



Steady stream of visitors

The Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre has reported a steady stream of visitors over the weekend of the Creative Journey Trail on Saturday and Sunday, July 19 and 20.

The centre held open days where it exhibited a variety of works and gave demonstrations of skills

The visitor interest in our arts made the weekend “very worthwhile”.

“Our centre scrubbed up well, and looked wonderful with exhibits of our classes works on show.”

SOURCE:
Social media, 20 Jul 2025
Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre

Coastal Twist Festival Fair Day in doubt

The Coastal Twist Festival’s Fair Day planned for the Umina Recreation Precinct on Sunday, October 5, is in doubt unless a planning statement is resolved.

Central Coast Council has issued a letter stating “the proposed festival cannot be supported on the long weekend”.

The Council’s media unit has told Peninsula News that this was not a refusal but a request for more information about the application, which was lodged on February 10.

It was not until six months after the application was lodged, earlier this month on July 2, when “senior Council staff and senior representatives of NSW Police met with the applicant to provide advice and guidance on the information required”.

Festival organiser Mr Juan locco said the advice included requirements which “total to a \$35,000 bill in reports, including two separate traffic reports and two bushfire reports”.

He said: “No community or local event would be able to cover this.”

Mr locco said the letter stated: “The proposed date of the festival, Sunday, October 5, will clash with the long weekend and NRL grand final.

He said the festival was intentionally aligned with a long weekend as a tourism event and, as with many Sydney events on the same day, had no impact on the NRL grand final.

The Council media statement issued on Saturday claimed: “Council is keen for the event to proceed and is very supportive of it, having provided funding for it.”

Responding to a question to West Ward councillors of whether this support would extend to paying for the reports, Cr Belinda Neal said: “The Coastal Twist Festival Fair Day is a much-anticipated event for the Peninsula.

“It would be a great disappointment to the residents if the festival did not take place.

“I have been urging the Mayor and CEO and Director for Environment and Planning to resolve outstanding issues so this community event can proceed.”

According to Mr locco, the Council letter stated: “Upon assessment of the application, the proposed festival cannot be supported on the long weekend due to the likely impacts the festival may have on the locality.”

“In this regard, parking in Councils carparks and surrounding streets will already be at capacity with long weekend visitors.

“The festival will result in unacceptable traffic and parking impacts; therefore, the date of the festival is not supported.”

The council media statement said the growth of the Fair Day meant the application needed “to reflect how these larger numbers will be managed to ensure the event is a success for the operator and the attendees”.

“The applicant must be able

to provide necessary information on how the operator will manage potential impacts for the safe operation of the event, including traffic, parking, waste, toilets and amenities, and the like.

“The NSW Police must also be satisfied that in particular traffic and crowds are able to be managed.

“Council staff are currently awaiting the receipt of information from the applicant in relation to those matters.”

It is not clear whether this, and the need for consultant reports, was explained in the “pre-lodgement meeting” normally held between an applicant and council planning staff before a development application is submitted.

The basis of the council assessment is also unclear, and whether it included the need to deploy Brisbane Water police to Sydney for the grand final.

Because the application has not been refused, no information is yet provided of the assessment on the council planning portal.

Minutes of pre-lodgement meetings are also not published on the portal.

Mr locco said: “We are persevering. We will give our all.”

He said he was hopeful of a pro bono offer to prepare the necessary reports.

SOURCE:
Media statement, 26 Jul 2025
Juan locco, Coastal Twist Festival
Media statement, 26 Jul 2025
Central Coast Council
Media statement, 27 Jul 2025
Belinda Neal, Central Coast Council

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Mark Snell, 9 Nov 2023

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Garden holds volunteer information session

The Woy Woy Peninsula Community Garden association will hold an information session for people interested in volunteering in the garden in spring.

The session will be held from 10am and 11:30am on Saturday, August 9, at the garden at 85 Moana St, Woy Woy.

"Previous gardening experience is not required, just an ability to work in a team," said association treasurer Ms Julie Gilbody.

Further information is available online at www.wwpccg.org.au.

SOURCE:

Media release, 25 Jul 2025
Julie Gilbody, Woy Woy Peninsula Community Garden

Jewellery classes

Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre has started its term three Wednesday jewellery classes.

Classes are held from 12.30pm to 3.30pm and from 4pm and 7pm.

SOURCE:

Social media, 15 Jul 2025
Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre



Receptionist celebrates 25 years at aged care facility

A receptionist has celebrated her 25 years' service at a Umina aged care facility.

Ms Sue Peisley celebrated her 25 years at Peninsula Village on Thursday, July 17.

"Sue's friendly voice and welcoming smile have made her a much-loved presence for residents, families and staff alike,"

said chief executive Mr Colin Osborne.

"From her work at reception in Pam Palmer House to the relationships she's built over the years, Sue's care and dedication are felt every day."

SOURCE:

Social media, 18 Jul 2025
Peninsula Villages

It has almost been a Dry July

Only 3.4mm rain has fallen on the Peninsula in the last two weeks, and only 10.3mm in the last three weeks.

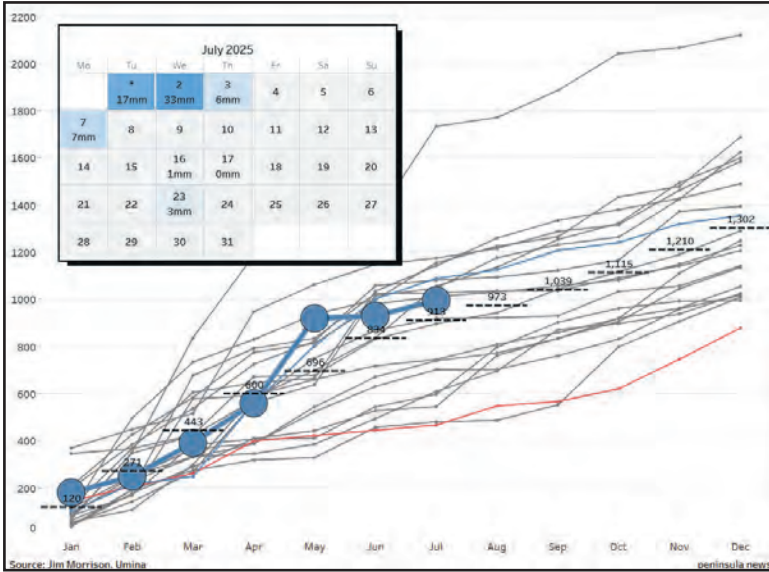
If 55.3mm had not fallen in the first three days of the month, it really would have been a Dry July.

The month-to-date total of 65.6mm is 83 per cent of the average monthly rainfall of 79mm, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

The July average will be reached if another 13.4mm falls before the end of the month.

The cumulative total for the year stands at 993mm, which is 9.0 per cent more than the average at the end of July of 911mm.

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



SOURCE:

Spreadsheet, 25 Jul 2025
Jim Morrison, Umina

TIDE TIMES and Heights	Mon, Jul 28	Thu, Jul 31	Sun, Aug 3	Wed, Aug 6	Sat, Aug 9
	0530 0.09	0023 0.83	0304 0.59	0108 0.21	0310 0.10
	1116 0.82	0657 0.13	0908 0.23	0640 0.62	0842 0.76
	1704 0.18	1318 0.82	1601 0.89	1159 0.24	1422 0.12
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Neal urges residents to view Woy Woy foreshore plans

West Ward's Cr Belinda Neal has urged residents to express their views on the Woy Woy Foreshore Masterplan.

Cr Belinda Neal said she moved at last week's council meeting that the draft Woy Woy Foreshore Masterplan be put on public exhibition for 42 days.

"The Woy Woy Foreshore is an important cultural focus for the Peninsula community," she said.

"The design caters to the recreational needs of the community in a beautiful environment.

"This concept design includes the key precincts along the corridor, being Anderson Park; Pelican Park; Woy Woy Baths; Anzac Memorial Park; Wetlands Precinct; and Lions Park.

"A further report will be provided to Council on the outcomes of community consultation following the public exhibition.

"No alteration is to be made to the Memorial Park as part of this masterplan.

"Work cannot be undertaken on Memorial Park without an approved Heritage Conservation Management Plan.

"This will ensure that the dignity and cultural value of the park and memorial is protected.

"Pelican Park and the sea swimming enclosure are key to this area and work is planned to be completed.

"The plan proposes to push the seawall out to reclaim some land and create a destination on the foreshore.

"A Slipway Garden provides ramp access down to the water level.

"The council was successful in receiving a \$1 million grant from the NSW Government via the Community Assets Program, to upgrade and repair the swimming enclosure.

"Council has allocated a further \$600,000 as part of the capital works program."

SOURCE:
Media release, 27 Jul 2025
Belinda Neal, Central Coast Council



Pearl Beach homes lose power after power pole fire

Pearl Beach fire brigade was activated with a report of fire on a power pole at the eastern end of Emerald Ave, just before 5pm on Thursday, July 17

The crew arrived to find that the fire had self-extinguished. Residents reported hearing a loud bang, with a number of Pearl Beach properties losing power. Emerald Ave was closed

between Diamond Ave and Pearl Parade, while AusGrid restored power.

SOURCE:
Social media, 17 Jul 2025
Pearl Beach Brigade, NSW RFS



French chef cooks for Bastille Day

French chef Mr Stephan Blant "cooked up a storm" for Bastille Day at a local aged care facility.

Residents and staff at Pozieres House at Peninsula Village were served with homemade crepes.

It was "a wonderful way to celebrate French culture together", said chief executive Mr Colin Osborne.

SOURCE:
Social media, 15 Jul 2025
Peninsula Villages

Two firies in fund-raising climb for MND

Two Umina Fire and Rescue firefighters, Ms Mikahli Clune and Ms Hannah Veen, are raising money for motor neurone disease research by taking part in an event in the Blue Mountains.

"Hannah and myself have taken up the challenge to do the Furies Climb for Motor Neurone Disease," said Ms Clune.

Calling themselves the Firecrackers, they will climb the Furber Steps in the Blue Mountains "to support the incredible work done at the MND Research Centre at Macquarie University".

Ms Clune said: "This challenge is hard, but not as hard as MND which is a progressive, terminal neurological disease.

"It affects the nerve cells (neurones) controlling the muscles



that enable us to move, speak, breathe and swallow, causing them to degenerate and die.

"Macquarie University houses Australia's largest MND research facility, as well as the MND Clinic which treats 10 per cent of patients in Australia.

"All researchers work together in the one facility, on the one topic, with one aim: To stop MND."

Donations can be made online via <http://penne.ws/TwSg1Q>.

SOURCE:
Social media, 12 Jul 2025
Station 340 Umina, Fire and Rescue NSW

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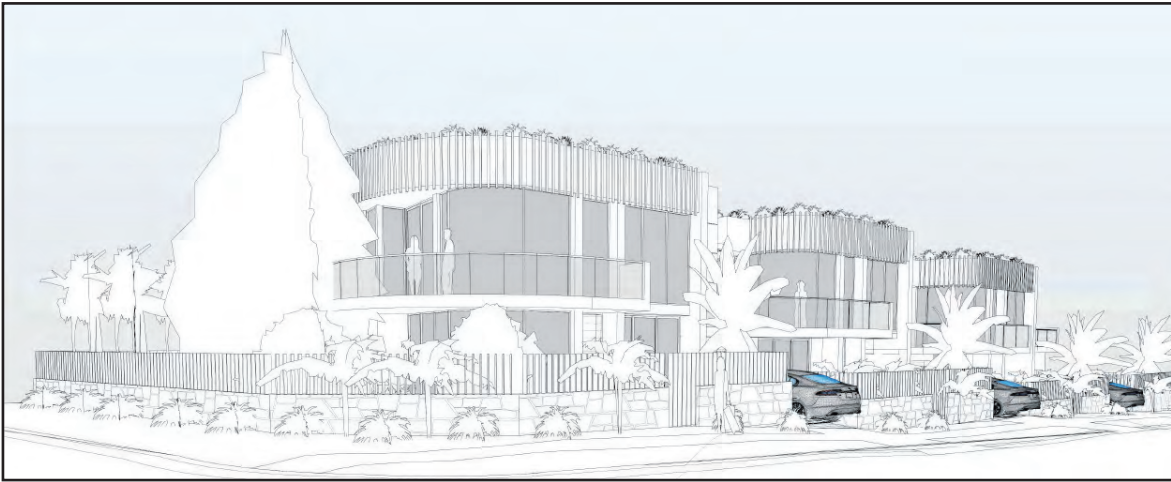
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Proposal to add three rooftop terraces

An application has been submitted to add a rooftop terrace to each of the three townhouses currently being built on the corner of The Esplanade and Augusta St, Umina Beach.

A 37 square metre rooftop terrace with a barbecue bench will be added to each of the three dwellings, approved under DA/5940/1999 at 168 The Esplanade.

Access will be via new external stairs from the first-floor balconies.

The new additions will remain under the 8.5-metre height limit for

the area.

The application, prepared by Zane Solutions, states that the new terraces will be set back 0.898m to 2.020m, from the building edges.

The proposal includes planter boxes with screen plantings around the edges of the terraces to prevent neighbours from being overlooked.

A 1.86-metre-high privacy screen on the north side of the rear terrace would block views into the backyard of the neighbouring property at 21 Augusta St.

The application describes the terraces as “ancillary” outdoor areas, and suggests they will

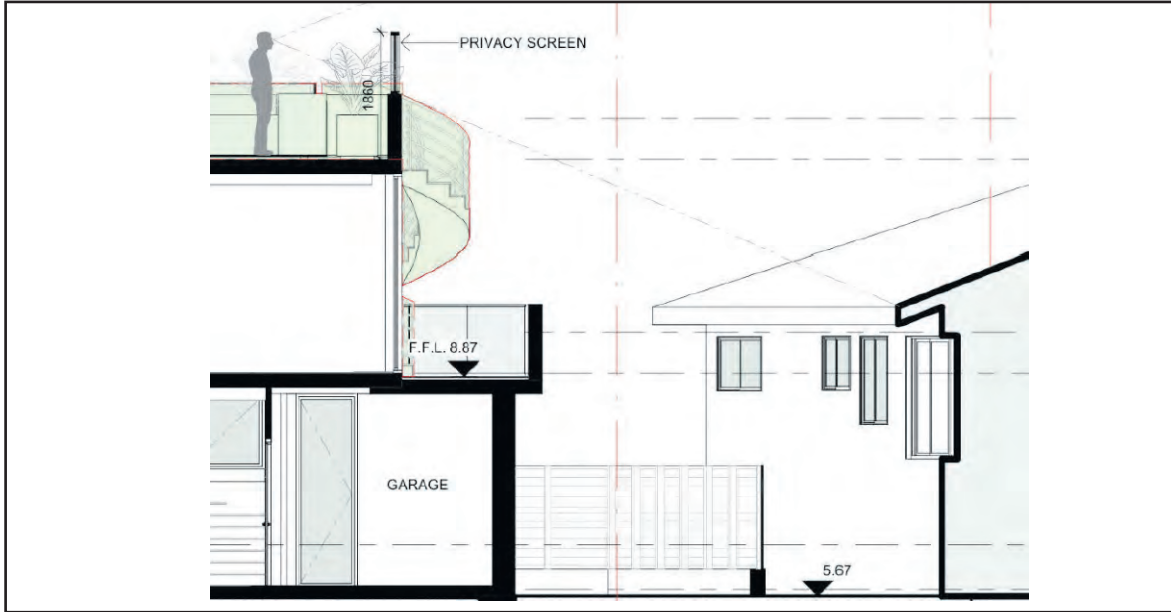
be used less frequently than the main ground-floor courtyards and balconies.

Their use would be unlikely to create adverse noise impacts on surrounding residents, the application claimed.

It stated that the proposal “generally complies” with the requirements of the relevant planning controls.

DA/831/2025 is currently on public exhibition and available for written submissions until August 22.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 27 Jul 2025
DA/831/2025, Central Coast Council



Discrepancies exist in documents

A development application has been lodged with Central Coast Council to demolish an existing house and garage at 46 Karingi St, Ettalong, and construct a new two-storey dual occupancy.

The application prepared by Red Apple Design describes the proposal for the 520-square-metre site consisting of two attached, three-bedroom dwellings.

According to the Basix statement, however, both dwellings have four or more bedrooms.

No landscape plans or an arborist report are exhibited, and no mention is made of trees in the application, despite the fact that tree protection for three existing

trees is clearly delineated on the Erosion and Sediment Control drawing.

The new building has a hipped roof and an “articulated facade to integrate with the existing streetscape”.

Each dwelling will have its own private, north-facing courtyard at ground level, accessible from the internal living areas.

Vehicular access for the double garage of each unit will be provided via the rear laneway so there will be no driveways required on Karingi Street.

The application notes that the site is located in a flood-prone area, and the design has incorporated a minimum finished floor level of 5.2 based on council’s flood data.

The proposal also seeks a variation of 3.9 per cent to the maximum allowable floor space ratio, with a formal request submitted to council for consideration.

The application states that this is required to provide functional and liveable room sizes within the dwellings.

The council planning portal claims application was on public exhibition from July 11 to 25, but was not actually displayed until after July 13 which meant Peninsula News could not report on it for the last edition to give readers the opportunity to make submissions.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 27 Jul 2025
DA/798/2025, Central Coast Council

Application for 4G and 5G antennas at McEvoy oval

An application has been submitted for a “communications facility” at 109 McEvoy Ave, Umina.

Submitted by Indara Infrastructure Pty Ltd, it is described as involving “one new Indara monopole; four new 4G panel antennas (less than 2.8m long) mounted to the monopole; eight new 5G active antenna units (less than 1.0m long) mounted to the monopole”.

There would also be one new

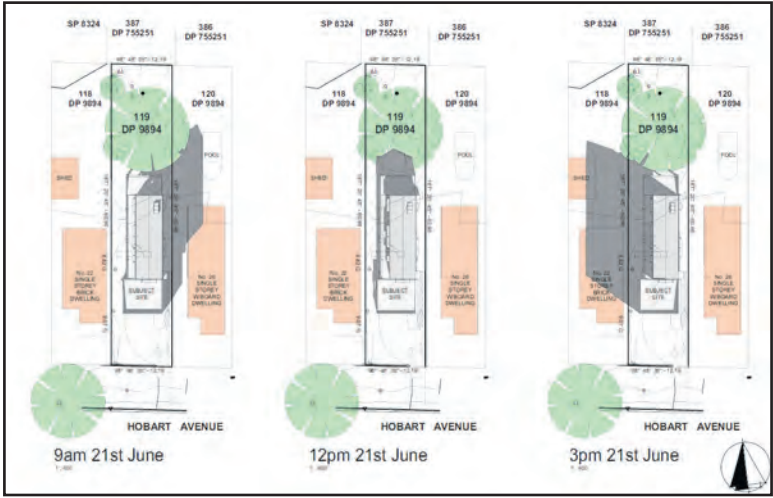
four-bay outdoor equipment cabinet at ground level, ancillary equipment including remote radio units, antenna mounts, cable trays and fibre and electrical cabling.

“The facility will be located within a fenced compound area.”

The application opens for public comment on August 1 and closes on August 29.

No documents on exhibition as yet.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 26 Jul 2025
DA/870/2025, Central Coast Council



Manufactured dwelling proposed for Hobart Ave

A “new manufactured dwelling” may be installed at 24 Hobart Ave, Umina, if an application received by Central Coast Council is approved.

The 743 square metre site is zoned R1 General Residential, with a depth of 60.96m and a street frontage of 12.19 metres.

The new dwelling will be two storeys, manufactured off site at the Parkwood Modular Buildings factory.

The number of bedrooms and bathrooms is not specified.

It will replace a single-storey, two-bedroom dwelling which is proposed for demolition.

The application claims that the height of the completed dwelling will be 7.58 metres and the floor space ratio 0.5:1 which comply with planning provisions.

It is claimed that site coverage, setbacks, view and privacy also comply.

A garage will be constructed on site, attached to the front of the dwelling.

The application claims: “The proposed dwelling is oriented to the north, consistent with the alignment of surrounding properties.

“A well-lit living environment to maximise natural daylight, supporting energy efficiency through passive solar gain, and maintaining the established character of the neighbourhood.”

However, the shadow diagrams have been inverted and show an

incorrect upside down north point.

The application states: “The streetscape is characterised by varied facades, rooflines, and material palettes, enhancing the character and variety of the established streetscape.

“As a developed coastal locality, the area reflects a blend of modern design elements and established character housing, supporting a cohesive yet varied neighbourhood identity.

“The proposed dwelling is consistent with this evolving streetscape and maintains compatibility with the existing built form.”

It is proposed to remove one tree and one existing tree stump, the locations of which “are clearly identified on the submitted site plan”.

The rear of the property contains several existing trees which will be retained.

In keeping with the low site impact of a manufactured dwelling, the new driveway is proposed to be constructed in gravel and link to the existing gravel crossover.

In conclusion the application states that “the proposal is for a new manufactured dwelling which has been designed to complement the appearance and character of the area and surrounding properties”.

DA/877/2025 is on public exhibition until August 4.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 27 Jul 2025
DA/877/2025, Central Coast Council

Residents association calls for more local transport

The Peninsula Residents Association has called for flexible and frequent local bus services in a submission to the draft Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plan.

This should include “expanding smaller, more frequent buses to underserved areas, expanded east-west routes with better links to Gosford and centres like Erina and Terrigal”.

It said service hours should be extended, by including evenings and weekends across key bus routes and trialling flexible after hours’ services such as on-demand transport or community shuttles and improved taxi-ride share coverage.

It called for improved bus and active travel links to Gosford’s health, education and employment hubs, to enable Peninsula residents to benefit from these regional assets.

Access to Woy Woy Station should be upgraded with safe walkways, shaded access routes and local bus loops connecting surrounding suburbs and bike storage to strengthen Woy Woy’s hub role, the submission said.

There should be stronger intermodal coordination, including improved timetabling coordination between modes to support seamless mobility across rail, bus and ferry networks.

It called for “safe and shaded active transport” routes.

This should include building feeder routes from Peninsula suburbs to the Brisbane Water shared cycleway, completion of priority walking and cycling routes, enhancing accessibility with shade, signage and seating and integrating routes with public transport (bus stops and train station).

Strong “climate-adapted design” should be integrated into all infrastructure upgrades, with tree planting and other greening, shade structures and cool surface design across transport corridors.

The submission also called for the use of Brisbane Water to be explored as a transport corridor, with feasibility studies and trials for increased ferry and water taxi services.

SOURCE:
Submission, 27 Jul 2025
Peninsula Residents’ Association



John Squires turns 100

A man who has lived has lived many years on the Peninsula celebrated 100 years of age on Wednesday, July 9.

Mr John Squires, who has two daughters and a son, five grandchildren and nine great grandchildren, currently lives at Hillview House aged care facility in Woy Woy.

Born John Cornelius Squires in Campbelltown on July 9, 1925, John’s family moved to Maroubra when he was eight, said daughter Ms Julie Dufficy of Umina.

“It was here that he developed a lifelong love of swimming and other water activities,” she said.

“After leaving school, John studied accountancy before joining the airforce where he served for

several years. “When he left the forces, he continued his studies and worked as an accountant, finally retiring at 80.

“John relocated to the Central Coast in 1988, living on the Peninsula for many years before moving to Wyoming.

“He now resides at Hillview House at Woy Woy.”

Ms Dufficy said he credited his longevity to regular exercise, keeping an active brain and having a hobby that he enjoys.

“John likes to paint landscapes.

“The odd piece of cake also helps.”

SOURCE:
Media release, 17 Jul 2025
Julie Dufficy, Umina



Lions Club holds changeover dinner

The Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club held its changeover dinner on Monday, July 21.

The evening included the presentation of donations to the Umina Beach Men’s Shed and to the Woy Woy Peninsula Neighbourhood Service.

Reports were given of the year’s activities and money raised.

Outgoing president Ms Lyn Graham handed over to incoming president Mr Tony Griffith, and the new committee of secretary Ms Denise Taylor, vice-president Mr Michael Ison, membership

chairman Mr Ian Taylor and “Lion tamer” Mr Bob Willis.

Ms Graham will take the role of treasurer for the coming year.

SOURCE:
Media release, 21 Jul 2025
Ian Taylor, Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club

Shade trees group awards ‘tree trophies’

The Grow Urban Shade Trees group are awarding “tree trophies” to residents who have given good care to trees planted by the group.

“We wanted to thank our many residents who have taken on a tree to care for,” said group member Ms Jen Wilder.

“Some of the trees are doing especially well so we have awarded these with a trophy.

“It is quite a task, especially during weeks of no rain, to be diligent with watering.

“But it pays off with healthy growth.”

Ms Wilder said the group was looking for trees deserving a trophy.

“Have you got your tree trophy yet?” she asked.

“If you feel that we have missed giving your tree a trophy, please let us know.”

SOURCE:
Social media, 22 Jul 2025
Grow Urban Shade Trees



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Peninsula is bad location for population increase

May I take issue with Peter Shortland (“Roundabout upgrade not likely to relieve congestion”, PN623) when he says that, in his view, the Memorial Ave-Gallipoli Ave junction “was never a (traffic) problem”.

I use this intersection fairly frequently, and it is a very awkward junction that can well use an upgrade, to improve safety for those turning from Gallipoli Ave right into Memorial Ave.

The present sightline is poor, and the two-way traffic on Memorial Ave leaves few gaps for turning traffic, so a simple adjustment would be welcome.

That said, I can agree with him that it is difficult to see much long-term, large-scale benefit from the footling intersection improvements proposed for the length of Blackwall Rd-Memorial Ave.

The whole scheme is nothing but a band-aid approach to future needs, putting off the hard decisions for somebody else to solve later.

Given that the Council is “planning” for a 60 per cent increase in housing units on the Peninsula over a mere 10 years, one would have thought that such a dramatic transformation would require commensurate consideration for all the subsidiary requirements of the area.

It is, accordingly, bizarre in the extreme to have Cr Wright assuring us that the Council is “not projecting significant population growth in the area” (“Significant population growth not projected, says Cr Wright”, PN623).

From the reports of proposed developments, it appears that the general trend is for existing small houses to be replaced by three-bedroom and four-bedroom units,

so that it would seem far more likely that population will increase by more than 60 per cent and that traffic volumes will increase to match.

The idea that these trivial intersection improvements will make the road “fit for the future”, as Liesl Tesch would have us believe (“Road upgrade ‘fit for future’ increase in population”, PN623), flies in the face of all common sense and all traffic-engineering experience.

The Peninsula is one of the worst locations possible for large-scale population increase.

It is a low-lying alluvial flat with chronic drainage problems and is probably the area of Central Coast most vulnerable to any sea-level rise.

Many existing streets have narrow, potholed pavements, and there is a dearth of footpaths, so that children already have no

choice but to walk on the road, in constant danger from passing traffic which can only get worse.

The tree canopy is disappearing rapidly, and a 60 per cent increase in building coverage can only mean that it will shrink further, creating more heat spots.

Julian Bowker is absolutely correct (“Population increase of 60 per cent lacks planning, say residents”, PN623) to criticize the Council’s failure to adjust planning provisions and provide detailed guidance for the massive changes that are envisioned.

When even the Local Planning Panel can see how inadequate Council’s efforts are and is calling for a review of standards and processes, we must know we are in deep trouble.

The Council can’t even get such a relatively simple exercise as the Woy Woy Waterfront Upgrade right (“Woy Woy waterfront cost

blows out”, PN623), so what can we expect of it, when it has to manage a complex and difficult development exercise over the whole Peninsula.

Magic numbers from Cr Wright are not a useful contribution to the debate that we should be having.

SOURCE:
Email, 19 Jul 2025
Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy

Reid vows to protect penalty rates

Penalty and overtime rates for millions of Australian workers are one step closer to protection enshrined in law, according to Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid.

Legislation will be changed to incorporate a high-level principle into the Fair Work Act that operates alongside the modern awards objective, ensuring penalty rates and overtime can’t be rolled up into a single rate of pay where it leaves any individual employee worse off, he said.

“The Bill will protect crucial entitlements for around 2.6 million modern award-reliant workers, many who count on penalty rates to make ends meet.

“Employers in the retail, clerical and banking sectors have made applications to the Fair Work Commission to trade away the penalty rates of lower paid workers from awards, leaving some workers worse off.

“The Bill ensures that in applications like these, no worker sees their pay packet reduced.”

Dr Reid said he would always protect workers’ penalty rates.

“I know how important penalty rates are to Central Coast workers especially frontline healthcare workers.”

SOURCE:
Media release, 22 Jul 2025
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson

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Cooking competition was well-attended

The Umina Beach branch of the Country Women's Association held its cooking competition on Saturday, July 26.

The competition was well attended, with entries including gluten-free magic bean cake, coconut loaf, chocolate butter

cake, coffee sponge sandwich, plain butter cake and sultana cake.

Winners included Ms Celia O'Meara, Ms Rikki McIntosh, Ms Tracy Wilson and Ms Glenda Chapman.

SOURCE:
Social media, 26 Jul 2025
CWA Umina Beach

Council announces carpark completion

Central Coast Council has announced it has completed car park upgrade at Rogers Park in Woy Woy.

Mayor Cr Lawrie McKinna said the upgrade supported participation in sport, recreation and community events.

"The upgraded car park, and increased parking capacity, at Rogers Park in Woy Woy provide a much-needed boost for parking."

He said the upgrade enhanced safety and access and was finalised in March, ahead of the winter sports season.

The \$750,000 Council-funded upgrade has resulted in more than 210 formal car spaces, including four accessible spaces and eight motorcycle bays.

"The improved infrastructure supports regular users including

Woy Woy Roosters Junior Rugby League Club, Woy Woy Peninsula Swans AFL, Peninsula Junior Touch Football, Central Coast Cricket and monthly community markets hosted by the Lions Club."

Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid said Rogers Park in Woy Woy was a great local sporting facility that caters to a range of sports.

"The recent upgrades to parking facilities helps to meet the increasing demand by both locals and visitors to the grounds," Dr Reid said.

"I am pleased to be part of a Federal Government which sees the importance of ensuring our community facilities are safe, functional and accessible."

SOURCE:
Media release, 15 Jul 2025
Central Coast Council

Training for boaters and jet ski riders

A training seminar to help boaters and jet ski riders acquire the skills and knowledge they need to stay safer on our waterways is scheduled for Saturday, August 2, at Marine Rescue Brisbane Water.

The certified Marine Rescue Boat Licence Theory Course will be held at the new operations centre at Point Clare.

The theory course will be conducted by trainers and

assessors Ms Jane and Mr Raymond Lewis.

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

To gain a full boat licence, participants will also need to complete the Practical Handbook.

You are required to take a minimum of three trips with an experienced skipper, who has held a licence for a minimum of three consecutive years.

Marine Rescue Brisbane Water

is a registered training organisation with members professionally trained to national standards for their roles, both on and off the water, but does not offer the practical component.

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

SOURCE:
Social media, 21 Jul 2025
Marine Rescue Brisbane Water

Energy efficiency tips on website

Umina Community Group has added a number of energy efficiency tips to its website to help residents who are "feeling the winter blues".

Among the tips are understanding how and when you use power, and changing behaviour accordingly.

Others are to compare energy providers, to look for government grants and rebates, and to look for

draughts.

The community group's website includes links to presentations and other resources.

SOURCE:
Social media, 25 Jul 2025
Umina Community Group



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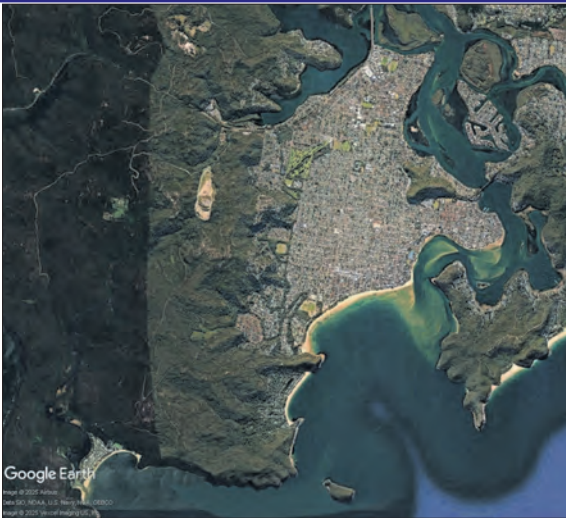
These are some of the questions that contribute to Council's Local Strategic Planning Statement - the 20 year vision for land use in the local area.

The Local Strategic Planning Statement will go out on exhibition later in the year.

During August, I will be holding a community workshop to get your views about the future planning of the Peninsula. (Details still to be confirmed)

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Bank branch pays tribute to Ken Dixon

The Community Bank Ettalong Beach has paid tribute a long-serving board director Mr Ken Dixon, who died recently.

Co-chair Mr Michael Tame said: "Ken dedicated many years to the Community Bank, bringing passion, purpose, and integrity to his role."

"As a key board member, often responsible for community grants, sponsorships, and partnerships, Ken was a driving force behind our mission to return up to 80 per cent of profits back into local

projects that strengthen and uplift our region.

"His leadership saw significant support directed to initiatives such as the Brisbane Water Secondary College Sports Academy, the Woy Woy Roosters, Grow Urban Street Trees, and local rural fire brigades.

"Ken had a unique ability to see the potential in people and programs and to back them wholeheartedly.

"Ken's dedication to community banking was never about recognition.

"It was about doing what's

right for the people and places he loved, and helping ensure future generations would benefit from a stronger, more connected Peninsula.

"Ken was humble, generous and completely committed to giving back.

"His legacy is not just in the projects he supported.

"It's in the relationships he built, the trust he earned, and the difference he made."

SOURCE:
Media release, 21 Jul 2025
Jae Tame, Community Bank Ettalong Beach



Melbourne Ave footpath work is welcomed

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has welcomed work on a new footpath along Melbourne Ave.

She said the work, between Brisbane Ave and Hobart Ave was part of the State's investment in

footpath improvements across the Central Coast, "making our streets safer and more accessible for everyone".

SOURCE:
Social media, 24 Jul 2025
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford



Men's group spend day dedicated to trains

The men's group at a local aged care home spent a day dedicated to trains recently.

Members of the group at Blue Wave Living admired detailed hobby locomotives up close while swapping stories of riding the rails

across the globe.

"It was a journey through memory lane and mechanical marvels," said chief executive Mr Matt Downie.

SOURCE:
Social media, 23 Jul 2025
BlueWave Living

Tweens book club

The Book Club for Tweens will discuss Small Fry by David Baddiel at Umina Library from 3:30pm to 4:15pm on Wednesday, August 6.

The book club is especially for students in Years 5 and 6 at school.

The book is described as "a funny, exciting, David versus Goliath adventure with a heart-warming father-son relationship, set in a food truck".

Club members may borrow a copy of the book from the library to read before the club meets.

With inquiries, phone 4304 7333.

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



Tesch 'honoured' to chair Youth Parliament debate

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has described it as "an honour" to chair a debate in the Disability and Inclusion Committee at Youth Parliament recently.

Ms Tesch, who is Parliamentary

Secretary for Disability Inclusion, said: "Our future is bright with passionate young leaders like these stepping up."

SOURCE:
Social media, 25 Jul 2025
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

Session about volcanoes for Science Week

A Science Week session about volcanoes will be held at Umina Library of children aged five and older.

The session will be held on Tuesday, August 12, from 3:30pm to 4:15pm.

Those attending may discover what make volcanoes blow their top with the help of Britannica online.

A "simple science experiment" will then be held "to make a model volcano erupt".

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

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

Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy campus will hold a Year 11 subject selection night for current Year 10 students and their families, and prospective enrolments.

The night will be held from 5pm to 7pm on Monday, August 4, at the Woy Woy campus.

"No one can offer quite what we can," said campus principal Ms Rebecca Cooper.

"Unparalleled industry and community partnerships with local and state businesses, trade qualifications, accelerated courses, academic subjects, extension courses, transitioning to work pathways, distance education options, university pathways - we've got something for everyone."

"We offer innovative educational pathways that are designed to embrace academic progress, and build resilient, confident young adults, who will enter society equipped with a broad range of skills," said deputy principal Mr Nick Garnett.

"We offer diverse subject selection: one of the largest and most diverse senior subject selection pools in the state of NSW, including academic, VET and extension courses, post-school destinations, unparalleled traineeship and career growth opportunities, including industry TAFE qualifications.

"Dynamic learning, includes future-focussed learning environments and inclusive teaching and well-being support programs."

Deputy principal Mr Simon Madden said: "We are united in our belief that education should be valued, respected and celebrated.

"Our highly-skilled and enthusiastic teachers make a difference in the lives of all our students.

"We have a culture of high expectations that encourages and supports all students to fulfill their dreams and aspirations in all fields of endeavour."

SOURCE:
Social media, 23 Jul 2025
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy

PJ Day held to raise money for children’s charity

Umina Beach Public School will hold its annual PJ Day on Wednesday, July 30.

The event is run by the school’s social projects students team to raise funds for We Care Connect.

On PJ Day, students are invited to wear their pyjamas and bring in a gold coin donation.

They must wear their normal school shoes.

“This annual event is organised

by the social projects team and raises money for We Care Connect, a local charity that re-homes quality preloved children’s essentials with families who need them most,” said principal Ms Karen Wardlaw.

“Please support our wonderful social projects students who are working hard to change the world.”

SOURCE:
Social media, 21 Jul 2025
Umina Beach Public School



Tribute planned for Woy Woy South principal

Woy Woy South Public School’s parents and citizens association are planning a tribute to, principal Mr Matt Barr and deputy principal Ms Sandra Lappan for Principal Appreciation Day on Friday, August 1.

Association president Ms Briana Church said the association would “do a little something to show our appreciation”.

“We will be creating a slideshow

with parent and student messages for both Mr Barr and Ms Lappan and also putting together a little gift.”

Parents can email your message to brianachurch@wwspandc.org or drop it into the canteen by Thursday, July 31.

Anyone wanting to contribute to the gift can donate on Quickcliq via the uniforms tab <https://app.quickcliq.com.au/default.aspx>.

SOURCE:
Social media, 21 Jul 2025
Woy Woy South Public School P/C

Naidoc Week activities held at Woy Woy

Woy Woy Public School held Naidoc Week celebrations on Wednesday, July 23.

The day included staff professional learning and a Naidoc

assembly.

Students from Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College gave a didgeridoo performance.

Bush tucker tastings and “rotational activities” were held.

SOURCE:
Social media, 23 Jul 2025
Woy Woy Public School

Recorder group to perform at Opera House

Tickets to Ettalong Public School’s recorder group performance at the Sydney Opera House are now on sale.

The group will perform in the

Jacaranda concert at the Festival of Instrumental Music at 6:30pm on Monday, September 8.

Tickets are available from the Sydney Opera House box office on 1300 764 849.

There is a limit of three tickets per transaction.

Performing students will not need a ticket.

SOURCE:
Social media, 23 Jul 2025
Ettalong Public School



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Bid to include life saving events in Olympics

Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club members Mr Brett Harrodd and Mr Dave Thompson are working to have life saving events included in the 2032 Brisbane Olympics.

They are part of the International Lifesaving Federation steering committee working on a bid for International Lifesaving Sport to be contested in Brisbane.

SOURCE: Social media, 24 Jul 2025 Ocean Beach SLSC

Bowling club to hold annual meeting

Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club will hold its annual general meeting from 10am on Sunday, August 24. Nominations for committee positions close at 6pm on Sunday, August 3. Executive positions are president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. Committee positions are bowls secretary, assistant bowls

secretary, chairman of match, assistant secretary and three committeemen. A total of 16 positions will be available on to seven sub-committees. Voting will be held from 4pm on Saturday, August 9, and on Wednesday to Friday, August 13-15 if required.

SOURCE: Social media, 24 Jul 2025 Peter Springett, UBMBC

'Relaxed' ride around Brisbane Water

The Central Coast Bicycle User Group will hold a "relaxed" ride around its Brisbane Water Loop route from 8am to 11am on Thursday, July 31, starting from Woy Woy Fishermen's Wharf. The ride distance will be 50km with a grade of medium and an average pace of about 22km/h, described as "a cruising paced ride around Brisbane Water". The ride 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, but picking up on the road sections. A coffee break will be taken as part of the ride. For further information, phone ride leader Reg on 0411 705 410.

SOURCE: Social media, 26 Jul 2025 CCBUG

Junior touch coaches

Peninsula Junior Touch has announced its 2025-26 representative coaching staff. They are: Under-10 boys: head coach Zac Ison, assistant Mitchell Wilson; Under-12 boys: coach Jonah Wright; Under-14 boys: coach Adama Wright; Under-16

boys: coach Archie Tebbutt; Under-12 girls: coach Jazmine Wolfe, assistant Ella Wolfe. The coaches have been selected to bring passion, skill, and commitment to developing the players. SOURCE: Social media, 25 Jul 2025 Peninsula Junior Touch

Jacob Falconer selected for NSW pool rescue team

Ocean Beach surf life saver Jacob Falconer has been selected as one of eight Central Coast members of the NSW pool rescue team. The team will represent the State in the Australian Pool Rescue Championships to be held in Adelaide from Friday to Sunday, August 8 to 10. The team also includes five members from Avoca Beach and two from Terrigal. The eight athletes earned their selection through their performances at the Surf Life Saving NSW Pool Rescue Championships held in June. At the Queensland State Pool Rescue Championships in July, Jacob came second in the 200m super lifesaver, the 100m carry



and 100m tow. He also placed third in the 100m rescue medley, the 50m carry and

200m obstacles. "Our pool rescue program has gone from strength to strength, and these results demonstrate that we're leading the way for all NSW branches," said Surf Life Saving Central Coast chief executive Mr Michael Hyslop. "The dedication of our athletes, coaches, and clubs has created a culture of excellence that produces results like this. "The Australian Pool Rescue Championships bring together the best pool rescue athletes from across Australia, with competitors showcasing their skills in events that mirror real-life rescue scenarios in aquatic environments."

SOURCE: Media release, 25 Jul 2025 Julia Skinner, SLSCC

Swim club members chosen for team

Two members of the Woy Woy Swim Club have been selected for the NSW team for Surf Life Saving Australia Pool Rescue Championships

to be held in Adelaide in August. The two members, Levi Sinclair and Julia Hall, are both members of the Avoca Beach Surf

Life Saving Club, which had a total of five members selected for the team. SOURCE: Social media, 21 Jul 2025 Woy Woy Swim Club

Athletes to attend North Sydney regional championships

Athletes from Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College will attend the Sydney North School Sport Association's regional athletics championships at Sydney Olympic Park

Athletics Centre today and tomorrow, July 28 and 29. Parents were sent a program with instructions about arrival and start times, with students expected to arrange "private travel" to the event.

Permission notes were be signed by Mr Stevenson and Mr Simon Warren or Ms Kerrie Thomas, to be presented to the zone managers at the championships upon arrival. SOURCE: Social media, 23 Jul 2025 BWSC Umina

Swampies donate \$5000 to Coast Shelter

The Swampies Social Golf Club has donated \$5000 to Coast Shelter. Swampies president Mr Rod Blake presented a cheque to Ms Kyleigh Holland-Quinn, a Coast Shelter manager, at Everglades Country Club on Tuesday, July 8. Ms Holland-Quinn told the gathering of 26 members of the club about Coast Shelter's work to support those facing homelessness and family and domestic violence. Mr Blake said Swampies was pleased to support Coast Shelter. "The Swampies have a proud history of donations and assistance that has continued over many years. "Over the last 25 years or so, the Swampies have donated more than \$32,000 to local causes, most of which has been donations to



the children's ward at Gosford Hospital." SOURCE: Media release, 21 Jul 2025 Ken Martin, Swampies Social Golf Club

Shelley selected for exchange to Japan

Shelley Smith will represent Ocean Beach and Umina Surf Life Saving Clubs has been selected to travel to Japan as part of a lifesaver exchange program. She is one of four participants to attend the Iwai Seaside Camps to educate Japanese junior high school students on basic skills for water safety and survival between July 19 and August 12. The program is run in partnership between Surf Life Saving Australia and the Japanese Lifesaving Association. More information is available online at bit.ly/japan_exchange. SOURCE: Social media, 20 Jul 2025 Surf Life Saving Australia

Pie in the sky ride is 95 kilometres

Central Coast Bicycle User Group will hold a 95km ride from Woy Woy railway station to Pie in the Sky cafe at Cowan from 6:30am on Saturday, August 2.

The ride is expected to take 5.5 hours

It will be a moderate-paced ride from Woy Woy to Pie in the Sky cafe and back, through the picturesque Brisbane Water National Park and over the Hawkesbury River.

“Designed for more experienced riders, we mostly utilise the old Pacific Hwy and include five longish climbs,” said ride leader

Alan Corven.

“There is nothing too steep, but you’ll certainly know you’ve been up a few hills by the time you get home.”

Riders should bring their own water, snack and money for coffee or a drink at Pie in the Sky or another cafe.

Riders may opt out at Brooklyn for a train home if required.

“Otherwise it’s call a friend for a pickup.”

For further information, call Alan on 0414 538 977.

SOURCE:
Social media, 26 Jul 2025
CCBUG



Tennis club members train to use defibrillator

Members of the Woy Woy Tennis Club have received training in the use of a new defibrillator.

The machine will be available to both members and the wider community while using and

enjoying the club’s facilities.

The automatic external defibrillator was purchased with a grant of \$2595 from the NSW Office of Sport.

SOURCE:
Social media, 20 Jul 2025
Woy Woy Tennis Club

Brad wins snooker championship

Woy Woy resident Brad Elliott, along with his snooker partner Sue Harvey, has won the Draw Partners Doubles Handicap Championship Snooker held at Central Coast Leagues Club’s Snooker and Billiards Club on Sunday, July 13.

“Brad has been a resident of Woy Woy since 1980,” said club secretary Ms Theresa Calcina.

“He has been playing snooker for over 20 years and is a great club member who freely gives his time to mentor less accomplished players.

“He assists with club activities whenever he can.”

SOURCE:
Media release,
Theresa Calcina, CCLC SBC



Kingfisher Carnival held at Umina

Members from many Central Coast clubs took part in the 53rd Umina Beach Men’s Bowling Club’s Men’s Kingfisher Carnival held over two days.

The winners were Bill Gardiner, Kevin Wilson and Ryan McDonnell of Ourimbah 5W + 33.

Second place went to Peter Beverage, Gary Gennesy and Danny Bjedov of Ettalong 5W +24.

Third place went to Andrew Kenney, Kody Rickit and Greg Shirley of Umina 5W +21.

Fourth place went to Rob Knight, John Raisborough and Dave Cox of Ettalong 5W +15.

Fifth place was won by Trevor Grover, Harry Moss and Rod Rewko of Bateau Bay 5W +9.

Consolation prize was won by Grant Ambrose, Paul Trig and Mark Connell of Umina.

Umina Beach Women’s Kingfisher was held on Monday 21st July.

First was the Everglades team of D McInnes, G Baxter, K Eagleson and V Redrup.

Second was another Everglades team of R Farkash, H Cooper, M Jackson and B McFarlane.

Third was the Umina Beach side of Y Gordon, M Kelso, G Jarratt and J Murphy.

Fourth was Umina Beach side of J Brown, P Fishenden, J Moroney and L Gordon.

Mystery prize winners was Ettalong side of C Sullivan, L Peters, J Paris and J Rogers.

The Kingfisher Carnival finished

with the Mixed Carnival, in glorious sunshine on Wednesday, July 23.

Winners were Christine Sullivan, Barry Sullivan and Ted Adams (Ettalong) 3W +15.

Second were Deb Moore, Phil Sillick and Ben Taylor (Umina) 2W +24.

Third were Robin Brown, Tracey Gillante and Ryan McDonnell (Composite) 2W +19.

Fourth were Meena Kelso, Brandon Fraser and Kody Rickit (Umina) 2W + 15.

Consolation prizes went to John Bye, Natasha McDowell and Don Stephens and to Kerry Yates, Pam Fishenden and Gary Yates.

SOURCE:
Social media, 20 Jul 2025
Peter Springett, UBMCB
Social media, 21 Jul 2025
Lesley Swales, UBWC

Draw sees SEU drop points forthird time

The 3-all draw between Woongarra and Southern and Ettalong United in round 13 of Men’s Premier League soccer saw Woongarra continue their season-best form while the visitors dropped points for just the third time.

Southern took only five minutes to create their first real chance of the game.

Their striker, Jayke Browne, beat the keeper with his shot going wide past the post in a one-on-one opportunity.

Southern would dominate field position for the next 10 minutes and have some half chances.

However, Woongarra would be the first to score when Sean Jackson found Jayden Rogers, who had lost his defenders.

Rogers evaded the oncoming keeper, smashing the ball into the roof of the net from an acute angle to give the home side the lead.

Southern would chase an equaliser and see a glancing header go wide.

Only minutes later, Sean Jackson would almost score, beating two defenders only to have it stolen before he could shoot from close range.

The second half produced five goals, with Southern being the first on the scoresheet to level the contest.

A long throw from Southern would result in a corner.

From the corner, Jayke Browne would find himself unmarked for a free header six yards out and would make no mistake of his opportunity.

Woongarra took the lead once more 20 minutes later when Gryffyn Stevenson fired from a distance, leaving the keeper standing as his effort found the bottom corner.

Their second lead of the fixture would not last long.

Within a few minutes of going up, a cheap turnover from the Wildcats would lead to a ball in behind their defence.

Browne got to the ball first, firing a shot at the near post where the goalie seemed to have it covered.

However, the ball snuck past

the keeper, and the score was level once more.

Four minutes later, Southern would lead for the first time in the game.

High pressure from Theo Forsberg saw Woongarra turn the ball over.

Forsberg played the ball into the box, finding Sam Webb, who placed the ball into the bottom corner to take the game to 3-2 in favour of the visitors.

As time ran out, Southern looked to see out the game while Woongarra pushed for an equaliser.

With two minutes to go, Jayden Rogers shot from outside the box, curling it past the keeper and into the side netting for the final goal of the game.

Woongarra would almost get all three points during a goalmouth scramble, but a clearance off the line would deny them, and the scoreline remained 3-3.

Match official was Luke Dunkerley.

SOURCE:
Website, 21 Jul 2025
Central Coast Football

Umina United defeats The Entrance 4-0

Umina United has defeated The Entrance 4-0 in round 16 of Women's Premier League soccer.

The game started with both teams moving the ball around and plenty of physical challenges.

There wasn't much in it for the opening 30 minutes as both teams looked to find their rhythm.

The first shot came 30 minutes into the game, from Umina's Kate Styles, who took a close-range shot from a tight angle, easily dealt with by the Reddies' keeper.

Five minutes later, Umina opened the scoring with a ball across the face of the goal, tapped in by Tori Sheriff.

They carried the 1-0 lead into the halftime break.

Umina started to really move the ball around in the second half.

A wonderful strike from Hayley Fulwood near the 18-yard box 10 minutes in hit the bottom left

corner, and Umina doubled their lead over the Reddies.

The Reddies continued to fight to pull a goal back, now with two strikers rather than one up front.

However, Umina continued to dominate possession, leading to a brilliant solo effort by Kate Styles, who turned a player and then beat another for speed, getting herself 1-on-1 with the keeper.

The first shot was saved, but the second attempt went in, and the home side extended their lead to three goals.

Five minutes later, Umina scored a lovely team goal with clinical passing through the middle to unlock the Reddies' defence, with the ever-present Kate Styles scoring again for the game's fourth and final goal.

Match official was Jeffrey Smith.

SOURCE:
Website, 21 Jul 2025
Central Coast Football



Umina United is promoted to Men's Premier League

Umina United will be promoted to Men's Premier League soccer competition after a successful season in Division One.

Central Coast Football announced that Umina would return to Men's Premier League for the 2026 season for the first time since 2020.

Umina United was top of the ladder winning all its 15 games at the time of the announcement.

Its nearest competitors were second and third-placed clubs Gosford and Doyalson Wyee, both with eight wins.

SOURCE:
Social media, 20 Jul 2025
Central Coast Football

Lions win one of four round 14 games

Woy Woy Rugby Club has won one of its four games in Round 14 of Central Coast Rugby Union competition played on Saturday, July 26.

In Premier 1, Northlakes-The Bay defeated Woy Woy 36-5.

Northlakes-The Bay controlled the pace of the game from the outset, with strong performances across their forward pack.

They now leap back into fourth place and have it all to play for in the final round.

Northlakes-The Bay defeated Woy Woy 14-14 in Premier 2.

In a spirited battle between two sides who have struggled for results this year, it was Northlakes-The Bay who came out on top.

Both teams exchanged tries in a well-contested opening half, but Northlakes-The Bay found more cohesion in the second half to edge

ahead and claim a confidence-boosting win.

In Women's Premier 1, Woy Woy defeated Northlakes-The Bay 38-21 Woy Woy had a strong and spirited home win.

The side played with intent from the opening whistle and capitalised on opportunities across the park.

Northlakes-The Bay stayed competitive and had their moments, but the Roosters were too sharp on the day.

In Premier 3, Razorbacks 26 defeated Woy Woy 12.

The Razorbacks notched a solid win over Woy Woy, who stayed in the contest for large periods.

The Razorback's consistency and discipline proved the difference in the second half.

SOURCE:
Website, 27 Jul 2025
CCRU

Women's pairs final 'fiercely-contested'

Brenda Rae and Jeanette Jenkins won the final of the Everglades Women's Pairs Championship on Thursday,

July 24.

In what was described as "a fiercely-contested match filled with skill, determination, and great sportsmanship", they defeated

runners-up Wendy Ide and Jeanine Vigar.

SOURCE:
Social media, 24 Jul 2025
Everglades Country Club

Southern in one-goal loss to Terrigal

Southern and Ettalong lost 0-1 to Terrigal in round 16 of Women's Premier League soccer.

SEU was looking to bounce back after some recent losses, while Terrigal chased victory to stay in reach of the fourth spot.

In the end, Georgah Shearim's goal was the only thing that separated these two sides after a hard-fought ninety minutes.

With Catherine Higgonson-Smith once again stepping up for Southern to help in their starting lineup, and two more under-16s to fill the bench, SEU was determined to not give Terrigal an inch.

SEU pushed the attack with most possession in the first 20 minutes within Terrigal's half.

But Terrigal had their chances, attacking well on the counter but failing to hit the target.

A foul in the 10th minute just outside the 18-yard box gave Terrigal their first real chance at goal, and Elizabeth Jamieson her first yellow card.

The shot went high over the crossbar.

Not having a second assistant was proving detrimental for SEU, as several onside runs were

deemed offside by the referee.

One such call left Brooke Hardie so antagonised that she was shown a yellow card for kicking the ball away.

Despite the more dominant play of the ball, it was Terrigal who struck first.

A Mackenna Milton corner was headed home by Georgah Shearim.

At the other end of the park, SEU had their share of corners and breaks on goal too.

In the 30th minute, Hannah Davidson turned her defender and had a run at goal.

Terrigal's keeper, Rochelle Davies, had catlike reflexes to save a well-driven shot by Hannah.

Not two minutes later, Terrigal countered, and it was SEU's keeper Amelie Griggs who was called into action, diving low and wide to save another possible goal for Terrigal.

The second half started with two rather evenly matched teams jockeying for their share of possession and attacks on goal.

Five minutes in, Brooke Hardie was the recipient of a bad challenge to her hip, and Brooke had to come off to receive treatment.

But true to Brooke's tough

nature, she returned to the field shortly afterwards.

The 53rd minute saw a poor first touch for Terrigal's keeper from a back pass, allowing Hannah an opportunity to shoot.

The keeper kicked through Hannah to clear the ball.

Southern shouted for a penalty, but were left stunned when a foul was awarded against the Southern attacker.

Another foul on Hannah allowed Larna Homer to shoot for goal with a free kick 25 yards out, centre of the goal, but the effort was saved by the opposition keeper.

At the other end, a poor goal kick allowed Gabriella Healey to make it 2-0, but her shot was high over the crossbar, not testing the keeper at all.

A second yellow card for SEUs Elizabeth Jamieson meant they were down to 10 players, with Under-16's Aspen Balshaw filling in her role now.

A back-and-forth match continued, neither team finishing off half chances, and the game ending in a 1-0 victory for Terrigal.

Match official was Larry Jenkins.

SOURCE:
Website, 21 Jul 2025
Central Coast Football