13 Apr 2025
Lesley Swales, UBWBC

Jodie has another medal-winning performance

Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club member Jodie Mead has followed her medal-winning performance Aussie Surf Lifesaving Championships earlier this month, winning medals at the Australian Age and MC swimming championships in Brisbane over the past week.

Jodie won a silver medal at Aussie Surf Lifesaving Championships earlier this month.

She won gold as part of NSW 15-17yr Girls team in the 4x50 relay at the swimming championships.

She won silver in the Girls 16yr 50m freestyle.

Jodie also swam in the 100m freestyle, 100m butterfly and 400m



freestyle finals.

SOURCE:
Social media, 17 Apr 2025
Ocean Beach SLSC

Netball 15s team finalised

The Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association has finalised its 15s representative team for 2025.

After a retrial, two more players have been added to the initial team.

They are Elisha Field and Coco Wainiqolo.

The team now comprises Chelsea Barker, Winter Hill, Tilly

Curran, Erin Kearns, Elisha Field, Aliyah Ryan, Ysobelle Gale, Danika Szostak, Annabel Griffith and Coco Wainiqolo.

Coaches are Roslyn Ferguson and Britney Thompson.

Manager is Lisa Holt.

SOURCE:
Social media, 10 Apr 2025
Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association



Ball girls under lights for Mariners match

Girls from Umina United Soccer Club have officiated on the sidelines under lights at the stadium in Gosford

recently.

They were ball girls at the recent Friday night Women's A-League clash between the Central Coast

Mariners and Melbourne Victory at Industree Group Stadium.

SOURCE:
Social media, 14 Apr 2025
Umina United Soccer Club

Matilda named youth volunteer of the year

Umina Surf Life Saving member Matilda Lawrence has been named Central Coast Council's Youth Volunteer of the Year for 2025 on Thursday, April 10.

"Matilda is a standout young member who gives so much to our club through lifesaving, coaching and leadership," said club president Ms Kerry Armstrong-Smith.

Club members Davara Marshall and India Darwin were also nominated for the Youth Leadership Award.

SOURCE:
Social media, 10 Apr 2025
Umina Surf Life Saving Club



Students will play in rugby union final

Four Peninsula students have been selected from among 80 boys attending the Central Coast Combined Zone Boys Rugby Union trials recently.

They were Finn Dixon and Lewis Papps from Woy Woy South, and Will Heap and Reuben Long from Ettalong.

The boys were part of two teams to compete against the other Central Coast zones and were selected for the final team to progress to the Sydney North trial.

SOURCE:
Social media, 7 Apr 2025
Andrew Smyth, SCCPSSA Rugby Union