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### Council election special

**This is the last issue of Peninsula News before the Central Coast Council elections to be held on Saturday, September 14, and is an "election special".**

The council elections are the first in seven years and follow just on four years of operation under State Government-appointed Administrators.

Peninsula residents will be voting to elect three councillors from six groups of three candidates and two ungrouped candidates in the Gosford West Ward.

The Peninsula represents more than half the population of the ward, which largely coincides with the State electorate of Gosford.

Peninsula News invited the candidates to submit a short summary of their policies for publication in this issue.

Four of the groups responded: Group B New Independents led by Ms Jane Smith, Group C Ratepayers' Choice led by Mr Kevin Brooks, Group E Labor Party led by Ms Belinda Neal and Group F Coasties who Care led by Ms Lisa Bellamy.

Ungrouped candidate Mr Julian Richards also submitted a summary.

Group A Team Central Coast led by Mr Daniel Abou-Chedid and Group D Liberal Party led by Mr Trent McWaide did not respond.

SOURCE:

Mark Snell, 31 Aug 2024

### Community garden welcomes spring

Spring is here and the Woy Woy Peninsula Community Garden is flourishing.

Following a series of working bees, the soil is prepared, the seedlings are planted and the vegetables are on their way.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 22 Aug 2024  
Woy Woy Peninsula  
Community Garden

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## Open space strategy on exhibition for comment

**Central Coast Council's draft Open Space Strategy is now on public exhibition for community feedback until Friday, September 20.**

Council director Ms Melanie Smith said the strategy was "developed to support and promote active and healthy lifestyles, and increase participation in outdoor recreation and sport, with greater diversity in offerings".

"With the anticipated population growth expected for the Central Coast, this framework will provide for the supply and development of adequate open spaces, such as parks, reserves and sportsgrounds, and ensure they are well-designed, inclusive, and accessible," Ms Smith said.

She said it would also ensure culture, heritage and environmental significance was considered in the planning and design of public open space.

"The strategy identifies sport and recreation action plans that need to be reviewed or developed to ensure that sport, recreation and physical activity opportunities on the Central Coast will be well planned and actioned in a timely manner."

Council Administrator Mr Rik

Hart said the draft Open Space Strategy had been developed with input from the public and key groups.

"Extensive community consultation was undertaken in 2021, when the project was known as the Active Lifestyles Strategy, with 438 people participating in a survey.

"The Central Coast is blessed with an abundance of beautiful open space areas, and I encourage everyone to jump online to check out the draft Strategy and tell us what you think."

Results of the Active Lifestyle Survey in 2021 showed that of the 438 respondents, more than 75 per cent were long-term residents of the Central Coast (10-plus years), predominantly in the 35-59 age group, and the three most popular sporting categories were: mountain biking (57 per cent), swimming (49 per cent) and walking (49 per cent).

Ms Smith said: "Of the range of reasons preventing people from increasing or participating in an activity, the most frequent response was lack of available facilities.

"The facilities rated as the most important attractors for local

parks, reserves and trails, were bike and walking tracks, access to amenities and parking, and a good quality activity surface.

"With an ageing population there will be an increase in self-directed exercise and recreation such as walking and cycling.

"This places a greater focus on use of parks and beaches, and active transport links with, and connectivity to residential areas," Ms Smith continued.

"The strategy has been drafted to reflect these needs and ensure adequate and quality sports and recreation facilities and supporting infrastructure to encourage active lifestyles in open spaces."

Future planning for natural areas, aquatic and leisure centres, community halls, individual sport and mountain biking in natural areas and land not managed by Council, was excluded from the scope of this strategy, she said.

Members of the public are invited to view the draft Open Space Strategy and provide their feedback via the online submission form at [yourvoiceourcoast.com](http://yourvoiceourcoast.com) by 5pm, Friday 20 September.

SOURCE:  
Media Release, 22 Aug 2024  
Melanie Smith, Central  
Coast Council.

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Mark Snell, 9 Nov 2023

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# Peninsula News

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## Daffodil Day raises \$350

More than \$350 has been raised at a Umina aged care facility for the Cancer Council's Daffodil Day on Thursday, August 22.

Staff and residents at Peninsula Village celebrated the campaign with bright yellow everywhere.

While \$350 was raised on the day, the fundraising continued until the end of the month.

**SOURCE:**  
 Social media, 22 Aug 2024  
 Peninsula Villages

## Beginners' course will create unique craft

A four-week Cricut Club for Beginners will be held from 10am to 12pm on Mondays during September at Woy Woy Library.

Those attending will learn how to create unique craft projects using a Cricut machine.

The program covers how to create a Cricut Design Space account and use it to create a unique craft project each week:

The projects will be: Bespoke paper cards, Rolling paper flowers, Personalised mug using vinyl and Using the heat press to create a unique gift bag.

The program starts next Monday and booking is essential.

For further information, ask at the library or phone 4304 7555.

**SOURCE:**  
 Website, 30 Aug 2024  
 Library Services, Central Coast Council



## Geotechnical investigation

"Geotechnical investigative works" will be undertaken by Central Coast Council in Pearl Beach Dr, Pearl Beach, from 8am to 5pm on Monday, September 9.

Traffic control and contra flow restrictions will be in place. Motorists are advised to expect delays.

**SOURCE:**  
 Social media, 30 Aug 2024  
 Pearl Beach Progress Association

## Just one millimetre of rain in two weeks

Only one millimetre of rain has fallen on the Peninsula in the last two weeks of August.

It was recorded on Saturday, August 24, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

A total of 37mm was recorded for the month, which was just 56 per cent of the month's average of 66mm.

The cumulative total for the year stands at 1122.9mm.

This is 16.5 per cent above the average figure at the end of August of 964mm.

More details, including daily figures dating back 20 years, are available online at <http://bit.ly/PNRRainfall>



Spreadsheet, 30 Aug 2024  
 Jim Morrison, Umina

**SOURCE:**

TIDE TIMES and Heights	Mon, Sep 2	Thu, Sep 5	Sun, Sep 8	Wed, Sep 11	Sat, Sep 14
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	2121 1.12	2300 0.96	1922 0.29	2309 0.29	1847 1.17
AT ETTALONG	Tue, Sep 3	Fri, Sep 6	Mon, Sep 9	Thu, Sep 12	Sun, Sep 15
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## Youth Yarn Up disco and barbecue at Mingaletta

Mingaletta will hold a free Youth Yarn Up RUOK Day Disco and barbecue at its Umina hall from 4pm to 6.30pm on September 12.

The professionally-run disco for the centre's young people, aged 10 to 17 years, will include a lucky door prize, "goodie bag" on arrival and interactive games.

Staff from counselling service Interrelate will cook the barbecue from 4pm, where parents and members will be welcomed to yarn up, as the hall is handed over to the young people to have some supervised fun.

All are welcome to this inclusive

event to promote this year's theme "Ask RUOK? Any day".

Email [admin@mingaletta.org.au](mailto:admin@mingaletta.org.au) to register.

The Mingaletta Youth Yarn Up group is held every Thursday from 3.30pm at Mingaletta and offers free activities, peer-to-peer support and information sharing.

Registered Mingaletta Youth Yarn Up members also benefit from a free local gym 10-week program, with limited spots available.

To join the group, email [admin@mingaletta.org.au](mailto:admin@mingaletta.org.au).

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 29 Aug 2024  
Kylie Hogan, Mingaletta



## Painted bus shelter slated for demolition

of The Bays area's famous painted bus shelters has been slated for demolition by Central Coast Council.

The Bays Community Group has been told that the bus shelter in Banyo Close, near the intersection of Woy Woy Rd, "isn't actually a bus stop".

Council staff have told the committee that the old timber bus shelter is "in a state of disrepair" and also "in the wrong location".

The actual bus stop is just around the corner in Woy Woy Rd.

The committee has been told the old bus shelter cannot be relocated due to its condition. The

Council plan is to erect a new bus shelter at the existing bus stop in Woy Woy Rd.

The committee has been told discussions will take place with residents near the bus stop about the erection of a new bus shelter.

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 1 Sep 2024  
The Bays Community Group

## 'Grand opening' for Umina supermarket

A local supermarket is planning a "grand opening" next Saturday, September 7, despite having been trading for some months.

IGA Umina will hold its "Lone Pine Plaza Grand Opening" from 12-4pm.

The Bays Rural Fire Brigade will run a fund-raising sausage sizzle

from 10am on the day.

Music, entertainment and one-day-only specials are being offered.

The opening ceremony will be held at 3pm and will include a draw for a car.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 19 Aug 2024  
The Bays Rural Fire Brigade

## Tickets issued 'where owners not known', says Council

Central Coast Council "affixed an orange derelict motor vehicle sticker" to boats "in an effort to establish which watercraft stored at Patonga were actually abandoned vessels".

Council rangers used the stickers where ownership could not be established, the Council said in a media statement.

"Council received complaints regarding alleged abandoned watercraft at Patonga," it said.

"Approximately five watercraft had this sticker attached.

"This action provides a mechanism for owners to contact

Council so that a determination can be made as to whether the watercraft have in fact been abandoned or not.

"Council also had a meeting with local fishermen who are pro-actively assisting Council in determining which watercraft are abandoned, so Council can progress action to tidy up the foreshore area.

"Council will not be removing any vessels that are owned by local residents and where the current Watercraft Storage on Public Land Policy is being complied with."

**SOURCE:**  
Media statement, 20 Aug 2024  
Media unit, Central Coast Council

## Joyce Tee dies aged 104

Long time Peninsula resident Ms Vera Joyce Tee (Nash) has died at the age of 104 and eight months on August 20.

Joyce, as she preferred to be called, was born in Canowindra NSW in 1919.

One of nine children, she was the youngest daughter but the middle child.

"Joyce and her husband Reg moved to Umina Beach in 1964 to provide two of their four children with a career," said daughter-in-law Ms Susan Tee.

"Their son Colin passed away in 1980 and she lost her husband Reg in 1993.

"She is survived by her three children, daughter Zoane and sons Frank and Don, and six grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren."

Ms Susan Tee said that in recent years she became known as "Joyce", after she checked her birth certificate to get a passport and found that her name was spelt as Joyce.



"Joyce was a stalwart of the Ettalong Uniting Church and still attended regularly on a Sunday morning, until Covid prevented the Church services.

"She loved a chat, enjoyed colouring in and word puzzles.

"She always loved having friends and family come visit."

"Joyce still lived in her own home until October last year when she moved into BlueWave Living in Woy Woy."

Joyce was their oldest resident while she was there – "her claim to fame."

A Thanksgiving for Joyce will be held at 2pm on Sunday, September 22, at the Uniting Church, Umina.

A tribute in the church newsletter

said: "Joyce Tee was a wonderful feisty lady, the heart and soul of Ettalong Uniting Church.

"Over the years she served as an elder, was president of the Ladies Fellowship and served on the Property Committee.

"She drove herself to church each Sunday and, when it was time to stop driving, she was picked up by a number of people.

"On her 100th birthday, the Ettalong church purchased two beautiful vases of flowers to grace the church in her memory, now in porch at Umina.

"Eventually she became too frail to venture out and the Grapevine newsletter was delivered to her so she could catch up on the news.

"A number of people visited her regularly, enjoying arguing with her over her strongly held views.

"Joyce was a wonderful Christian lady and we mourn her passing."

A graveside burial service was to be held at Canowindra last Thursday, August 29.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 27 Aug 2024  
Susan Tee, Woy Woy

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# Planning

## Council drafts new Engagement Strategy

**Central Coast Council is planning to replace its current Engagement Framework and Community Participation Plan, consolidating them into a single document.**

The new Community Engagement Strategy outlines how the Council plans to involve the community in decisions about plans, projects and initiatives that affect the future of the region, according to acting general manager Ms Marissa Racomelara.

"This will provide residents with a clearer understanding of how Council engages with them and how their voices are incorporated into the decision-making process."

"Engaging with our community is essential if we are to make informed decisions that reflect community priorities," Ms Racomelara said.

"This strategy will provide a clear framework for how we involve residents in decision making, ensuring their voices are heard and valued."

The new draft strategy provides an overview of Council's engagement process, including how feedback is collected,

analysed and implemented.

"It outlines a range of engagement methods and highlights key focus areas for the coming years.

"Importantly, it ensures the community is informed about how they can participate in decision making, thereby increasing transparency and building trust between Council and the community."

Council director Ms Melanie Smith said: "We want to ensure that the way we engage with the community reflects the needs and expectations of our residents."

The new strategy aimed to "create a more effective and inclusive engagement process".

The public can provide feedback on the draft strategy by Monday, September 30.

Submissions can be made through the Council's website Your Voice Our Coast, via email or via mail.

The final strategy is expected to be presented to the newly elected Council for endorsement later this year.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 19 Aug 2024  
Marissa Racomelara,  
Central Coast Council

## Third application submitted for multi-dwelling development

**A third application for a multi-dwelling development has been submitted for 59 Memorial Ave, Blackwall, after two previous applications were unsuccessful.**

The current application is for a six two-storey, two-bedroom dwellings.

The previous applications were for eight dwellings and seven dwellings respectively.

The first was withdrawn after Central Coast Council and Transport for NSW stated that vehicular access must be from Warrigal St, as Memorial Ave was a classified road.

The second was refused for reasons including inadequate front and rear setbacks, "lack of articulation" on units 4/5 and 6/7, a deficit of four on-site car spaces, unsatisfactory fencing, and insufficient solar access.

The new application addresses rear and front boundary setbacks and provides compliant parking.

However, it admits that solar access is not compliant, stating that "three hours solar access to 50 per cent of private open space on June 21 for units 5 and 6 is not obtained."

It states that 20 square metres of additional private open space with sunlight access during the winter months would be provided.



The application states: "Vehicular access is proposed via a shared driveway to separate garages provided for each unit.

"The proposed design provides sufficient areas to store mobile waste collection bins away from the street and clothes drying areas that would be screened from other dwellings and the public domain.

"The proposal includes a stormwater system and landscaping."

"The dwelling construction would utilise reinforced concrete slab footings, timber roof rafters with colorbond roof sheeting, aluminum framed windows, and a

mixture of external cladding.

The application argues that the design should not have to comply with a bungalow-style development mentioned in planning "character" statements for the area.

"The entire Woy Woy Peninsula includes a mix of post-war fibre-cement clad dwelling houses, a mix of larger contemporary dwelling houses, older single storey villas and newer multi-dwelling housing development of various styles."

"If anything, the character is best described as highly diverse.

"The concept of adhering to the bungalow being obsolete given the establishment of multi-dwelling development and single dwelling houses development with a range of styles being established in the street, suburb and entire Woy Woy Peninsula area."

The application is currently open for submissions.

No closing date is specified on the council website.

**SOURCE:**  
DA Tracker, 1 Sep 2024  
DA/1115/2024, Central Coast Council

## Gosford West candidates 'less responsive' on the future, says ACF

**Gosford West Ward candidates for Central Coast Council have been less responsive than candidates in other wards, according to the Australian Conservation Foundation's Central Coast Community Group.**

"The community group distributed a survey to all candidates standing for the Central Coast Council to understand where they stand on key issues impacting the Central Coast," said convenor Mr Norm Harris.

"The questions were broad-ranging on climate change, development and environmental protection.

"We received a good response from across the five wards, with the general consensus of response received including action on climate change policy, removing shark nets, protecting the Coastal Open Space System lands, and retention of the nuclear-free policy.

"In relation to the Peninsula, the only group to respond were the Labor candidates."

Mr Harris said: "This is particularly concerning, as all candidates were given over two weeks to respond.

"We need councillors who plan for the future and protect the environment of the Peninsula which is too precious to ignore."

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 31 Aug 2024  
Norm Harris, ACF Central Coast

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## Forum was a 'huge success', says residents' association

**The Peninsula Residents Association has described its Candidates Forum held on Thursday, August 22, as "a huge success".**

The residents' association is encouraging Peninsula residents to make an informed choice at the Central Coast Council elections.

It held the forum for Gosford West Ward councillors to describe their policies and to answer questions, according to its moderator, association committee member Mr Peter Gillis.

"The night was a huge success, with 162 residents riveted to their seats for over an hour and a half of talks from the would-be councillors, with questions from the audience after each speech," he said.

He said all six groups of candidates for the ward were represented, but the two ungrouped candidates did not attend.

Mr Gillis said the candidates were asked to include, in their presentation, policies on a range of issues relevant to the local government area, and to the Peninsula in particular.

Among the issues were Council financial management, environment, development, and Council improvement and accountability.

Candidates were also asked to give their views on the referendum to reduce councillor numbers from 15 to nine.

Speakers on the night were

Mr Kevin Brooks (Ratepayers' Choice), Mr Daniel Abou-Chedid (Team Central Coast), Mr Trent McWaide (Liberal Party), Ms Belinda Neal and Mr Mark Ellis (Labor Party), Ms Lisa Bellamy, Ms Sarah Blakeway and Ms Tegan Mulqueeny (Coasties Who Care), and Ms Jane Smith (Central Coast New Independents).

Mr Gillis said audience questions included how community consultation could be improved.

Another question raised the issue of the Peninsula having 11.2 per cent of the population, and "we get four per cent back of the capital works budget".

Mr Gillis said questions about trees on the Peninsula and the heat island effect got rousing applause when a resident stated "Everything is cleared here. They leave nothing behind.", referring to site clearing for new developments.

"The evening showed that the Peninsula has a very engaged community, and that the newly-elected councillors will have an uphill battle to address Council issues that have affected our lifestyle, environment, and wellbeing," said Mr Gillis.

The Association encouraged the residents to vote No to the Referendum, he said.

"We need more representation, not less."

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 31 Aug 2024  
Peter Gillis, Peninsula Residents' Association

## What is our council 'ward'?

**Central Coast Council elections will be held on Saturday, September 14.**

The council area is divided into five "wards" with three councillors to be elected for each by their residents.

The Peninsula falls within the Gosford West Ward.

The West Ward has a population of about 70,000 with about 34,000 dwellings.

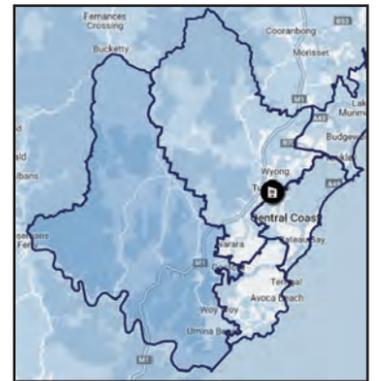
It has a land area of 792 square kilometres and a population density of 89 people per square kilometre. Its boundaries largely coincide

with the State electorate of Gosford, held by Labor Member of Parliament Ms Liesl Tesch, extending as far as Bucketty in the north and Wiseman's Ferry in the west.

The Peninsula has a population of about 40,000 with about 19,000 dwellings, representing about 57 per cent of the ward's population.

It has a land area of 14 square kilometres and a population density of 2900 people per square kilometre.

The age profile of the ward shows 43.6 per cent of the



population aged over 50 while the Peninsula has 47.3 per cent over 50.

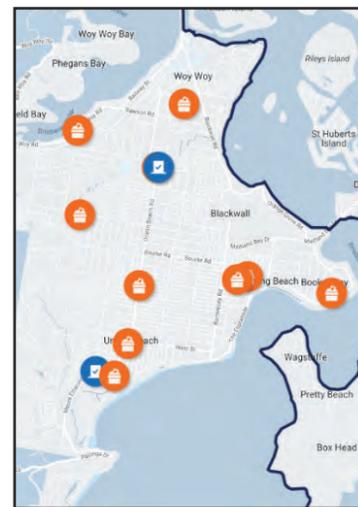
**SOURCE:**  
Website, 31 Aug 2024  
Central Coast NSW community profile, id.com.au

## Peninsula to have 11 polling booths

**There will be 11 polling booths open on the Peninsula for voting in the Central Coast Council elections from 8am to 6pm on Saturday, September 14.**

In Woy Woy, polling will take place at Brisbane Water Secondary College and the Peninsula Community Centre, as well as at the South Woy Woy Progress Association Hall at 76 Woy Woy Rd

In Umina, polling will take place at the Brisbane Water Secondary College campus in Veron Rd, at the Umina Uniting Church in Neptune St, at the Country Women's Association hall at 2 Sydney Ave, at Umina Beach Public School and at the Umina Scout Hall at 3



Carawa St.  
In Ettalong, polling will take

place at Ettalong Public School and at the Ettalong senior citizens' centre at 5 Broken Bay Rd.

Booker Bay Pre-school at 32 Telopea St will also be open for voting.

The Peninsula Community Centre and the Umina Scout Hall will booth be open for pre-polling in the week leading up to election day, Saturday, September 7, to Friday, September 13.

They will be open from 9am to 6pm on the Saturday, from 8:30am to 5:30pm Monday to Wednesday, from 8:30am to 8pm on the Thursday and from 8:30am to 6pm on the Friday.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 28 Aug 2024  
NSW Electoral Commission

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Jane Smith

Jane has lived on the Central Coast for over 34 years. She is a part-time teacher however started her career in IT. Jane has been active in community organisations for over 24 years and has served on a range of Boards and community committees. Jane has been a Mayor and councillor.

Jane is committed to a Council that is open and transparent. Jane is concerned that poor planning is leading to congested roads and poor amenity. We want planning that ensures delivery of infrastructure, protects our quality of life, local character and the places we love.



Alison Wade

Alison is a down-to-earth person who lives with her three kelpie dogs. She focuses on teaching students all about the environment we live in, here on the Central Coast.

Alison is a 6th generation rural landowner giving her volumes of knowledge about the area she lives in. When not teaching, she is assisting the community through her role as Captain of her local rural fire brigade.



Lisa Wriley

Lisa has been involved with Kariong Eco Garden since it started nearly 20 years ago. She loves composting and worms, and is passionate about zero waste, zero emissions and connecting with nature. She has worked as an Environmental Educator on the Central Coast since 2000.

Lisa is inspired by the words of The Lorax "unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better it's not." (Dr Seuss)

**The Election is on Saturday  
14 September 2024**

**HOW TO VOTE**



GROUP B

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- SMITH Jane Independent
- WADE Alison Independent
- WRILEY Lisa Independent

### We stand for....

- ◇ Supporting local groups and community voices to protect and enhance what we love for future generations
- ◇ Giving communities an effective voice in our Council
- ◇ Accountability and transparency in Council's actions and decision making
- ◇ Better planning that retains the character of the Central Coast while providing the infrastructure that the community needs
- ◇ Working with the local communities to identify priorities for improving local roads, drainage and footpaths
- ◇ Protecting our COSS lands, open space and the places we love - urban reserves, the bushland, waterways and beaches
- ◇ Creating new local jobs, supporting existing and new sustainable industries
- ◇ Working with local communities to better understand and prepare for the impacts of climate change and extreme weather events
- ◇ Providing efficient and cost effective waste and recycling services
- ◇ Protecting our drinking water catchments and agricultural lands

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## Forum

### Democracy in action

#### No snow. Heatwaves in August. Has climate change arrived?

Is climate change action on the council's agenda?

It was almost standing room only at the excellent candidates forum organised by the Peninsula Residents' Association held at Everglades Club.

The residents' association is acknowledged as the voice for Peninsula residents with its competent committee, supported by informed and concerned residents.

When events of this magnitude are advertised, it is normal to focus on economic and employment

benefits.

Democracy is seldom an issue of importance.

This has been rectified by the Peninsula Residents' Association.

There is a long road ahead however.

The meeting has given residents a surge of enthusiasm for the future, certainly overdue since the Amalgamation.

Basking in the euphoria of the residents' association meeting will not get the job done.

Euphoria will increase morale but it will not move the rock.

**SOURCE:**  
Letter, 28 Aug 2024  
Norm Harris, Umina

### Bouquets for Gosford emergency department

#### Thank you Gosford Hospital.

Late in July, my husband suffered with a severe bladder bleed and went into Gosford Hospital Emergency around 9pm on a Friday evening.

He spent the next five days under the care and watchful eyes of the medical team.

Back home for a couple of days then back into emergency, again on the Friday night and another three days with more treatment and procedures.

My husband is vision-impaired and a strange place makes it extremely difficult for him.

I particularly want to compliment all of the medical team on level

four J block.

Day and through the night, they were fantastic, always smiling, always there when he needed them, and always professional and skilled with his medical care.

I also want to thank the paramedics from local ambulance bases who indicated Friday nights can be challenging.

However they said my husband was an easy patient to transport.

They also ensured when he arrived at Emergency that he was assisted with special care.

Bouquets to Gosford Emergency.

**SOURCE:**  
Email, 23 Aug 2024  
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach

## Election

### Candidate statements invited

#### Six groups of three candidates and two ungrouped candidates have nominated for Gosford West Ward in the Central Coast Council elections.

Peninsula voters will be voting for three candidates for the ward.

They will also be asked to vote

on a referendum, asking whether they favour a reduction in the number of councillors.

The referendum question will be:

To help Peninsula voters make an informed decision, Peninsula News asked each of the groups to provide a 350-word summary of their policies, together with a

photo.

All groups except Group A Team Central Coast and Group D Liberal Party responded.

Ungrouped candidate Julian Richards also responded.

The candidate statements are reproduced over the next three pages.:

### Ungrouped: Julian Richards

Julian Richards is as an unaligned independent candidate for the Gosford West Ward, Central Coast Council election, to be held on September 14.

Julian has lived with his wife, for the last 10 years, in the Gosford West Ward, at Kariong.

He identifies as a Christian.

They have two sons.

Julian retired in 2019.

He has 22 years of solid work experience as a qualified risk management professional, with the public and private sectors.

He has held managerial, consultant and support roles.

Julian also volunteered with the NSW State Emergency Service, prior to moving to the Central Coast.

He has university and vocation qualifications.

Julian has recently commenced his election campaign, reaching out to residents and community groups.

He has shared messages such



as: "I have their interests at heart, I live in their ward and care about their area! I am an independent candidate and beholden to no group or political party."

"I am prepared to listen to their needs and aspirations on an ongoing basis, and not ignore them, once elected."

"I will ensure Council's finances remain under control, and will focus on improving service delivery, such as better roads, footpaths, parks and sporting facilities."

"I do not have grand plans to turn the Central Coast into another over-populated suburb of Sydney."

Julian has several election policies. Some of these:

- Maintain Council's weekly residential red bin waste services.
- Focus Council's expenditure on routine maintenance of existing infrastructure.
- Minimize further privatisation of public assets.
- Review the costs and benefits of Council de-amalgamation.
- Minimise unreasonable restrictions on community use of public lands and facilities.
- Establish a plan to progressively expand the Central Coast Open Space reserve system.
- Strengthen Council's law enforcement teams.

Further information on Julian's policies, position statements on specific local issues, background and contact details, can be found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61563576334033>

**SOURCE:**  
Media statement, 28 Aug 2024  
Julian Richards, ungrouped

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## Group B: New Independents

**Our team – Jane Smith, Alison Wade and Lisa Wriley - have been involved with and a part of the community of Gosford West ward for over 20 years.**

We believe that local government should be about people and place.

Local government is important to our community, even when they don't realise it – not just roads, rates and rubbish – but also local parks, playgrounds, community facilities, libraries, sporting fields ... and bigger issues such as planning, protecting the environment and responding to climate change.

Our policies include:

- Supporting local groups and community voices to protect and enhance what we love for future generations.
- We want to give communities an effective voice in our Council.
- Work with local communities to identify priorities for infrastructure including local roads, drainage and footpaths
- We want to restore confidence in our Council. We will be working to deliver surplus or break-even budgets for our community
- We want to involve communities in a process of participatory budgeting.
- We also want to see greater accountability and transparency in Council's actions and decision making
- Better planning that retains the character of the Central Coast while providing the infrastructure that the community needs



**CANDIDATES:**

**Jane Smith, Terrigal**  
**Alison Wade, Mangrove Creek**  
**Lisa Wriley, Kariong**

- Protecting our COSS lands, open space and the places we love - urban reserves, the bushland, waterways and beaches
- Creating new local jobs, supporting existing and new sustainable industries
- Working with local communities to better understand and prepare for the impacts of climate change and extreme weather events
- Providing efficient and cost effective waste and recycling services
- Protecting our drinking water catchments and agricultural lands

**SOURCE:**  
 Media statement, 29 Aug 2024  
 Jane Smith, New Independents

## Group C: Ratepayers' Choice

**We believe the community is paying too much in rates for too little in services.**

We want better value for money for ratepayers and residents.

In just four years, Council has increased annual rates revenue by 39 per cent.

That's an extra \$131 Million per year gushing into Council coffers -well in excess of what was needed to address the financial crisis.

Despite this, services continue to deteriorate in priority areas such as roads, water and sewer, determination times for development applications, and numbers of complaints.

And now Council general manager David Farmer says he wants to make permanent the temporary rate hike approved in 2021.

This rate hike was only approved for short term emergency purposes, principally repayment of emergency loans.

There is no justification for extending it once those loans have been repaid.

Instead of slugging ratepayers, we support reforms within Council to improve management, efficiency and culture.

We want greater accountability through smarter targets that better reflect community priorities - including targets to improve efficiency and productivity.

Improvements are needed in organisational culture – especially performance culture and customer culture.

And we want ratepayers' money better aligned with the community's service priorities as determined by consultation.

We support a balanced approach to development.

We acknowledge plans to increase housing supply, and the improvements in



**CANDIDATES:**

**Kevin Brooks, Bensville**  
**Stephen Sizer, Narara**  
**Lee Erlin, Kulnura**

infrastructure that must accompany it.

This is needed to improve housing affordability which has led to a generation of young people priced out of housing, and severe mortgage and rental stress for owners and renters alike.

But development must not come at the expense of the environment.

People enjoy living on the Central Coast because of the beaches, bushland, and beautiful green ridges that surround us. This needs to be protected.

We need to get the balance right and for that we need strong elected representation to ensure community views are not overlooked.

As a successful Council Leader from the UK, I believe I can be a strong representative for the Gosford West Ward, and contribute to improved governance for the Central Coast as a whole.

**SOURCE:**  
 Media statement, 30 Aug 2024  
 Kevin Brooks, The Ratepayers' Choice



**Gosford West Ward**

**KEVIN BROOKS**

**INDEPENDENT**

**The Ratepayers' Choice**



### TIRED OF PAYING HIGHER RATES FOR WORSE SERVICES?

In just four years, Council has increased annual revenue from rates by 39%.

Despite this, priority services continue to deteriorate in roads, water and sewer, determination times for development applications, and numbers of complaints.

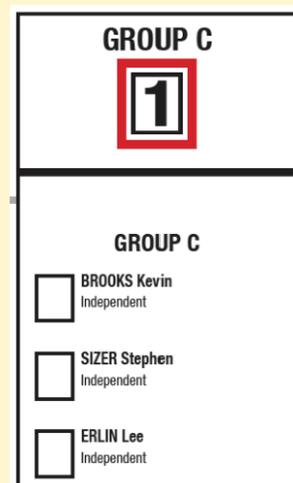
Instead of slugging ratepayers, we support:

- Improvements in accountability, efficiency, and productivity.
- Ratepayers' money better aligned with the community's service priorities as determined by consultation.
- Positive changes in culture—especially performance and customer culture.

**If you oppose Council's plan to extend the temporary rate increase, vote for Kevin Brooks' independent team.**

### HOW TO VOTE FOR KEVIN BROOKS' INDEPENDENT TEAM

**PUT A NUMBER 1 IN THE BOX LABELLED "GROUP C" ABOVE THE LINE**



# Forum

## Candidates forum: Showing their fitness to serve?

Last Thursday evening, August 22, I attended the Gosford West Ward candidates public forum, organised by the Peninsula Residents Association.

The forum enabled the registered candidates to put forward their respective cases for election as councillors in the upcoming council election.

What was of critical importance was for the attendees to be able to consider each candidate for their fitness to serve as representatives of the people of the ward.

We will be asked to vote on the selection of three persons to represent the whole of the ward, as part of a larger team of 15 persons, serving as councillors to the whole of the Central Coast, not just the Woy Woy Peninsula.

I had seven questions, intended to help me assess their fitness to serve.

These included questions about their understanding of the role and responsibilities of councillors, any conflicts of interest, their character traits, business and community experience, their time availability and teamwork.

This is what I saw, and got, from the evening, in order of each address.

**Ratepayers' Choice:** Mr Kevin Brooks and Mr Stephen Sizer attended. Kevin chose to selectively address the organisers' questions.

Kevin seemed to have a calm demeanour and presented his credentials from previous experiences which would seem to serve him well in this endeavour.

Stephen did not choose to address the floor.

**Team Central Coast:** Mr Daniel Abou-Chedid attended. Daniel chose not to address the organisers' questions, instead following his own line, akin to my own thoughts.

Daniel presented an impressive case of personal characteristics and did acknowledge the concerns of the attendees.

**Liberal Party:** Mr Trent McWaide attended. Trent initially seemed unprepared but took a similar line to Daniel and focused on his perceived qualification for the role.

As he proceeded, Trent warmed up in his presentation but was at length to tackle questions from the floor, preferring to reinforce his

claim to be a team player.

**Labor Party:** Ms Belinda Neal, Mr Mark Ellis and Mr Alan McArdie attended.

Belinda is an experienced politician. Her past performance was reaffirmed here, and is a matter of public record.

Belinda led the presentation and was reassuring to the floor that she and her team were tuned in to local issues.

Mark spoke in a mildly animated manner on numerous local community concerns. Alan did not address the floor.

**Coasties Who Care:** Ms Lisa Bellamy, Ms Sarah Blakeway and Ms Tegan Mulqueeny attended.

Lisa led the response and seemed to try to cover all of the organisers' queries along with her own self-promotion, in the allocated time.

Her resort to the use of bad language at the end of the presentation may have been simply emotional expression but may question her control under pressure.

Sarah introduced herself and Tegan did likewise.

**New Independents:** Ms Jane Smith, former Mayor, was the sole

representative.

Jane, as a former mayor, in office prior to the crisis, would seem to have her credibility already established.

Jane addressed the floor on a broad range of perceived issues and received strong support from the attendees.

No other grouped or ungrouped candidates presented on the night.

One issue which seemed to have universal support is the matter of agreement that the council needs to hold a councillor team of not less than 15 persons.

As the evening had an audience of 120+ persons in an understood voting population of more than 20,000, the question would seem to remain as to who to vote for and how much real interest is there anyway?

**SOURCE:**  
Email, 29 Aug 2024  
Darron Shaw, Ettalong Beach

### Thanks for forum

I wish to thank the Peninsula Residents Association for organising the meeting on August 22 at the Everglades.

The meeting provided residents with an opportunity of hearing the platforms of many of the prospective candidates and answering questions.

**SOURCE:**  
Email, 23 Aug 2024  
Suraya Coorey, Woy Woy

## Reduced councillor numbers reduce responsibility

**As former mayor of Gosford City, I will be voting for the reduced number of councillors, namely nine, at the up and coming referendum for local government.**

Those people who advocate for a greater number (15) and talk about reduced democracy fail to see extra numbers mean reduced responsibility and we all know how that worked out last time.

Councillors need to work on policy and let the employees of the Central Coast Council deal with all the parish pump issues and then if they get no satisfaction then by all means ask an elected representative for help.

Too often squabbling as a Council over small issues leaves no time for the important ones.

Trying to come to some sort of consensus is hard enough for nine people let alone 15.

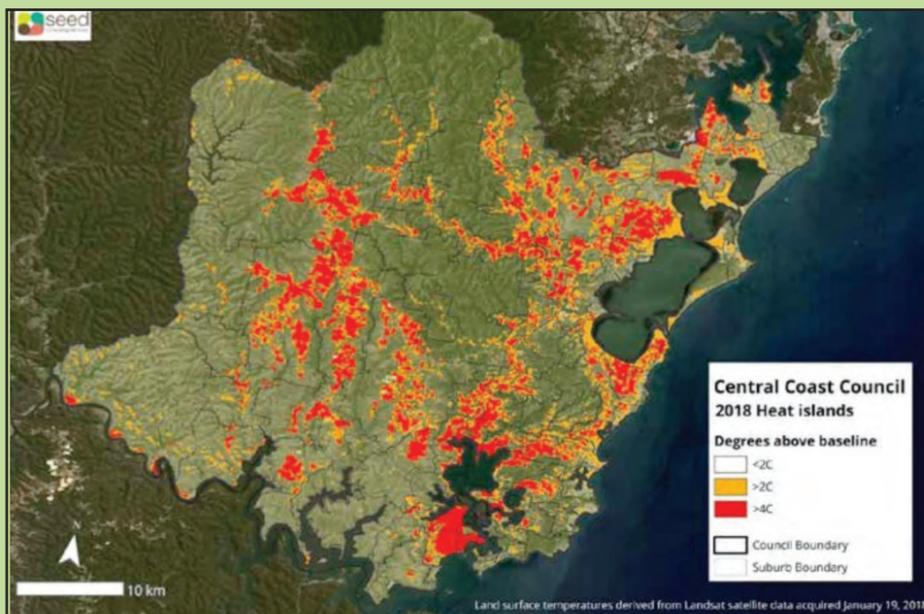
Let's have a lean Council and that should start at the top.

**SOURCE:**  
Email, 20 Aug 2024  
Kim Margin, Woy Woy

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#### Climate Change

1. With climate change increasing, how will you address the urban heat island impacts on our towns and villages?
2. Do you support a strong climate change policy that has more actions than motherhood statements?
3. How will you address the carbon reduction requirements of council to reach net zero by 2030?

#### Conservation zoning

1. Do you support the protection and funding of the Coastal Open Space System. Would you expand the COSS network?
2. State conservation zoning C2 Environmental Protection seeks to protect areas of high environmental value. Recently there has been movement to rezone C2 lands. Do you support the rezoning of C2 lands?

#### Urban infrastructure

1. Do you support the expansion of bicycle lanes and more efficient regular public transport?
2. Park lands are an essential part of our community. Will you fight for the protection of pocket parks and play areas?
3. Would you remove the shark nets from Ocean Beach?
4. Council has a policy of being a nuclear-free zone. Will you vote to keep the Central Coast nuclear-free?

**The Australian Conservation Foundation is a national environment organisation.**

The independently-organised Central Coast branch of the ACF has been standing up for nature and our local urban environments since 1986.

**ACF Community Central Coast**

Authorised by Norman Harris, Lovell St, Umina

## Group E: Labor Party

**Belinda Neal, Adam McArdle and Mark Ellis have all lived in the Gosford West Ward their entire lives.**

Your Gosford West Labor team is committed to getting things done for the Peninsula.

We will help you with the cost of living by keeping council service fees down and removing the special additional levy on our council rates as soon as the council balances its books. The council should be accountable to Central Coast residents.

We will protect our unique environment by preserving and extending our Coastal Open Space System.

We will encourage the protection of the green spaces around the Peninsula and on the surrounding ridgeways and the planting of more trees.

We will deliver a core services guarantee securing quality roads, drainage, sporting fields and childcare.

Council must deliver its core services well.

We believe infrastructure should keep up with development.

Developers should pay their fair share of the cost of infrastructure so that ratepayers are not left paying the bill instead.

Belinda Neal has been active on the Central Coast for over 40 years and has raised her family here.

Belinda is a lawyer who established her own practice and is now chair of a disability support provider.

She served as a councillor on Gosford City Council from 1991-95, in Federal Parliament as a Senator and the Member for Robertson.

She delivered the cancer treatment centre at Gosford Hospital.

She secured funding for the upgrading of



**CANDIDATES:**

**Belinda NEAL**, Woy Woy Bay  
**Adam McArdle**, Narara  
**Mark Ellis**, Woy Woy

Woy Woy Rd, the construction of the Umina Recreational Precinct, the introduction of security cameras around the CBDs of Woy Woy, Ettalong and Umina, the upgrading of the Peninsula water system.

She was also successful in establishing the Mt Penang gardens, the Kariong Mountains High School and was a foundation board member bringing the Mariners Football Club to the Coast.

She wants to resolve the issue of the Woy Woy level crossing in collaboration with Federal and State Governments.

Adam McArdle is deeply rooted in the community and values hard work and hands-on service.

Mark is an environmentalist and community activist and has a Bachelor of Science and is a qualified urban planner.

**SOURCE:**  
 Media statement, 28 Aug 2024  
 Belinda Neal, Labor

## Group F: Coasties Who Care

**Lisa Bellamy, Sarah Blakeway, and Tegan Mulqueeny, known as Coasties Who Care, believe that the problems facing our Council cannot be solved with the same thinking that created them.**

If we keep doing things the way they've always been done, we will continue to get the same results.

They are committed to changing that by bringing a fresh, community-driven perspective to local government.

The trio believes a councillor's role is to listen to the community, communicate its priorities to the Council, and ensure those priorities are acted upon—not adjusted to fit a predetermined agenda.

To achieve this, they promise to enhance community consultation and accountability by facilitating regular meetings with resident groups, chambers of commerce, and individuals. They will empower residents to participate in caretaking and decision-making, fostering a sense of pride and ownership in their local areas.

The Council should operate on a democratic model, not a corporate one.

Coasties Who Care will focus on basic council functions, prioritizing road and verge maintenance, weed control, and other essential services to maintain a well-cared-for community.

They are committed to ensuring world-class development through thoughtful planning that integrates vital infrastructure, green corridors, open spaces, and tree-lined suburbs. Protecting and expanding the Coastal Open Space System is central to their vision, preserving areas with immense ecological, cultural, and social value.

They aim to make the Central Coast a premier destination for tourists, skilled



**CANDIDATES:**

**Lisa BELLAMY**, Bensville  
**Sarah Blakeway**, Phegans Bay  
**Tegan McQueeney**, Umina

professionals, and innovative industries.

They promise to safeguard community assets, including public reserves, parks, buildings, libraries, and childcare centres, ensuring they remain in public hands. The Gosford Library will stay in Kibble Park, repurposed for community use.

They will work with the State Government to protect bushland at 300 Woy Woy Rd, Kariong, and ensure fair compensation for developers.

They will reverse the Council Deferred Lands Planning Proposal to address community concerns and support youth through programs, PCYC-style community organisations, and traineeships.

Additionally, they will advocate for sustainable, green public transport, facilitating waterways and electric vehicles.

Coasties Who Care are committed to real change, less bureaucracy, more democracy, and more action, with a focus on what residents truly want.

**SOURCE:**  
 Media statement, 30 Aug 2024  
 Lisa Bellamy, Coasties Who Care

## Group A: Team Central Coast

Group A Team Central Coast was invited to submit a policy summary for this issue of Peninsula News.

No response was received.

29 Aug 2024:

**CANDIDATES:**

**Daniel ABOU-CHEDID**, Kariong  
**Paul Chapman**, Lisarow  
**Neil Ferguson**, Woy Woy

## Group D: Liberal Party

The Group D Liberal Party team leader Mr Trent McWaide contacted Peninsula News as we went to press.

He apologised that he had been hit hard by Covid and had been out of action.

**CANDIDATES:**

**Trent McWAIDE**, East Gosford  
**Alan Pappas**, West Gosford  
**Kylie Lowbridge**, North Avoca

# Your local Labor team will get things done for the Peninsula

Your local Labor team will **help you with the cost of living** by keeping council service fees down.

Your local Labor team will **protect our unique environment** by protecting and extending our Coastal Open Space System.

Your local Labor team will deliver a core services guarantee securing **quality roads, drainage, sporting fields and childcare**.

Your local Labor team will ensure **infrastructure keeps up with development**.

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**GROUP E 1**

**Labor**



Mark Ellis - Belinda Neal - Adam McArdle

Authorised on behalf of your local Labor team by Belinda Neal, Taylor St, Woy Woy Bay

# Arts

## Singalong movie night

**A Singalong Movie Night featuring Mamma Mia the Movie will be held at Pearl Beach Memorial Hall from 5:30pm on Saturday, September 14.**

"This event promises to be a night full of fun, laughter, and spirited singing," said organiser Ms Karina Stafford.

"Whether you're a seasoned Abba fan or new to the joys of Mamma Mia, this is your chance to join in the chorus with fellow enthusiasts."

Admission costs \$15 per

person, which covers membership of the local film group Pearl Social Reels.

"Membership grants you free popcorn at this event and access to future screenings.

"Children under 14 can attend for free as long as accompanied by an adult, making it a fun family outing."

Memberships can be purchased online at [www.pearlbeachnsw.com.au/singalong](http://www.pearlbeachnsw.com.au/singalong) or at the door.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 26 Aug 2024  
Karina Stafford, Pearl Beach

## Painting of Umina bakery selected

**A painting of the owners of a local patisserie has been selected for 2024 Gosford Art Prize exhibition, which opened on Friday, August 23.**

The painting by Ms Yvette Pritchard of Woy Woy is entitled "Ron and Helga - Bremen Patisserie, Umina".

"It portrays Ron and Helga Bruns in the bakery of their Patisserie in West St, Umina, a business they have run there for 34 years," said Ms Pritchard.

"The painting did not win any awards, but is one of 135 selected out of 900 entries.



"I have given the work to Ron as a 70th birthday gift." in Webb St, East Gosford.

The exhibition runs till October 20 at the Gosford Regional Gallery,

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 24 Aug 2024  
Yvette Pritchard, Woy Woy

## Unreal Flowers sculpture exhibition

**An exhibition of ceramic sculpture will be held at the Pink Onion Sculpture Garden in Pearl Beach over next weekend, September 7 and 8.**

The "Unreal Flowers" exhibition open between the hours of 10am and 4pm will feature the works of Gaby Porter, Jan Hohne, Maggs, Di Swalwell and Mary V.

Sculpture garden owner Ms Gaby Porter said she and Mr John Haymes had installed a piano three years ago and built a shelter for it in front of the Pink Onion Sculpture Garden. "Passers by are welcome to play the piano and wander

through the sculpture garden," she said.

The garden has more than 50 sculptures created by Gaby over the years.

"This event is special with contributions from other artists.

"If you haven't visited the Piano Palace and Pink Onion Sculpture Garden, this could be your opportunity," she said.

The Pink Onion Sculpture Garden can be found at 61 Crystal Ave, Pearl Beach.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 20 Aug 2024  
Gaby Porter, Pink Onion Sculpture Garden

## Frantastics offer preview of festival entry

**Woy Woy audiences will benefit from the Frantastics Choir entering the Norfolk Island Theatre Festival this September.**

The choir's entry, titled Positively Vile, is described as a hilarious short melodrama with a Norfolk Island flavour.

A preview of the play will be presented at 1pm on Monday, September 16, at the Walter Baker Hall, Woy Woy.

Entry is \$5 which includes light refreshments and with proceeds going to Leukemia Research.'

Last year the choir won two



awards in the Norfolk Island festival.

**Media release, 25 Aug 2024**  
Fran Kendall, The Frantastics



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## Learning centre students win their boccia semi-final

Students from The Learning Centre at Brisbane Water Secondary College's Woy Woy campus have won their semi-final in the NSW Boccia Championships, held at the Quay Centre in Sydney on Wednesday, August 14.

Competing against 500 secondary schools, the team finished 13th in the state.

"Our students trained tirelessly and kicked off the tournament

with confidence, dominating the first three rounds," said campus principal Ms Rebecca Cooper.

"Round four and five brought some tough competition against the best Boccia teams in the state.

"Despite a valiant effort, we narrowly missed out, going down 3-2 in Round 4 and 4-3 in Round 5.

"Our team regrouped and crushed it in Round six, winning the semi-final 7-3."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 22 Aug 2024  
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy



## Cheer team wins national title

The Brisbane Water Adelaide. Secondary College Cheer Team has won the National Cheer Competition in

The success of the team has been attributed to their coach, Umina campus PHPDE and dance teacher Ms Eliza Cummins, as well

as to lunch-time practices, hard work and dedication.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 22 Aug 2024  
BWSC Umina

## First Aid course for Year 6

Year 6 students have participated in a First Aid course.

The course was organised

and funded by the Rotary Club of Umina Beach.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 23 Aug 2024  
Woy Woy Public School



## Secondhand uniforms for sale

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School has a whole rack of secondhand uniforms available for purchase.

The rack is in front of the school

office, with each item costing \$5 which may be paid at the office.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 20 Aug 2024  
SJB Catholic Primary School

## Lylah is fourth

EDUCALylah Glynn has placed fourth in the 10-year-old girls' cross-country event at the National Championships held at Yarra Glen in Victoria on August 23.

Lylah also ran with the NSW relay team securing first place in the 5 x 1km relay and winning gold in the overall points for the under-10 girls' two kilometres run.

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 28 Aug 2024  
Umina Beach Public School



## Comedy night

Woy Woy South Public School Parents and Citizens' Association has raised \$2723 through its Comedy for a Cause fundraiser

This money will be used to buy reading resources for students at the school.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 16 Aug 2024  
Woy Woy South Public School P/C

## College girls win City Cup

Brisbane Water Secondary College Under-16 Girls Rugby League team have won the City Cup grand final in Sydney.

The team defeated Bass High School, 22-8, in the grand final

played last Wednesday, August 28. As the City champions, they will play the Country champions in the state grand final in coming weeks.

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



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## Mollie is named NSW Lifesaver of the Year

**Umina Surf Life Saving Club's director of lifesaving Mollie Murphy has given Surf Life Saving NSW's top award, being named NSW Lifesaver of the Year.**

The award comes less than a month after also being named a Rotary Emergency Services Community Awards winner.

The Central Coast took out a quarter of the awards at the annual Surf Life Saving NSW Awards of Excellence presentation held in Sydney on Saturday, August 24.

These included Trainer of the Year awarded to Richard Grimmond at Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club and three at Terrigal.

"It's incredible to be the Surf Life Saver of the Year for NSW, but I've always just done it because I love it not for the recognition," Mollie said.

"It's pretty crazy but I'm very grateful.

"The community around the club I love.

"There's so many people I've grown up with and it just makes for a real family."

Mollie is the Director of Lifesaving at Umina SLSC.

"She completed nearly 150 hours of patrols this past season and is active in promoting youth



within her club and the branch as well," said the club's public relations co-ordinator Mr Mike Begg.

"Her efforts, influenced by her involvement in the SLSA National Leadership College and Women's Mentoring Program, led to a significant rise in youth participation, lifesaving qualifications, and overall club pride.

"Her dedication has particularly empowered young females, driving a notable increase in their achievements within the club."

The awards night aims to recognise the achievements of more than 78,000 members across the state.

Nearly 500 volunteer lifesavers and their supporters attended the awards night.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 25 Aug 2024  
Media unit, SLS NSW

## Liam O'Farrell appointed Southern Spirit club coach

**Southern Spirit Cricket Club has its First Grade captain Liam O'Farrell as club coach for the coming season.**

Liam said: "My goal for this year is to develop a club atmosphere and attitude that is conducive for success in all grades; focusing on individual development in all aspects of cricket.

"This will stem from each training session throughout pre-season and during the regular season.

"Creating purposeful training, ensuring players are bettering themselves week to week and gaining enjoyment from the game



on a personal and team level."

The club is hoping the appointment will attract players from all grades to training.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 20 Aug 2024  
Southern Spirit Cricket Club

## RUOK bowls event at Umina

**The annual RUOK Bowls event at Umina Beach Mens' Bowling Club will be held at 12:30pm on Wednesday, September 11.**

A "sea of yellow" is expected to be seen on the greens as bowlers from around the Peninsula enjoy both a serious and fun time, according to the club's RUOK Day ambassador Mr Rex Hunt.

"The Day is part of an annual

national conversation movement encouraging the art of listening," he said.

"It attempts to equip and encourage men to be observant of their mates, have conversations with others, and to be open and honest about their state of mind.

"Founded by Gavin Larkin in 2009, following the death of his father Barry, it works collaboratively with experts in suicide prevention

and mental illness.

"It is important work we will be doing, both for ourselves as individuals and for our clubs or regular bowls colleagues," Mr Hunt said.

"Every day is the day to start a conversation using four simple steps: Ask RUOK? Listen, Encourage action, and Check in."

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 28 Aug 2024  
Rex A E Hunt, UBMCB

## Roosters explain Wyong game forfeit

**The Woy Woy Roosters has explained its decision to forfeit its first grade round 18 rugby league game against Wyong on Sunday, August 25.**

The club said in a "club statement" it had no choice but to forfeit the game due to the numbers of "concerning injuries" its players were carrying.

"We have no less than 25 listed players carrying severe injuries," the statement said.

"Our qualified sports training staff acknowledged the extent of our injuries.

"Multiple are season-ending, yet we tried our best to get teams on the park each week.

"Our duty of care for our players

has been stretched this season but full credit goes to our players for wanting to do this for our club.

"Our training staff have also done an amazing job to get a lot of these players on the field."

The club stated: "Unfortunately we don't have the luxury of having four grades to call on to help out when needed.

"In multiple games this season, our first grade players have played reserve grade then backed up to play first grade so we don't forfeit.

"Our reserves (have also been) playing full games in reserves then backing up for first grade.

"Our women's team also has struggled with injuries and work commitments and most weeks have only ever had the bare

minimum available.

"This was highlighted with a courageous win last week with only nine girls left standing and one of those played on with a broken nose.

"The last thing we wanted to do as a club was to throw our young guys into what would have been a hostile situation at Wyong given the incident that occurred earlier in the season.

"We wish to move on and prepare a team that will be competitive in next Saturday's semi-final clash against The Entrance."

Woy Woy won the minor semi-final against The Entrance 26-12.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 27 Aug 2024  
Woy Woy Roosters RLFC

## Major Fours women win in a 'nail-biter'

**Jeannette Jenkins, Helen Cooper, Maureen Jackson and Bev McFarlane have won the final of the Major Fours women's championship at Everglades Bowling Club on Thursday, August 22**

"We always knew this was going to be a great game, but I don't think anyone expected it to be another nail-biter," said match committee chairperson Ms Vicki Redrup.

Deb McInnes, Val Davey, Sue O'Connor and Elaine Vincent played Jeannette Jenkins, Helen Cooper, Maureen Jackson and Bev McFarlane for the Championship.

"Elaine's team took an early lead and were leading for the majority of the game.

"Bev's team had this 'never say die' attitude and started to win ends one at the time.

"Both teams played some really incredible bowls that demonstrated great skill, determination and grit," said Ms Redrup.

On the 20th end, it was even at 19-19.

"All the supporters for both teams inside and outside were holding their breath going into the last end.

"Pressure was on to secure the win by both sides.

"Again, the ladies put down



some wonderful shots trying ever so hard to get their bowl closest to the jack.

"Elaine's team were holding shot when Maureen played a bowl that wicked off two bowls and landed right next to the jack.

"It was an unbelievable shot.

"Bev and Elaine had two bowls each to go and were not able to

move that winning shot, with Bev's team winning 20-19 on the last end.

Pictured are Women's Major Fours champions Jeannette Jenkins, Bev McFarlane, Helen Cooper and Maureen Jackson.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 22 Aug 2024  
Vicki Redrup, Everglades Bowling Club



## Joint winners of award

**Brian Raffa and Cliff Crawford are the joint winners of the Wednesday Morning Bowlers Clubman of the Year Award for 2024 at Ettalong Bowling Club.**

"It is now six years since Ettalong Bowling Club has hosted Wednesday morning bowls," said organiser Mr Ken Dixon.

"Last week we had 112 bowlers in attendance.

"For a cost of \$10, our bowlers get a game of bowls plus lunch with the menu changing every week.

"We welcome players from other parts of the Coast on a regular basis."

Pictured (from left) are Brian Raffa, Ken Dixon and Cliff Crawford.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 23 Aug 2024  
Ken Dixon, Ettalong Bowling Club