



## A steady flow of visitors

The Bays Art Show attracted a steady flow of visitors last weekend to view to works of 60 Central Coast artists in the Bays Community Hall at Woy Woy Bay.

The show, which ran from Friday to Sunday, July 5 to 7, included paintings, drawings, photography, mixed media, sculptures, and prints.

Art show co-ordinator, artist Ms Naomi Veitch, said: "This year we cast the net wide, welcoming 60 artists from all over the Central Coast to display more than 100 artworks.

"This was an opportunity for Central Coast artists to showcase their talent and sell their artwork."

The Bays Community Group president Mr Sam Bunyan said: "The Bays Art Show opening is always a sell-out event with an

opportunity to hear from and meet our local artists, connect with our community and purchase some of the incredible artwork featured on the Central Coast."

Mr Bunyan said The Bays Community Group organised regular events such as a monthly breakfast and the annual Bays Art Show, "so our residents can get to know each other and keep in touch".

"We are lucky to have our own Bays Community Hall to host these events.

"Our beautiful hall was built and donated to the community in the 1950s."

Pictured is Bays resident Ms Rachel Gamble with show co-ordinator Ms Veitch at the exhibition on Saturday afternoon.

SOURCE:

Media release, 24 Jun 2024  
The Bays Community Group

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## Council cuts \$1.44 million from Peninsula capital works

Just over \$1.44 million in capital works has been cut from Central Coast Council's budget for the Peninsula when it adopted its 2024-25 Operational Plan on Tuesday, June 25.

Total cuts across the region amounted to \$3.77 million from what had been proposed in its draft budget.

The Peninsula's contribution to these cuts represents 38 per cent, with a population of about 12 per cent of the Local Government Area.

The scheduled car park upgrade at James Brown Oval has been reduced from \$920,000

to \$50,000 with the "multi-year project rephrased".

The \$500,000 roads and drainage upgrade to Patonga camping ground has been reduced to zero, being "deferred by one year".

A budget of \$340,000 for a "district playspace upgrade" at Lions Park has been reduced from \$340,000 to \$29,000.

Explanatory notes simply state: "Decreased budget."

The budget previously included unspecified funds for Davistown as well as for Lions Park, Woy Woy.

Reference to Davistown has been removed.

Cuts in the three projects total almost \$1.7 million.

The only project for the Peninsula increased in the budget is the renewal of Sewer Pump Station WW13C at Woy Woy Rd, which has increased by \$240,702 from \$382,450 to \$623,152.

This is an "increased budget" for a "continuing project from 2023-24".

A new \$875,000 project is listed for "change room renewals" at "various leisure centres", the capital works program does not specify whether this includes the Peninsula Leisure Centre or not.

The money will come from general revenue, which includes rates revenue.

SOURCE:

Central Coast Council agenda item 2.3, 25 Jun 2024

## Mary Mac's seeks donations for meals

Mary Mac's Place in Woy Woy is asking people to "Shout a Mate a \$6 Plate" by making a donation to its service.

Mary Mac's Place receives no funding and relies 100 per cent on community support, said project officer Ms Sally Baker.

"The service costs over \$150,000 per year to run and we provide more than 24,000 meals a

year to people in need at a cost of \$6 per meal.

"We are aiming to raise funds to cover the costs of these meals so we can keep this essential service running," she said.

"We are located in Woy Woy and are open to anyone who is homeless, lonely or needing a helping hand."

As well as meals, Mary Macs offers emergency grocery supplies

and outreach services like housing and health support.

"Without community support and generosity, we would need to turn many people away," said Ms Baker.

Donations may be made online at <https://catholicreddb.org.au/shout-a-mate-a-plate/>.

SOURCE:

Social media, 2 Jul 2024  
Sally Baker, Mary Mac's Place

## Peninsula News: A voluntary activity

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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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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## Butter cake demonstration

Making a "Yummy Butter Cake" was demonstrated at a recent meeting of the Umina Beach branch of the Country Women's Association by its cookery officer Ms Celia O'Meara.

The recipe makes one cup of mixture too much to fit in a regular cake tin.

The leftover mixture was made into cupcakes.

Pictured is Ms O'Meara with the butter cake ready to go in the oven.

**SOURCE:**  
 Social media, 29 Jun 2024  
 CWA Umina Beach



## Youth yarn-up

Mingaletta will hold its monthly Youth Yarn-Up from 3:30pm to 5pm on Thursday, July 11.

The session provides facilitated peer-to-peer support and information sharing for young people 12 to 26 years of age.

It will be held at the Mingaletta hall at 6 Sydney Ave, Umina, and light refreshments are included.

Registration is available by email to admin@mingaletta.org.au.

**SOURCE:**  
 Media release, 26 Jul 2024  
 Kylie Hogan, Mingaletta ATSC

## Incoming president honours Scottish heritage

The Rotary Club of Umina Beach incoming president Mr David Tanare honoured his Scottish heritage by wearing a kilt for the club's changeover ceremony last month.

Mr Tanare takes over from Mr Wayne Dowdle, who becomes vice-president.

Mr Paul Quinn becomes community service director and Mr Rouel Vergara becomes international director.

Mr Mike Dwyer remains secretary, Mr Glen Scorer remains treasurer and Mr Rob Meyer remains youth director.

**SOURCE:**  
 Newsletter, 19 Jun 2024  
 Rotary Umina Beach



## June rainfall 40 per cent above average

Almost 200mm of rain fell on the Peninsula during June, more than 40 per cent above the average of 141mm.

In the first five days of July, 52.5mm has fallen, about two thirds of the July average of 79mm, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

The total for the first six months of the year was just shy of 1000mm, at 999.5mm.

Including the July rainfall, the total of 1052mm is more than the annual rainfall in five of the last 20 years.

Total rainfall for the April-June quarter was 753mm, more than twice the average for this period of 363mm.

Most common days for rain during this period were Saturdays and Sundays, with eight of 13 Saturdays and seven of 13 Sundays recording rain.

These were followed by six Wednesdays with rain, five



Thursdays, four Fridays, three Mondays and two Tuesdays.

Rainfall figures reflected this pattern, although the Saturday total of 210mm and the Sunday figure of 217mm were inflated by two of the wettest days in 20 years.

Saturday, April 6, had the fourth

heaviest rain in 20 years with 152mm, and Sunday, June 2, was the 13th heaviest rainfall day with 101mm.

More details are available online at <http://bit.ly/PNRRainfall>

**SOURCE:**  
 Spreadsheet, 5 Jun 2024  
 Jim Morrison, Umina

TIDE TIMES and Heights	Mon, Jul 8	Thu, Jul 11	Sun, Jul 14	Wed, Jul 17	Sat, Jul 20
	0457 0.14	0632 0.14	0145 0.78	0456 0.65	0223 0.18
	1032 0.75	1228 0.73	0824 0.17	1051 0.25	0749 0.71
	1557 0.21	1805 0.27	1454 0.81	1733 1.02	1318 0.19
	2220 1.15		2105 0.35		1955 1.25
TIDE TIMES and Heights	Tue, Jul 9	Fri, Jul 12	Mon, Jul 15	Thu, Jul 18	Sun, Jul 21
	0531 0.14	0012 0.93	0242 0.71	0039 0.27	0309 0.13
	1110 0.73	0705 0.14	0910 0.20	0601 0.66	0836 0.75
	1638 0.22	1312 0.74	1549 0.87	1141 0.24	1407 0.15
	2257 1.08	1856 0.30	2221 0.35	1821 1.10	2041 1.30
TIDE TIMES and Heights	Wed, Jul 10	Sat, Jul 13	Tue, Jul 16	Fri, Jul 19	Mon, Jul 22
	0601 0.14	0055 0.85	0346 0.67	0134 0.22	0353 0.09
	1148 0.72	0742 0.15	1000 0.23	0659 0.68	0921 0.79
	1719 0.24	1400 0.77	1643 0.94	1230 0.22	1459 0.12
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## Nominations sought for community champions

**Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch is seeking nominations for the inaugural Gosford Community Champion Awards.**

"We are privileged to live in a fabulous vibrant community, teeming with selfless individuals who have a real generosity of spirit who, through their work, volunteering efforts, involvement in sports or other community activities, deserve recognition for their positive contribution," she said.

"So many individuals work tirelessly, dedicate countless hours to volunteering or work single-mindedly to make positive, lasting

change.

"By launching the Gosford Community Champion Awards, my goal is to shine a spotlight on the work of fantastic individuals in the Gosford electorate who make a positive impact."

Nominees must live in the Gosford electorate.

She said nominations for the Gosford Community Champion Awards can be made at any time using a paper form or online.

Forms can be filled in at her Woy Woy office at 20 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, or online at <https://forms.gle/oFM3E7igdAdbkBa79>

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 26 Jun 2024  
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford



## Klaas Woldring celebrates 90th birthday

**The Pearl Beach Tennis and Recreation Club has recently celebrated the 90th birthday of member Mr Klaas Woldring.**

Mr Woldring, pictured second

from left, is a regular player at the Friday morning social tennis group.

Recently asked about his secret for longevity and youthful looks, he replied: "There is no secret.

"Just keep playing tennis."

His birthday was celebrated with a lunch at the Empire Bay tavern.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 24 Jun 2024  
Pearl Beach Tennis and Bowls  
Photo: Duncan Bridel

## Mingaletta to hold Naidoc gathering on Friday

**Mingaletta will hold a Naidoc Gathering from 10am to 3pm on Friday, July 12, at 6 Sydney Ave, Umina Beach.**

A ceremony will start at 10:15am with a traditional welcome and smoking ceremony.

This will be followed with a performance by the Mingaletta Didge and Dance group and

community awards.

Free activities will be available all day, including a traditional weaving corner, face painting, a jumping castle, a barbecue lunch, a DJ and live music.

Market stalls and raffles will also be available.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 26 Jun 2024  
Kylie Hogan, Mingaletta

## Woy Woy volunteer wins 'rising star' award

**A volunteer at a dementia unit in Woy Woy has won an award from Volunteering Central Coast at an awards ceremony held in Erina on June 17.**

Mr Gary Wilson who volunteers at HammondCare has won the Rising Star Award

The award honours "new volunteers who have quickly made a significant impact in their roles".

"Their enthusiasm and dedication highlight the potential of fresh energy and ideas."

The citation stated: "Gary Wilson, though new to volunteering, has quickly made an extraordinary impact at HammondCare Woy Woy.

"His flexibility and enthusiasm are evident in his willingness to take on any role, from driving the bus to managing inventory.

"Gary's cheerful demeanor and boundless energy uplift his team and the community.

"Initially drawn to volunteering by a desire to give back to his community, Gary's passion shines through in his unwavering commitment and readiness to tackle even the most mundane chores with a positive attitude.

"His impact is sure to continue growing as he brings his unique blend of energy and dedication to HammondCare."

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 27 Jun 2024  
Samantha Ross, Volunteering Central Coast

**The Umina Beach branch of the Country Women's Association is embarking on the final stage of its hall renovation with the installation of a new kitchen scheduled for early next year.**

"Once the new kitchen is in place our members plan to host cooking lessons for both adults and children," said branch member Ms Margaret Key.

"Given the current cost-of-living crisis in Australia which has put a strain on household budgets, we believe that offering classes

on preparing budget-friendly meals choosing seasonal fruits and vegetables and identifying affordable protein sources will be well-received by the Peninsula community."

She said lesson plans had been "generously provided" by Australia's first Masterchef Ms Julie Goodwin of Narara (pictured with branch members).

"The design of the kitchen will facilitate teaching the fundamentals of cooking."

Ms Key said it would benefit community members, who hired

the hall for parties, weddings, and family celebrations, as well as CWA members.

"In the coming six to nine months the Umina Beach Branch will be actively fundraising to secure the necessary funds for this new kitchen," she said.

"We appreciate any support from our community."

Ms Key said the branch welcomed new members, and anyone interested may simply "drop by any Wednesday morning".

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 5 Jul 2024  
Margaret Key, CWA Umina Beach

## Next stage of hall renovation starts

## Woy Woy Rotary receives bulletin award

**Ms Sue and Mr Don Tee represented the Rotary Club of Woy Woy Rotary at the Rotary District Changeover on Saturday, June 29.**

The club was presented with the Bulletin Award for Small Clubs, by outgoing District Governor Ms Christine Owen.

This was accepted by Ms Tee, who is the club's bulletin editor, winning the award for the third year in a row.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 30 Jun 2024  
Rotary Woy Woy



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# Planning



## Residents hold planning workshop

**The Peninsula Residents' Association held a planning workshop for residents last month.**

The workshop provided

information about the development application process, and the opportunity to influence decision-making through the public submission process.

Further information is available

on the association's website at <https://www.peninsularesidents.org.au>.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 5 Jul 2024  
Julian Bowker, PRA

## Seven complying developments approved

**Seven "complying development" applications have been approved for the Peninsula since June 1.**

Three were in Ettalong: at 102 Barrenjoey Rd, 84 Uligandi St and at 123 Broken Bay Rd.

Two were in Umina: at 77 Osborne Ave, and at 9 Nelson St.

One was approved at 52 Railway St, Woy Woy, and another at 5 Cornelian Rd.

At the end of last week, one application was "awaiting information" for 357 Ocean Beach Rd, Umina.

Eight were "under assessment".

Of these, four were in Umina: at 2 Gross Ave, 27 Osborne Ave, 78 Lone Pine Ave and 150 Albany Rd.

Two were in Ettalong: at 11 Myall St, and at 30 Beach St.

One was at 38 Everglades Cr, Woy Woy, and another at 61 Cornelian Rd, Pearl Beach.

The NSW Department of Planning states: "Complying development is a combined planning and construction approval for straightforward development that can be determined through a fast-track assessment by a council or an accredited certifier.

"Complying development applies to homes, businesses and industry and allows for a range of things like the construction of a new dwelling house, alterations and additions to a house, new industrial buildings, demolition

of a building, and changes to a business use.

"Homeowners and developers can use the Guide to Complying Development to understand the legislative requirements for developing small scale residential projects, for example, building a new one or two storey home or home renovation."

Where neighbours are required to be advised of development applications, allowing public submissions to be made, this requirement does not apply to complying development applications.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 7 Jul 2024  
Application tracker, NSW Planning

## Stage two work starts at aged care home

**Stage two of reconstruction work at a Woy Woy aged care home with demolition and cutting up concrete occurring over the past fortnight.**

Blue Wave Living chief executive Mr Matt Downie said the workers had been asked to take breaks during residents' mealtimes to minimise disruption.

However, the noise was "unfortunately a necessary part of the process".

He said the central link between Palm Sails and Coastal House would be closed depending on building requirements.

"The central link will be open in the evenings and on weekends as a minimum and may open up at other times depending on building requirements.

"We have established an

alternative path from Palm Sails through to Coastal House, for when the central link is not available.

"We have also established alternative entry points for access into The Shores building at the rear, via two courtyards.

"This alternative entry is open Monday to Friday during business hours, 9am to 4:30pm.

"There is visitor parking at the rear."

Mr Downie said: "As part of this stage of works, we will be rebuilding the reception to the rear of The Shores.

"This will then operate during business hours Monday to Friday on completion next March.

"This will provide alternative entry during the next stage of works, during which the central link will then become permanently closed due to construction through

that area.

"Stage Two works will see the completion of the Coastal House wing by internally rebuilding 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, and rebuilt 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, 28 Jun 2024  
Matt Downie, Blue Wave Living

## Application for \$2.6M beachfront house at Pearl Beach

**Central Coast Council has received a development application for the construction of "a new dwelling house and swimming pool" on the beachfront at 36 Coral Cres, Pearl Beach.**

The application, prepared by Doug Sneddon Planning Pty Ltd for Mr Niall Conlon, runs to 101 pages and states that "the proposed development has a construction cost of \$2,626,800".

It "replaces a previously demolished dwelling house on the subject land and a new dwelling previously approved under Development Consent 60416/2020."

The application is for a five-bedroom dwelling with two storeys and a basement.

The basement will contain garaging for two cars with a turntable to enable forward access when entering or leaving, also plant rooms, storage and wine cellar.

The ground floor will contain the main entry, kitchen, dining-living and family rooms, outdoor terraces, guest bedroom and swimming pool.

The first floor will comprise four bedrooms, bathrooms, storage and study, both the master bedroom and study will be provided with ocean view terraces.

An internal lift will provide access to all three levels.

The land has an area of 670.2 square metres and is zoned R2 Low density residential.

According to the application, the gross floor area will be 333.418 square metres for a floor space ratio of 0.497:1.

Site coverage will be 304.458 square metres (30.51 per cent) and private open space 314.917 square metres (46.9 per cent).

"The proposed development has a rear setback (to the beach) of 17.923 metres, which exceeds the requirement for a foreshore setback of 10 metres and generally aligns with the beachfront setback on neighbouring residences.

"The proposed front building setback of 4.172 metres is considered appropriate having regard to the setback of neighbouring dwellings and the

current development consent for the subject land."

Regarding a possible loss of views, it states: "The potential loss of a partial lateral view by neighbours over the subject land resulting from the proposed development is minor as the lateral views predominantly remain available and their primary coastal outlook is maintained."

It is explained that "Pearl Beach is identified as having a special character, with its distinctive element being its natural environment and the unifying element of the tree canopy.

"Pearl Beach is the only village within the former Gosford City area classified by the National Trust of Australia as the Broken Bay Entrance Landscape Conservation Area and the unique character of Pearl Beach should therefore be protected."

It is claimed: "The accompanying Landscape Plans provide both dune stabilisation with the retention of existing groundcover plants and appropriate streetscape plantings.

"Coastal hazard assessment and structural engineering provide for protection of the proposed dwelling from potential storm surges and shoreline erosion."

The DA proposes the retention of one existing street tree and the replacement of a second one which has died and been removed by council.

The Landscape Plan proposes a tuckeroo which, it is claimed, is "more suitable underneath wires".

The only other trees mentioned are melaleuca paperbarks on the adjoining property which are to be retained.

In conclusion the application claims:

"The proposed development is a single-family home which is compatible with the surrounding low density residential environment, although it is noted that beachfront residential development along Coral Cres comprises a mix of older style one to two storey dwelling houses and larger contemporary dwelling houses of up to three levels."

It is currently on public exhibition and is open for submissions.

A closing date has not been published by the council.

**SOURCE:**  
DA Tracker, 6 Jul 2024  
DA/845/2024, Central Coast Council



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## Group urges residents to ask for more tree planting

The Grow Urban Shade Trees group has called for residents to write to Council to plant more trees across the Peninsula.

The call follows the planting of four melaleucas in Wallaby St, Blackwall.

Group co-founder Ms Deb Sunartha asked Council to plant more paperbarks on Wallaby St after numerous of these mature species were allowed to be removed on a nearby block.

"We were pleased to see four new melaleucas planted there today," said group member Ms Jen Wilder.

"However, tree retention is far more important than tree replacement.

"It will be 20 years before these new plantings reach maturity.

"But we're very grateful that new trees have been planted."

She said: "If you want to see more trees planted across the Peninsula, we encourage you to write to Council directly and request this.

"The more support and pressure from the broader community, the greater the impact."

She said the group continued to plant street trees at the request of



residents.

More information and orders could be placed on the group's new website [www.growurbanshadetrees.org](http://www.growurbanshadetrees.org).

Ms Wilder said these were small steps in the direction of greening our urban heat island here on the Peninsula.

"In the words of Robert Frost: '...and miles to go before I sleep'."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 27 Jun 2024  
Jen Wilder, Grow Urban Shade Trees

## Men's Shed invites members to return

The Umina Beach Men's Shed is encouraging old and new members to visit the relocated operation at 90 Osborne Ave, Umina, after activities started there last week.

"Understandably with the limitations on activities and safe operating space over the last six to nine months, a lot of members cut back on their visits to the Shed and a few stopped showing up at all," said Shed newsletter editor Mr Vic Brown.

"We encourage all our members to visit the new Shed and to relish in the vastly improved work areas and social facilities

"We look forward to welcoming members to the new Shed and listening to their views and opinion regarding the new facilities and also what sort of projects they want to conduct or be jointly involved in with other members."

Mr Brown said a team of members had been involved in relocating equipment from the Birdwood Ave premises.

They had been "flat out" moving out by June 14 and setting up the new premises by July 1.

Some of the heavy equipment had to be craned into the new Shed, while other items were transported in a hired truck with a tail lift.

Mr Brown said it had been "an epic month in the life and time of the Umina Beach Men's Shed Inc".



"We eventually obtained the Occupation Certificate for 90 Osborne Ave in early May.

"Our landlords at 109 Birdwood Ave were very keen to regain occupancy of their building. "Recognising that they had been simply fantastic allowing us to stay and operate from their premises right through all delays experienced with the Osborne Ave project, we certainly owed it to them to vacate quickly.

"So following a meeting with the owners and the committee, a handover date was determined, being June 14. And the race was on!

"Mr Larry Stewart headed up the

team to clear the Shed either to the new location or to the various other disposal avenues, and to leave the premises in a tidy condition.

"Mr John Powell undertook the management, set-up and acceptance of equipment, tools and supplies at the Osborne Ave location.

"Members undertook the loading and shifting of the items and generously assisted with their vehicles and trailers in the transportation of the items."

Mr Brown said: "It's been a very tough and challenging few weeks."

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 29 Jun 2024  
Vic Brown, UBMSI

## Plants for bushcare group

Central Coast Council has provided the Pearl Beach Bushcare Group with 52 plants to be shared with Pearl Beach Dunecare.

The plants include acacias, banksias and myoporium.

"This gives us a unique opportunity in July to focus on planting, rather than weeding," said bushcare coordinator Mr Stephen Parson.

"The seaward side of north Coral Cres has a large patch where we have weeded.

"Also, the northern side of the lagoon mouth near Agate Ave will be a good spot to plant a few of the acacias."

For further information, phone Mr Parsons on 0448 75 1595.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 30 Jun 2024  
Friends of Pearl Beach

## Mingaletta holds school holiday program

Mingaletta will hold a free school holiday program for five to 14 year olds from Tuesday, July 16, to Friday, July 19.

An art and craft session will be held from 2pm to 4pm on the Tuesday.

Traditional weaving will be

held from 10am to 12pm on the Wednesday, with Auntie Elaine and the Mingaletta Sisters.

An "Intro to Junior Tennis" will be held from 10am to 12pm on the Thursday and the Friday.

The days will be held at the Empire Bay Tennis Club and include a free sausage sizzle.

Participants are asked to wear

sneakers and bring a water bottle.

Other equipment is supplied. Parental supervision is required for all activities.

Bookings are essential and should be made via email to [admin@mingaletta.org.au](mailto:admin@mingaletta.org.au).

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 26 Jun 2024  
Kylie Hogan, Mingaletta ATSC



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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.

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# Reasons why Blackwall Reserve should be saved

Here are a few reasons why Blackwall Reserve should be saved and reclassified from operational to community land.

In the wider scheme of things, Blackwall Reserve is insignificant.

Vast forests are still being logged, overfishing is rampant, industrial farming is sucking the joy out of everything, and polar bears will soon be extinct.

So why should we care about the fate of this tiny piece of woodland, no bigger than two suburban blocks?

There are many answers to this question, the first one being that this reserve is a microcosm of wilderness.

It's got the lot, from tall and ancient trees to a Noah's Ark of animals co-existing together, and doing a much better job of it than humans would.

From the micro bats in the treetops to the ringtail possums sheltering in tree hollows to the elusive boobook owl, they live their lives and rear their children and search for food without need of us.

Sometimes the human neighbours catch glimpses of them.

Coming face to face with a tawny frogmouth is something to boast about, as is hearing the boobook hooting.

Blackwall Reserve is a refuge for its inhabitants.

So many surrounding trees have been razed to the ground and replaced by human dwellings.

So many cars don't stop when possums venture onto the road.

The reserve is a citadel whose walls are made of paperbark and bangalay, and a place where animals can feel safe.

The trees are a remnant of Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland, which once covered the Peninsula but now only exists in a few spots in Umina and in this reserve.

The second most important answer is the link to the past.

The reserve contains an extensive midden that has been registered with the National Parks and Wildlife Service by indigenous elder Tracie Howie.

What is now our reserve was once a sheltered and welcoming meeting place for the original people living on and around the amazing Blackwall Mountain.

Following on from its sheltered aspect is answer number three.

It is very low-lying and flood prone.

When the surrounding blocks were sold off to a local developer 60 years ago, the reserve remained in Gosford Council possession to act as flood mitigation.

During heavy rain any cars parked on the edge of the reserve are at risk of water damage.

Chopping down the trees and covering the ground with concrete would inevitably lead to the laneway and surrounding houses being flooded.

The fourth answer is quality of life for the neighbouring humans.

The only access to this reserve is along a narrow laneway which is inadequate for the mid-density housing already constructed.

On the Ettalong side of the reserve is a townhouse complex, and on the Woy Woy side are three blocks of privately-owned land awaiting development.

The reserve is our breathing space, and will be even more so when the land next to it is built on.

Finally, although this part of Blackwall is quite densely populated, it has few amenities.

If you walk down to Springwood St, you can get a bus to Woy Woy but not to Umina Beach.

There are no food shops or cafes or restaurants; no schools, tennis courts or community centres.

To build on the reserve would mean shoehorning more people and their cars into a treeless purgatory, which does not sound like good town planning.

Blackwall Reserve is classified as operational land by Central Coast Council.

This means that it has no value except its sale price.

Council should change the classification to community land in order to respect its inherent qualities and value, and to prevent it from being sold off to the highest bidder.

It will then truly belong to the community, as well as to its community of animals.

**SOURCE:**  
Email, 5 Jul 2024  
Jane Hendy, Blackwall

# I am not the only Woy Woy resident distressed to hear of the tragic incident at the deadly Rawson Rd railway crossing on the night of Wednesday July 3.

I wish to convey my condolences to the affected family and friends.

And my heart goes out to the driver and conductor working on the train, plus the passengers on the train who were traumatised by the incident, and subsequently inconvenienced.

On top of that are the first

responders: from the police, ambulance and fire service ... the list goes on.

Two facts are clear.

Installation of lights at the intersection would not have prevented this incident.

And, we need all three levels of government, local, state and federal, to work together to complete the replacement of the deadly Rawson Rd level crossing.

Lives are at stake.

**SOURCE:**  
Email, 4 Jul 2024  
Stephanie Short, Woy Woy

# Parking fine despite absence of signs or yellow line

I read with interest a query in the last edition about a parking fine.

My experience is also querying the application of parking fines in the local area.

I received a parking fine in Ocean View Rd, Ettalong, about 50m or so down from the roundabout at Picnic Parade.

There are no signs or yellow lines indicating it is a no-parking zone.

I have checked multiple times, as have my neighbours and friends.

Each time I have done this, the section of road here is filled with other cars parked in the same spot I received the fine.

I submitted an appeal where it was stated that even though I said there was no yellow line (the reason for the fine), I was still required to pay the fine (\$302)!

I took this information to the Local Member where it was indicated that nothing could be done, despite the Department of Revenue's own photos showing there is no yellow line.

Apart from the ludicrousness of this situation, I wondered how many other people are being issued a fine in the same spot.

**SOURCE:**  
Email, 26 Jun 2024  
Wendy Baylis, Woy Woy

# Good news for council election

Good news! Mr Kevin Brooks is a candidate for September's local government election.

The highlight of a council meeting at Wyong is listening to Mr Brooks in the public forum, which has always been at a standard above that of the Administrator and senior council staff.

Needless to say the gallery has been appreciative of his oration, contrasting to the response from the official bench.

State and Local Governments are now on notice for change following the election.

Residents have suffered while politicians have passed-the-democracy-parcel to Administrators for rejection.

The council chambers will immediately need to be enlarged if candidates of Mr Brooks' quality are elected.

This will add further discussion on the infamous amalgamation.

The first council meeting post-election could be an invitation-only event.

Mr Brooks should list on the stock market, as I believe he is a good investment.

**SOURCE:**  
Letter, 29 Jun 2024  
Norm Harris, Umina

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On Thursday 13th June CCLO Living had an open house for our Woy Woy group home.

We had the absolute pleasure of Adam Crouch (Member of Terrigal), Natasha Maclaren-Jones MLC (Shadow minister of Disability Inclusion) & Liesl Tesch (Member of Gosford) attend our event and help with the ribbon cutting.

Thank you to everyone that attending our event & to show your support



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## Patonga fire brigade boat crew called to assist

**Patonga Volunteer Rural Bush Fire Brigade's boat crew attended a call at Flint and Steel beach in Kuring-gai Chase National Park, opposite Patonga, on Saturday, July 6.**

They were called to assist NSW Ambulance service with an extraction of a casualty who had suffered a medical episode.

The Patonga crew presented themselves to Northern Beaches

Rural Fire Service and waited off shore in case they were required.

Also attending were the water police, NSW Maritime and an inflatable rescue boat from Summer Bay Surf Club.

The police and ambulance crews were able to extract the party to hospital without the need for additional assistance and the Patonga crew was stood down.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 1 Jul 2024  
Patonga Volunteer Rural Bush Fire Brigade

## Six plays selected for Flash Festival

**Six local playwrights have had their work chosen for Woy Woy Little Theatre's Flash Festival to be presented from Friday to Sunday, September 20 to 22, this year.**

The Wonder of Christmas was written by Mr David Crewe.

A Place in Time was written by Mr Jake Cain-Roser.

The Wunder of You was written by Ms Sally Bartley.

Shop AI was written by Ms Jenna Arnold.

The Waiting Room was written by Ms Trudi Slaven.

Balance and Perspective was written by Mr Scott Goodacre.

Directors will be assigned for each of these plays, followed by a call for actors.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 25 Jun 2024  
Woy Woy Little Theatre

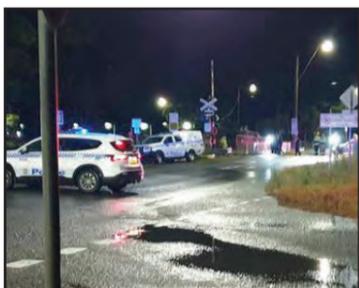
## Level crossing incident

**Train services between Gosford and Hornsby stopped due to an "emergency incident" at the Rawson Rd level crossing in Woy Woy late last Wednesday evening, July 3.**

Replacement buses were arranged between Hornsby and Gosford in both directions.

Travellers were asked to consider delaying non-essential travel or using other transport where possible.

NSW Police media confirmed:



"It was a self harm incident, so we are not making further comment."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 3 Jul 2024  
NSW Central Coast Incident Alerts  
Photo: Tyrone Case

## Kevin Brooks announces run for council

**Bensville resident Mr Kevin Brooks has announced that he will run as a candidate for Gosford West ward, covering the Peninsula, in the September Central Coast Council elections.**

Mr Brooks is a regular speaker at the Council's Public Forum, where he made the announcement last Tuesday, June 25.

As in previous speeches, he opposed "excessive rate hikes".

He said the Council's Operational Plan incorporated a 4.8 per cent increase in general rates and 11.9 per cent increase in water rates from July 1.

He said that Council rates (general and water) had now risen 39 per cent in just four years, "yet services continue to go backwards in priority areas".

"Three years ago, Council told the community it must choose between higher rates or worse services.

"We have ended up with both. "Despite increasing revenue from rates by 39 per cent in four years, priority services continue to decline.

"The average time for determining development applications has more than doubled.

"Water and sewer unplanned service interruptions, mains breaks, and leaks are all increasing.

"Seventeen per cent of our roads get the lowest possible one star AusRAP rating.

"Over 30 per cent of customers surveyed did not think the Council's response was empathetic - a terrible indictment on customer culture and one I can certainly relate to.

"This was not even mentioned last meeting when Council incorrectly claimed it had met an 80 per cent satisfaction target despite averaging less than 80 per cent across all survey questions - one of 28 targets misreported as achieved or on track when in reality they were missed or behind, another illustration of how spin and propaganda has replaced authentic communication.

"Ratepayers are paying more for less because Council has



still not addressed underlying problems within the organisation, in management, efficiency, productivity, prioritisation and above all culture.

"Instead, during four years of taxation without representation, an unaccountable bureaucracy has put its own interests above those of the community.

"For too long we, the humble and blameless residents of the Central Coast, have been paying the price for poor leadership, mismanagement, and dysfunction in Central Coast, Gosford, and Wyong Councils.

"A fresh approach is needed. "But if we want change, it is up to all of us in the community to be the change we want to see.

"That is why tonight, I am announcing my intention to run as a candidate in the September elections.

"And I say to the community, if you are tired of paying too much for too little and want change - then you too can be the change you want to see."

Mr Brooks said that, before emigrating to Australia in 2008, he had spent 11 years in the UK banking industry.

He said he had been an elected member of two UK Councils, one with 55 councillors.

The second time, Mr Brooks was the elected Leader of a 33-member council in Essex (Harlow) and inherited a financial crisis from the previous administration.

Mr Brooks claimed that by the time he stepped down to emigrate to Australia, he had achieved a turnaround in the Council's

finances and performance.

Mr Brooks said: "We improved business processes and efficiency, for example through smarter targets and better reporting.

"The biggest thing I learned was the importance of prioritisation in local government, where there is such a wide range of functions, much of it discretionary.

"If you're not careful, you can end up trying to do too much and doing none of it well.

"We consulted the community about priorities and sought to allocate resources accordingly.

"This did mean some tough decisions but, in the end, customer satisfaction improved because we focused on what mattered most to the community."

Mr Brooks said he was a member of the UK Labour Party.

He served as district media spokesperson, district party leader, and council leader.

He said he had not been a member of any political party since emigrating to Australia and was proudly non-partisan.

He said he grew disillusioned with partisan politics and the restrictions party dogmas can impose on free thinking.

Mr Brooks said: "My values have always been those of 19th century social liberal thinkers such as John Stuart Mill.

"These values include economic rationalism, freedom of speech, tolerance, equality of opportunity, scientific progress, democracy and meritocracy.

"These values were once mainstream in Western democracies, but I have never seen them under greater threat whether from autocratic regimes abroad or at times from parties of both left and right within western democracies themselves.

"Neither side of politics within Australian democracy fully embraces these values which is why I am now happy to be non-partisan."

He said he hoped other candidates would follow his lead and set out their qualifications and experience.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 1 Jul 2024  
Kevin Brooks, Bensville

## Naidoc storytime

**A Naidoc storytime session will be held at Umina library for children aged three to 12 years at 10:30am on Tuesday, July 16, as part of its school holiday program.**

Aunties from Mingaletta will present the storytime session.

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

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 2 Jul 2024  
Library Services, Central Coast Council

## Film about Palestine

**Central Coast Friends of Palestine will screen the documentary film Where Olive Trees Weep at the Mingaletta hall, Umina, from 6pm on Thursday, July 18.**

"The film offers a window into the struggles and resilience of the Palestinian people under Israeli occupation," said organiser Ms Catherine Sharpe.

"It features amongst others, renowned physician and trauma specialist Dr. Gabor Mate."

"This event is for young and old, the well informed and the fresh and

inquisitive.

"We encourage all to come along and be a part of what we expect to be a powerful evening."

Tickets costing \$10 will be available at the door or online at <https://kinema.com/events/where-olive-trees-weep-ssl43s>.

All proceeds will be donated to local and Palestinian charities.

More information about the film is available online at [whereolivetreesweep.com](http://whereolivetreesweep.com).

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 2 Jul 2024  
Catherine Sharpe, Central Coast Friends of Palestine

## Donated to Mary Mac's

The Deepwater Older Women's Network has presented Mary Mac's Place in Woy Woy with beanies, scarves and a lap rug together with a \$500 donation for its food pantry.

Mary Mac's project worker Ms Sally Baker expressed thanks, saying the service had experienced a huge upsurge in food insecurity.

"Last month Mary Mac's Place gave out 253 food hampers to struggling families and the elderly," said Network secretary Ms Jennifer Brown.

"This is quite separate from their core services of providing hot

lunches, orange sky laundry vans, showers, toiletries and groceries to the needy including rough sleepers who are struggling in this chilly weather to stay well and warm."

Ms Brown said this was the second \$500 donation towards Mary Mac's food Pantry this year.

She said the Network had a dedicated group of knitters who knit all year round to provide warm accessories to the clients of Mary Mac's Place.

Pictured are Ms Baker and Ms Brown with beanies, scarves, rug and the \$500 cheque.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 3 Jul 2024  
Jennifer Brown, OWN Deepwater



## Aged care visitors asked to wear masks

A Woy Woy aged care home is asking all visitors to test for Covid and to wear a mask due to high levels of the virus in the community.

"We are seeing increases in respiratory illness, including Covid, amongst our residents," said Blue Wave Living chief executive Mr Matt Downie.

"While such illnesses are prevalent in the community, they invariably make their way in via visiting family and friends.

"I would encourage all to obtain up-to-date vaccinations for both influenza and Covid and, if in any way unwell, please defer visiting loved ones."

Mr Downie said Blue Wave residents "are much more susceptible to more severe outcomes from respiratory illness than younger persons'.

"While it is easy to be dismissive of mild symptoms such as a scratchy throat or a slight snuffle, it might be the precursor to a more serious respiratory illness including Covid."

Mr Downie said: "All our staff test daily and utilise personal protective equipment to help minimise risk.

"We do have ready access to antivirals, which have proven to be effective in minimising the impact of Covid, coupled with vaccination and solid infection control measures to reduce the risk.

"You will notice changes when visiting Blue Wave Living while we have active cases.

"We are also making changes to our Activities program to further minimise risk, and the Food Focus meeting will be postponed for a few weeks."

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 28 Jun 2024  
Matt Downie, Blue Wave Living

## Referral program proves successful strategy

An employee referral program has been a successful recruitment strategy for a Umina aged care facility, despite a national shortage of aged care workers.

"For the first time in four years, we have virtually no unfilled positions and are now using referrals to fill holiday and relief positions," said Peninsula Village chief executive Mr Colin Osborne.

In the past 12 months, Peninsula Village has hired 40 personal care assistants, four registered nurses and 13 hotel service staff

members.

"The quality of our referral hires is noticeably better than those from job boards, and our staff turnover is significantly lower than the industry average," Mr Osborne said.

"We've seen a substantial reduction in our recruitment as well as reduced agency spend and have been able to divert funds back to our staff through referral rewards.

"This program has enabled us to identify and retain local frontline and clinical staff quickly and affordably, ensuring our

recruitment is stable and efficient," said Mr Osborne.

The program uses a phone app, Care Friends, "designed for the health care and social assistance sector".

Using the phone app, existing employees can earn up to \$400 and micro rewards by referring others to job vacancies.

"The Care Friends program has been instrumental in maintaining a high standard of care through our consistent staffing levels, directly benefiting our residents and enhancing staff satisfaction," said

Mr Osborne.

He said the reduction in recruitment expenditure had fully covered the costs of the referral program, leading to a significant decrease in overall recruitment costs.

The organisation has reported an average of 30 new staff referrals per month, significantly contributing to its ability to meet the 200 care-minute target and a trajectory towards the 215-minute goal by October.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 28 Jun 2024  
Katey White, Brilliant Logic

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## Education

### New engagement co-ordinator appointed

**Ms Nikki Dunn has been appointed as the new parent engagement co-ordinator at St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School in Woy Woy.**

In her role, Ms Dunn will foster relationships between parents, school and the Parish community, providing support so that families feel connected and valued, said school principal Ms Nicole Davies.

"Nikki looks forward to working together to create a supportive environment for our children and families."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 3 Jul 2024  
Nicole Davies, SJB Catholic Primary School



### Woy Woy Public School to lose 'immensely popular' teacher

**Woy Woy Public School will lose an "immensely popular" teacher with the appointment of a new principal at the school.**

"It is with great sadness that we inform you that Ms Neeley Molinaroli will be replaced as classroom teacher of the 2M class," acting principal Mr Dan Betts told parents.

"Ms Molinaroli is an immensely popular figure with students and parents here at the school, as well as her colleagues on staff.

"She has established an incredibly positive classroom environment in 2M and has managed to encourage and support her students to produce their best work."

He said the appointment of the

new principal, Mrs Sandy Knowles, had necessitated the "reshuffle in staffing".

"In an ideal world, we'd be able to keep hold of her for years to come but unfortunately this isn't possible.

"We do, however, sincerely hope that she will be available for casual employment at our school next term, and it goes without saying that she will be the first person thought of should any temporary positions become available later this year."

Anticipating a critical response from parents, Mr Betts asked those reading the social media post to "please leave only positive messages in this forum".

"Any concerns or queries can be directed to me in person or via the school's email address."

Mr Betts said: "While Mrs Molinaroli is a great loss the school, 2M parents can be reassured that their children will be in very good hands.

"Relieving assistant principal and Stage 1 supervisor Mr Blake Rosewam will take over as teacher of the 2M class, with me replacing him in the off-class assistant principal (student wellbeing) role.

"I'm sure you'll join me in wishing Ms Molinaroli all the best for the remainder of the school year.

"On behalf of the entire school community, I'd like to thank her for the care she has shown for the students of 2M, and for the dedication and professionalism she displays at all times."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 3 Jul 2024.  
Dan Betts, Woy Woy Public School

### Aboriginal education officer wins cultural award

**Ettalong Public School's Aboriginal Education Officer Mr Rheese Bull has won a Cultural Award at the Central Coast Council Youth Week Ceremony.**

He was nominated by the school.

School principal Ms Jodie Campbell said: "We are very

grateful for the many contributions that Rheese makes in our school, across our Brisbane Water Learning Community, as president of the Koorana Aboriginal Education Consultative Group and at Mingaletta."

**Newsletter, 2 Jul 2024**  
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong Public School



### Umina Beach students do First Aid course

**Year 6 students at Umina Beach Public School have participated in a Red Cross Preliminary First Aid Course on Monday and Tuesday, July 1 and 2.**

This course aims to equip 11 to 15 year olds with the basic knowledge and skills necessary

to recognise and respond to life-threatening emergencies using basic life-support measures.

The Rotary Club of Umina Beach is covering the cost for the students to attend.

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 2 Jul 2024  
Karen Wardlaw, Umina Beach Public School

### Students meet Local Member in Canberra

**A group of Woy Woy Public School students has met with Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid in Parliament**

House, Canberra. Dr Reid said: "These bright students asked a wide range of very important questions, including

how I became a politician."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 27 Jun 2024  
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson



### Three-way conferences to replace interviews

**Woy Woy Public School is introducing three-way conferences, between parents, teachers and students, in place of parent-teacher interviews.**

The conferences will be conducted "with students sharing in the discussion of their achievements".

Parents may opt for a traditional parent-teacher interview, without their children present, if they wish.

They will take place in week two of term three, July 29 to August 2.

Assistant principal Ms Amy Ford said: "If your child has two teachers over the course of the school week, each teacher will conduct interviews on the days on

which they are on-class. "Teachers have made themselves available before and after school, outside of business hours on some days.

"If there are no suitable timeslots available, you may be able to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet with your child's teacher during Week 2.

"Please contact your child's teacher directly if this is the case."

Ms Ford said the conferences had to be booking before midday on Friday, July 12.

"You will not be able to book a time after this."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 1 Jul 2024  
Woy Woy Public School

### Girls soccer team wins Bill Turner Cup

**Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina campus under-15 girls soccer team has won the grand final of**

the Bill Turner Cup. The team met Wadalba Community School in the Central Coast final to come away with a

3-0 victory.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 25 Jun 2024  
BWSC Umina

## Tour de Central Coast rides involve Woy Woy

The Central Coast Bicycle User Group is holding three "Tour de Central Coast" events involving Woy Woy in two weeks, to coincide with the Tour de France.

Yesterday (Sunday, July 7), the group held a five-hour 95km ride from Woy Woy to Pie in the Sky cafe at Cowan and return.

On Sunday, July 14, the group will hold a three-hour 45km ride from Woy Woy, looping around Brisbane Water, to finish back at Woy Woy.

On Saturday, July 20, the group will hold a two-hour 25km ride from Gosford to Woy Woy and return.

The ride to Cowan last Sunday was described as a moderate-paced ride from Woy Woy to Pie in the Sky cafe and back, through the picturesque Brisbane Water National Park and over the Hawkesbury River.

"Designed for more experienced riders, we mostly utilise the old Pacific Hwy and include five longish climbs (Kariong, Mooney-Calga, PiTS, MtWhite and Mooney-Somersby) - nothing too steep, but you certainly know you've been up a few hills by the time you get home," said ride leader Mr Alan Corven.

The Brisbane Water Loop ride

next Sunday, July 14, starts at Fishermen's Wharf at 8am.

It is described as "a relaxed paced ride around Brisbane Water, starting and ending at Woy Woy.

"This ride is perfect for those stepping up from easier rides, like the Woy Woy to Gosford Boomerang ride or other easy and easy-medium graded rides.

"Mostly on road shoulders and shared paths, with some normal traffic roads, so you need to be comfortable cycling on the road with some passing traffic.

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

"A few very short hills, but we avoid the steepest and narrowest ones.

"Coffee is at Gosford or somewhere else if a better option is suggested."

For further information, call Alan on 0414 538 977.

The Gosford to Woy Woy Boomerang ride on Saturday, July 20, is described as "an easy ride along the shared path to Woy Woy and back - about 25kms in total".

For further information, call Graham on 0481 467 867.

**SOURCE:**

Social media, 5 Jul 2024  
Alan Corven, CCBUG



## Mixed fours final in cold, wet wind

The final of the Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club's 2024 Mixed Fours Championship was played on Sunday, June 30, in cold, wet and windy conditions.

"It was not ideal for good,

consistent bowls," said club secretary Mr Peter Springett.

"The Ian Mutton-led side adapted to the conditions better and came away with a narrow win over the Mark Hogden-led multi-championship winning side.

Pictured are winners Gaye

Foulkes, Joan Murphy, Bobby Govaz and Ian Mutton with runners-up Jean Harrison, Steff Heard, Allan Rhodes and Mark Hogden.

**SOURCE:**

Social media, 30 Jun 2024  
Peter Springett, UBMCB  
Photo: Lee Cribbs



## Umina surf club wins Coast awards

Umina Surf Life Saving Club has had three of its members win major awards at the Surf Life Saving Central Coast Awards of Excellence.

Mollie Murphy was named Surf Lifesaver of the Year.

"Mollie's dedication to lifesaving is demonstrated through her patrol leadership, youth development initiatives, strategic leadership and mentorship, all of which contribute to enhancing beach safety, member engagement, and

the overall effectiveness of the lifesaving organisation."

Davara Marshall was named Young Surf Lifesaver of the Year.

"Davara embodies the spirit of lifesaving and shares her infectious love of lifesaving broadly; contributing significantly through patrols, leading her patrol team, mentoring, continuous skill improvement and leading initiatives like the Women of Umina Patrol and Youth Patrol."

India Darwin was named Rookie

of the Year.

"India is a committed young member of Umina SLSC, dedicating many hours on the beach, assisting for nipper water safety, encouraging others to get involved in club activities and being the greatest supporter of her team mates."

The Umina club also placed second for Club of the Year.

**SOURCE:**

Social media, 26 Jun 2024  
Umina Surf Life Saving Club



## Bridge club holds Novice Pairs championship

Brisbane Water Bridge Club held its championship for novice pairs over two weeks attracting 13 pairs.

Carolyn Harper and Kerry Robertson took out the championship with a two per cent buffer at the close of play.

Their results were consistent with 63 per cent and 62 per cent scores in the two sessions.

Second were Leonie Lovell and Kevin Hughes and club stalwarts Robyn Serra and Carolynne Mucharsky came third.

Novice Pairs Championship overall results were:

1 Carolyn Harper, Kerry Robertson 360.2 (63.19 per cent), 0.67 green points.

2 Leonie Lovell, Kevin Hughes 341.7 (59.95), 0.47.

3 Robyn Serra, Carolynne

Mucharsky 308.6 (54.14), 0.34.

4 Wendy Byrne, Edith Marshall 307.1 (53.87), 0.22.

5 Denyse Stephens, Connie Lewis 294.4 (51.65), 0.17.

6 Graham Woof, Caroline Nichols 287.2 (50.39), 0.13.

7 Rohan Creasey, Roz Harvey 284.7 (49.95).

8 Cheryl Pearse, Jenni Murray 281.6 (49.40).

9 John Sandra, Bernadette Sandra 263.5 (46.23).

10 Anne Birt, Merilyn Reid 256.1 (44.92).

11 Annette Clarke, Colin Lawther 253.6 (44.49).

12 Kerry Anderson, Steve Anderson 237.5 (41.66).

13 Ros Lunday, Margaret Hockley 229.6 (40.29).

**SOURCE:**

Social media, 3 Jul 2024  
Brisbane Water Bridge Club

## Registration opens for winter water polo

Registrations are now open for both senior and junior players for the Wombats Water Polo Club's upcoming social winter competition, which will run for 10 weeks.

The club is looking to fill six junior teams and four senior teams, all of which are mixed and capped at 13 players.

The registration fee is \$45, which includes a sausage sizzle at the end of the season.

The winter competition is "all about having fun, socialising and getting a bit fitter before the

season starts".

Seniors competition starts on Tuesday, July 16, at 7.15pm and 7.45pm, while junior competition starts on Wednesday, July 17, at 6.15pm, 6.45pm and 7.15pm.

Registrations close on July 12.

The club is asking for volunteers to help make the competition possible.

For further information and help with registration, email secretarywombats@gmail.com.

**SOURCE:**

Social media, 02 Jul 2024  
Woy Woy Wombats Water Polo Club

## Cricket captains

Southern Spirit Cricket Club is seeking expressions of interest to be captains for all men's and women's teams.

The club is wanting each captain to be a "great communicator" and "a positive leader both on and off the field".

Captains will be expected to help all squad players to develop skills and get a fair go.

They will be expected to "foster an inclusive, positive team and club culture".

Expressions of interest should be emailed to The Secretary at southern.spirit@yahoo.com.au by Friday, July 26.

**SOURCE:**

Social media, 30 Jun 2024  
Southern Spirit Cricket Club

# Sport

## Roosters appear vindicated with 20-year ban on fan

**Woy Woy Rugby League Football Club appears to have been vindicated with reports that NSW Rugby League has placed a 20-year ban on a fan who racially-abused Roosters captain-coach Andrew Fifita.**

NSWRL chief executive Mr David Trodden said yesterday, July 7, the racial vilification received by True Blue and Woy Woy coach Andrew Fifita was disgusting.

"The NSWRL treats such matters very seriously which is reflected in the fact the person responsible has received a 20-year suspension.

"Justin Bayley was suspended from all facets of Rugby League for 20 years after last week being found guilty of code of conduct breaches including racial vilification against Fifita following a Rugby League Central Coast First Grade match between Woy Woy Roosters and Wyong Roos at Woy Woy Oval on Sunday, June 9."

Mr Trodden said: "I have had a number of private conversations with Andrew Fifita and they will remain private.

"Andrew is one of our valued True Blues and he knows where I stand on the matter."

The Roosters' committee described the incident as "the lowest in club history" and said it did not condone "that behaviour".

"We do however support Andrew and our players for sticking up for their rights," the committee said last Wednesday.

The committee claimed there was a "lack of acknowledgement from the governing bodies to address the issues at hand regarding the racial vilification Andrew copped, especially after the game that evening".

"Our issue is everyone has focused on the incident outside the ground and not why it happened and the online vitriol that Andrew

has received which is quite disturbing."

In a public statement, the committee said: "We do apologise for any families or children who may have been caught up in the incident and for that we are particularly sorry.

"We don't believe any club in our competition is racist as, like us, they have many indigenous and players of Pacific Islander heritage at their club."

However, the committee claimed that "certain clubs" had colluded "to boycott playing us" without the opportunity for the Roosters "to defend ourselves".

"Where was our right to reply? "Our club was sanctioned after the June 9 incident.

"We were not allowed to have spectators, canteen or bar.

"We copped the punishment as much as we didn't agree with it.

"We, as a club, just want to get back to playing footy, for our club, for our sponsors and supporters and our players families who are suffering also.

"We thank the Dora Creek club for backing their own judgment and playing us on the weekend and seeing that incident at our home ground for what it was, an isolated incident.

"We pride ourselves in welcoming the opposition clubs to our home ground.

"That will never change." The committee said the "ugly and unfortunate incident" was outside the ground at the end of the day and was not alcohol-related.

Otherwise, the committee said, the day was run well by the club.

"The whole day was a success on and off the field.

"We celebrated Old Boys day.

"We have been in this competition for 95 years.

"We are a very proud footy club."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 3 Jul 2024  
Woy Woy Roosters RLFC



## Peninsula Swans have a mud bath

**The Woy Woy Peninsula Swans under-11s AFL team had a mud bath in their game against Killarney Vale on Sunday, June 30.**

From start to finish, the boys

never gave up, slipping and sliding all over the place, tackling and kicking as they came up against a strong opposition team.

Under 9s also had a tough game against a strong Killarney Vale side, who had height and

experience on their side.

There was some great kicks and marks between players, which can be tricky in such muddy conditions.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 30 Jun 2024  
Woy Woy Peninsula Swans AFL



## Everglades bowls awards night held

**A joint awards presentation night has been held for the men's and women's bowls club at the Everglades Country Club.**

Awards were made to Karen

Eagleson as the women's Most improved Player and to Greg Linnert as men's Most improved Player.

Vicki Redrup was name women's Club Person of the Year, while Grant Ireland was named

men's Club Person of the Year.

Men's OBE awards went to Ray Benton, Alan Button and Gary Clarke.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 2 Jul 2024  
Everglades Country Club

## Outrigger club awards

**The Central Coast Outrigger Canoe Club held a social evening at the Gosford RSL Club to present awards to members marking the end of the season on Saturday, June 1.**

The Rookie of the Year award went to Murray Burrows.

Club Person of the Year was Jenny Norris, pictured.

The Coach's Award went to Sue Giaquinto.

Coach Jim Bowie said: "A great night was had by all who attended.

"We run training sessions at least 10 times a week.

"Winter is a great time to learn



to paddle."

Anyone interested in the Peninsula-based club should email centralcoastocc@gmail.com

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 26 Jun 2024  
Rosemary Chapman, CCOCC

**Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club elected a new management committee at its 102nd annual meeting on Sunday, June 30.**

The new committee comprises president Mick Cairns and directors of administration and finance Amanda Lawer, lifesaving Jordan Smith, surf sports Shane Oakes, commercial operations Adrian Aggett, education and training Paul Best and junior activities Jasmine Rybie.

"It was a fantastic attendance and is reassuring to see so many members taking an interest in the club," said Mr Cairns.

"The contribution from the outgoing committee has been significant and we thank them for their years of service."

He thanked outgoing directors Angela Argall, Greg Argall and Gavin Falconer for their

commitment and dedication to their portfolios over the previous two years.

"Your tireless efforts have made a difference to the club and something the new management committee can now build upon going forward.

He thanked outgoing president Dean Slattery for his dedication, commitment and leadership over the past six years.

"Navigating the club through its 100-year celebrations and the Covid pandemic and leading the club through a period of growth during this difficult period is testament to your leadership qualities and your unwavering commitment and passion for Ocean Beach SLSC and surf lifesaving," said Mr Cairns.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 5 Jul 2024  
Ocean Beach SLSC

## Park run

**Organisers of Woy Woy Park Run are short of volunteers for the coming weeks.**

Vacant roles on the roster over most of the next few weeks include tail walkers, photographers, VI guides, park walkers, token sorters, marshals, timekeepers and barcode scanners.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 3 Jul 2024  
Woy Woy Park Run

## Mini Olympics

**The Police and Citizens Youth Club in Umina will hold its own "Mini Olympics" in the School Holidays ahead of the Paris Olympic Games.**

A variety of sports will be on offer including pool noodle javelin, bean bag shot put, long jump, high jump and relay races.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 21 Jun 2024  
PCYC Umina Beach