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## Council to confirm alcohol-free zones

**Central Coast Council plans to confirm alcohol-free zones in Woy Woy, Umina, Ettalong, Pearl Beach and Patonga for another four years.**

The proposal is on exhibition for public comment until Wednesday, July 3.

"The aim of an alcohol-free zone is to reduce alcohol-related crime, violence and anti-social behaviour in identified locations in order to help create a safer environment for the whole community," according

to the council's consultation web page.

"An alcohol-free zone is only established in areas where there is sufficient evidence of irresponsible behaviour as a result of drinking.

"If warranted, new locations may be considered and proposed for implementation."

Anyone wanting to extend or establish an alcohol-free zone is advised to contact council's project officer Ms Madalaine Anderson in the first instance by email to [infrastructureprojects@](mailto:infrastructureprojects@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au)

[centralcoast.nsw.gov.au](http://centralcoast.nsw.gov.au) or by telephoning Council on 4306 7900.

The zones proposed by council staff consist of public roads, car parks and footpaths,

"These zones will not restrict outdoor dining licences where Council approval has been granted."

Submissions may be made through the council's [yourvoiceourcoast.com](http://yourvoiceourcoast.com) website.

**SOURCE:**  
**Website, 7 Jun 2024**  
**Your Voice Our Coast**



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

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

It relies on voluntary participation, ranging from submitting material through to being an active part of the production team. No-one is paid. Volunteering can range from spending an hour or two through to taking responsibility for a role within the production team. Training is provided.

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

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**Mark Snell, 9 Nov 2023**

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# Peninsula News

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Peninsula News is a fortnightly community newspaper for the Woy Woy Peninsula, owned by The Peninsula's Own News Service Inc, a local non-profit incorporated association. Its aims include providing a viable, non-partisan news medium and forum exclusively for the Peninsula and developing a strong sense of community on the Peninsula.

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**Editorial policy and guidelines**

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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.

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**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.

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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.

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## Youngest Rotary club celebrates fifth birthday at Changeover dinner

### The Rotary Club of Brisbane Water will celebrate its fifth birthday at its Changeover Dinner on Thursday, July 4.

Secretary Ms Di Bartok said: "Founded by long-term Rotarians, husband and wife Peter and Jayne Mote, the club immediately drew a membership of other experienced and dedicated Rotarians, plus those new to Rotary."

Ms Bartok said Members were attracted to the club's credo of "Come when you can, do what you can", setting it apart from traditional Rotary clubs.

Evening fortnightly meetings are held on the first and third Thursdays of the month at Ettalong

Diggers, usually with a guest speaker.

"They are informal and welcome anyone to come along.

"Members usually gather beforehand for dinner in the bistro.

"These meetings are complemented by coffee morning meetings, on the second and fourth Thursdays, for those who want to catch up for a chat, not necessarily Rotary-related."

Ms Bartok said: "Our club may be young, but we have achieved so much."

Among the achievements were supporting youth and education programs; holding a fortnightly coffee morning, called DeCaf for people living with dementia

and their carers; and sponsoring events such as the Words on the Waves Writers' Festival.

The club supported education and health programs locally and in Africa and the Pacific; raising money for good causes, such as the Biggest Morning Tea.

"Current co presidents Mitchell Gordon and Sue O'Neill will hand the reins over to Marion Cornish, Peter Mote and Jayne Mote who will lead a willing and able team for the coming year."

For further information, contact either Jayne Mote on 0405 714 289 or Di Bartok on 0404 147 743.

**SOURCE:**  
 Newsletter, 2 Jun 2024  
 Di Bartok, Rotary Brisbane Water

## Sammy the seal returns

### Sammy the Seal has been seen back in the Woy Woy Channel.

He was pictured enjoying the sun in the channel by Central Coast Ferries.

**SOURCE:**  
 Social media, 29 May 2024  
 Central Coast Ferries



## Average June rain falls in one week

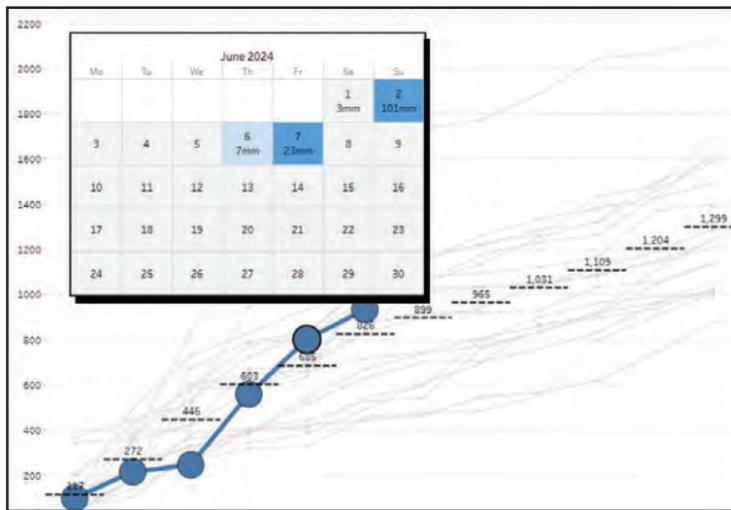
### The Peninsula has had 94 per cent of the average June rainfall in the first week of the month.

Falls of 100.9mm on June 2 and 22.8mm on June 7 contributed to a total of 132.9mm, just 8.1 mm short of the June average of 141mm, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

Last month finished with a total of 241.7mm, more than three times the May average of 74mm.

Rainfall this year totalled 799.6mm at the end of May, 17.9 per cent above the average of 678mm.

After last week's rain, the year's total was 932.5mm, already 13.9 per cent more than the average mid-year figure of 819mm and more than the total for last year.



More details including daily rainfall figures and yearly comparisons are available online at <http://bit.ly/PNRainfall>

**SOURCE:**  
 Spreadsheet, 7 Jun 2024  
 Jim Morrison, Umina

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## Council installs cameras to monitor unpatrolled beach

**Cameras will be installed at Umina Beach before summer "to monitor unpatrolled areas and beach profiles", according to Central Coast Council.**

"We are already preparing for the 2024-25 season," said Council beach safety manager Mr Phil Cantillon.

The cameras would be installed under the NSW Government Smart Beaches program,

"As always, Council remains committed to investing in making our beaches safer for locals and visitors," he said.

The cameras follow the installation of an emergency response beacon at Pearl Beach last year.

Mr Cantillon said the beacon was "a critical addition to beach safety infrastructure and can make

all the difference in an emergency, as they connect callers to Surf Life Saving NSW's State Operations Centre which enables a faster response to potential rescues, particularly in unpatrolled areas".

He said: "Over the winter period, Council will also be updating its beach safety fleet with seven new Can-Am buggies.

"Additionally, lifesaving equipment will be serviced and repaired, including radio networks, two-way radios, oxygen equipment and lifeguard towers."

The 2024-25 beach patrol season will start on Saturday, September 28, with Surf Life Saving Clubs on patrol, and Monday, September 30, with Council Lifeguards.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 5 Jun 2024  
Phil Cantillon, Central Coast Council



## Tesch welcomes progress on Pelican Park playground

**Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has welcomed progress on the new pirate-themed upgrade at Pelican Park playground.**

"I'm so glad to see this project close to finished after the

community joined together with me to say no to the removal of the park in 2021.

"It will not be long now until the park is back in action for generations of families to come to enjoy."

Ms Tesch said the NSW Government joined Central Coast Council in funding "this new and improved Pelican Park".

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 3 Jun 2024  
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

## Woy Woy CWA branch celebrates 92 years

**The Woy Woy branch of the Country Women's Association celebrated its 92nd birthday on Saturday, June 8.**

The branch was formed on June 8, 1932, led by Ms Florence Staples, wife of Mr Charles Staples who was Woy Woy Shire president until the end of the previous year.

The founding members of the

branch took eight years to raise the money to build the hall that the branch still meets in.

The branch will celebrate with a high tea at the hall on Wednesday, June 12, from 9am to 12pm.

Anyone interested is welcome to "pop in and say hello".

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 8 Jun 2024  
CWA Woy Woy

## Rotary Morning Tea raises \$7000

**THE Cancer Council will receive \$7000 from the Rotary Club of Brisbane Water from its Biggest Morning Tea event.**

More than 140 people attended the event at Ettalong Diggers on Wednesday, May 29.

The amount raised was beyond expectations, said club secretary Ms Di Bartok.

"We had a goal of \$5000, so to reach \$7000 was amazing.

"The array of raffle prizes donated by generous local businesses certainly helped."

Attendees enjoyed a morning tea of scones and tea and coffee, with champagne on arrival and music from singer-guitarist Chris Buchanan.

"This was a great event that was a true partnership between our Rotary club and Diggers," Ms Bartok said.



"Every cent raised will go to the Cancer Council for their fight against the disease."

Cancer is a major cause of illness and death in Australia, she said.

"In 2021, it was estimated that about 151,000 Australians would be diagnosed with cancer (413 per day) and 49,000 would die (135 per day).

"One in two Australians will receive a cancer diagnosis by the age of 85.

"Thanks to research by bodies such as the Cancer Council, more than 66 per cent of people diagnosed with cancer in Australia will survive more than five years after diagnosis."

The Biggest Morning Tea, held across Australia throughout May and June, is the major fundraiser for the Cancer Council.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release,  
Di Bartok, Rotary Brisbane Water

## Working bee at Arboretum

**A working bee will be held at the Crommelin Native Arboretum in Pearl Beach on Sunday, June 16, from 9am.**

"Arboretum monthly working bees are held on the third Sunday of each month at 9am followed by a delicious morning tea and a chat at 11am," said arboretum secretary Ms Mary Knaggs.

"The remaining dates for this year are July 21, August 18, September 22, October 20 and

November 17.

"You don't have to be a member.

"Tasks may include propagation, planting, weeding, tool maintenance and removing fallen branches.

"We are particularly keen to involve new volunteers with a knowledge or passion for Australian native plants and animals."

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 23 May 2024  
Mary Knaggs, Pearl Beach Arboretum

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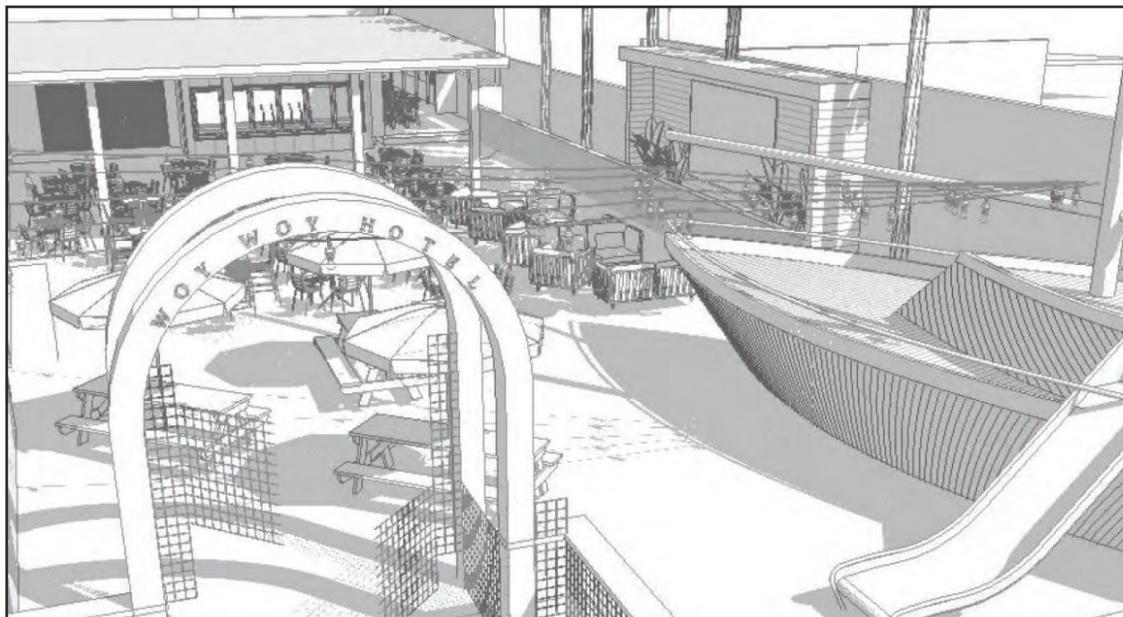
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The Ettalong bank is a major sponsor of 2024 Variety Bash car 26 "Ettalong Eagle". Driver Barry Henson is pictured with bank manager Pat Italiano and staff member Jay Vandenberg.



## Hotel will close for renovations

**The Woy Woy Hotel has announced it will close for renovations from Wednesday, June 19, until early in October.**

The rear carpark and the bistro were closed from Monday, June 3.

The hotel will have a new beer garden with a separate bar and kids play area, where the rear

carpark now stands.

The front bar will be refurbished with a dedicated sports bar and big screen TVs.

"The front bar will be a punter's paradise.

"An extended and refreshed bistro and kitchen will feature a timeless new fit-out and a heap of extra seating."

The front facade will be restored with added signage.

The work is expected to be "done and dusted as quickly as we can".

The drive-through bottleshop will remain open throughout the whole renovation.

**SOURCE:**

**Social media, 29 May 2024.**  
**The Old Pub Woy Woy Hotel**

## Residents' association gives tips about DA submissions

**The Peninsula Residents' Association will hold a workshop on Thursday, June 13, on making submissions about development applications.**

The workshop will be held at 7pm at the Everglades Country Club, Woy Woy, and will be open to the public.

"We've heard our community's concerns about development applications," said association planning specialist Mr Frank Wiffen.

"This session aims to provide essential guidance on how to

create effective submissions about them."

The workshop will describe the development application process, and the opportunity to shape development and influence decision-making through the public submission process.

It will provide step-by-step instructions for preparing submissions, and how residents can have their voice heard.

The workshop will be an opportunity to learn from the experience of the association and to share experiences with fellow residents, to ask questions and

gain insights.

Attendance is free, and all are welcome.

Registration is encouraged and may be made online at the association's website <https://www.peninsularesidents.org.au>.

The Residents Association is a non-profit community group with aims of promoting responsible development, preserving the natural environment, and enhancing the quality of life for Peninsula residents.

**SOURCE:**

**Media release, 5 Jun 2024**  
**Julian Bowker, PRA**

## Demolition work expected to start

**Demolition work at a Woy Woy aged care home is expected to start on Monday, June 17.**

Barriers have been put up within The Shores building at Blue Wave Living, in preparation for Stage Two works at the home.

"Demolition will involve some noise disruption over a few weeks at various times during the weekdays," said chief executive Mr Matt Downie.

"Also at times there will be disruption to the existing central linkway between the buildings.

"An alternative linkway has been established via the Palm Sails wing and through into Coastal House.

"A revised program from our builder's sees this first part of Stage Two works running through until late January next year.

"We anticipate a break for a few months as we then prepare for the second part of Stage Two works later next year.

"These works we are now undertaking will not increase overall bed numbers.

"It is about rebuilding within our existing buildings to deliver a new standard of environment for our elders in care.

"As outlined previously, Stage Two works will see the completion of Coastal House wing by rebuilding internally throughout the now vacant old rooms and creating

a new entry point to this wing.

"In addition, the core central old dining area for The Shores will be completely rebuilt and expanded, removing the existing servery, office and clinic room.

"It will be re-built with more of a club feel to accommodate large functions and activities.

"It will 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.

**SOURCE:**

**Newsletter, 30 May 2024**  
**Matt Downie, Blue Wave Living**

## Researchers find local events are lifeblood

**Researchers at the University of South Australia have found that local community events are often the lifeblood of thriving neighbourhoods.**

Dr Sunny Son and Dr Chris Krolikowski surveyed almost 400 households in the South Australian coastal area of the City of Holdfast Bay, a local government area of 37,000 people – a similar population to the Peninsula.

According to the pair, who specialise in tourism and event management, their research could have implications for the Peninsula.

They found that people who frequently attended local events or participated as volunteers, organisers or exhibitors, felt connected to their area and that their neighbourhood was important to them.

Those who regularly attended local events - from farmers markets to food festivals, art exhibitions and how-to workshops - were likely to be more satisfied with their neighbourhood and are more willing to live there longer.

While owning a home or living there for a long time were influential factors in a person developing a sense of place, the study found that regularly attending local events had a greater impact on fostering a sense of place than length of residency and home ownership.

Dr Krolikowski said the findings validated the importance of events as crucial components to the social structure of local communities, not just as economic tools.

"These social benefits are particularly important to rebuilding local communities after the pandemic, during which social connections and broader community life were affected by lockdowns and social distancing measures.

"Popular local events can also become attractions for visitors by showcasing the culture of the area.

"By contributing to the uniqueness of places, events are

well positioned to play an essential role in developing the tourism sector of urban and regional destinations."

He said: "Local events can assist Woy Woy Peninsula in maintaining and strengthening its local identity, as distinctive to that of other areas.

"Ensuring that residents are able to connect with each other and run events that reflect the distinctive qualities of the place and its community is likely to be of particular value not only to the community, but also to visitors from the surrounding areas and beyond."

Dr Son said: "We still need to further our understanding of the role that events play in social sustainability.

"Understanding how events can help build socially sustainable communities is vital in justifying government investment in local events."

She said: "To maintain the local identity and enhance the sense of place among the residents of the Woy Woy Peninsula, hosting local events would be helpful.

"These events don't need to be large.

"Small but frequent events or gatherings can significantly contribute to building and maintaining a sense of community and place.

"Examples are markets, weekly yoga, book clubs and other small social gatherings.

"The local sense of place is important regardless of regional or urban context, and local community events can contribute to it.

"This research argues that local communities' sense of place is crucial for building strong, socially sustainable and connected communities, as it can lead to better community wellbeing and a better place to live."

**SOURCE:**

**Media release, 7 Jun 2024**  
**Melissa Keogh, University of South Australia**

## Council approves 85 applications in six months

**Figures drawn from the Peninsula Planning Portal show that 85 development applications have been approved for the Peninsula since the start of the year.**

The portal is operated by Peninsula News using data extracted from the Central Coast Council portal.

Five of the approvals were for dual occupancies, five were for multi-dwelling developments and three were for residential flat buildings.

There were five refusals since the start of the year, all of which

were dual occupancies, multi-dwellings or flats.

There are 49 development applications currently "under assessment".

Of these, 19 are dual occupancies, flats and multi-dwellings.

There are 14 development applications awaiting information from the applicant.

The Peninsula Planning Portal can be found at <http://peninsula.news/portal.aspx>.

**SOURCE:**

**Website, 7 Jun 2024**  
**Peninsula Planning Portal**

## Planting day at Guyangil Park

The Peninsula's Grow Urban Shade Trees group will hold "a planting event for local families" from 10am to 12pm on Sunday, June 16.

It will be held at Guyangil Park in Australia Ave, next door to the Umina Child Care Centre.

"We would love to have families come and help in readiness for spring flowering," said group member Ms Jen Wilder.

"With the help of the community, the GUST team has been able to transform this park into a family-friendly play space that supports our native birds and



insects."

water on the day.

Those wanting to attend are asked to email [gust@peg.org.au](mailto:gust@peg.org.au) and bring gloves and drinking

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 6 Mar 2024  
Grow Urban Shade Trees



## Bourke Rd store celebrates 70 years

The Bourke Rd store Umina is turning 70 this year, and current owners Michelle and Matthew Overton are having a party on Saturday, June 22.

"We will be having loads of giveaways," said Ms Overton.

She said the store was originally built as a house in the 1920s.

Owned by a Mr and Mrs Adams, they named it Plymouth, after Mrs Adams' home town.

In the mid-1950s, Mrs Adams started to purchase some ice-cream and bottles of drinks.

She put a sign up on the front fence advertising them.

"She later went to the old store in Woy Woy and purchased 50 pounds of groceries.

"Mr Adams made a shop front at the front of the house and put some groceries on the shelf and people started coming in one by

one.

"And so began the Bourke Rd Store," said Ms Overton.

"The store has had many transformations from the early days selling groceries and deli products to the introduction of NSW Lotteries in 2007."

She said it had now been in the same family for 27 years.

"In 2020 Matt and I expanded the business from a basic general store to offer more."

It now has coffee, boutique sauces and condiments, homemade food, meat from a Saratoga butcher, giftware, deli, cheese and antipasto products.

"It has been completely renovated to become a trendy destination for people to visit," she said.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 28 May 2024  
Michelle Overton, Bourke Rd Store

## Mary Mac's feeds homeless pets too

Mary Mac's Place in Woy Woy is not only feeding the homeless, but is now feeding their pets as well.

Thanks to a donation of pet food from the Animal Rescue Cooperative, Mary Mac's is offering "food for our furry friends".

Project officer Ms Sally Baker said: "I see that a lot of our companions will feed their animals before they feed themselves.

"So to have this food means we are looking after all family members."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 3 Jun 2024  
Sally Baker, Mary Mac's Place



## Meeting to protect Memorial Ave land for use by the community

A meeting will be held at Blackwall Reserve at 23 Memorial Ave at 11am on Wednesday, June 12, in support of a change of council classification of the reserve.

Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid will be in attendance, said organiser Ms Jane Hendy.

"We are hoping he will lend his support to the campaign to change the classification of the reserve.

"At the moment, it is classified

as operational land, meaning it can be sold off to a developer.

"We are asking Council to designate it as community land so it can be protected and maintained for the use of the local community as a reserve."

Ms Hendy said: "It is also a valuable home for wildlife including microbats and boobook owls, and also contains an extensive aboriginal midden."

She said that anyone who cared about saving trees or reserves or

aboriginal heritage sites should attend.

The reserve is situated near Wallaby St, between Memorial Ave and a laneway.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 1 Jun 2024  
Jane Hendy, Blackwall



## The path to Council elections in September

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### What is Voices of Central Coast?

Voices of Central Coast (VOCC) is a non-partisan community group that wants to improve our democracy. Many people care about our local area and have been disheartened by traditional "party politics" and the lack of representation.

For too long the Central Coast has been linked to political and donation scandals, developer influence and poor representation for our residents and community.

### It's time to do politics differently.

We believe that each one of us can play a constructive role in lifting standards of behaviour, focusing on ideas and policies that benefit residents and communities and strengthening the way that we are represented.

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### Three ways that you can help:

**1 Tell us what is important to you**

Complete the survey to tell us about the issues that are important to you.



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**2 Volunteer with VOCC** - we need people to help letterbox, help at events and raise awareness .

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# Forum

## Tesch makes her 800th Parliamentary speech

**Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has made her 800th speech in the NSW Parliament.**

Celebrating the occasion, Ms Tesch said: "I will always take

every opportunity in my power to advocate for and celebrate the wonderful electorate of Gosford.

"I will never stop."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 6 Jun 2024  
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

## Writers' festival was a special treat

**Riding south on the train from my third Words on the Waves writers' event, I am struck by what a special treat they are.**

There is the pleasure of hearing some of my favourite writers in conversation, often with writers new to me, grouped in intelligently themed sessions and with excellent moderators.

The resultant conversations are invariably lively and thought provoking.

It would be hard to come away without a new author's works to pursue, and often with a deeper understanding of writing with which

you were already familiar.

The organizers have an eye to local talent, both those published and already drawing an audience, and those emerging into this very receptive literary environment.

The venues at Ocean Beach and Umina Beach Surf Clubs are informal, comfortable and accessible.

The program and the events themselves are well organised with improvements each year.

The new shuttle bus between the venues this year was just in time for the deluge from the Heavens on Saturday.

There is an excellent mix of events during the several days of

activities.

Despite the weather on one day, the 2024 festival program was well patronised, the variety in the program reflected in the diverse crowd settling in for assured entertainment.

The urge to take away a bundle of new books is well supported by the bookshop facilities at each venue – the only limitation for those of us from afar being what we could carry home.

Local residents have a real gem of a festival in Words on the Waves.

**SOURCE:**  
Email, 7 Jun 2024  
Fran Parker, Canberra

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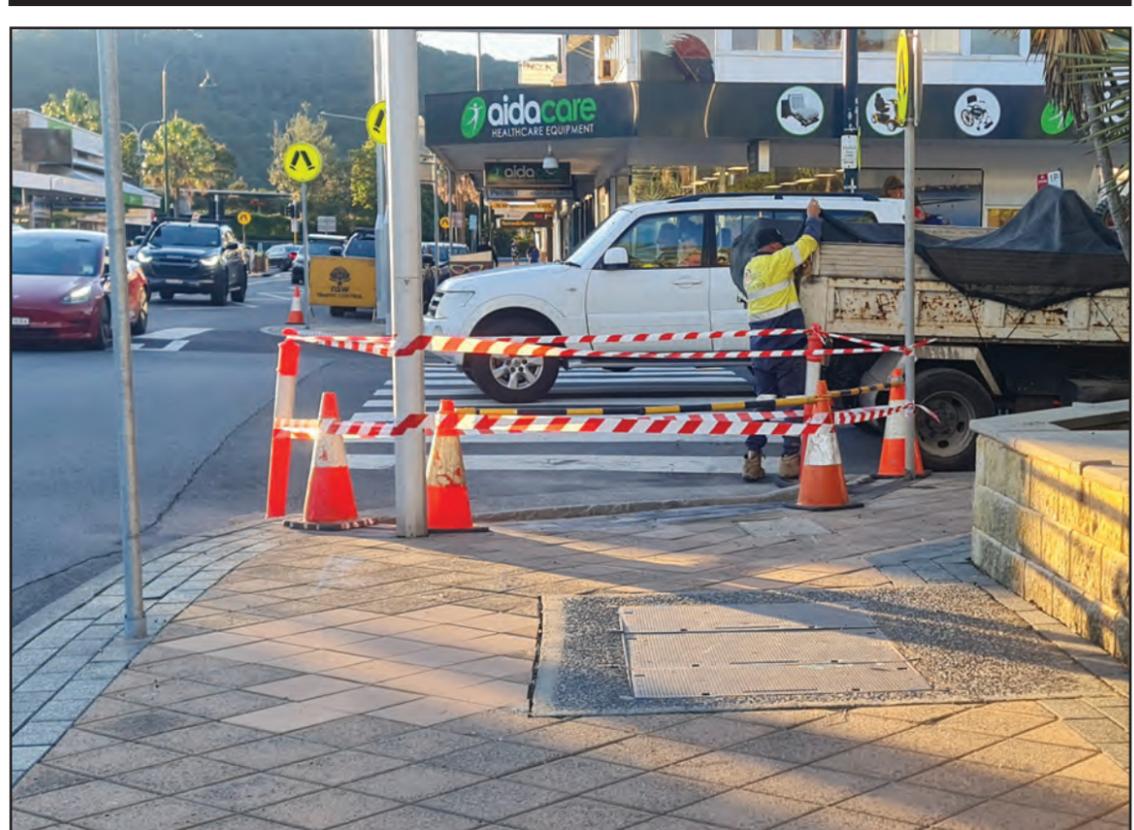
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## Inconsiderate Council shuts down busy footpath

**There are numbers of residents with walkers and wheelchairs around Woy Woy, including Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.**

Therefore, when the council decides to rip up a busy section of footpath on the main street, you would think it would program the work at night to reduce impact on path users or at least provide alternative pedestrian and disabled access with appropriate protection.

Neither occurred at the corner of Blackwall Rd and Oval Ave when the corner was shut down for three days to concrete a one metre square patch of footpath.

Barriers forced pedestrians

onto the roadway into traffic and no access was provided for wheelchairs or walkers.

On such a busy intersection, it was lucky no incidents occurred, as happened in Ettalong last July when a 78-year-old woman sustained serious injuries when struck by a car having been forced onto Ocean View Rd by construction work.

Maybe if we had a Peninsula Council, it would be more cognisant of our community and how to better serve us, and it would draft its tenders and oversee them accordingly.

**SOURCE:**  
Email, 5 Jun 2024  
Mark Ellis, Woy Woy

## Emergency unit needed on the Peninsula

**My recent experience of medical services is far from acceptable.**

With population growth assured, an emergency unit on the Peninsula with suitable facilities is essential.

Consider the current and future demand on Gosford Hospital as growth expands.

Is it possible to again increase its facilities without confiscating a large area of Gosford's CBD?

Has computer modelling replaced the public voice?

**SOURCE:**  
Letter, 3 Jun 2024  
Norm Harris, Umina

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**Fill out the form** below to nominate and celebrate the outstanding contribution made by Coasties across the Gosford electorate.

Please note that **nominees must live in the Gosford Electorate**

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What achievements or contributions has the nominee made to their chosen field or the community?  
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Please **return completed** nomination forms to:

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## Education

### School participates in ICAS program

**Woy Woy Public School is encouraging parents to enter their children in the 2024 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools.**

“Woy Woy Public School will be participating in the world-renowned ICAS competitions this year,” said the school’s ICAS co-ordinator Ms Amy Ford.

“ICAS is an online academic competition that is designed to assess students’ higher order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, mathematics, science, writing, spelling and digital technologies.

“Each assessment celebrates students’ accomplishments

by providing opportunities for recognition and development.

“Every student who participates will receive a printed certificate and an online results report.

“Top performers will be eligible for medals.”

The assessments will be open to Years 2 to 6 students in all subjects for a cost of \$19.95, except for writing, which is open to Years 3 to 6 and costs \$23.95.

The assessments are held during August.

“We are proud to offer ICAS and look forward to some fantastic results later in the year,” said Ms Ford.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 27 May 2024  
Amy Ford, Woy Woy Public School



### Greek is a hit at St John’s

**Greek is a hit with students at St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School, according to principal Ms Nicole Davies.**

“It’s always a hit when teacher Ms Anna Karantonis-Dalton opens up her classroom for lunchtime Greek activities,” said Ms Davies.

“On Tuesday, it was Kinder’s turn and the room was teeming with our littlest language enthusiasts.

“Joy was spilling out from the seams of the room as the children

sang, recited the Greek alphabet, worked through Greece-themed craft, and some Year 6 buddies joined to help in the fun.

“Our students love their Greek lessons.”

The school runs Greek lessons for all students, Kinder to Year 6, every week.

Τα λέμε πάλι - “speak again soon”.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 31 May 2024  
SJB Catholic Primary School

### Umina parents create volunteer positions

**The Umina Beach Parents and Citizens Association is looking for parents to fill “two exciting volunteer opportunities that you won’t want to miss”.**

They are a merchandise officer and a community and engagement officer.

The merchandise officer will design “new school spirit wear” as well as managing sales and inventory.

“This role is perfect for someone who’s organised, creative, and ready to spread the school spirit.”

The community and engagement officer will be “bringing people together and creating fun, inclusive events”.

“As our community and engagement officer, you’ll be the heart and soul of our community activities, support events, coordinate volunteers, and keep everyone in the loop with the latest P/C news.”

Expressions of interest should be emailed to pandc2257@gmail.com

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 4 Jun 2024  
Umina Beach Public School P/C



### Vouchers for reading raffle winners

**Woy Woy South Public School is running a “reading raffle” for Stage Two students twice a term.**

Students who read at home for 25 nights over five weeks are

entered in the draw.

Lucky winners are awarded one of 10 five dollar canteen vouchers.

The winners for weeks one to five of term two have been presented with their vouchers.

And new reading cards have gone home for the second half of term.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 7 Jun 2024  
Woy Woy South Public School

### Students run in zone cross country

**Students from Brisbane Water Secondary College have participated in Zone Cross Country competition with the following results:**

First places were won by Will Brett in U18B and Chloe Cattley in U18G.

Second places went to Marlie Green in U17G, Alyssa Haremaker in U16G and Lachlan Muldrock in U15B.

Catherine Kearney came fourth, Elka McGann fifth and Julia Hall sixth in U16G.

Sienna Sinclair was seventh in U17G.

Johnathon Hall came ninth and Mathew Norris came 10th in U17 B.

Xavier McBurney was 10th in



U16B.

Twelfth places went to Cohen Hogan in U16B, Jacob Falconor in U17 B and Saskia Rylands in U16B.

Carter Buckby came 13th and Ryan McInnes came 14th in U16B.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 28 May 2024  
BWSC Woy Woy



### Year 1 and 2 students visit reptile park

**Year 1 and 2 students from Woy Woy Public School have visited the Australian Reptile Park at Somersby for a Living Things excursion.**

“Excitement levels were at a high as the students explored the park, learning about all things living,” said relieving principal Mr Dan Betts.

“Year 1 and Year 2 displayed positive behaviour throughout the day.”

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 4 Jun 2024  
Woy Woy Public School

### Mandatory meetings for snow excursion

**A mandatory safety meeting will be held today, Tuesday, June 11, for Year 9 students attending the snow excursion this year.**

Students will go immediately to the movement studio after having their name market off at roll call.

A second Snow meeting about bus buddies and room mates will be held on June 20 during Lunch 1

in the gym/hall.

Participants will need to attend both meetings.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 5 Jun 2024  
Kelli Price, BWSC Umina

## Little Theatre prepares for The Girl on the Train

**Woy Woy Little Theatre is preparing for its presentation of The Girl on the Train in August.**

The play is adapted by Rachel Wagstaff and Duncan Abel from a novel by Paula Hawkins and the related film.

It will be directed by Ms Christine Vale, with a cast of Ms Teanau Murphy, Mr Martin Pemberton, Mr Greg Buist, Ms Lucia Mandile, Ms Kassie Brown, Mr Terry Matthews and Mr Scott Larimore.

Stage manager will be Ms Patrice Horne, lighting designer Mr Lloyd Grounds and set designer Mr Stephen Pembroke.

The play is about Rachel, alcoholic, unemployed, divorced and obsessively interested in what she sees through train windows.

She finds herself inexorably drawn to the case of a missing woman, Megan, who she has glimpsed kissing a man who is not her husband.

Given that Rachel was seen in the neighbourhood on the night of Megan's disappearance, might she have vital clues to the case?

Adult tickets will cost \$30, with children's tickets also available.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 4 Jun 2024  
Woy Woy Little Theatre



## Quilters work on quilt-top together as a group

Quilters have been hard at work at Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre, pinning a quilt-top that they have worked on as a group, in preparation for quilting.

Class members have each pieced several of the blocks, and class member Ms Gwynneth Weir assembled the quilt top.

"It looks amazing already and I can't wait to see it after quilting," said tutor Ms Penny Howard.

"Wendy Wade also brought in a couple of her beautiful completed quilts to show us: gorgeous bright quilts using her bits and pieces."



**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 28 May 2024  
Penny Howard, EBACC

## Cult movie at Ettalong for 50th anniversary

The Australian cult movie Stone will have a 50th anniversary screening at the Ettalong Cinema Paradiso, Ettalong, at 1pm on Saturday, June 29.

The premiere of the movie was at The Forum in George St, Sydney, in 1974.

Some of the cast will attend the anniversary screening and merchandise will be for sale on the day.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 9 Jun 2024  
Margaret (Ure) Stevenson, Woy Woy

## Woytopia 'Funkraiser'

The organisers of the Woytopia Festival are planning a "Funkraiser" to raise money for the festival.

"It's basically a house party with food, drink, and the finest in 70s funk/disco/soul from DJ Mannshaft."

They are seeking 40 people to attend the event on Saturday, July 13, who are willing to donate \$60 to Woytopia.

Bookings must be made by

Friday, June 14.

We'll then email you to confirm it's on, with a link to make the donation.

The Woytopia Festival will be held from 9am to 4pm on Sunday, October 13.

Further information is available and donations may be made online at woytopia.org.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 7 Jun 2024  
Woytopia

# Liesl Tesch MP

## Member for Gosford

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# Sport

## Peninsula soccer team results

### Results of soccer games played by Peninsula teams on Saturday, June 1, were:

Under-11 Girls: Kincumber defeated SEU 4-0.  
 Under-11A: Ourimbah lost to SEU U11A-1 1-4. Umina defeated Kincumber 5-4.  
 Under-11BS: Umina defeated Wyoming 5-2.  
 Under-11CS: Umina U11CS-1 lost to Kincumber U11CS-1 3-9. Terrigal U11CS-1 lost to Woy Woy U11CS-1 0-6. Woy Woy U11CS-2 lost to SEU 1-3.  
 Under-11D: Umina lost to East Gosford 1-6.  
 Under-12A: Umina U12A-2 lost to Umina U12A-1 0-5.  
 Under-12CS: SEU defeated

Umina 4-1.  
 Under-12D: Kariong defeated Woy Woy 6-4.  
 Under-13B: SEU lost to Ourimbah 0-8. Umina lost to Woongarah 0-10.  
 Under-15B: Woy Woy lost to Gosford 1-4.  
 Under-16A: Umina defeated Ourimbah 4-1.  
 M35A: Umina defeated Killarney 2-1.  
 M35C: SEU lost to Barnstoneworth 1-3.  
 M35DS: Mountain District lost to Umina 3-4.  
 M45 South: East Gosford M45S-1 lost to SEU M45S-1 0-4.

SOURCE: Website, 7 Jun 2024 Central Coast Football



## Tesch injured in first game of para ice sled hockey

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has been injured in her first game of para ice sled hockey.

The game was played with body-checking, "full-on crashing into each other".

Ms Tesch said: "I managed to slash my own leg with my stick after a big crash."

She said she was taken to Emergency at the Mater Hospital.

"I've had fabulous service, including a cup of tea, and am all stitched up."

She said she had a tetanus shot and "a big Band Aid".

"I can't really feel it and am allowed to play tomorrow."

She returned the following day "with lots of protective gear".

SOURCE: Social media, 2 Jun 2024 Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford



## Aussie rules club enjoys sunshine after rain

After heavy rain on Saturday, June 1, the sunshine came to Rogers Park on Sunday, June 2.

Woy Woy Peninsula Swans AFL Club described it as "a beautiful day for footy, except for the chilly wind to start the day".

"Our Auskickers had a great game against Wyong Magpies, who were sportsmanlike in sharing players with us today."

The Under-9s played well

against the Wyong Magpies, with a number of the Swans players playing for them to help even up numbers on the field.

The Under-11s made it two wins in a row, with a win against Saratoga.

"They got to practise the official Peninsula Swans team song, which they were all very excited to learn."

SOURCE: Social media, 2 Jun 2024 Woy Woy Peninsula Swans AFL

## Tennis 'tragics' take a chance with rain

The weather seemed like it was going to be too rainy to play tennis, or the court would be puddle, on Saturday morning, June 1.

Nevertheless, a small group of Pearl Beach "tennis tragics" showed up on the off-chance of a game.

They were not just people local to Pearl Beach but also folk from Empire Bay and Blackwall who had to leave home when it was still actually raining.

On arrival at 8.30am, the court was a bit damp but the drainage was good, so they started to play in just a little drizzle.

The rain held off until 10.30am when it bucketed down with more than 100mm falling over the rest of the day and night.

"But we'd already had two full hours of fun and exercise," they said.

SOURCE: Social media, 3 Jun 2024 Pearl Beach Tennis and Bowls

Woy Woy Tennis Club has started hosting pickleball at its courts this month.

"Because pickleball is such a small sport, they lack stand alone facilities," said tennis club president Mr Walter Pearson.

"Until it expands and can stand on its own two feet, Woy Woy Tennis is happy to rent some space on a regular basis to the Central Coast Pickleball Club and its members."

SOURCE: Social media, 4 Jun 2024 Woy Woy Tennis Club



## Classic Triples Day

Ettalong Women's Bowling Club has held its Classic Triples day.

First and second places went to Ettalong Bowling Club.

Third place went to Everglades, while fourth place went to a composite team.

SOURCE: Social media, 1 Jun 2024 Ettalong Women's Bowling Club

## Ettalong Pelicans Masters win State trophy

Ettalong Pelicans Masters Swimming Club has won the 2023 Sue Johnstone Trophy.

Masters Swimming NSW presents the award to the club with the highest average point score for all two-day carnivals in a calendar year.

SOURCE: Social media, 2 Jun 2024 Ettalong Pelicans Masters Swimming

## Bridge point score results for May

The results of May point score competition at Brisbane Water Bridge Club after five Wednesdays were:

1 Kathryn Ivits, Trish Byrnes 59.33, 57.53, 65.00, 58.33: average of best three 60.89, 0.60 green points.

2 Christine Hadaway, Jacqueline Wilson 47.25, 59.67, 67.67, 52.08: 59.81, 0.42.

3 Graham Woof, Carolynne Mucharsky 57.41, 57.00, 55.33, 60.42: 58.27, 0.30.

4 Meg McGregor, Hilary Owen 57.00, 49.67, 59.13: 55.27, 0.20.

5 John Drew, Denyse Stephens 59.85, 41.27, 43.00, 54.86: 52.57.

6 Qi Hasemore, Wendy Byrne 47.85, 44.00, 44.27: 45.37.

7 Ros Lunday, Margaret Hockley 47.33, 34.33, 47.67, 37.00, 29.86: 44.00.

8 Steve Anderson, Kerry Anderson 50.00, 41.33, 27.78: 39.70.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 29 May 2024  
Brisbane Water Bridge Club

## Nine teams compete in national bridge qualifier

Nine teams competed in the Brisbane Water round of the Grand National Open Teams event of the Australian Bridge Federation played on Saturday, June 1.

The event was won by Gosford team Coats, which scored six out of eight wins giving them a comfortable buffer at the close of play.

Local Brisbane Water Bridge Club squad team Fane had five wins and three losses to take second spot.

Gosford team Heyting filled third place with a six wins and two losses.

A qualifying round is still to be played at Gosford, giving local teams another chance of making the cut.

The results after eight of eight matches were:

1 Sally Clarke, Chris Williams, Jan Clarke, Di Coats 94 Imps (106.96 VPs), 6-0-2 W-D-L, 1.68.

2 Felicity Fane, Elaine Hume, Matt Raj Mal, Peter Hume 58 (98.78) 5-0-3, 1.40.

3 Wendy Mitchell, Henrietta Hohnen, Stephanie Mathews, Gary Heyting 48 (96.04) 6-0-2, 1.68.

4 Karen Ody, Jim Routledge, Jaan Oitmaa, Sylvia Foster 49 (92.90) 4-0-4, 1.12.

5 Hope Tomlinson, Martin Johnson, Barry Foster, Christine Hadaway 15 (86.04) 4-1-3, 1.26.

6 Deborah Guthrie, David Bowerman, Dasha Brandt, David Adams -24 (74.97) 4-0-4, 1.12.

7 Kevin Dougall, Angela Dougall, Richard Carter, Lorraine Lindsay -39 (62.87) 2-0-6, 0.56.

8 Vic Pietraszkiewicz, Jane Stephens, Colin Kleinig, Berenice Air -72 (59.18) 2-1-5, 0.70.

9 Sue Eastman, Judy Wulff, Helen White, Susan McCall -129 (42.26) 2-0-6, 0.56.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 1 Jun 2024  
Brisbane Water Bridge Club



## Bowling club orders 'stylish hoodies'

Umina Beach Bowling Club is selling "stylish hoodies" to its members.

The club is getting 50 Umina Beach Bowling Club hoodies made.

Samples shown at the club on Saturday and Sunday, June 1 and

2, and orders were taken for 28 of them.

Members will pay the cost price of \$65 for the hoodies, which are available sizes S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL and 5XL.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 3 Jun 2024  
Peter Springett, UBMBC



## Park run attracts 147 runners

Woy Woy park run had 147 runners at its meeting on Saturday, June 1.

Personal best times were recorded by Daniel Golledge, Kane Tufuga, Jack Henfry, Emily Charleson, Karina Whelan, Bry O'Neill, Brad Thompson, Tom While, Sarah Kelly, Quintin Jamieson, Mariana Fardella. Sam Edwards, Cathenne Louise Higginson, Veronica McCarthy, Lamond Rachel, Jon Birch, Adeline Dickey, Patrick Wnght, Anna Gero, Mikayla Ward, James Jeffrey and

Debra Lee.

First-timers at the run were Chloe Walters, Jessie Hall and Joe Hall.

Most experienced were Graeme Ingram with 376 park runs and Caro Vos with 398 park runs.

First to finish were Liam Golledge in 17:15 in the SM20-24 division and Emma Mason in 20:13 in the VW40-44 division.

Volunteers on the day were Amanda Chesterton, Lynda! Cole, Katrina Cook, Neil Dufty, Karen Duncan, Renee Hart, Greg Hunt. Janel Ingram, Deanne-

Marie Johnson, Chris Lee, Leonie Sharpe, Caro Vos, Andrea Way, Maddison Way and Scott Wedesweiler.

Woy Woy parkrun started on July 7, 2018.

Since then, 7611 participants have completed 37,923 parkruns covering a total distance of 189,615km, including 5634 new personal best times.

A total of 557 individuals have volunteered 2726 times.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 2 Jun 2024  
Woy Woy Park Run



## Ettalong charity bowlers raise \$650

The May charity bowls event at Ettalong Bowling Club has raised \$650 for Central Coast Kids in Need.

Organiser Mr Ken Dixon said: "Marg Burns won the Spider, while the Winning Rink draw was won by Norm Todd, Ron Nash, Greg

Jones and Phil McWhirter.

"Ray Reed won the Dimple Scotch, donated by the Wednesday Bowlers."

Ham cheese and pineapple rolls were served up by Dolly and Marilyn.

Mr Dixon said Central Coast

Kids in Need had helped 397 families in 2023-24 at a cost of \$487,000.

"This is 33 more families and \$90,000 costlier than last year."

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 31 May 2024  
Ken Dixon, Ettalong Bowling Club

# Sport

## Umina surf club presents annual awards

**Umina Surf Life Saving Club has presented its annual awards.**

Club Person of the Year was Mike Begg and Young Club Person of the Year Jarrah Schofield.

Lifesaver of the Year was Tony Lagan and Young Lifesaver of the Year Davara Marshall.

Patrol Captain of the Year was Ashlee Dean and Patrol Team of the Year Patrol 12.

Tour de Force Encouragement Award went to Matilda Lawrence.

Boatie of the Year was Stuart Graf.

Boat Crew of the Year were The Lepers.

Youth Competitor Awards went to Kai Armstrong and Julia Hall.

Senior Competitor Award went to Archie Rayner.

Masters Encouragement Award winner was Natasha Cogle and Masters Competitor winner was

Kerry Armstrong-Smith.

Pool Encouragement Award went to Julia Hall and Pool Competitor Award to Bradley Dawson.

Lifesaving Encouragement Award went to India Darwin and Lifesaving Competitor Award to Kerry Armstrong-Smith.

Education Excellence Award went to Matt Fearnley.

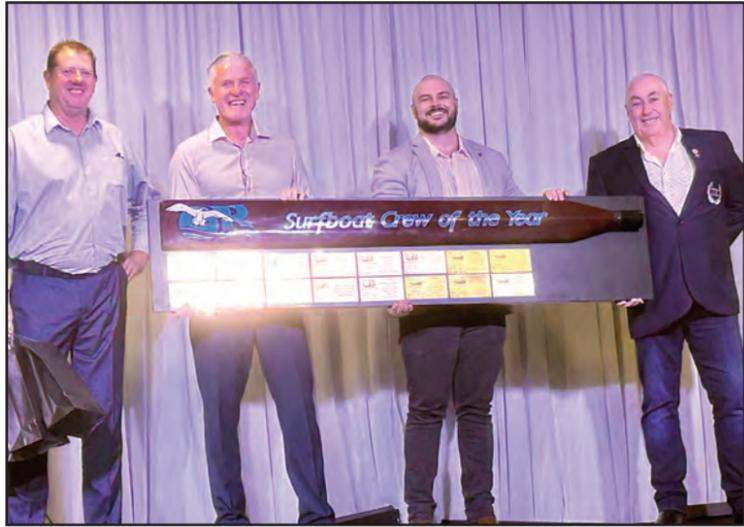
Gold Medallion were presented to Davara Marshall and Cashar Darwin.

Life Membership was awarded to Rick Boylan, Tom Magurren, Robert McLeod and Steven Murphy.

Members' Choice Award went to Bronte Smith.

Stirrer's Paddle went to Steven Murphy.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 2 Jun 2024  
Umina Surf Life Saving Club



## Woy Woy has fierce rugby contest with Lake Macquarie

**The match between the Lake Macquarie and Woy Woy at Walters Park, Boolaroo, in round eight of Central Coast Rugby Union competition on Saturday, June 15, saw a fierce contest from start to finish.**

Lake Macquarie won the match by 26 points to 17 but they did not have it all their own way, according Rugby Union publicity officer Mr Larry Thomson.

Lake Macquarie scored the opening try and they led by seven points to three early on.

Lake Macquarie controlled proceedings and went to a handy 19-3 lead close to halftime.

"But to Woy Woy's great credit, their never say die attitude came to the fore," said Mr Thomson.

They scored their first try late

in the half to reduce the lead to 19 points to 10 at the halftime break.

"The second half was an even affair and both teams played some pleasing rugby.

"They levelled the scores at seven points apiece in the second half, so it was the home side Lake Macquarie who held on for the win.

"It was their first half performance that got the home side through to victory.

"It was a far better performance by the Woy Woy team and they will get stronger and stronger as the season progresses."

Best players for Lake Macquarie were flanker Joe Lewer, centre Ifan Hunnam and No.8 Rob Buaserau.

Woy Woy's better players were halfback Mitch Hyde, No 8 Tali Sitani and hooker Sione Fanua.

Jacob Mills posted 12 personal points in the match for the visitors.

In Premier 2 competition, Lake Macquarie defeated Woy Woy, 34-12.

In Women's 10s, Lake Macquarie defeated Woy Woy, 58-0.

Club president Mr Phil Burgess said: "The games were much closer in both senior men's sides with only nine points difference in first grade men.

"The women returned to Lake Macquarie after a previous visit where they had faired terribly with injuries.

"Today it was great to see smiles after the game.

"It wasn't a win on the scoreboard, but it was a win for team spirit.

"I'm proud of all players in terrible conditions."

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 2 Jun 2024  
Larry Thomson, CCRU

## Ocean Beach holds surf life saving presentations

**Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club has held its 2024 annual presentations at the Ettalong Diggers Club.**

Rebecca Lawer was named Young Patrol Person of the Year and Marie-Claire Pigott Patrol Person of the Year.

Louise Lambeth was presented with the Presidents Award.

Ebony Falconer was named Young Club Person of the Year and Paul Best the Club Person of the Year.

The OB Kenobies were named Boat Crew of the Year.

Jodie Mead was named Under-15 Athlete of the Year and Jacob Falconer Under-17 Athlete of the Year.

Will Adams was named Opens Athlete of the Year.

Dave Nash was named Masters Competitor of the Year and Lifesaving Competitor of the Year.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 4 Jun 2024  
Ocean Beach SLSC



## Awards for the splits

**Athletes at Woy Woy Recreational Physical Culture Club have received awards for "doing the splits".**

They are the club's first Splits Award winners.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 4 Jun 2024  
Woy Woy Recreational Physical Culture Club

