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**Woy Woy South Public School held its cross country carnival last Tuesday.**

Students aged between 7 and 10 this year ran two laps.

Students turning 11 and 12 ran three laps.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 26 Mar 2024  
Woy Woy South Public School

## Droneport details needed, says residents' association

**More details about a droneport proposed for the roof of the Woolworths' supermarket in Woy Woy should be included in a development application before Central Coast Council considers its merits, the Peninsula Residents' Association has claimed.**

The development application lodged by SLR Consulting Australia Pty Ltd for drone operator Zipline does not provide adequate information to warrant approval, the association said.

The association has asked that the droneport be treated as "prohibited" under the planning provisions.

"The commercial flying of drones" is a new use of the land that requires assessment by Central Coast Council, the association has written in a submission to the council

"The admitted involvement of the Civil Aviation Safety Authority means that the 'physical infrastructure' is ostensibly an 'air transport facility' which is prohibited in the E1 zone.

"The 15km delivery area described in public statements by Woolworths and Zipline means it could well also qualify as an airstrip, freight transport facility, a transport depot or a distribution centre, all of which are prohibited in the zone," the submission states.

In these cases, a fully-fledged Planning Proposal would be needed to rezone the site.

"Even if it does not fall under these definitions, the operation would fall under 'any other development not specified' and would be subject to Council

consent.

"In any case, the development application should provide full details of the proposed operation.

"The Statement of Environmental Effects for the application does not mention operating times, numbers of drones, flight frequency, flight paths and heights or payload standards.

"It does not state its package landing area requirements or whether or how it would serve the medium density areas of the Peninsula which have minimal open space and less soft areas for landing deliveries.

"Without this information, neither the council nor the community has the necessary basis to support the application.

"Unconditional blanket approval is inappropriate, and neither is conditional approval without an application first publicly disclosing the basis for them and giving the opportunity for submissions to be made about them.

"While the association has not taken a position on the novel use of drones, it would want the community to be fully informed about the proposal and the substantial safety concerns addressed before approval of any facility is contemplated."

Residents Association planning specialist Mr Frank Wiffen said: "The idea is that grocery orders will be dropped by parachute to recipients in a matter of minutes."

He said a Canberra trial by a company called Wing came to an end in September.

"Many residents were strongly opposed to the drones and started a community-wide protest group," he said.

Mr Wiffen said the viability of

drone delivery services seemed to rely on "maxing out" the operation with high numbers of deliveries, high charges and low numbers of operators.

"The universal view among drone delivery companies seems to be that by far the biggest obstacle they face in setting up a viable operation is government regulation.

"Specific regulations of major importance are the ability to fly a drone beyond line of sight and the ability for a single operator to be responsible for multiple drones.

"The industry says the optimum number is 15.

"This brings costs down to a level where they can compete with other delivery methods."

Mr Wiffen said it was also likely that its viability would rely on its use by other local businesses, such as chemists and fast food operators.

"This is not mentioned in the development application.

"Otherwise, it would be more appropriately located at Woolworths' Warnervale warehouse.

"In Australia, trials of drone delivery has so far been confined to low density areas in Canberra and Queensland.

"The Woy Woy operation may be an extremely important precedent as the first in NSW.

"We think it deserves close scrutiny by council and the community."

The association is encouraging residents to send submissions about DA/204/2024 to Central Coast Council, before the closing date of April 9.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 30 Mar 2024  
Frank Wiffen, Peninsula Residents' Association

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## 'Meet the Editor' to mark 25 years

**Peninsula News' founding editor Mr Mark Snell wants to meet you – our readers – as the newspaper celebrates 25 years.**

Readers will have the opportunity to "meet the editor" and discuss the past, present and future of our newspaper at two sessions in April.

They will both be held on Monday, April 22 – one during the day and one at night.

A morning session will be held at Woy Woy Library at 11am, while an evening session will be held at Ettalong Bowling Club at 7pm.

On each occasion, editor Mr Snell will talk about the role of local newspapers in fostering a sense of community and supporting local democracy.

Questions and discussion will follow.

"I'm interested in hearing what readers value about Peninsula News and their thoughts about its future as it faces the challenges ahead," he said.

With inquiries, email editor@peninsula.news.

Mark Snell, 16 Mar 2024

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# Peninsula News

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

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

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

### Locality

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

To qualify for publication, articles must have specific relevance to the Peninsula. For example, they must be about activities or events happening on the Peninsula or be organised by or involving Peninsula people.

The newspaper is not regional or national in nature, so regional or national issues will not be canvassed except as they affect the Peninsula.

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

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

### Readability

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

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

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

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The Forum section provides the opportunity for readers to express their views on any aspect of Peninsula community life, with the aim of reflecting the community's diversity of opinion.

Nevertheless, letters may be edited for readability, including for length, spelling and grammar, and to avoid legal liability on the part of the newspaper, or they may be declined altogether.

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

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

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

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

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## Fundraiser held outside supermarket

The Bays Rural Fire Brigade held a fundraiser outside a supermarket in Umina on Saturday, March 16.

"It was great to meet and engage our community and talk about fire readiness, while enjoying a sausage sanga," said captain Mr Stephen O'Donohue.

The brigade set up a stall in front of IGA Umina in Lone Pine Plaza.

"The store team were supportive and accommodating."

**SOURCE:**  
 Social media, 16 Mar 2024  
 The Bays Rural Fire Brigade



## Do you prefer rolls or slices with your sausage?

Do you prefer bread rolls or bread slices at sausage sizzles?

That is the question that the Rotary Club of Umina Beach is asking its patrons.

"For almost 10 years, we have been serving up our sausages on fresh bread rolls rather than on a slice of bread," said club president Mr Wayne Dowdle.

"This has been loved by all of our customers and has been officially sanctioned in writing by

Bunnings headquarters."

The club's question has been prompted after the club was prevented "mid-serving" and without warning from using bread rolls at its Bunnings barbecue at West Gosford on Saturday, March 23.

"We were told that bread rolls were not and never have been allowed at Bunnings Barbecues."

**SOURCE:**  
 Social media, 23 Mar 2024  
 Rotary Club of Umina Beach

## Learn to knit

A "Learn to Knit" workshop for children aged six to 12 years will be held at Umina Library as as a school holiday activity.

Sessions will be held from 10am to 12pm on Mondays, April 15 and 22.

Participants will have the opportunity to learn to knit with the Umina Beach library knitters.

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

**SOURCE:**  
 Website, 25 Mar 2024  
 Library Services, Central Coast Council

## March rainfall was lowest in 20 years

The March rainfall total was the lowest in 20 years, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

With 31mm recorded for the month, it was less than the previous lowest in the same period, which was 55mm recorded in March last year.

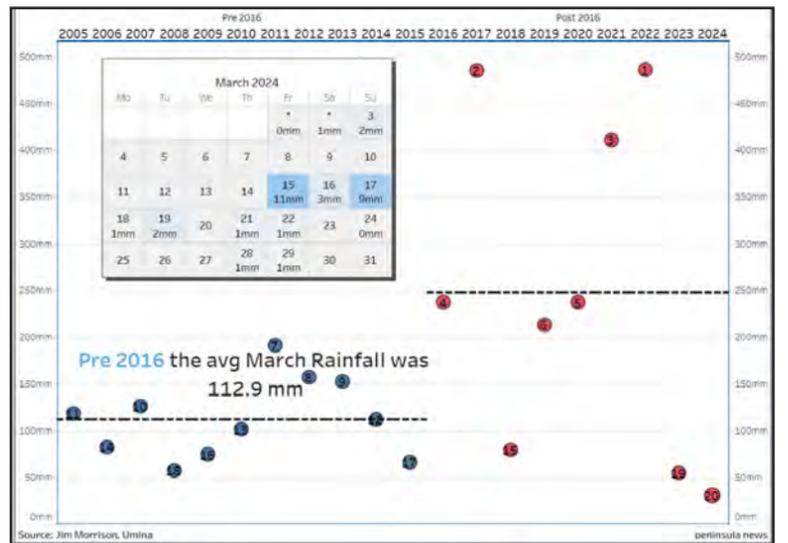
The average rainfall for March is 181mm.

The previous lowest March total was 21.6mm, according to figures recorded at the Everglades Country Club in March 1998.

The highest fall for the month recorded this year was 10.5mm on March 15, with 9.1 recorded on March 17.

Falls of more than one millimetre were recorded on seven other days of the month.

Total rainfall so far this year is 245.6mm, which is just over half



the first quarter average of 456mm.

More details, including daily rainfall figures and yearly comparisons, are available online

at <http://bit.ly/PNRRainfall>

**SOURCE:**  
 Spreadsheet, 29 Mar 2024  
 Jim Morrison, Umina

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## Tesch to co-chair 'MP Friends of Olympics' group

**Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch is to co-chair a "NSW Parliamentary Friends" group for the Olympic and Paralympic Movements.**

Ms Tesch who is Parliamentary Secretary for Disability Inclusion will co-chair the group with Shadow Minister for Sport Ms Eleni Petinos. "As a former Paralympian and now a member of Parliament, it was fabulous to join so many of my colleagues to celebrate the inaugural meeting of the Parliamentary Friends of the Olympic and Paralympic Movements in New South Wales," she said.

"Our first function was a great opportunity for parliamentarians, athletes, and representatives from sporting bodies from across New South Wales to celebrate our wonderful athletes and wish them well on their journey to Paris," she

said.

The bi-partisan group was launched at Parliament House in Sydney on Tuesday, March 19.

More than 130 guests, including members of Parliament, joined Australian Olympic Committee chief executive Mr Matt Carroll, Paralympics Australia president Ms Alison Creagh, Olympians, Paralympians.

The aims of the group include encouraging participation in sport, promoting the fundamental principles and values of Olympic and Paralympic movements, promoting the practice of sport as a human right without discrimination of any kind, and to support to the issue of indigenous reconciliation through sport.

The group already has 50 parliamentarians as members.

**SOURCE: Media release, 21 Mar 2024 Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford**



## Ettalong Beach post office moves

**The Ettalong Beach post office moved to a new address last Monday, March 25.**

The new address is shop 2, 46-48 Picnic Pde, Ettalong.

The post office moved from its old address at the Rocks Arcade at 212 Memorial Ave, about 150m away, as its lease came to an end.

Pictured is customer Ms Bryanne Bell, with post office

staff Ms Danelle Kila, Ms Lyn McLoughlin and Mr Harry Hun.

**SOURCE: Media statement, 25 Mar 2024 Sonia Maclean, Australia Post Photo: Jo Freeman**

## Arboretum launches appeal to build covered area

**The Pearl Beach Arboretum has launched a crowd-funding appeal to raise money to build a new covered outdoor area for its cottage.**

"The cottage in our beautiful arboretum provides a unique venue for events like the beloved Opera in the Arboretum, the Pearl Beach Ephemeral Art Trail and Community Christmas Carols," said arboretum secretary Ms Mary Knaggs.

It is also "a place for arboretum volunteers to meet, learn and educate about the crucial role

played by our conservation work".

Ms Knaggs said: "The ever-growing scope of Arboretum community activities means we have outgrown the cottage and are in desperate need of a fit-for-purpose covered outdoor area."

The appeal has a target of \$58,870, with more than \$5000 pledged.

"Every little bit counts.

"All donations over \$2 are tax deductible."

**SOURCE: Social media, 20 Mar 2024 Mary Knaggs, Pearl Beach Arboretum**

## Carers NSW to hold information session

**Staff from Carers NSW will hold an information session at Woy Woy Library from 9:30am to 12pm on Thursday, April 4.**

Information, education and resources will be available to individuals providing support for a family member or a friend with a disability, mental illness, drug

or alcohol dependency, chronic condition, terminal illness or who is frail due to age.

No bookings are required.

With inquiries, phone 4304 7555.

**SOURCE: Website, 25 Mar 2024 Library Services, Central Coast Council**

## Rotary president visits Fiji

**Brisbane Water Rotary club co-president Ms Sue O'Neill has travelled to Fiji to investigate projects the club could support there.**

She travelled with Ms Jan Pryor from Rotary Northlakes-Toukley and met up with Ms Liz McDougall from Rotary Warringah.

They met with Rotarians from Savusavu and Labasa clubs on Vanua Levu.

They visited local primary schools where the club will support clean water and sanitation projects.

"At Nagigi primary school, the main water supply comes from a nearby creek," said Ms O'Neill.

"Cyclone Yasa and Cyclone Winston wreaked havoc and destroyed school infrastructure.

"We will support the replacement of guttering and pipes, re-establishment of tanks, taps and wash basins.

"Similarly, we will replace guttering at Naduri primary school and get a water tank functioning again."

Ms O'Neill said that the Rotary clubs in Savusavu and Labasa would oversee the clean water projects and provide updates and



progress reports.

"We worked with Sauvsavu club to distribute re-usable sanitary kits to girls," she said.

"We provided funding for the sanitary kits.

"The girls were thrilled to receive the kits and it helps to cut down on absenteeism."

She said 11 schools had been visited so far with another 20 to follow.

Pictured are the Fijian girls, happy with their sanitary packs.

**SOURCE: Newsletter, 27 Mar 2024 Di Bartok, Rotary Brisbane Water**



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# Three-storey dwelling proposal would remove 17 trees

**A proposal for a three-storey, three-bedroom second dwelling at 31 The Rampart, Umina, would remove 17 trees and involve extensive earthworks, Central Coast Council has been told.**

The new dwelling's frontage would be on a private road connected to The Bartizan.

The development application also involves a Torrens Title subdivision, thereby creating a dual occupancy.

The application states: "The proposed subdivision meets all requirements except for the overall lot size."

Proposed Lot A is 853.34 square metres and proposed Lot B is 841.66 square metres."

The maximum height of the dwelling proposed for Lot B exceeds planning provision limits.

Portion of the upper storey eave protrudes (beyond) the maximum height.

The "Clause 4.6 variation request" which accompanies the application asks for a variation to allow a 450mm in excess of the maximum height of 8.5m.

The request claims that many properties in the area exceed the maximum height limit and that due to the setback from the street the



impact will be negligible.

The proposed dwelling includes off-street garaging for two vehicles.

The application states: "The proposed development has been designed to nestle within the existing contours to minimise impact to the surrounding neighbours."

It claims that the proposed development "does not impact the views of adjacent neighbours" and that the proposed development "has no overshadowing to surrounding neighbours".

It says that the remaining vegetation would be managed

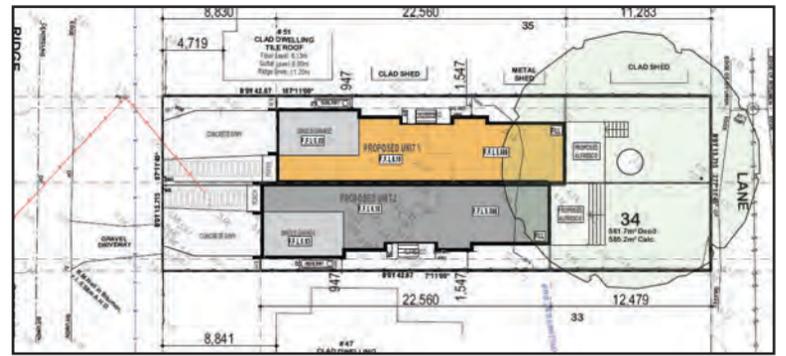
in accordance with bushfire requirements and "complimented with preference for indigenous and drought tolerant plant selections".

A licensed arborist or tree climber would inspect all trees designated for removal for possible fauna.

A licensed wildlife handler from ARC Wildlife would be on-call during the clearing to relocate fauna.

The application is currently on public exhibition and open for written submissions until April 9.

**SOURCE:**  
DA Tracker, 31 Mar 2024  
DA/115/2024, Central Coast Council



# New plans exhibited for dual occupancy

**New plans have been exhibited for a side-by-side dual occupancy proposed at 49 Ridge St, Ettalong.**

The application was lodged in September, and put on exhibition in October as reported in the October 23 issue of Peninsula News.

The development application was most recently listed as "under assessment" but has been listed once more over the Easter weekend as being on public exhibition.

The wording of the application has not changed, only the plans.

No explanation is given for the change.

The plans now show built-in garages located at the front of the property with access from Ridge St.

The original proposal was for vehicle access via the rear lane with open carports instead of garages.

The original application prepared by Sandra Tradd of Red Apple Design stated that she had "made several calls and had several discussions with planners, engineers and tree officers as to the best way to retain the large eucalyptus tree and provide

carports via the rear laneway".

"The reason the carports and alfrescos couldn't be approved under a complying development certificate along with the remainder of the proposal (main dwellings) is because these structures are proposed within a flood storage area and it is understood that council is inundated with applications now and approving only a minor portion of the proposal may result in a quicker approval."

In the new plans, the large eucalyptus tree at the back is still shown as being retained. However virtually all landscaping initially proposed for the front setback has been replaced by concrete driveways.

Large alfresco areas are proposed for the rear.

The original application claims compliance with all planning controls.

The application and new plans are currently on public exhibition on the Central Coast Council website.

No closing date for submissions has been supplied.

**SOURCE:**  
DA Tracker, 31 Mar 2024  
DA/1819/2023, Central Coast Council

# Dual occupancy proposed for Karingi St

**An application has been lodged for a new two-storey attached dual occupancy, with four bedrooms each, and two-lot Torrens title subdivision at 109 Karingi St, Umina Beach.**

The site is zoned general residential (R1).

The application prepared by Tullipan Homes Pty Ltd states: "The proposed dual occupancy is to provide a minimum front setback to the street of 6.59m measured to the main building line and 7.59m to the garage wall.

"The front setback is consistent with the average distance of the setbacks of the nearest two dwellings having the same primary road boundary.

"Setbacks of 1.2m are provided to the eastern and western side boundaries, respectively."

A variation to the side setback requirement of 1.457m to allow 1.2m is requested.

"A setback of 13.94m is provided from the alfresco to the rear boundary."

The proposal has a single garage per unit with provision for "stacked" parking of another vehicle on the driveway, to comply with the requirements for two off-



street carports per dwelling of four bedrooms or more.

According to the Basix certificate, both units have "4+" bedrooms.

No trees are proposed to be removed.

A landscape plan shows two native watergums proposed as street trees.

Two weeping lily pillys and two lemon-scented myrtles are proposed to be planted on site.

It is claimed that the design is such that no loss of amenity such as solar access or privacy will

occur to neighbouring properties.

However no shadow diagrams have been exhibited.

The application states that "The proposed dual occupancy fits within the existing and future character of the area having similar setbacks, bulk, and scale, is well articulated and presents well to street."

The proposal is currently on public exhibition on the Council website and available for written submissions until April 16.

**SOURCE:**  
DA Tracker, 31 Mar 2024  
DA/263/2024, Central Coast Council

# Application made to extend 'boat berthing pen'

**An application has been made "to extend an existing boat berthing pen adjoining 2/54 Booker Bay Rd, Booker Bay".**

The application, prepared by Clarke Dowdle and Associates, states: "The proposed development involves the creation of a boat berthing pen adjacent to the northern side of an existing timber and mesh jetty.

The proposal claims to be consistent with the aims of the State Environmental Planning Policy Resilience and Hazards.

Its siting would not be impacted by natural coastal processes or hazards "as verified with the issue of the clearance letter provided by NSW Fisheries", according to the application".

The application states that the size and scale of the "water recreation structure" would be consistent with the design and scale of the marine structures along the Booker Bay foreshore.

"The proposal is consistent with the design and extent of development that has been undertaken within the immediate vicinity and throughout the foreshore.

"The development is considered minor in scale and would not require filling or excavation to the natural surface levels.

"The proposal would not increase the potential for flooding to the site or neighbouring properties."

In conclusion, the application states: "The proposed waterfront development adjoining 2/54 Booker Bay Rd, Booker Bay, is consistent with the objectives, planning strategies and controls applicable to the site."

The proposal is currently on exhibition on the Central Coast Council.

A closing date for submissions has not been posted.

**SOURCE:**  
DA Tracker, 31 Mar 2024  
DA/235/2024, Central Coast Council

## Anti-scams forum to be held at surf club

**An anti-scams forum will be held at Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club, Umina Beach, from 12pm to 3pm on Wednesday, April 10.**

Federal Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid will host the Assistant Treasurer and Minister for Financial Services, Mr Stephen Jones for the forum.

"Last year, we were able to host a successful anti-scams forum at Davistown RSL, alongside Minister Stephen Jones, that attracted over 200 people," said Dr Reid.

"The forum was highly

informative, and attendees left with a range of strategies to reduce their likelihood of being targeted by a scam.

"Attendees were also provided with resources that they could use to identify, avoid, and report scams.

"I encourage those interested in learning about strategies to identify and avoid scams to attend", Dr Reid said.

Dr Reid said that the National Anti-Scams Centre's second quarterly report has shown scam losses in October to December last

year had almost halved compared to the same period in 2022.

"The Federal Labor Government is focused on reducing the number of people that are targeted and affected by scams, whether it is online, over the phone, or in a letter."

Registration and more information are available online at: <https://drgordonreidmp.com.au/our-coast-community/robertson-anti-scams-forum-peninsula/>

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 25 Mar 2024  
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson



The man described in Federal Parliament by Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid as "the Peninsula's answer to Santa Claus", Mr Junior Johnson, was busy on Easter Saturday giving Easter eggs to children in Umina for his 21st year.

Photo: Frank Wiffen.

## Brigades called to help injured bike rider

**Rural Fire Service brigades from Pearl Beach, Patonga and The Bays were called out at 2:30pm on Saturday, March 23, to assist other emergency services with an injured mountain bike rider in Brisbane Waters National Park near Patonga Dr.**

The bike rider had been reported as going over an embankment in the bush near Patonga.

The rider was airlifted to Royal North Shore Hospital.

NSW Ambulance, Brisbane

Water Police and the Fire and Rescue crew from Station 340 Umina attended.

The air ambulance was in the area searching for swimmers reported to be in difficulty in waters between Lobster Beach and Umina Beach.

The swimmers were located by water police, and it was determined they did not need air transport.

The helicopter landed at Umina Oval to assess the bike rider and took the rider to hospital.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 23 Mar 2024  
Pearl Beach Brigade, NSW RFS

## Garden volunteers wanted

**NEWoy Woy Peninsula Community Garden is seeking expressions of interest from volunteers.**

Anyone interested is asked to email their name and contact details to [membership@wwpcg.org.au](mailto:membership@wwpcg.org.au), with their name and "garden volunteer EOI" in the subject line.

Previous gardening experience is not required.

The email should include particular skills the applicant can offer to the garden, such as horticulture, carpentry, teaching or general gardening knowledge.

For further information, email [info@wwpcg.org.au](mailto:info@wwpcg.org.au).

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 14 Mar 2024  
Woy Woy Peninsula Community Garden

## Easter Bunny visits physie

**The Easter Bunny visited Woy Woy Recreational Physical Culture Club on Tuesday, March 26.**

At least one class member was thrilled.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 26 Mar 2024  
Woy Woy Recreational Physical Culture Club

## Library to hold 'glow workshops'

**Woy Woy Library will hold a number of "glow" workshops for children aged between four and 12 years, as part of its school holiday program.**

Glow Sensory Workshops will be held from 10am to 11am on Tuesday, April 16, and from 2:30pm to 3:30pm on Wednesday, April 17.

This messy hands-on workshop for children aged five to eight years will be held in "The Midnight Zone" glow room.

Participants will "squish, stretch and mould" their way through a number of glowing activities to "ignite the senses".

They will make their own sensory creation to take home.

Participants are encouraged to wear something white or

fluorescent.

Ready, Aim, Glow workshops will be held for children aged eight to 12 years from 12:30pm to 1:15pm on Tuesday, April 16, and from 10am to 10:45am on Thursday, April 18.

Those attending will test their arm and eye coordination in glowing games held in "The Midnight Zone" glow room, scoring points along the way.

A Glow Engineers Workshop for children aged six to nine years at Woy Woy Library from 2:30pm to 3:30pm on Tuesday, April 16, and 12pm to 1pm on Wednesday, April 17.

For children who enjoy building and hands-on construction, children will "unleash the engineer within" and try their hand at

challenges using glowing building materials.

"Tales in the Glow Room" will be held for children aged four to seven years from 10am to 11am on Wednesday, April 17.

Participants will hear some stories and make craft that glow under the ultraviolet lights.

Bookings are essential for all workshops.

Book online from this page, ask in any library branch or phone 4304 7087 or 4350 1578.

Further information is available and bookings may be made at the library or by phone on 4304 7087 or 4350 1578.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 25 Mar 2024  
Library Services, Central Coast Council

## Raffle raises money for food pantries

**The Deepwater Woy Woy Older Women's Network held an Easter raffle at Deepwater Plaza on Monday and Tuesday, March 25 and 26.**

More than \$2500 was raised over the two days, which will be used to buy food for Mary Mac's, SDA Food Pantry and Community SOS Food Pantry.

The raffle was drawn by Member for Gosford Ms. Liesl Tesch.

The group's next function will be an Autumn-Winter Fashion Parade at 2pm on Saturday, May 4, at the Umina Beach CWA Hall.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 28 Mar 2024  
Jennifer Brown, Deepwater OWN



## Man arrested on drug charges

**A man has faced court following an investigation into drug supply on the Central Coast.**

Officers from the Brisbane Water Police District proactive crime team executed a search warrant at a unit in Osborne Ave, Umina Beach, at 8am on Wednesday, March 20.

During the search, police allegedly located and seized drugs and drug paraphernalia including heroin, methamphetamine, and cannabis with an estimated potential street value of more than

\$40,000, and more than \$12,000 cash.

A 64-year-old man was arrested at the scene and taken to Gosford Police Station.

He was charged with three counts of possessing a prohibited drug, supplying a prohibited drug, and recklessly dealing with the proceeds of crime.

He was refused bail to appear before Gosford Local Court on Thursday, March 21.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 21 Mar 2024  
Brisbane Water Police District

**Forum**

# Drone delivery questions go unanswered

**The announcement that Woolworths is going to start drone delivery of groceries on the Peninsula from its Woy Woy shop provides some food for thought.**

I am all for the use of new technologies, if they are going to improve our lives, but I see some unanswered questions arising from the very limited and highly slanted information that has been released so far.

The first thing that strikes me is that the drones have a maximum carrying capacity of three kilograms.

This means, for example, that you can't order a packet of flour and a packet of sugar to be delivered by the same drone.

A week's shopping that would fill a trolley would take one car trip to the supermarket but might need 10 drones to transport it by air.

Is this really a practical option for more than the most limited kind of shopping?

Secondly, much is made of the fact that each drone flight is less polluting than a single car trip, but, if multiple drone flights are required, the advantage disappears.

For myself, I very rarely make a car trip that is only to the supermarket.

If I still have to make my other trips anyway (to the library, the hardware store, the pharmacy,

the petrol station), a drone is just adding to the overall pollution, to no advantage at all.

Thirdly, my understanding is that the goods will be dropped by parachute from the drones.

What sort of pinpoint accuracy does this technology achieve?

In a wind, is my delivery going to end up in the next backyard?

My open area is very small: it would take a degree of skill I am doubtful about to place a package on my patio, particularly if more than one drone is required to make the delivery.

What happens when it falls onto the roof of my house instead of into the patio: will a Woolworths representative come and remove it for me?

Fourthly, is the delivery capsule waterproof?

If it lies in my patio and is rained on before I collect it, who is responsible for replacing anything that is water-damaged?

Fifthly, what about the delivery capsule and the parachute that are required for each sortie?

Does this just become more garbage to go into our landfill, just at the time when people have become accustomed to bringing reusable bags with them to the supermarket?

This does not seem, in any way, eco-friendly.

Sixthly, drones are noisy. One might be nothing more

than an intermittent nuisance (bad enough), but a fleet of them could be an unbearable annoyance.

We already have enough noise pollution on the Peninsula, without adding to it, unless there is a demonstrable necessity - clearly, not the case at this point.

Seventhly, who will be responsible when there is an accident?

Will the operators be tested and licensed in some way?

Is Woolworths guaranteeing the safety of this system or setting up a compensation procedure for when something goes wrong?

What recourse will there be when the first injury or damage occurs?

Eighthly, who will regulate the operation?

It seems unlikely that Central Coast Council has control of the sky over the Peninsula (and who would trust the Council to do the job properly, anyway).

Does the Department of Civil Aviation have jurisdiction: can anybody see the Department allocating resources for monitoring this kind of picayune exercise?

This is a worry. Ninthly, what about all the other questions that I haven't thought of?

When will the community get a chance to make its voice heard?

**SOURCE:**  
Email, 26 Mar 2024  
Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy

# Information wanted about missing necklace

**On Sunday, March 24, I went to the Ettalong Diggers' to see Herman's Hermits.**

It was a great show. Fantastic musicians.

I was saddened to realise while standing in the queue to enter that I had lost my white gold necklace.

I retraced my steps from the club to where I parked the car - to no avail.

I reported it to the club and, to up to this time, it hasn't been handed in.

I'm thinking it may have come

off between the club entrance and outside Stone Real Estate on The Esplanade.

It is about 50cm long, very fine and made of white gold.

It has sentimental value, as well as monetary value.

I would be most grateful for any information leading to its whereabouts.

I'm offering a reward for its return.

**SOURCE:**  
Email, 27 Mar 2024  
Helen Merrick, Booker Bay

# Drone plan is arrogant

**Woolworths' drone delivery plan: How is it that a \$3 billion company can unilaterally decide to disrupt and endanger our lives in this way?**

It may be nice for the one resident in, say, Patonga to have their cornflakes dropped from above.

But the rest of us will suffer noise and potential hazard as it flies overhead.

If we were somehow allowed a vote, there would surely be 149,999 of us against this arrogant plan.

**SOURCE:**  
Email, 20 Mar 2024  
Tim Roberts, Umina

# Reid to run photography competition

**Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid has announced that the Robertson electorate photography competition will again take place this year.**

One entry will be received per person of any age until the end of May.

"Last year's Robertson Photography Competition had close to 100 entries," Dr Reid said.

"Phenomenal photographs were entered, and my team and I were impressed by each picture.

"I know this year will be even bigger and I am encouraging people living in my electorate of Robertson to get snapping.

"The competition is looking for vertical or horizontal, large, or small, photographs of spectacular landscapes of the Robertson electorate."

Two winning photographs will be selected on June 10, and each will receive a \$50 gift voucher.

The photographs will also be displayed in Dr Reid's parliamentary office in Canberra.

Photos should be submitted by email, with suburb and contact details, to gordon.reid.mp@aph.gov.au.

For further information and with questions, call 4322 2400 or send an email.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 25 Mar 2024  
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson

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**PCYC open day**

The Police Citizens Youth Club in Osborne Ave, Umina, will hold an open day from 10am to 2pm on Saturday, April 6.

The club will be open for all to attend to help raise money towards the PCYC StarJump Challenge, supporting young people through the Fit for Work program.

"Come and try" sessions will be held for activities run at the club.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 23 Mar 2024  
PCYC Umina Beach

## Transition made to 'household' dining

**A Woy Woy aged care home has changed from communal dining in one large area to "household" dining in four new areas created in the first stage of its redevelopment project.**

"We are now operational in our four new dining areas in each of the 'households' across The Shores building," said Blue Wave Living chief executive Mr Matt Downie.

"This is a significant change as we have moved away from the large communal dining space to smaller more intimate dining spaces adjacent to domestic style kitchens and living areas.

"While it will be a learning process, the first week has gone relatively smoothly and we have received positive feedback regarding the change."

The change heralds the imminent start of the second stage

of the redevelopment.

"The existing large central dining space will be steadily decommissioned in preparation for Stage Two works to begin," said Mr Downie.

"At this stage I would expect some partitioning to be established closing off this area fully for works sometime in May.

"Other areas also included in Stage Two works will be closed off as well, prior to construction works beginning.

"We have now received our development approval for Stage Two works from the council.

"We are now working through the construction certification process which is required before work can officially commence.

"I would expect work to commence sometime between mid-May and mid-June all being well.

"Stage Two works will be a six-

month program, so the aim is to complete prior to Christmas.

"The central space in The Shores will be completely rebuilt and expanded, removing the existing servery, office and clinic room, and re-built with more of a club feel to accommodate large functions and activities.

"It will also feature a dedicated cinema space, a lounge area with a fireplace, a niche sitting area, and a bar and servery to support large functions.

"There will also be a permanent built-in barbecue area in the eastern courtyard.

"Aqua House is now full, and we only have a couple of remaining newly-built rooms available as part of our Driftwood Household.

"After those are gone, we will be at our current capacity."

**SOURCE:**

**Social media, 28 Mar 2024.  
Matt Downie, Blue Wave Living**



## Catering team raises \$4600

**The catering team at a Umina aged care facility has raised \$4593.85 to support youth mental health.**

The team at Peninsula Village took part in Laps for Life throughout March to raise money for Reach Out, an organisation providing mental health services to young Australians.

Some team members are swam laps, totalling 122.3km, while others gave donations and encouragement.

The amount raised far outstripped their initial target of \$1000.

The team was led by cook Ms Kara Denning, who has a personal connection to the cause.

"Mental health challenges can affect anyone, and sadly, it has touched my life in a profound way," she said.

"This cause is close to my heart, and I'm incredibly grateful to my

team members who have joined me in this effort."

More than one in three young people experience a mental health difficulty, she said.

Peninsula Villages chief executive Mr Colin Osborne said: "We are incredibly impressed by the catering team's initiative and their commitment to making a positive impact on youth mental health."

Pictured are Kara Denning, Stephan Blant, Kylie Freewater, Richelle Chapman and Kylie Mangan.

Other team members were Sharon Casey and Karen Mitchell.

Donations can still be made directly to the team's Laps for Life page <https://www.lapsforlife.com.au/fundraisers/karadenning/laps-for-life>.

**SOURCE:**

**Media release, 18 March 2024  
Nicola Bolte, Brilliant Logic**

## Free chiropractic clinic held at Mingaletta

**A free chiropractic clinic, to be known as the Chiro Hub, has started at Mingaletta in Umina.**

The health service is free to all in the community, running from 1pm to 5pm every second and fourth Monday of the month.

The clinic provides experience for final year Masters students as they fulfil the requirements of their

course.

The students are fully supervised by accredited Macquarie University clinicians and are able to provide care for all ages.

Among issues the clinic treats are: joint pain in the back, neck, shoulders, hips, knees and feet, restrictions of mobility and tension, disc problems and sciatica, headaches and migraine, and sporting injuries.

Specialty services such as exercise and stretching advice, strength and flexibility assessment, and ergonomic advice for work and home will also be provided.

No bookings are required.

The service will operate at the Mingaletta hall at 6 Sydney Ave, Umina.

**SOURCE:**

**Social media, 21 Mar 2024  
Mingaletta ATSC**

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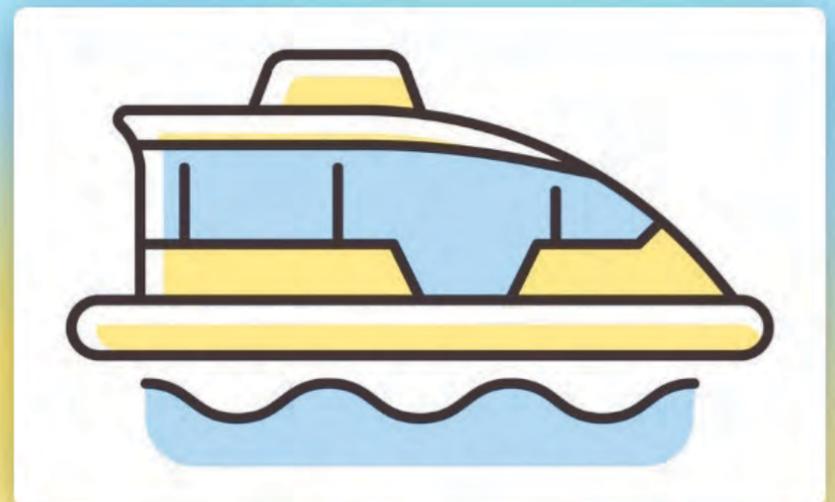
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## Pearl Beach book fair

**The Pearl Beach Progress Association held its annual Easter Book Fair on Easter Saturday, March 30.**

The book fair included novels, biographies, children's books, art books, house and garden books, as well as puzzles, CDs and DVDs.

The event is the largest single fundraising activity of the association, according to publicity officer Ms Lynne Lillico.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 6 Mar 2024  
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association  
Photo: Jo Freeman

## Memorial service reveals a life-long love story

**A memorial to a member of the Troubadour Folk Club, the Labor Party and the Central Coast Conservatorium who died on November 29 has revealed a life-long love story.**

The lovers were separated as young adults and reunited 22 years later to live happily together in Sydney and Brisbane before spending the last decade in retirement on the Peninsula.

Mr Valentin Hadjiev died suddenly and unexpectedly of a heart attack at the age of 71.

The memorial was held at the Hardy's Bay Club on March 14.

The son of the Bulgarian consul-general to NSW, Mr Hadjiev grew up in Slovakia, USA, Tanzania and Bulgaria before coming to Australia, where he graduated in law in Sydney in 1976.

He met future wife, Ms Stephanie Short, in a shared house in Newtown in November 1975, when they both students at the University of Sydney.

"We were attracted to each other instantly and agreed to get together again that week," said Dr Short.

They were inseparable for the next six months.

Soon after he graduated, he received a telegram from Sofia to recall him to Bulgaria, which at the time was behind the Iron Curtain.

"Valentin had enjoyed the freedoms and privileges of being in the West during the Cold War, and now he had to return," said Dr Short.



For 21 years, Dr Short did not know whether he was alive or dead.

Despite her letters to him, she heard nothing.

Her friend, Dr Elizabeth Kuzmanovska, told the memorial service that, in Bulgaria, Mr Hadjiev had had a traditional Bulgarian wedding, a family and a successful career in international law.

But then, "Valentin had a deep epiphany and embarked on a soul-searching journey to locate Stephanie, some 20 years later."

Using the power of the internet, he found Dr Short by email, where she was working as an academic at the University of NSW.

Dr Short said they had found one another again and were re-united in October 1998 in Washington DC.

She said that, much to their delight, they had grown closer in their values and interests, and their "love was as strong and passionate as ever".

Mr Hadjiev migrated to Sydney in November 1999 and they were together "for a blissful 25 years".

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 18 Mar 2024  
Stephanie Short, Woy Woy

## Pat's Day at Rotary club

**Mr Pat Lewis dressed as a leprechaun to celebrate St Patrick's Day at a recent meeting of the Rotary Club of Umina Beach last week.**

Mr Lewis led the club on a virtual trip to Ireland.

Members and their partners were presented with a variety of Irish landscapes, music, trivia, and jokes, topped off by a short performance on the bodhran by president-elect Mr Dave Tanare.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 25 Mar 2024  
Rotary Club of Umina Beach



## Church welcomes new minister

**Woy Woy Presbyterian Church has welcomed a new minister, the Reverend Jon Brown, on Saturday, March 23.**

Mr Brown previously ministered at Charlestown Presbyterian Church where he was associate minister.

"He brings much experience and enthusiasm to the growing congregation at St David's Presbyterian Church, Woy Woy," said session clerk Mr Spencer Madrell.

"Jon finished his studies at Queensland Theological College in 2017, served at a church near Geelong and has served at Charlestown Presbyterian Church since 2020.

"Jon is married to Ang and they have four young sons: Ambrose, Barnabas, Clement and David.

"Jon describes himself as a



man who loves Jesus, sharing the gospel with people, country music and coffee, in that order.

Woy Woy Presbyterian Church is located at 120 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

"It is a Bible-believing, family-oriented community church which aims to grow followers of Jesus," said Mr Madrell.

"The family at the church ranges from very young infants to seniors, some even in retirement villages."

Local residents are invited to "drop in to say hello".

"You will be made most welcome."

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 26 Mar 2024  
Spencer Madrell, Woy Woy Presbyterian Church

## Meals on Wheels day was a 'success'

**The Meals on Wheels Central Coast open day held in Woy Woy on Wednesday, March 20, attracted 100 people and was a "resounding success", according to chief executive Ms Neridah Morris.**

"We are thrilled to see such a wonderful turnout for this year's Seniors Festival Open Day," she said.

"It's truly heart-warming to witness the joy and camaraderie that this event brings to our community."

She said the day brought together seniors, their families, and local service providers for a day of celebration, connection and enrichment.

"The event included healthy living exhibitions from local service providers, free Devonshire teas and the opportunity for local seniors to learn about the organisation's meal delivery and social support services.

"Throughout the morning, guests mingled with Meals on Wheels staff and volunteers to learn about the comprehensive service that goes beyond the delivery of a meal.



"In addition to offering over 170 delicious and nutritious meals, the organisation runs four local community restaurants, social support, wellness checks, assisted shopping, and even pre-packaged pet food."

Service providers at the event included Community Transport Central Coast and Coast Shelter.

"The highlight of the event was the vibrant community marketplace, featuring local businesses and organisations offering products and services tailored to seniors," said Ms Morris.

"Guests were spoilt with choice with a selection of activities; from grocery-filled basket raffles, charming market stalls, free cappuccinos and delightful showbags, giving them the opportunity to discover new resources, have a chat and connect with their community."

Describing the event as memorable, she said: "We look forward to helping more seniors to live a flourishing, independent life."

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 21 Mar 2024  
Primrose Raffaelli, MOWCC

# 'New generation' musician to play at Troubadour



Canadian Scott Cook has been hailed as one of the greatest new generation singer-writers of contemporary international folk music, according to Troubadour folk club president Mr Michael Fine.

"A true modern-day troubadour, he writes most of his own material-beautiful, often simple and direct songs that reflect on almost any subject," he said.

Scott Cook will appear at the next Troubadour concert at the Everglades Country Club at 7pm

on Friday, April 12, together with his bass playing "sweetheart" Pamela-Mae.

"He plays great guitar and sings in a direct, no nonsense style that inspires and thrills new listeners and old fans alike," said Mr Fine.

"He also has a great sense of humour which infuses his song writing and his performance.

"This year for the first time in Australia, he's on stage with his talented sweetheart, Pamela Mae, who plays upright bass, banjo and accompanies him on vocals.

"Scott's latest collection, Tangle of Souls comes packaged in a cloth-

bound, 240-page hardcover book of road stories and ruminations, equal parts introspection and insurrection.

"The album earned Scott his third Canadian Folk Music Award nomination."

This is his third appearance at Troubadour Folk in Woy Woy.

Details and performance videos are available on the Troubadour Folk website: [www.troubadour.org.au](http://www.troubadour.org.au).

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 24 Mar 2024  
Michael Fine, Troubadour Central Coast

## Umina artist in Gosford exhibition

Umina artist Ms Carolyn Purtle has had her work selected for an exhibition with other artists at the Gosford Regional Gallery in East Gosford.

The exhibition entitled the Fifty Shades of Colour will be open daily from 9:30am to 4pm from Thursday, April 11, to Wednesday, April 17.

The opening will be held at 6pm on Friday, April 12.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 27 Mar 2024  
Peter Moulding, Umina



Painters Michael Ghalayini, Tez Dower and Phil Rich were among the exhibitors at the Pearl Beach Art Trail on Easter Saturday.  
Photo: Jo Freeman



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# Education



## Mindfulness sessions held in school chapel

All students at St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School had the opportunity to participate in mindfulness sessions at the school's "sacred chapel space" recently.

"The children took part with focus and seemed to really appreciate this moment of connection and stillness together with their classmates," said school

principal Ms Nicole Davies.

All students had the opportunity to attend a mindfulness session with their classes on the Thursday or Friday, as part of the "school's commitment to wellbeing".

Parents and carers were also invited to join in from 9am on Friday, March 22.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 26 Mar 2024  
Nicole Davies, SJB Catholic Primary School



## College wins pig prizes

Brisbane Water Secondary College has won the Pig Stockman's School Competition at the Sydney Royal Easter Show.

It also took second prize in the

School Commercial Competition.

Two students won the 14 year age group in the Pig Handlers Competition.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 28 Mar 2024  
Kerry Thomas, BWSC Umina

## Splash-a-thon to be held on last day of term

Umina Beach Public School will hold a splash-a-thon on the last day of term, Friday, April 12.

The students will make their way around our water-based obstacle course as many times as they can.

They are sponsored for their efforts to raise money for the school's parents and citizen's association, which in turn puts it

back into the school.

Students are in the running for prizes for sponsorship and special lunch meal deals will be available on the day.

Volunteers are wanted to help run the event, and spectators are welcome.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 28 Mar 2024  
Umina Beach Public School P/C Association.

## Parents call for 'full funding'

The parents and citizens' association at Woy Woy South Public School has passed a resolution to support full funding for public schools.

"The current goal is to fund 80 per cent of students to minimum Naplan standards and even this is not being met."

The association is asking parent to sign a petition supporting full funding at <http://tinyurl.com/34buywzv>

The campaign is organised by the P/C Federation NSW: "We believe in championing Full Funding so that every young person in NSW can get a quality education and the right start in life."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 26 Mar 2024  
Woy Woy South Public School P/C



## Easter hat parade held at Ettalong

Ettalong Public School held its Easter Hat Parade on Thursday, March 28.

"It was wonderful to see so many marvellous hat creations

and have so many families join us," said school principal Ms Jodie Campbell.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 29 Mar 2024  
Ettalong Public School

## Canteen manager wanted at Umina

The parents and citizens' association at Umina Beach Public School is seeking expressions of interest for a paid part-time casual school canteen manager.

The association is looking for applicants with a food safety supervisor certificate and

experience in food handling, purchasing, stock management and vendor services.

The person is expected to be "tech and social media savvy" and have proven experience working with and meeting the needs of children in a professional setting.

Shifts will be six hours daily on a

shared flexible roster based on the needs of the business.

Expressions of interest should be emailed to [pandc2257@gmail.com](mailto:pandc2257@gmail.com) and will close tomorrow, Wednesday, April 3.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 27 Mar 2024  
Umina Beach Public School P/C Association

## Variety of activities at Yarn-up

Woy Woy South Public School held a Yarn-up on Wednesday, March 20.

Students and community members experienced a smoking ceremony, traditional art activities, indigenous games, drawing of totems and a dance lesson by Brisbane Water Secondary College students.

An Aboriginal Education Consultative Group meeting was held after the Yarn up.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 22 Mar 2024  
Woy Woy South Public School



## Students give Easter cards and chocolates

Woy Woy South Public School have prepared cards and chocolates as Easter gifts to residents at a Woy Woy dementia care facility.

The project of making Easter gifts for residents at the Hammond Care facility in Railway St has become an annual activity for the school.

"We are excited to give our Hammond Care residents their annual Easter cards and chocolates," said principal Mr Matt Barr.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 29 Mar 2024  
Matt Barr, Woy Woy South Public School





## Big bowls finals played

### Two big finals were played at Everglades Bowling Club on Thursday, March 28.

The Major Women's Pairs Championship was played between Vicki Redrup and Karen Eagleson against Judith Maddison and Helen Cooper.

Judith and Helen took the early lead.

Helen had some fantastic bowls as the lead and Judith and Helen managed to hold the lead for quite a few ends.

After the 12th end, Vicki and Karen took the lead from them.

All players had some great bowls.

Vicki and Karen defeated Judith

and Helen 22-15 to become Major Pairs champions.

Both have been playing for less than five years.

The Mixed Pairs final was played between Maureen Carlyle and Richard Carlyle against Andrew McDonald and Jeannette Jenkins.

The game was close throughout the match.

After some brilliant bowls played by every player, Maureen and Richard defeated Andrew and Jeanette 20-13.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 28 Mar 2024  
Vicki Redrup, Everglades Bowling Club



## Outrigger club brings home three medals

The Peninsula-based Central Coast Outrigger Canoe Club was well represented at the Port Hacking Regatta at Gunnamatta Bay on Saturday, March 23.

Three Central Coast crews lined up for the 10km Short Course Race and brought home three medals.

The Senior Masters Mixed won the Ultra Light division.

"The crew displayed determination and passion," said crew member Yvonne Walters.

The Golden Masters Mixed crew took second place.

"The course was great, with a bit of everything including surfing through a ferry's wake," said Murray Burrows.



The Senior Masters Women's crew also gained a second place medal in their division.

Crew member Linda Donnini reported that it had been "a

successful day of competition for the club".

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 25 Mar 2024  
Rosemary Chapman, CCOCC

## Umina lifesavers show they're champions

Umina Surf Lifesaving Club competed successfully in the Champion Lifesaver event at the 2024 NSW Lifesaving Championships held at Freshwater.

The event provided individual members with the opportunity to demonstrate in a competitive environment the physical, lifesaving and knowledge skills required of a lifesaver.

The event was determined on a point score basis with the competitor scoring the highest points declared the winner.

The events covered were resuscitation, theory, surf race, board race, beach sprint and tube race.

Kerry Armstrong-Smith came first in 50+ female section.

Three Umina members came second in their sections.

They were Marli Hoyland U14 female, Lily James U15 female and Shelley Smith 40-49 female.

Three members came third.

They were India Darwin U14 female, Timon Adamec U14 male and Damon Somerfield 40-49 male.

Two Umina members came fourth: Luke Ingold 40-49 male and Archie Rayner U19 male.

Matilda Lawrence came seventh in the U17 female section.

Five of these competitors will accept a position on the limited entries list to represent Umina in Champion Lifesaver at a national level.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 27 Mar 2024  
Umina Surf Life Saving Club



# WHAT'S ON at ETTALONG BOWLING CLUB

Ettalong Bowling Club is once again honoured to hold an Anzac Day service at 1.15pm on Thursday 25th April to remind us to never let the feeling of patriotism in our hearts fade away and gives us the opportunity to express our gratitude towards the brave souls who brought us freedom.

A gold coin donation will be appreciated on the day to support the SOLDIER ON FOUNDATION. Donation boxes will be located around the club.

This will be followed with a free sausage sizzle and entertainment from 2pm.

Don't forget to bring the Kiddies along to our school holiday events. Get up and cuddly with some chicks, baby goats and some furry friends on Friday 19th April.

Creative Sponge workshop on Friday 26th April.

Both events are free and run from 11am - 1pm, all ages welcome.



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THE BEST-KEPT SECRET ON THE CENTRAL COAST

# Sport



## Soccer club threatened with fines over venue use

**Umina United Soccer Club has been threatened with fines by Central Coast Council if it fails to observe new training venues allocated by the council.**

Changes have been made by Council, concerned there was too much wear and tear on McEvoy Oval last season.

The council has told the club it will be conducting random checks to ensure that these training allocations are being adhered to, and has threatened penalties for any breaches.

It has been told that disregarding the training schedule allocation

may result in the club losing access to McEvoy Oval permanently.

Training for U5 to U11 teams will now be at Rogers Park AFL field on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The U12+ teams will train at Umina Oval on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Junior teams will finish training by 7pm.

Lights will be available from this week.

The home game day venues will remain the same as last season.

For U5-U11 teams, home games are played at McEvoy Oval.

For U12+ teams, home games are played at Umina Oval

The club has asked its 12s-16s

teams training at Umina Oval to be off the fields by 7pm to allow the grade squads and other senior teams adequate space to train.

It also asked teams to be mindful of training in the goal mouths, which wear quickly.

"It is not appropriate to conduct entire training sessions in this space.

"It is also important to be mindful of others and share this space equitably so that all our teams have the opportunity to run occasional drills in the goal mouth areas."

**SOURCE:**

Social media, 22 Mar 2024  
Umina United Soccer Club

## Grubs competition to start

**Grommet Umina Boardriders (Grubs) competition will start on April 7.**

Despite daylight savings ending, times will remain the same, hitting the beach at 6:30 am for setup and 7am start.

Their first coaching session for the season was held at Pelican Beach on Saturday, March 23,

pictured.

The club's junior development officer Kevin Field organised the morning.

These coaching sessions are a part of the Boardriders' junior development plan.

**SOURCE:**

Social media, 23 Mar 2024  
Umina Boardriders

## State swim bronze for 10-year-old

**Woy Woy Swim Club 10-year-old swimmer Kai Evans has won a bronze medal in the boys' 200m freestyle at the Junior State Age Championships held over the weekend of March 23 and 24.**

Kai came sixth in the 100m breaststroke and seventh in the 100m freestyle.

In 50m events, he came 14th in breaststroke, 15th in butterfly, 24th in freestyle and 28th in backstroke.

Levi Sinclair swam in the 12-year boys, swimming a personal best in the 400m freestyle to come eighth.

He was 13th in 200m freestyle and 17th in the 200m breaststroke.



He was 19th in 100m breaststroke and 24th in 100m freestyle.

In 50m breaststroke, he was 24th and in 50m freestyle 45th.

Aimee Lockie swam personal bests in two 12-year girls 50m events, coming 14th in freestyle

and 33rd in backstroke.

She was unplaced in 100m backstroke.

Ruby Chadd-Dufficy swam personal bests in two 11-year girls 50m events.

She came 22nd in freestyle and 44th in butterfly.

In 50m 11-year girls events, Joanna Lei placed 38th in backstroke, 55th in freestyle and was unplaced in butterfly.

Reef Mueller came 56th in 12-year boys 50m freestyle, but was unable to complete other events due to illness.

Zade Graham was unplaced in 10-year boys 50m breaststroke.

**SOURCE:**

Social media, 27 Mar 2024  
Woy Woy Swim Club



## Women's triples final played at Umina

**The Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club played its Triples Championship final on Thursday, March 28.**

Winners were Jean Harrison, Yvonne Austin and Joan Murphy.

Runners-up were Pam Fishenden, Renette Burgess and Lynne Gordon.

"It was a great game to watch in pleasant conditions," said website editor Ms Lesley Swales.

"Seven teams entered the event.

"We saw some very close games throughout."

In the semi-finals, Jean Harrison, Yvonne Austin and Joan Murphy defeated Sandra O'Malley, Cheryl Catchpool and Jan Ellery.

In the other semi-final, Pam Fishenden, Renette Burgess and Lynne Gordon defeated Gaye Foulkes, Aileen Robertson and Debra Moore.

**SOURCE:**

Social media, 29 Mar 2024  
Lesley Swales, UBWBC

## Umina Minor Pairs final was 'great game'

**Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club secretary Mr Peter Springett has described the club's Minor Pairs Championship final as "a great game of draw bowls, with each player exchanging shots".**

The game was played between the pair of Jeff Gray and Phil Sillick and the pair of Ron Austin and

Wally Pawelko.

"Jeff and Phil were two shots in the lead on the board and were holding two shots on the head on the 19th end," said Mr Springett.

"Wally had a run and hit the jack, knocking it back to his three previous bowls at the back of the rink and picked up four shots.

"Ron and Wally went from potentially four shots down, to go

two shots up."

They went on to win 20-15.

"The momentum changed with that one bowl.

"It had to go through a narrow gap to hit the jack, which it did.

"It was an entertaining game, which was enjoyed by the large group of spectators."

**SOURCE:**

Social media, 24 Mar 2024  
Peter Springett, UBWBC

## Charity bowlers raise \$350 despite the rain

**Charity bowlers at Ettalong Bowling Club raised \$350 on Sunday, March 17.**

"The rain beat us," said organiser Mr Ken Dixon.

"Our small band of regulars were decked out in green for St Patrick's Day, with Bob Willis and Dolly judged the best dressed.

"Dicko's table won the Irish

Trivia, while granddaughter Flo helped with barrel girl duties.

"Pat Reynolds won plenty of prizes.

"Bob Willis was the highest bidder for the Honolulu Bowls shirt.

"We raised a further \$350 for Central Coast Kids in Need."

**SOURCE:**

Media release, 20 Mar 2024  
Ken Dixon, Ettalong Charity Bowls