



Rain cuts short golf

The Everglades golf course was closed after recent heavy rains.

May rainfall was the highest for the month in 20 years, causing minor flooding across the Peninsula

The golf course was closed on Saturday, May 24, and when it re-opened restrictions were placed on the use of hire carts or private ride-on vehicles.

The rain cut short the Men's Club Championships competition, which was "considered complete".

An email was to be sent to all golfing members about the championships.

SOURCE:
Social media, 23 May 2025
Chris Haynes, Everglades Country Club

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Tesch explores speed camera for Woy Woy Rd

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has called for an investigation of the installation of a speed camera at known speeding locations in Woy Woy Rd, following a multi-vehicle accident early on Tuesday, May 20.

Police said a sedan and a light truck collided head-on before an SUV collided with the first two vehicles.

The CareFlight helicopter was asked by NSW Ambulance to attend the accident at 7:30am.

CareFlight's specialist doctor and NSW Ambulance paramedics treated the driver of the sedan, a 45-year-old woman, for lower and upper limb injuries before she was transported by helicopter to Royal North Shore Hospital in a stable condition.

The driver of the truck, a 21-year-old man, was assessed and stabilised on scene by CareFlight's specialist doctor and NSW Ambulance paramedics before being taken by road in a stable condition to Royal North Shore Hospital.

The driver of the SUV, a 64-year-old woman, did not report any injuries.

The road was closed for several hours while the road was cleared of debris and fluids.

Ms Tesch said: "I have written to NSW Minister for Regional Roads and Transport, Ms Jenny Aitchison, requesting that Transport for NSW investigate the installation of a

speed enforcement camera on Woy Woy Rd.

"I have also requested that this stretch be considered for the ongoing trial of average speed cameras, reinforcing the importance of the need to 'drive to survive' in our community.

"As a regional road under the responsibility of Central Coast Council, I have also written to Council requesting a review of any safety upgrades that may be outstanding.

"While NSW Police regularly patrol this stretch, police simply cannot be in all places at all times.

"Every road user has a role to play in ensuring that each time we use every road across our community, we get home safely.

"No family should ever receive the call that their loved one has been hurt on our roads.

"Working together across every level of our community, we can ensure that everyone gets home to their loved ones safely."

Ms Tesch said she recognised the significant impact of driver behaviour leading to accidents on this winding stretch of road,

She said it was a known black spot and a busy route for those who travelled to Sydney and Newcastle each day.

She said the road had seen significant safety upgrades over the past decade.

These included safety signage, changed speed limits to weather conditions, cats-eyes, road quality improvements and safety barrier

upgrades.

Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid also called for action last week.

"During periods of wet weather, and due to its design, conditions along Woy Woy Road become unsafe for motorists.

"Last week we saw again why Woy Woy Road is dangerous when these conditions affect the region.

"As an emergency department doctor, I have seen firsthand the impact car accidents have on families and their loved ones.

"My thoughts go to the Walker family during this period, and I hope Danielle's recovery is swift.

"The car accident occurred last Tuesday morning leaving thousands of commuters either stuck in traffic or having to find alternate routes to get to the M1, along Brisbane Water Dr.

"There needs to be a review of measures to improve safety and better enforcement of the law to target poor driver behaviour."

Officers attached to Brisbane Water Police District have started inquiries into the incident.

Anyone with information or dashcam footage of the incident is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

SOURCE:
Media release, 27 May 2025
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford
Media release, 26 May 2025
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson
Social media, 20 May 2025
CareFlight
Website, 20 May 2025
NSW Police

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Mark Snell, 9 Nov 2023

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Tree group celebrates planting of 1000th tree

The Grow Urban Shade Trees team and volunteers have finally celebrated their planting of 1000 trees on the Peninsula.

The group had been waiting on some sunshine to celebrate at a planting project.

However, after two cancelled planting days, the team decided instead to get together to cut a cake to celebrate its 1000th tree for the Peninsula.

The group recognised the community support in "taking on these trees to add canopy, reduce urban heat and provide wildlife corridors".

The group also acknowledged the sponsorship of Ettalong Community Bank which has enabled the group to purchase advanced trees over the past four years.

SOURCE:
Social media, 18 May 2025
GUST Grow Urban Shade Trees

Invitation to stop by at The Bays fire station

The Bays Rural Fire Brigade is inviting people who may be interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter to stop by at The Bays fire station at 8am on Saturday morning.

"We'd love to help you decide if the Rural Fire Service is right for you," said captain Mr Stephen O'Donoghue.

"Stop by to have a chat and meet some of our crew.

"The NSW Rural Fire Service is the world's largest volunteer fire service, made up of more than 70,000 volunteers right across NSW.

"The volunteers are ready to respond to emergencies 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, all year round, attending a range of incidents from bush and grass fires to house and structure fires, road accidents and assisting at other events like floods, storms and searches."

SOURCE:
Social media, 19 May 2025
The Bays Rural Fire Brigade

May rainfall was highest in 20 years

The Peninsula has recorded its highest May rainfall in 20 years.

The May total by Friday morning, May 30, was 360mm, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

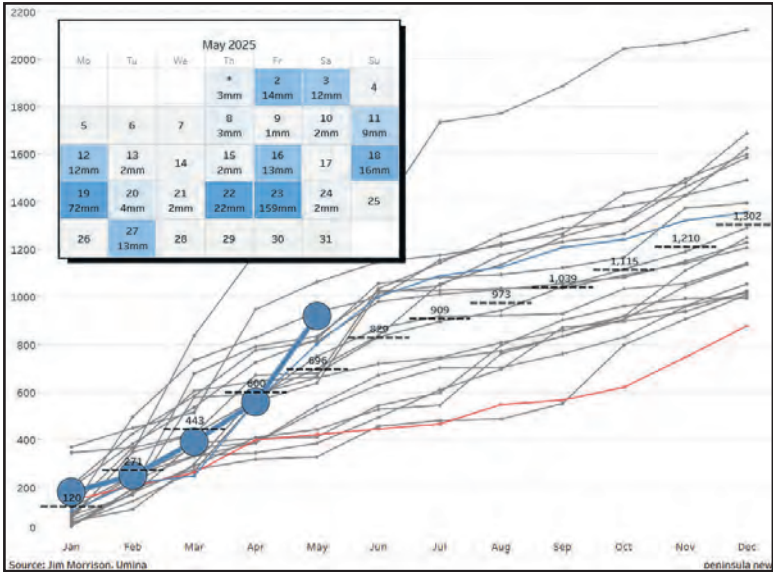
This is 50 per cent more than the previous highest May rainfall of 241.7mm recorded last year and more than double the next highest figure of 178.3mm recorded in May 2009.

It was more than four times the May average of 83mm.

The rainfall recorded for the 24 hours to 9am on Friday, May 23, was 158.9mm, the third highest daily amount recorded in 20 years.

The two days with more rain were February 19, 2020, with 161mm and January 19, 2015, with 165mm.

Four days earlier on May 19, a total of 71.5mm was recorded - the two days accounting for almost two



thirds of the month's rainfall.

Rain was recorded on 19 days of the month.

The total rainfall for the year to the end of May was 917.3mm, a third more than the average of

688mm.

More details, including daily rainfall figures, are available online at <http://penne.ws/Rain>.

SOURCE:
Spreadsheet, 30 May 2025
Jim Morrison, Umina

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Anti-social driving reduced with police presence

A high visibility police presence in Patonga Dr near Pearl Beach appears to have deterred anti-social driving activity in the area.

Highway Patrol and general duties police attended the area on 39 separate occasions between December 20 and January 31, Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has said in a letter to the Pearl Beach Progress Association. "During these taskings, action was taken against a driver for a PCA offence and another driver for a drug driving offence."

Ms Tesch said: "Late last year I convened a meeting with Pearl Beach residents, NSW Police and myself to discuss community concerns regarding hooning in and

around Pearl Beach. "I am advised by Superintendent Darryl Jobson, Commander of the Brisbane Water Police District, that following this meeting both Highway Patrol resources and general duties resources from the Brisbane Water Police District were tasked to target anti-social driving activity in the local area. "Between December 20 and March 12, I am advised that there have been minimal driving complaints received in this area and it appears that the high visible policing presence has deterred anti-social driving activity in this area."

SOURCE:
Website, 21 May 2025
Pearl Beach Progress Association



Dredge starts on sand removal

The "Port Frederick" trailing suction dredge will remove 30,000 cubic metres of sand from the Ettalong Channel in three to four weeks, according to Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

The dredging follows sand build-up in the channel due to recent swells.

Four locations along the channel will be dredged, with additional dredging near Lobster Bay.

"I was thrilled to see the Port Frederick dredge arrive in the Ettalong Channel," said Ms Tesch.

"It has been fantastic to see dredging prioritised, with the dredge arriving in weeks, not months, not requiring political upheaval, just simply to return our channel to navigable standards.

Ms Tesch said: "The NSW Government is committed to establishing a 10-year dredging plan, ensuring that our dredging is managed via a strategic plan,

rather than ad hoc emergency dredging.

"I look forward to the finalisation of this plan."

While dredging continues, the Palm Beach ferry will continue to divert to Patonga, and Transport for NSW will continue to operate a free alternative transport services from Wagstaffe to Patonga, she said.

SOURCE:
Media release, 26 May 2025
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford



Council issued tidal flooding warning

Central Coast Council issued a warning on Thursday, May 19, of "potential tidal flooding" in Woy Woy for that evening.

The previous 24 hours had seen 75mm of rain in Woy Woy.

"High tides in Brisbane Water are likely to see shallow overland flooding in some surrounding low-lying areas," the warning stated.

It predicted water coming up stormwater drains in Woy Woy town centre, directly from Brisbane Water

Brisbane Water peaked at 1.06m above sea level.

"Tonight's tide has the potential to be slightly higher, due to the water levels in Brisbane Water pumping up to higher levels over successive large tides.

"It is estimated that it is likely to reach 1.1m above sea level overnight, peaking at 3am on Tuesday, May 20.

"Images show mapping of the likely tidal flood extents."

SOURCE:
Social media, 19 May 2025
Central Coast Council

Monster Garage Sale at Pearl Beach

The annual June long weekend Monster Garage Sale will be held at the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall on Saturday, June 7.

Pearl Beach residents will host 20 stalls with a variety of pre-loved items including designer clothes, household goods, home wares, children's toys and interesting memorabilia.

A barbecue and other treats will be offer at the hall's Back Deck Cafe.

A cake stall and a raffle will also be held.

The Pearl Beach Progress Association will have its own stall with proceeds going towards



the Memorial Hall upkeep and maintenance.

Further information is available online at pearlbeachprogress.org.au.

SOURCE:
Media release, 28 May 2025
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association

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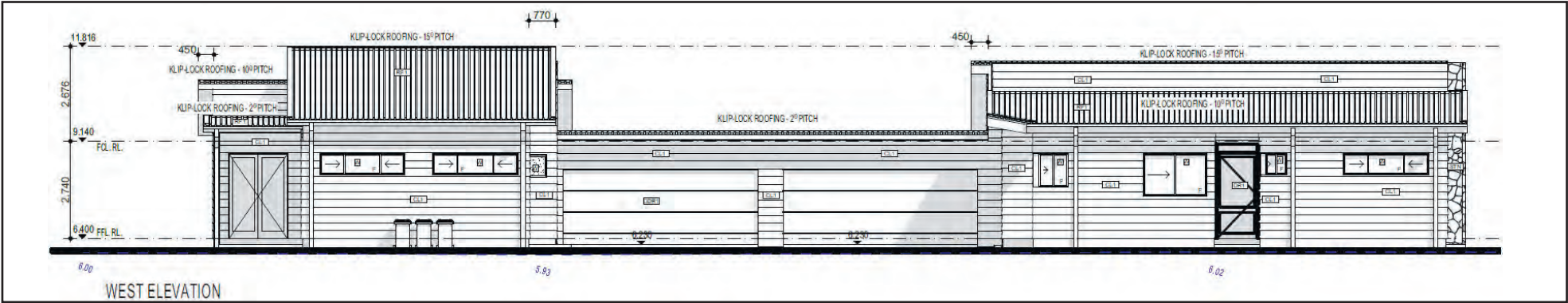
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Planning



Application makes no mention of open space non-compliance

A dual occupancy housing development has been proposed for 39 Donald Ave, Umina.

The proposal complies with most planning provisions, but does not mention open space non-compliance.

The maximum building height that applies to the property is 8.5 metres. The proposal complies at 5.766 metres.

The applicable maximum floor space ratio is 0.5:1. The proposed ratio complies at 0.30:1.

The site area is said to have a calculated area of 695.9 square metres, with a width of 15.32 metres and a depth of 45.695 metres.

The site is zoned R1 (general residential) with existing vegetation consisting of “low level shrubs and garden”.

It is claimed that proposed site coverage complies at 211.1 square metres (30.3 per cent) and that the proposal complies with all setbacks.

The application, prepared by Red Apple Design, claims that “the living areas and private open space to all units have a northern orientation and therefore receive the minimum amount of sunlight required” by the planning provisions.

Both private open space areas would exceed the minimum required area of 45 metres.

However, the private open

space for Unit 1 is located on the front setback which is not permitted under section 2.2.7.3 Private Open Space Areas of the Central Coast Development Control Plan.

This is not mentioned in the application.

According to the application, “the proposed development features two single storey architecturally designed units”.

“A mixture of coastal cladding and feature stone is designed to articulate the façade and create interest in the streetscape.

“The proposal provides both units with a private courtyard area at ground level, featuring a mix of hard and soft finishes to enhance its liveability.

“The courtyards are accessible

and mated to their corresponding living areas.”

There is no name supplied for the architect responsible for the design.

Vehicular access to the site will be provided from Donald Ave via a shared driveway and each unit will be provided with a double space garage.

There is no landscape plan provided.

However, the application claims that “low-lying plants and shrubs are proposed at the residence entrances to enhance the appeal of the access areas”.

There is no mention of any tree planting being considered.

The application claims to “embrace the objectives of the

planning instruments and control measures”.

It claims the proposal would be “a functional development with high levels of amenity both for the end user and those it neighbours.”

“It is demonstrated the development is of the character desired an encouraged in the location.

“It adds diversity, availability and affordability to the current housing stock.”

The application is on public exhibition and open for written submissions until June 23.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 31 May 2025
DA/497/2025, Central Coast Council

Britannia St three-unit proposal is re-advertised

A development application for three two-storey units at 10 Britannia St, Umina, originally lodged in 2023, has been re-advertised by Central Coast Council.

When originally exhibited the proposal attracted several objections.

The exact number of submissions is unknown, so it is not clear whether it would have gone to the Local Planning Panel for determination.

The proposal includes the demolition and removal of an existing dwelling on the 673.5 square metre site within the R1 (general residential) zone.

The original application outlined plans for three three-bedroom dwellings, with concrete slab footings, steel roofing, aluminium windows and a mixture of external cladding.

The re-exhibition has only one new document which is a revised set of plans, labelled Revision 4.

The plans show the driveway on the opposite side of the building from the original, now on the western side where previously on the east.

This allows a street tree in front of the property to be retained.

Another change provides a front setback of 6.76 metres, where previously it was 5.773 metres, in breach of council planning provisions requiring 6.7 metres, being the average of the setbacks of adjoining properties.

A third change is that the visitors’ car parking spot has been repositioned to replaces Unit 3’s second car space.

Unit 3 will now have only one off-street car parking space as will Unit 2, making a total of five spaces, four for residents and one for visitors.

The plans have also been changed to show true north, correcting an incorrect north point on the previous drawings.

This error had been pointed out in one submission for this application and is a common mistake that has been brought to the attention of the Central Coast Council in submissions on a number of previous occasions for other applications.

Plans lodged with the NSW Land Registry by the surveyor who laid out most of the streets on the Peninsula show an incorrect “magnetic meridian” marked as “MTM”

This north point is neither magnetic north nor true north, but a deviation of about 7.2 degrees clockwise (east) from true north.

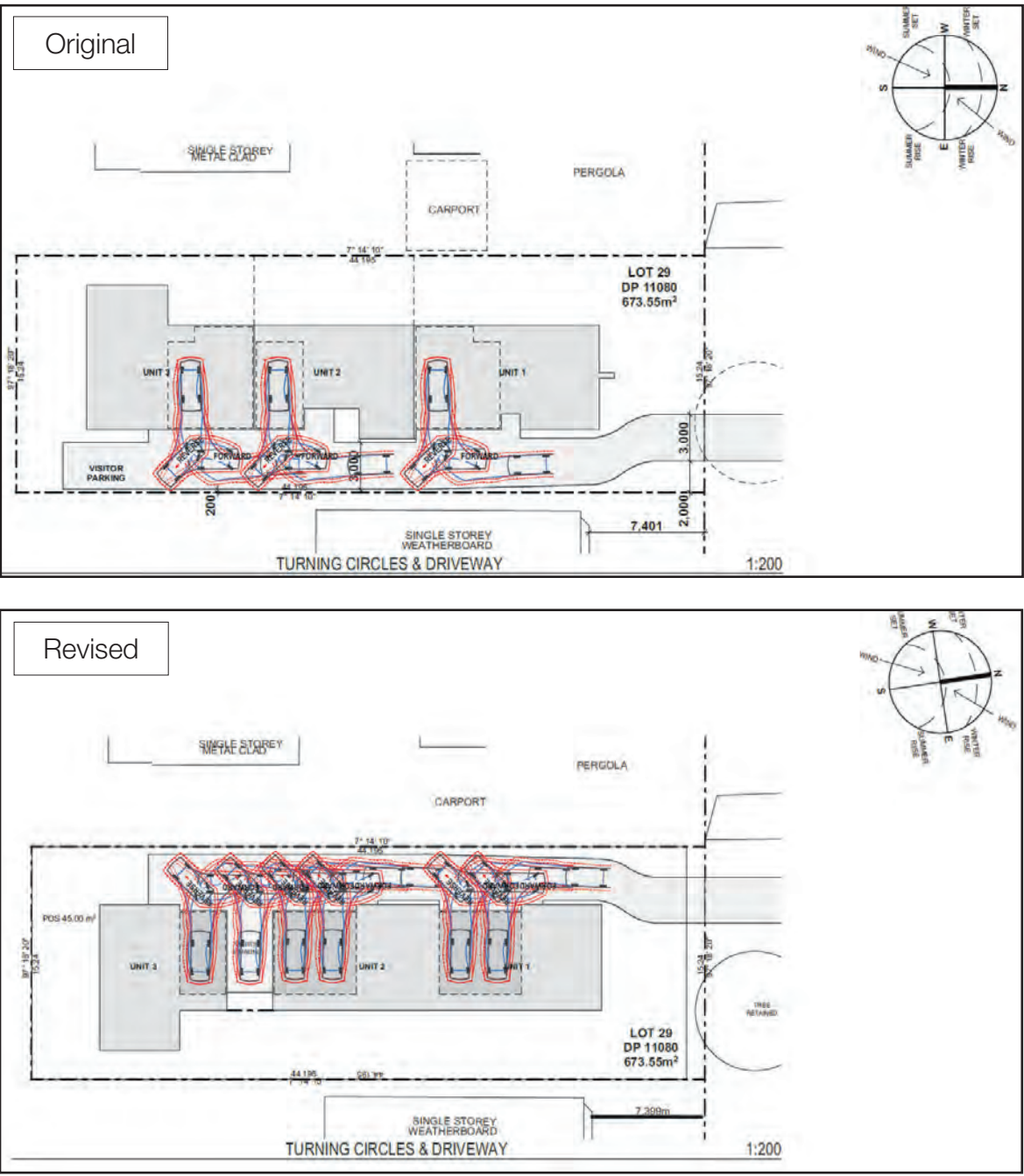
Unfortunately, while the north point on the plans has been corrected, the shadow diagrams for the building proposed for 10 Britannia St are still incorrect.

The number of shadow diagrams has increased with the re-exhibition.

The diagrams purport to show the shadowing at more frequent intervals but the shadow diagrams clearly have an azimuth error of 7.2 degrees.

The application is currently open for public submissions until June 6.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 31 May 2025
DA1336/2023, Central Coast Council



Panel approves development despite concern for tree

Local Planning Panel has expressed “concern about the loss” of an established street tree at 42 Hobart Ave, Umina, but has approved a non-compliant development application nevertheless that will result in the tree’s removal.

The application was for a dual occupancy of two four-bedroom units.

In its decision, the panel only required the planting of two three-metre shrubs, “that will grow to a height of three metres”, to compensate for the removal of the substantial shade tree.

The application attracted 22 public submissions, the majority objecting to the removal of the large healthy angophora floribunda on the road verge to make way for a proposed 7.7 metre wide 54 square metre concrete driveway crossover located centrally on the Hobart Ave frontage.

Existing vehicle access is to the left of the tree.

Many submissions asked why the existing access could not be used.

They pointed to numerous gun barrel developments of three or more units only having three metre wide driveways.

The council planner’s assessment stated: “The angophora floribunda or rough barked apple tree is a very common woodland and forest tree. It is a large tree reaching up to 30m tall and live for 40-plus years.”

No mention was made of the fact it is one of the two primary species of the rare Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland.

“From historic photographs this strand of trees has been on this verge area since at least the 1970s.

“The majority of vegetation in the area was removed prior to the 1970s.

“All other street trees both on Hobart Avenue and Mount Ettalong Road will be retained.

“Another building design would have required more trees to be removed.”

The council assessment defended the 7.7 metre width of the driveway.

“The application proposes a Torrens title subdivision of the dual occupancy.

“Narrowing the vehicle access crossing would require rights of access to be created over the driveways where turning paths for one dwelling encroached into the neighbouring lot.”

“This in effect would again reduce effective parking on site to the garage spaces only.

“Rights of access are not proposed with the subdivision of the development.”

One person addressed the panel about the application: Mr Frank Wiffen representing the Peninsula Resident’s Association.

He questioned the council assessment report assertion that “The cumulative impact of the proposed minor non-compliances of side setback and floor space ratio has been considered.”

He said that it was the cumulative effect of the non-compliances that led to the parking requirements which were being used to justify the driveway width.

This cumulative impact had not been addressed, he said.

These non-compliances enabled the units to be four bedrooms rather than three.

This meant that there had to be four off street car spaces in a “stacked” configuration, rather than only two.

Mr Wiffen said that, with four spaces, the council argued that an enormous driveway crossover was needed to allow one car to manoeuvre out of the way of the other without having to leave the property.

This would not have been necessary with two single spaces.

Mr Wiffen said the council should not be allocating an extensive area of public land to be covered in concrete and removing a valuable tree to provide what it called “residents’ private manoeuvring space”.

Mr Wiffen said that a maximum width for driveway crossovers was needed to protect neighbourhood amenity, including to retain on-street parking and to allow for substantial shade trees on the street verge.

The panel approved the application, with a 3-1 vote, adding conditions that trees in the rear yards be planted at least 1.5 metres from the boundaries and that at least one shrub, that will grow to a height of three metres, in each front yard.

The Panel commented: “The panel generally agrees with the assessment report but is concerned about the loss of the tree and wishes to add more significant landscaping to the front yards to compensate.

“The variations are minor and won’t have any perceivable impact on the built form.”

SOURCE:
Central Coast Local Planning Panel item 3.1, DA/1627/2023, 15 May 2025

Clean4shore picks up two Landcare awards

Clean4shore co-ordinator Mr Graham Johnston picked up two awards at the Greater Sydney Landcare Awards on Friday, May 23.

Clean4shore received a Highly Commended award for engaging the community in a Landcare program.

Mr Johnston accepted the other award, a junior landcare award, on behalf of Kincumber High School.

“The flooding rain prevented attendance by Kincumber High from attending the presentation at the Sydney Olympic Centre,” he said.

“Kincumber High School was a joint winner in the Junior Landcare Award targeting schools’ contribution to Landcare.

“With 28 schools currently involved in the Clean4shore program from Hornsby Shire to the Hunter, Kincumber High’s awards represents all of the students that contribute the bulk of our 907 volunteers involved in the program during 2024.”

Mr Johnston said: “Success



for Clean4shore and Kincumber High School at the Greater Sydney Landcare Awards follows the program’s efforts over the past two years.”

SOURCE:
Social media, 25 May 2025
Graham Johnston, Clean4shore

Tweens book club

The book of the month at Book Club for Tweens at Umina library will be Nevermoor by Jessica Townsend.

The book is described as a fantasy novel about a cursed girl who escapes death and finds herself in a magical world.

It will be discussed at the library from 3:30pm to 4:14pm on Wednesday, June 4.

Copies of the book are available from local libraries to read before the meeting.

The book club is especially for “tweens” aged from 10 years in school Years 5 and 6.

For further information, phone 4304 7333.

SOURCE:
Website, 26 May 2025
Library Services, Central Coast Council



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Forum

Walker has been returned

Just to let you know that we got my husband's walker back (Peninsula News Forum, May 19).

It just goes to show the power of the press. Apparently the lady who took it was 88 and was quite upset when

she realised she had taken an old gentleman's walker. It made me feel sorry for her. Anyway, the misunderstanding is all cleared up. Thank you for your assistance. SOURCE: Text message, 27 May 2025 Christine Fry, Forresters Beach

Medicare dental overdue

In her letter of May 19, Ms Jane Hendy is absolutely right: it is way overdue for dental services to be covered by Medicare. For far too long, successive governments have declined adding dental care to Medicare by hiding behind the 19th Century fiction that tooth decay is a "self-inflicted injury" from eating sugary foods. This ignores the fact of human nutrition that we are hard-wired to eat sugary foods as that's how we get our essential Vitamin C.

Nature tempts us with delicious sugary fruits which also just happen to have this essential vitamin. Federal Labor has just won win an impressive result, so it's a golden opportunity to implement this way-overdue measure to have the costs of essential dental care recoverable via Medicare. So, Dr Gordon Reid, our local Federal MP, go advocate for it. Now. SOURCE: Email, 27 May 2025 Bruce Stafford, Tascott

Arts

Writers 'celebrated words, ideas, culture'

The fifth annual Words on the Waves Writers Festival was held on the Peninsula over five days from May 28 to June 1 with author talks, industry panels, literary readings and writing workshops. Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch said the "celebration of the wonderful words, ideas, and culture" was illuminated by a theme of Burning Bright. "It is so wonderful to see Words on the Waves return for another year of literary discoveries and enlightening experiences," she said. "Events such as these not only enrich the cultural landscape and bring new visitors, they also inspire and empower people to foster their creative side and reach their full potential. "It is fantastic to see such a fabulous program of treats and treasures on offer for residents and visitors alike to enjoy."



SOURCE: Media release, 22 May 2025 Joely Langmaid, Office of the Member for Gosford

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Mr Dixon at his OAM award ceremony with NSW Governor Ms Margaret Beazley

Ettalong club director dies following ill health

A director of the Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club, Mr Ken Dixon, has died aged 73 at Gosford Hospital on Sunday, May 25, following ill health for the past two and half years.

Mr Dixon was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in last year's King's Birthday Honours for service to youth, and to the community of the Central Coast.

He was acknowledged for his role as vice-president of the bowling club board and as charity bowls co-ordinator and as a board member of the Community Bank in Ettalong from 2013-2019.

He was a director of Stewart House and its director of finance since 2013.

His sporting involvements have included being a life member of the Woy Woy Bowling Club and its Pelicans Fishing Club and a member of the executive of Woy Woy Cricket Club and its president from 1998-1999.

Before he retired, Mr Dixon was general manager of finance and administration for the Department of Education and Training from 2005-2009, and its director of finance prior to that from 1989-2004.

Ettalong Bowling Club director Mr Kerry Watkins said: "He was a well known and popular person on the Peninsula who in recent years was involved in introducing and co-ordinating Dickos Dogs Wednesday morning bowls at Ettalong.

"The event has grown to be the most popular social weekly event on the Coast where well over 100 bowlers play each Wednesday.

"Over the years Ken has also

raised funds for many charities including raising more than \$100,000 for Central Coast Kids in Need."

Mr Watkins said: "Ken was a member at Woy Woy Bowling Club for about 40 years and took on the role of chairman and administrator when the club was trading poorly.

"He attempted to place the club in a position to trade out of its financial difficulties and was successful for some time.

"Unfortunately the club finally had to sell its premises and with little capital injection and increasing overheads closed in 2022.

"Originally Ken's fund-raising efforts were focused on Careflight at Woy Woy Bowling Club before teaming up with Central Coast Kids In Need.

"On closing, the Charity Bowls was briefly run at Everglades before being welcomed by Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club some six years ago."

Mr Watkins said Mr Dixon had been a keen sportsperson.

"He played First Grade cricket for his local Bankstown Cricket Club.

"Being wicket keeper, he found himself behind the stumps at a time when Bankstown fielded two of Australia's fastest bowlers in Len Pascoe and Jeff Thomson.

"His love of cricket rarely saw him miss a New Year Test at the Sydney Cricket Ground where he was a long-time member.

"Being a Bankstown local, Ken was a loyal Canterbury Bulldogs supporter.

"Ken will be missed by his family, friends, and colleagues."

SOURCE:
Media release, 27 May 2025
Kerry Watkins, Ettalong Bowling Club

Donations wanted for progress association stall

Pearl Beach Progress Association is asking for donations for its stall at the annual Monster Garage Sale on Saturday, June 7.

Donated goods should be brought to the Association's stall at the Memorial Hall at 8am on the

day.

The Pearl Beach Arboretum has announced it will donate some gardening tools for the stall.

The sale will start from 9am.

SOURCE:
Social media, 23 May 2025
Pearl Beach Progress Association

Woman behind op shop wins award

Ettalong op shop operator Ms Carmen Wells has won the 2025 Gosford Seniors Award Winner.

Ms Wells and her husband Steve have run the Finders Keepers 17 opportunity shop in Ettalong for the past five years.

"Finders Keepers provides low-cost necessities and everyday items, while also acting as a safe and judgement-free space for all who enter," said Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch congratulating Ms Wells on her win.

"Carmen received a record-breaking number of nominations for her work, with multiple nominators describing her as a beloved and integral part of the community.

"Nominators have described Carmen's dedication to all members of the community, especially those experiencing poverty, homelessness, physical and mental health issues."

She said that one nominator commented that Ms Wells treated all people with courtesy, dignity and respect.



Many left her shop uplifted and happy that someone cared about them, according to that nomination.

"I have heard from so many members of our community about the positive impact that Carmen has had on their lives and the lives of those around them," said Ms Tesch.

"Her community-minded spirit,

kindness, and generosity is a true symbol of the best of our community, and her dedication to not only individual community members but also local groups and charities is an inspiration.

"Our community is incredibly lucky to have such wonderful role models."

The Gosford Local Seniors Award recognised individuals who make a positive contribution to the Central Coast community through their work, volunteering efforts, involvement in sports or community activities, she said.

Ms Wells said: "I'd also like to say, our shop has succeeded due to the hard work of our wonderful volunteers.

"The shop has grown from a seed to a beanstalk and beyond, only because of the community.

"The phone never stops ringing in our house. It's just so busy."

"I'd like to say thank you to my husband Steven, for doing absolutely everything."

SOURCE:
Media release, 30 May 2025
Joely Langmaid, Office of the Member for Gosford



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Engaging local communities in Council strategies

I was pleased to host a community workshop on 19 May on important Council documents that have been on exhibition (closing date 2 June).

The workshop was held at the Peninsula Community Centre, with over 40 participants coming together to discuss Council priorities.

Importantly, this workshop was held in partnership with local communities—with presentations from GUST, the Central Coast Better Planning Group and Future Sooner - and the chance for others to speak about priorities.

Concerns were raised about what is missing from these documents. In particular, it was felt that COSS (the Coastal Open Space System) is being written out of Council's priorities—and more action is needed to address urban heat.

The COSS is a long-term strategy that has identified lands to be voluntarily acquired by Council and protected for their biodiversity

values. The strategy has been in place for over 40 years, is unique in NSW and is only about 65% completed, so there is still more work to do. However, with the merged Council, there appears to be a move to abandon this important work.

The Peninsula has also been identified as a hot spot for the urban heat. At the April Council meeting, I called on Council to engage more fully in a pilot program on the Peninsula for urban greening, to counter the heat island effect. An interactive map was setup to allow community members across the Central Coast to have a say on where you would like to see more trees planted in your local area. As at 29 May, over 1040 locations were identified—with many of these on the Peninsula. Let's hope that this will lead to a Council funded—and community driven urban canopy program!

Heritage Matters

What is Council's role - and responsibilities in relation to heritage matters - and priorities going forward.

This will be the subject of a stakeholder workshop that I have initiated through a Council resolution in May. Councillors, staff, local heritage organisations and experts will come together to identify priorities and actions over the next 5 years.

The peninsula and surrounds have a rich tapestry of heritage - aboriginal, natural and built heritage—that is an important part of the fabric of our community. I look forward to discussing how we can respond to heritage better.



Woy Woy Environment Centre

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Charged with stolen motor vehicle offences

A 15-year-old boy has been charged with more than 20 offences relating to stolen motor vehicles after being arrested at Umina on Wednesday, May 14.

The arrest follows investigations into a number of aggravated break and enter offences where motor vehicles were stolen, including in Woy Woy and Pearl Beach.

A number of the stolen vehicles were recovered by police in the Umina area.

He was charged with a number

of serious property offences.

His mobile phone was seized, following which police identified his involvement in a further 21 aggravated break, enter and steal and stolen motor vehicle offences.

He was taken to Gosford Police Station where he was charged with offences including aggravated break, enter and steal, steal motor vehicle, licence never held and negligent driving.

SOURCE:
Social media, 15 May 2025
Brisbane Water Police District



Firefighters 30 years' service honoured

Two members of The Bays Rural Fire Brigade members were honoured for their 30 years' service with the Rural Fire Service.

Brigade president Mr Daniel Franich and member Mr Graeme Stiff were each presented with a "10 Years Active Service Long

Service Medal 2nd Clasp" on May 17.

"Both Dan and Graeme have been actively involved in hundreds of service calls and campaign fires over this time," said brigade captain Mr Stephen O'Donoghue.

Their outstanding service to the Rural Fire Service and our local community was recognised during

National Volunteering Week.

Pictured are Mr Franich, Mr O'Donoghue, Mr Stiff and senior deputy captain Mr David Taylor, representing a combined total of more than 100 years of service.

SOURCE:
Social media, 19 May 2025
The Bays Rural Fire Brigade This weekend



Red Shield collection at Tascott and Empire Bay

The Rotary Club of Umina Beach participated in the Red Shield Appeal collection on behalf of the Salvation Army on Saturday, May 24.

"After weeks of heavy rain, the skies cleared perfectly on Saturday, May 24," said club president Mr Dave Tanare.

The club collected at Empire

Bay Public School and on Brisbane Water Dr at Tascott.

"We were thankful to those caring motorists who pulled over and donated what they could.

"In these difficult and cold times, their contributions will bring much relief for those who are struggling."

SOURCE:
Social media, 25 May 2025
Rotary Club of Umina Beach

Appeal is favourite activity

One of the favourite activities of the Rotary Club of Woy Woy is the roadside collection at Tascott for the Salvation Army's Red Shield Appeal.

Three members took the morning shift on Sunday, May 25, being replaced at lunchtime by another three.

Two other members kept the crews supplied with tea, coffee and

biscuits.

Between the Woy Woy club and the Rotary Club of Umina Beach and other collectors, a total of \$28,000 was collected, a record for the Peninsula area.

The money goes towards food and supplies for homeless people and others in need.

SOURCE:
Social media, 25 May 2025
Rotary Club of Woy Woy



The Deepwater branch of the Older Women's Network held its Autumn-Winter Fashion Parade in the auditorium of the Ettalong Senior Citizens' Centre on Saturday, May 17.

"We welcomed 90 visitors and one surprise visitor, being the Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch who took time out from her own birthday celebrations to come down," said branch secretary Ms Jennifer Brown.

"She encouraged the crowd to have a great day and be generous to our raffle ticket sellers, Ms Rickie Olsen and Ms Karen Smith.

"Liesl stayed for the first set of the Madeline Stephenson Tap Dance Troupe and then she was off back to her birthday party."

Ms Brown said the models for the day were all members of the branch and the clothes were supplied by Sarongs Ladies Fashions of Ettalong.

"The clothes proved popular with the crowd for their elegance, colour and flattering cut.

"There were some fabulous raffle prizes.



"First prize was a red tigers eye and banded agate necklace with sterling silver clasps."

Other prizes included an artistic framed original signed tile, a quilt cover set, a bathroom pack, an oil burner and perfumed candle and a stationary set.

"Each attendee was given a lucky door prize ticket."

They were also given a voucher for clothes purchases, ensuring 10 per cent of their purchases would be donated back to the branch.

"By the end of May, we will have raised over \$2200 which will be

distributed to our three local food pantries: Mary Mac's Place, Woy Woy Community Food Pantry and Community SOS."

Ms Brown said the branch would also be supporting Hope and Meals - Dinner at 6, and Capes4Kids.

Pictured are models Ms Mary Clark, Ms Leonie Franke, Ms Fay Maitland, Ms Shirley Berdon and Ms Lisa Corbet with Sarongs Ladies Fashion proprietor Ms Leanne Kowalczyk.

SOURCE:
Media release, 21 May 2025
Jennifer Brown, Deepwater OWN

Marine Rescue tours were well-attended

An estimated 200 people were given guided tours of the new Marine Rescue Brisbane Water base at Point Clare at its open day on Sunday, May 25.

Most were impressed with the state-of-the-art communication centre, including the spacious training and function rooms, with several saying they were "gobsmacked", according to Unit Commander Ian Morrow.

"A lot of people said they didn't appreciate the efforts undertaken by the volunteer teams at Marine Rescue Brisbane Water to keep members of the local boating community safe," said Mr Morrow.

Questions were asked about the cost of running a voluntary organisation like Marine Rescue and were surprised that the annual operating cost would "hit the \$200,000 mark this new financial year", he said.

He said the 140 volunteers at the local Marine Rescue base were responsible for costs including fuel used in the two rescue vessels and two rescue jetskis, regular routine maintenance for the local fleet, mandatory first aid and sea survival training, as well as the maintenance and upkeep of the new building.

SOURCE:
Media release, 26 May 2025
David Wicks, Marine Rescue Brisbane Water

Medicare clinic ‘saves system \$3M’

The Peninsula Medicare Urgent Care Clinic in Umina Beach has treated over 16,733 patients since opening in 2023, representing a saving of around \$3 million, according to Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid.

He said an interim report evaluating Medicare Urgent Care Clinics found that nearly half of all patients who attended

a clinic would have gone to the hospital emergency department if the Urgent Care Clinic wasn't available.

The report found the average hospital visit costs \$616 to deliver, more than double the \$246 that the average Urgent Care Clinic visit costs, he said.

“Every time a Medicare Urgent Care Clinic helps someone to avoid an unnecessary trip to hospital, an Australian gets free urgent care

and the health system saves \$368 a presentation,” said Dr Reid.

“Medicare Urgent Care Clinics continue to help ease pressure on our hospital emergency departments.

“Strengthening Medicare and expanding healthcare services remains a top priority and I will regularly update our community on our work”, Dr Reid said.

SOURCE:
Media release, 26 May 2025
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson



Elders have fortnightly exercise classes

Aboriginal elders are being involved in fortnightly exercise classes at Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre as part of Elders Know Your Rights workshops being run by the Garawa Aboriginal Corporation.

The Elders Know Your Rights workshops offer support in the Closing the Gap target areas of digital inclusion and health and wellbeing, with advice and information workshops, as well as physical activity classes.

“I used to be very active up until a couple of years ago when I had a fall and fractured my pelvis and femur,” said 74-year-old Aunty

Helen, a great grandmother of 13.

“I couldn't walk at first, and I became too scared to get in the car, or get out and do things like go shopping, even with my walker.

“I started getting active again by doing physiotherapy at hospital and then at home, but I wanted to get out there and do more.

“The classes are great.

“Now I'm much more confident and mobile.

“I can get in the car and go to the shops again.

“I feel like I have my independence back.”

Central Coast Local Health District health promotion officer Ms Samantha Hingerty said there

were plenty of activities available to help people stay active.

“Being active improves muscle strength and balance, reducing our risk or falls and helping us to live independently as we get older,” Ms Hingerty said.

“It's never too late to start exercising.

“No matter what our age, the benefits for our physical and mental health are amazing.”

Further information is available online at activeandhealthy.nsw.gov.au or by phoning the Central Coast Health Promotion Service on 4320 9700.

SOURCE:
Media release, 19 May 2025
Mitchell Gadd, CCLHD

Thank you barbecue for aged care volunteers

A local aged care facility has marked National Volunteer Week with a barbecue for its volunteers.

Peninsula Villages held its special barbecue at Pam Palmer House to thank the volunteers “who bring warmth, connection and fun to our community”.

SOURCE:
Social media, 19 May 2025
Peninsula Villages

“Whether it's running activities, supporting church services, playing the ukulele, offering companionship or helping with transport, their contributions mean the world to our residents,” said chief executive Mr Colin Osborne.

SOURCE:
Social media, 22 May 2025
Friends of Pearl Beach

Morning tea raises \$2700

A morning tea was held in Pearl Beach on Monday, May 19, as part of the Australia's Biggest Morning Tea campaign.

The Pearl Beach event raised \$2700 for the Cancer Council.



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Education

Age-appropriate Sorry Day activities held at Umina

Umina Beach Public School has held Sorry Day activities as part of National Reconciliation Week.

“Umina Beach Public School honours the strength, survival, and resilience of the Stolen Generations, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children who were forcibly removed from their families, and the communities who continue to live with the impact of those policies,” said school principal Ms Karen Wardlaw.

“As a school that exists to nurture and protect children, we acknowledge the pain caused by systems and institutions that failed to do the same for First Nations

families.

“We say sorry — not just in words, but in our commitment to listening, learning, and acting.

“Today, our students are engaging in age-appropriate conversations and learning led by First Nations voices.

“We recognise that reconciliation is not a one-day event, but a lifelong journey.

“We walk together in truth, empathy, and solidarity with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples — committed to a future built on justice, respect, and healing.”

SOURCE:
Social media, 26 May 2025
Umina Beach Public School



Year 12 starts countdown

Year 12 students at Brisbane Water Secondary College last week started their countdown, with “100 Days to Go”..

“This countdown marks a huge milestone: a time to reflect on how far you’ve come, celebrate the memories you’ve made, and stay focused as you approach the

finish line,” said Woy Woy campus principal Ms Rebecca Cooper.

“You might be feeling excited, nervous or nostalgic.

“Just know that your hard work and resilience have brought you here.”

SOURCE:
Social media, 27 May 2025
BWSC Woy Woy



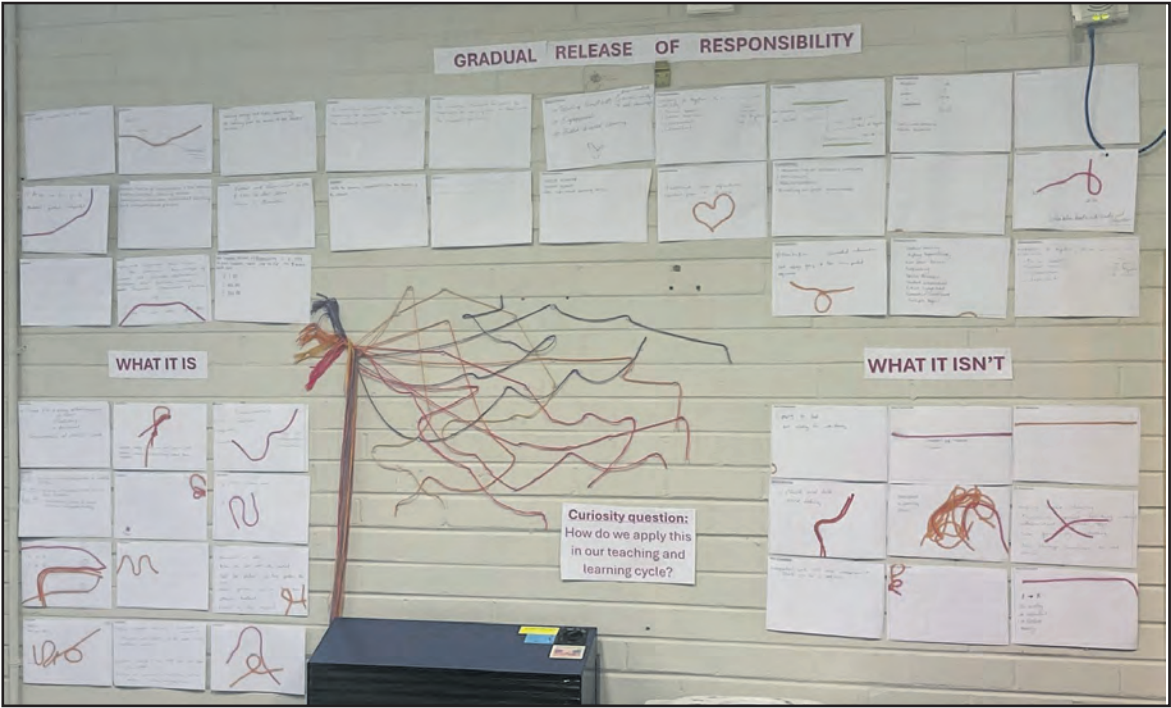
Special assembly and morning tea

Woy Woy Public School has celebrated Reconciliation Week.

The school came together to commemorate Reconciliation

Week with a special assembly and morning-tea on Friday, May 30.

SOURCE:
Social media, 1 Jun 2025
Woy Woy Public School



Teachers learn ‘release of responsibility’

EDUProfessional development for teachers at Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College is currently focussing on the strategy of Gradual Release of Responsibility.

It is one of the eight strategies of Explicit Teaching that the staff are learning about..

Professional learning time is being spent understanding the strategies, and planning activities that engage students in learning and are relevant and inclusive.

A wall in the common staffroom displays the teachers’ understanding of this strategy.

“Walls that teach are not just for our students.”

SOURCE:
Social media, 26 May 2025
BWSC Umina

Chosen for combined zone soccer trials

Seven Peninsula students have been chosen to represent the Southern Central Coast in combined zone soccer trials to be held on Friday, June 20.

The Southern Central Coast Primary School Sports Association held its Zone Soccer Trials at Woy Woy campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College on Wednesday, May 28.

for hosting us.
“All students showed excellent skills, manners and the quality of the players was to be commended,” said football convenor Mr Andy Podmore.

Two Peninsula girls made the team: Anika Graham from Woy Woy and Jesse Taylor from Umina.
Five boys made the team:



Aiden Beer, Harry Buckingham and Lincoln Collins from Woy Woy South, and Teddy Poulter and Beau McLaughlin from Umina.

A venue is yet to be finalised for

the combined zone trials.

SOURCE:
Social media, 29 May 2025
Andy Podmore and Craig Mitchell, SCCPSSA

College is second in beef competition

Brisbane Water Secondary College has come second overall amongst 163 competitors in the Wingham Beef Week competition.

In the “on-the-hook” competition, the college gained a third place in the unled category.

In the led category, it gained two first places, a third, a fourth and a sixth place.

It also took out Reserve Champion Heavyweight and Reserve Champion Open Led Animal.

Corey Flight chosen to represent



the college to receive the Wingham Beef Week Encouragement Award.

SOURCE:
Social media, 17 May 2025
BWSC Umina

Eight bridge teams in gold point event

Eight teams competed in the Brisbane Water qualifying round of the Grand National Open Teams gold point competition played on Saturday, May 24.

The event was won by local Team Berzins, which scored six wins out of seven, giving them top spot at the close of play.

Gosford squad Team De Vries had the same number of wins but the VPs were against them relegating the team to second place.

Brisbane Water Bridge Club's Team Foster filled third spot with a 4, 0, 3 result.

Tournament secretary was Peter Hume and director was Gary Barwick.

A qualifying round of this event is still to be played at Gosford, and hopeful teams still have a chance of making the cut.

Results after seven of seven matches were:

1 Larry Bryant, Chris Williams, Dorothy Berzins, Adele Mills 122 Imps (103.70 VPs) 6-0-1 W-D-L, 1.92 gold points.

2 Eunice De Vries, Margaret Regan, Stephanie Mathews, Gary Heyting 88 (99.92) 6-1-0, 2.08.

3 Sylvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa, Jim Routledge, Karen Ody 44 (81.87) 4-0-3, 1.28.

4 Susan McCall, Judy Wulff, Jenny Buckley, Joan Walsh 26 (77.23) 4-1-2, 1.44.

5 Elaine Hume, Peter Hume, Felicity Fane, David Snow -27 (63.12) 2-2-3, 0.96.

6 Pauline Caust, Alan Bustany, Anne Grayden, Julie Sadler -21 (59.47) 2-0-5, 0.64.

7 Donelle Foate, Christine Hadaway, Marcelle Goslin, Kevin F. Hughes -35 (57.22) 2-0-5, 0.64.

8 Steve Anderson, Kerry Anderson, Susan Ashley, Jenni Murray -197 (17.47) 0-0-7.

SOURCE: Social media, 25 May 2025
Brisbane Water Bridge Club



Social netball results in 29-all draw

A fun but competitive family-oriented social game of mixed netball was played at the Peninsula Leisure Centre on Monday, May 19, resulting in a 29-all draw.

Quinn Manuelle (Orange GS)

was joined on court by her father Scott (Orange GA) and Scott's brother, her uncle Dave (Orange GK).

They went up against Quinn's mum Alison (Grey GA).

Also against each were siblings

Steph Kearns (Grey GK) and her brother Drew (Orange WA) and couple Menzie Leslie Fitch (Orange WD) and Carly Simpson (Grey GD).

SOURCE: Social media, 20 May 2025
Peninsula Leisure Centre



Seniors singles final

Everglades Seniors 70+ singles bowls championship final was played on Wednesday, May 21, between Tom Cain and Kevin Hughes.

Under grey skies, on a slow green, Tom got off to a fast start leading 6-1, before a shower of rain stopped play for 10 minutes.

After the restart, there was no

stopping Kevin.

With consistent good bowling, he finished as the winner, 21-12.

The Club Championship Triples competition is now under way.

Pictured are Tom Cain (left) and Kevin Hughes.

SOURCE: Media release, 22 May 2025
John McInnes, Everglades Men's Bowls

Pearl Beach Tennis and Recreation Club has celebrated its first year of playing pickleball.

"It's been one whole year since we started playing pickleball," said convenor Ms Judy McFarlane.

The club bought a starter kit with net, balls and paddles a year ago, and started by using masking tape to mark out a court in the Memorial Hall.

"Popularity grew quickly, so it wasn't long before we had two courts properly painted on the top tennis court.

"The team is so keen.

"We play when it's cool and drizzly but also when it's baking hot.

"Thankfully our courts are cool and shady in a stunning bush



setting.

"It is unusual to play on synthetic grass, but we like that it's much cooler in summer than a hard court and so much softer on the knees.

"True that the ball doesn't bounce quite as high, but that just trains us to be fast and nimble."

Anyone interested can come

and watch at the Sunday afternoon social session at 2pm.

The Pearly Pickle Courts can be hired for private use.

For bookings and enquiries, phone Ms Judy McFarlane on 0418 436 225.

SOURCE: Social media, 25 May 2025
Pearl Beach Tennis and Bowls

Rugby club to expand its women's squad

Woy Woy Rugby Club is looking to expand its women's squad.

"We are looking for women who ideally have rugby union, rugby league, touch or OzTag experience," said club president Mr Phil Burgess.

"If you haven't and you would like to get involved in our Lionesses squad, we still would be interested with having a chat."

For further information, contact coach Neil Gilsenan on 0467 661 349.

The club is also looking for architects to help it with grant applications for better facilities for the club's seniors and juniors.

"When it comes to putting in grant applications we need to have plans drawn up."

Any architects who may be able to assist should phone Phil on 0435 814 412 or email president@woywoyrugby.com.au.

In the meantime, with the help of the Ettalong Community Bank, the club has secured a replacement shipping container for the Ettalong Juniors ground.

"The current container unfortunately has had many leaks and due to its rusty condition it was time for it to be replaced."

SOURCE: Social media, 30 May 2025
Phil Burgess, Woy Woy Rugby Club



Roles still to be filled

Woy Woy Peninsula Little Athletics association has reported that most committee positions were filled at its recent annual general meeting.

However, a few roles remain vacant.

One role is that of Officer for Equipment and Grounds.

Older athletes assist with setting up and packing up each week, but someone is still needed to be in charge.

The association said the role could be shared, and existing committee would be available to help.

A new canteen team is also needed, to replace the current team which is stepping down after a number of years.

This role can be shared among a number of people and the current team is available to help with the handover.

SOURCE: Social media, 24 May 2025
Woy Woy Peninsula Little Athletics

Sport

Cycle group to hold two rides from Woy Woy

Central Coast Bicycle Users Group will hold two rides from Woy Woy over the next two weeks.

This is from Woy Woy to Gosford or Erina from 8am on Thursday, June 5.

The ride will start at Fishermen's Wharf and is expected to last 2.5 hours.

It is described as an easy ride along the shared path to Gosford and back - about 25kms in total.

There is a potential extension to Point Frederick or Erina which could add another 10kms or so to the total.

A coffee stop will be held in Gosford or in Woy Woy after the ride.

The group will hold a Brisbane Water Loop Relaxed ride from Fishermen's Wharf the following

week.

The three-hour ride will start at 8am on Thursday, June 12.

The ride is described as a medium grade, cruising-paced (20-22kph) over a distance of 50km.

The ride around Brisbane Waters will be mostly on road shoulders and shared paths, with some normal traffic roads.

Riders will be expected to be comfortable cycling on the road with some passing traffic.

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

A coffee stop will be held somewhere along the way.

For further information, phone ride leader Reg on 0411 705 410.

SOURCE:
Social media, 23 May 2025
Central Coast Bicycle Users Group



Minor singles final decided in 'sensational' game

The Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club's 2025 Minor Singles Championship final played on Sunday, May 25, has been called "a sensational game" between Kody Rickit and Larry Johnston.

"On one hand we had a young dude, who was full of exuberance, but hadn't had much experience in pressure games," said club secretary Mr Peter Springett.

"On the other hand we had an older, more experienced player, who had mastered the art of the bowling arm."

Mr Springett said: "Larry skipped out to an early 5-1 lead and was looking the more comfortable."

"Kody picked up three singles, but was 10-4 down after 12 ends."

"Kody settled down and picked up the next six shots, to make 10-all after 16 ends."

The quality of the bowls was good, said Mr Springett.

However, the weather cooled, the grass stood up and the green slowed at about the 17th end.

"Neither bowler picked this up and there were a few ends of short bowls by both players."

"Larry picked up a two and Kody picked up the next seven shots to make it 17-12 to Kody at the 20th end."

"Larry started to find his range and picked up the next four shots, to reduce the margin to 17-16."

Kody picked up the next three shots to make the score 20-16 in his favour.

"Larry won the mat and shortened the ends."

"As a result, he picked up the next seven shots, to take the lead, 23-20."

"He only needed two shots to close the championship out."

"The real pressure was now on for both players."

"Kody stayed calm and won the next two ends to reduce the deficit to 22-23."

"Larry won a tight measure and picked up one shot to go 24-22 up."

"Kody picked up the next shot and the score was now 24-23 to Larry."

"Larry only needed one shot and Kody needed two shots for the championship."

"Kody rolled a 3/4 length jack and drew two bowls just behind the jack and one to the side."

"Larry's first two bowls were short."

"Kody was holding game."

"Then Larry delivered his third bowl."

"It went under his short bowls and inside Kody's jack-high bowl and drew a resting toucher to hold championship shot - a sensational bowl, especially under such pressure."

"Kody looked a bit dejected and delivered his last bowl to save the championship."

"It looked a bit tight, but had decent weight."

"It too ducked under the short bowls and just moved the jack off Larry's shot bowl, to his waiting two bowls behind."

"Kody had produced an absolute pearler and took the game from being match down to be two shots up and took the championship."

"The crowd went wild."

"Larry had one more bowl to save the day."

"Unfortunately, he didn't have any bowls behind the head, so his options were limited and he was wide with his on-shot."

SOURCE:
Social media, 25 May 2025
Peter Springett, UBMBC



Judo club to re-open at Umina PCYC

Woy Woy Judo Club will re-open with classes starting next week.

In January, it announced its "immediate closure".

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

The club will re-open at PCYC Umina with classes starting next Tuesday, June 10.

"After a break, we're thrilled to be back on the mats, and even more excited to be running our

classes at PCYC Umina.

"For over 40 years, our club has been a staple of the Peninsula community."

"Our mission has always been to instill knowledge, confidence and humility to all who walk through our door in a fun and safe learning environment."

"Family-run, family-owned, whatever your goal, we are proud to share this Olympic martial art with all."

SOURCE:
Social media, 1 Jun 2025
Woy Woy Judo Club

John Sharpe celebrates 90th birthday

A "true pillar" of Umina Surf Life Saving Club, John Sharpe has celebrated his 90th birthday. "From joining in 1966 to decades of dedicated service as a president, lifesaver, educator, coach, and mentor, John's impact has been extraordinary," said current club president

Ms Kerry Armstrong-Smith.

"Awarded the Order of Australia and having life memberships across multiple levels of the organisation, he continues to inspire generations."

Ms Armstrong-Smith said he had shown lifelong commitment and passion.

SOURCE:
Social media, 21 May 2025
Umina Surf Life Saving Club

Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club secretary Mr Peter Springett has been named a runner-up in the Gosford electorate's 2025 Seniors Local Achievement Awards.

Announcing the award, Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch said that earlier this year she had called for nominations of people who made a positive contribution through their work, volunteering efforts, involvement in sports or community activities.

"I am delighted to have the opportunity to recognise your work as club secretary for the Umina

Beach Mens Bowling Club, and for helping organise the yearly cancer charity events."

"I have seen firsthand the impact of your tireless work across the community."

"I send my deepest congratulations and thanks for all that you do for community members across the Gosford electorate and Central Coast."

Ms Tesch also sent her thanks to club president Mr Lee Cribbs for nominating Mr Springett.

Mr Springett said: "I was both surprised and humbled to receive this nomination and award,

especially as I won the award two years ago, for my other voluntary passion, the Umina Community Group."

Mr Springett thanked Mr Cribbs for nominating him.

"The nomination was for my nine-year role as secretary of the Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club and my six years on the Zone15/ Central Coast Bowls committee."

He also thanked Ms Tesch for her "very kind and much appreciated words".

SOURCE:
Social media, 28 May 2025
Peter Springett, UBMBC