



# Men's Shed opens after six-year wait

Umina Beach Men's Shed has held the official opening of its new premises at 90 Osborne Ave on Friday, November 1.

The opening occurred a year after it was originally scheduled and just on six years after Central Coast Council resolved to proceed with the delay-plagued project.

"The new location is on Council property and was purpose-built to accommodate the broad range of activities by the Shed members," said shed publicity officer Mr Vic Brown.

He said the building was funded with a State grant, two grants from the Bendigo Bank, "plus we received several generous donations from Peninsula businesses and residents".

Federal Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid and State Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch attended the opening, along with directors of local Bendigo Bank branch.

Many supporters and tradesmen involved in the project also attended.

"Following the speeches, Ms Tesch formally lifted the cover off the plaque and formally opened the Shed," said Mr Brown.

Catering was provided by members of the Umina Beach branch of the Country Women's Association.

The official opening was all the more significant due to the history of its development.

Despite the council decision in 2018, the development application for the Shed was not approved by Council until August 2020.

A construction certificate was not issued until November 2021, 15 months later.

The non-profit voluntary community group was faced with losing a grant for the building, because the council did not have a "plan of management" in place.

The Men's Shed was told the council could not offer it a lease for the building until a plan of management was formalised, and that the lease was required as a condition of the grant.

Council staff told the Men's Shed a plan of management could not be prepared until March 2021.

Then, in June 2021, the group was told that the plan and lease could take another year.

In September 2021, council staff said that the plan of management and lease would not be ready before the end of 2022.

It was reported that Ms Tesch intervened to break the 15-month deadlock that had prevented the group from building the new Shed, resulting in the issue of the construction certificate.

The slab for the Shed was laid

in May 2022.

Construction was completed and the Men's Shed group applied for an occupancy certificate in June last year.

However, just as the group was planning for an opening ceremony in December last year, the council insisted in changes to the driveway access to the adjacent carpark area.

The group began using the new premises in July, after the occupancy certificate was finally issued in May.

Mr Brown said: "The Shed provides an opportunity for men to meet other likeminded fellows, share experiences, learn new skills, work on their own projects or be involved in community projects."

"We are always happy to show interested Peninsula residents around the Shed and for them to look at the actual facilities and projects underway, for them to determine if joining the Shed would improve their wellbeing."

The Shed is open on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursday from 7.45am to 12pm.

"A lunchtime barbecue is normally held on the third Monday of each month."

SOURCE:  
Media release, 4 Nov 2024  
Vic Brown, Umina Beach Men's Shed

## Men's Shed founding member recognised

A founding member of the Umina Beach Men's Shed has been recognised at the opening of its new premises in Osborne Ave.

Mr Bill Ide, together with Mr Darrell Pannowitz and Mr Lionel Blayden, started the Men's Shed in 2012, which operated from property owned by Peninsula Villages in Birdwood Ave until the recent move to Osborne Ave.

Mr Pannowitz was a Peninsula Villages board member.

Mr Ide is now a resident of Pozieres House at Peninsula Village.

Pictured is Mr Ide (seated) with Men's Shed president Mr Gary Gilday, who is also a volunteer at Peninsula Villages.



SOURCE:  
Social media, 7 Nov 2024  
Peninsula Villages

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Mark Snell, 9 Nov 2023

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Higher than 2.5 metres?

**The rail underpass between Railway St, Woy Woy, and Woy Woy Rd was blocked on October 31 after a butcher's van attempted to use the low clearance route.**

Motorists were asked use an alternative route until the blockage was cleared later that day.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 31 Oct 2024  
NSW Central Coast Incident Alerts

Ride to Gosford

**Central Coast Bicycle Users Group will hold a ride from Woy Woy to Gosford and back from 7:30am to 10am on Thursday, November 14.**

Riders are asked to arrive at Fishermans Wharf, Woy Woy, five minutes before start time to allow time to sign in.

The ride is described as "an easy ride along the shared path to Gosford and back - about 25kms in total".

A coffee break will occur possibly in Gosford, or in Woy Woy after the ride.

For more information, phone ride leader reg on 0411 705 410.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 28 Oct 2024  
Central Coast Bicycle Users Group

Charity golf day raises \$10,000

**The Rotary Club of Brisbane Water has raised \$10,000 in its second annual Charity Golf Day, held on Monday, November 4, at Everglades Golf Club.**

Club treasurer Mr Mark Simpson, who organised the event, said he was happy with the turnout of 115 golfers, with teams coming from local businesses and local golfers.

"The day started at 6am with

breakfast and champagne before the golfers set out to play 18 holes," he said.

"After they finished, there was a lunch, drawing of the raffle and prizes for best players."

He said the event was a resounding success, with an expected \$10,000 raised for the Cancer Council and Rotary projects.

Last year's event raised \$7000. In a surprise presentation after the event, Mr Simpson was

given a Paul Harris award for "his unstinting work in arranging charity events and being an essential part of the Rotary Brisbane Water team".

District 9685 governor Mr Niranjan Deodhar presented Mr Simpson with his sapphire pin, pictured with club co-president Ms Marion Cornish.

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 5 Nov 2024  
Marion Cornish, Rotary  
Brisbane Water

November rainfall greater than October

**More rain has fallen in the first eight days of November than in the whole of October.**

A total of 33.6mm of rain fell in October, the fifth lowest fall in 20 years, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

It was 57 per cent below the October average of 78mm.

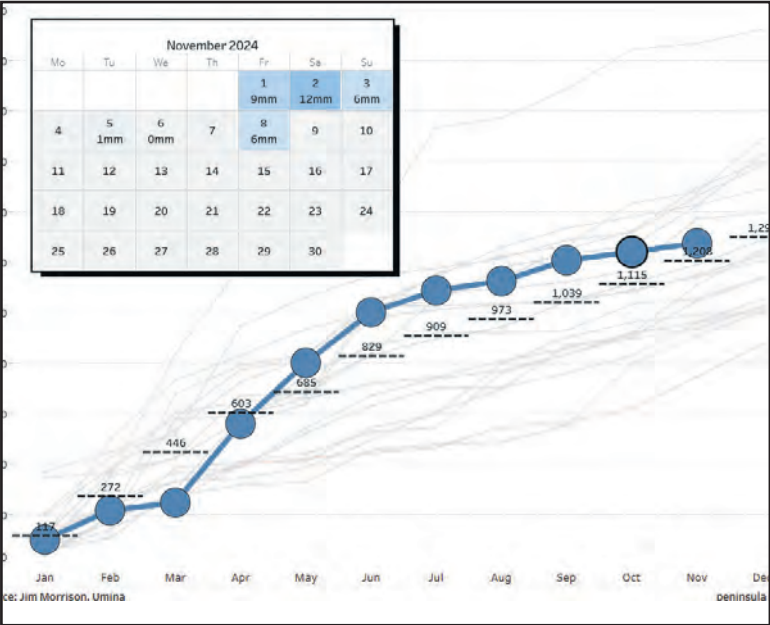
A total of 34.2mm has already fallen in November..

October ended with a cumulative total for the year of 1238.8mm, 11.9 per cent more than the average of 1107mm at the end of October.

Only another 60mm is required before the end of the year to reach the annual average of 1298mm.

Average rainfall for November and December is 96mm and 95mm respectively.

Further details, including daily



rainfall figures, can be found at <http://penne.ws/rain>

**SOURCE:**  
Spreadsheet, 8 Nov 2024  
Jim Morrison, Umina

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# Work starts for design of high speed rail tunnels

Work has started locally to determine the best route for a proposed high-speed rail link connecting the region to Sydney.

Two drilling rigs have started work on the Hawkesbury River at Brooklyn and in Brisbane Water as part of geotechnical investigations to determine the optimum route alignment, according to Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid.

“Assembling the two barges took three days.

“They will drill six boreholes, some to a depth of 140 metres, in locations within Brisbane Water and the Hawkesbury River, with the barge on the Hawkesbury River to operate for about two months.

“The rock and sediment samples will be analysed, with the results helping inform construction methods and key details such as the design and depth of potential rail tunnels.

“The geotechnical work – which involves about 27 boreholes in key areas between Newcastle and Sydney – helps with planning for rail tunnel depths, recognising the geological complexities of traversing the escarpment into the Central Coast and on to Sydney and Newcastle.”

Dr Reid said the Federal Government was planning for a future high-speed rail network to connect Brisbane, Sydney, Canberra, Melbourne and regional communities across the east coast of Australia.

“The first stage connects Newcastle to Sydney via the Central Coast with a fast, reliable and regular link between the two largest cities in NSW.”

He said the line would connect the region to Sydney “in just 30 minutes”.

The work was being coordinated by the Australian Government’s High Speed Rail Authority as part of the business case being developed for the first stage connecting Newcastle to Sydney, he said.

He said the Government had committed \$500 million for the planning and corridor protection of the Newcastle to Sydney section, and established the Authority to conduct the work.

The business case for the Newcastle to Sydney stage was due to be presented to the Government by the end of the year.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 6 Nov 2024  
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson



## Oyster Festival comes alive

The annual Brisbane Water Oyster Festival held at Lions Park, Woy Woy, was in full swing last Sunday with live

music, food and market stalls.

There was the chance to savour local oysters and other produce, including Hunter wines and

boutique beers and spirits.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 9 Nov 2024  
Brisbane Water Oyster Festival  
Photo: Jo Freeman

## Council approves six grants for Peninsula activities

Central Coast Council has approved six community grants totalling more than \$85,000 for the Peninsula, including five for community

events at its meeting on Tuesday, October 29.

It declined seven other grant applications.

It approved a Community Development Grant of \$6500 for the Woy Woy Football Club’s Barbecue Blitz.

“Community Events and Place Activation” grants totalling almost \$79,000 were awarded to five groups for events over the coming year.

Umina Community Group was awarded \$12,870.40 for a showcase skateboarding event at Umina Skate Park.

The Words on the Waves Writers Festival was awarded \$20,000.

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce was awarded \$18,900 for the 2024 Brisbane Water Oyster Festival.

The Fun Haus Factory was awarded \$15,000 for the 2025 Coastal Twist Festival.

The Terrigal Trotters Club was awarded \$11,936 for the 2025 Bay to Bay Running Festival.

Three community development grant applications were “declined”.

The Australian Skateboarding Federation Ltd was told it was ineligible to apply for its “King of

Concrete Umina and ASF judges course”.

Woy Woy Peninsula Little Athletics Centre was told its Runway Replacement project was ineligible.

Central Coast Outrigger Canoe Club was told its New Ultra-Light Malolo OC6 Canoe project was ineligible.

Umina Surf Life Saving Club was told its community support grant application to upgrade water storage and water saving processes had insufficient information to make an accurate assessment.

Three “community events and place activation” grant applications were declined.

Peninsula Village Ltd was told its application for its Peninsula Villages Spring Carnivale had “limited broader community benefit”.

Slippery Sirkus Inc was told its Umina community mosaics project was ineligible.

An application for Stars Ettalong Beach Vintage Lifestyle Festival was withdrawn by applicants CL Perrin and TA Spencer.

**SOURCE:**  
Central Coast Council  
agenda 2.11, 29 Oct 2024

## Public meeting to discuss coastal management program

A public meeting to discuss the Hawkesbury Nepean River System Coastal Management Program will be held by the Peninsula Residents Association on Thursday, November 14.

It will be held in room 5 at the Peninsula Community Centre, 93 McMasters Rd, Woy Woy, and “all are welcome”.

The meeting will look at what is proposed for the Peninsula under the Program?

A list of questions for discussion has been circulated:

Why has a seawall (“terminal protective structure”) been proposed for Ocean Beach, when it was previously identified as “stable”?

Where do the other proposals for Ocean and Umina beaches come from? The vegetation and dune management strategy? Beach renourishment? Beach maintenance?

How much are they projected to cost?

What about works for the Rip Rd Reserve, Blackwall; at Lara St, Koolewong, in Woy Woy Bay; or the seawall at Memorial Park, Woy Woy?

What about Patonga?

Are all the local coastal management issues addressed in enough detail? Tidal erosion? Water quality?

The association has also provided links to a number of relevant documents that are available online.

These include a 2012 Brisbane Water plan (<http://penne.ws/M7klhZ>), a 2014 coastal processes study (<http://penne.ws/hKztG>) and a 2019 erosion strategy (<http://penne.ws/ffg7e>).

Details of Phegans Bay and Woy Woy waterfront plans can be found at <http://penne.ws/U6RV57> and <http://penne.ws/vKsKw5>.

Entry to the public meeting is free but those attending are asked to book online at <http://penne.ws/3Xk9Dy> to give an indication of numbers.

The association will use input from the meeting for its submission to the Program consultation, which closes on November 24.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 25 Oct 2024  
Peninsula Residents’ Association

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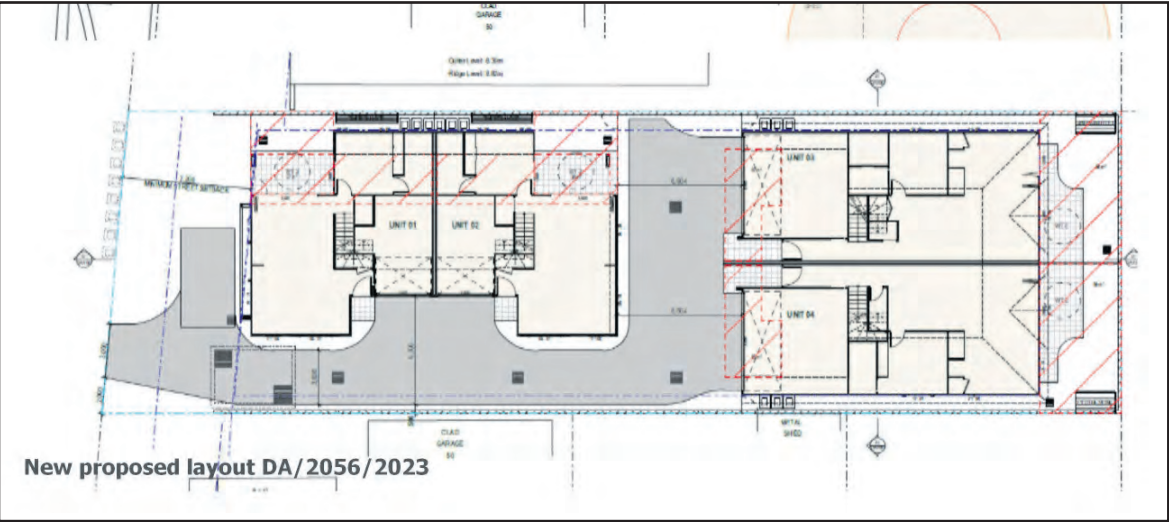
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## Revised plan reduces five units to four

**A revised multi-unit development application has been lodged for 140 Trafalgar Ave, Umina, with the original five units reduced to four.**

The layout of the original proposal was for an old-fashioned gun barrel design with a driveway extending the entire length of the site.

The previous applications attracted a large number of adverse submissions from the public.

These mainly concerned the lack of a section 4.6 statement for the Floor Space Ratio overrun (0.55 as opposed to the allowable 0.5); the “moonscaping” of the site including the removal of four mature trees, the lack of green infrastructure and the large number of variations including all setbacks, private open space placement on front setback, lack of off site visitor parking, and overshadowing to the neighbouring property on the south side.

The general feeling seemed to be that at five units this would have been an over-development of the

site. The new proposal has an L-shaped driveway with two in line units at the front of the block and two in a “duplex” configuration at the back.

The area of concrete driveway has marginally decreased from 230 square metres to 225 square metres, the large size mainly due to the addition of a visitor parking space in the front setback and a large expanse of concrete between the two residential blocks.

The front setback has been increased to 7.2 metres but incorporates a visitor parking space, normally not allowed under the planning provisions.

The application claims compliance with side setbacks but has requested a variation for the rear setback which at 3.7 metres does not comply with the requirement of 4.5 metres.

While the number of units has decreased from five to four, the BASIX report says the total number of bedrooms has increased from 13 to 16.

The original five units consisted

of three three-bedroom and two two-bedroom units.

However, this proposal is for four units of “four-plus” bedrooms, according to the Basix report.

The application states that the units only have three bedrooms.

Perhaps one is categorised as a “study”.

In order to avoid placing, a private open space on the front setback which is specifically forbidden by planning provisions, the new layout proposes a large proportion of these areas be in the form of first floor balcony space.

All four existing trees are still planned to be removed, with the application stating that “Shade trees can be provided as the required two native street trees.”

Nowhere in the documents is it indicated exactly where these trees could be located.

The application is currently open for written submissions until December 6.

**SOURCE:**  
DA Tracker, 10 Nov 2024  
DA/2056/2023, Central Coast Council

## Amendment asks for basement and lift changes

**PLA request has been made of Central Coast Council to amend an approval for nine apartments at 124 Broken Bay Rd, Ettalong.**

The amendment would extend the basement to align with the ground floor and would extend the lift over-run to 9.3 metres in height, 800mm more than permitted by planning provisions.

Approval had been given for four two-bedroom apartments and five three-bedroom apartments, including three adaptable apartments.

The application states: “The applicant has identified a series of amendments generally intended to satisfy the structural engineering requirements related to the geotechnical conditions of the site, accommodate the required internal clearance heights for the lift overrun, and otherwise improve the amenity, configuration and functionality of the approved apartments and associated facilities.”

Due to the slope of the site a large part of the ground floor is below ground level.

Because it would “overhang” the basement, the excavation would have to be “stepped”.

This would not be feasible or desirable given the unstable geotechnical conditions of the site described in the original geotechnical report prepared by Sanko, according to the application.

The solution, according to the structural engineer, is to extend the basement so that it aligns with the ground floor, where the ground floor is below ground, and the excavation would no longer need

to be “stepped” therefore enabling vertical shoring to be used.

The amendments to the proposed basement would include “internal reconfiguration of the car parking spaces including repositioning of the adaptable and visitor spaces; adjustments to the entry foyer and lift shaft; adjustments to the alignment of the perimeter basement wall to accommodate shoring required due to the geotechnical conditions of the site; and internal reconfiguration of the bin storage and cage store.”

At the roof level, the approved drawings allowed the lift overrun to reach a height of 8.9 metres, 400mm more than the 8.5 metres height limit specified in the planning provisions.

A further 400mm is now requested, taking the lift overrun to a height of 9.3 metres.

The application justifies the request with the statement: “The proposed amendments increase the height of the lift area/overrun by 400mm.

“However the lift area-overrun is centrally located on the site and occupies less than 1.2 per cent of the building footprint and less than 0.47 per cent of the total site area.

“Further, the proposed amendments do not alter the approved roof, wall or parapet heights.”

There are several amendments requested for other floors, most of them minor.

The application is currently on public exhibition for written submissions until December 6.

**SOURCE:**  
DA Tracker, 10 Nov 2024  
DA/3931/2022A, Central Coast Council

## New application continues solar access discussion

**An application has been made for three dwellings in a multi-dwelling development at 42 South St, Umina Beach.**

This is the same address at which five units were approved, following a Local Planning Panel decision in August 2022.

A shadow diagram prepared for Peninsula News at the time showed that a neighbouring dwelling would not receive any sunlight into its living areas for two months of the year.

The Local Planning Panel decision was the first time in a Peninsula residential area that such an “amenity impact” was explicitly regarded as “not unreasonable”.

The Panel stated that this could be expected “for future developments under the applicable planning provisions”.

The new application is for three dwellings each with four bedrooms, one at ground level and three at first floor level.

Prepared by Pragma Urban Planning, it claims general compliance with all local controls.



“The proposed works will not result in undue shadow impacts on the locality,” it states.

“The proposed development is of a lesser scale than the existing development consent which relates to the site (DA/60728/2021).”

The proposal has a floor space ratio of 0.499:1, which is less than the planning provisions maximum of 0.5:1.

It will also be within the maximum height limit of 8.5 metres.

The front setback is proposed at 7.2 metres, the average of adjoining properties.

The rear setback to Fyffe Lane

is proposed to be 1.2 metres, less than the required rear setback.

However, the application lists nine properties which it claims have setbacks of less than two metres to Fyffe Lane.

The application refers to comments about solar access assessment for the previous approval: “It has been established that any two-storey building on this site will have shadow impacts to the southern property during mid-winter.”

“If a gun barrel two-storey multi-unit development (which is a predominate design in the

area), with the driveway along the southern boundary was proposed it would also cause overshadowing to the private open space on the adjoining property at midwinter.”

It states: “As such the proposed development results in an approved outcome for 44 South St as it reduces the solar impacts on that property.”

However, the plans and shadow diagrams lodged with the application, which support this, appear to use a north point which is incorrect by about seven degrees or a deviation of one metre over every eight metres.

The application seeks the removal of two “Coco Palms” from the front and an African olive tree in the rear yard.

Approval for the removal of these trees was previously granted.”

The exhibited landscape plan proposes the planting of five trees and a large number of shrubs. The trees are three blueberry ash, one crepe myrtle and one magnolia.

The application states: “The scale of the works is in keeping with the existing and future desired character of the locality.”

It concludes: “It is our opinion that the Proposed Development may be capable of being undertaken in a manner that is generally compatible with the overarching objectives and greater public interest as guided by the planning instruments.”

The application is open for written submissions until November 29.

**SOURCE:**  
DA Tracker, 9 Nov 2024  
DA/1550/2024, Central Coast Council







Arts/Forum



## Postcards exhibition at environment centre

An exhibition, entitled **Postcards from the Water's Edge**, will run at the **Woy Woy Environment Centre** until **Sunday, November 17**. Artist **Melanie McDonald** has created the inaugural **Central Coast Postcard Show** as part of

the **Lakes Festival**. The community art fair including art workshops as well as the postcard exhibition. **SOURCE: Website, 7 Oct 2024 Lakes Festival Photo: Jo Freeman**

## Winning scarecrow

**Winners of a scarecrow competition at a Woy Woy aged care home have been announced.** The winner of the **Blue Wave Living** competition was scarecrow number seven, **Brendan – King of Spades**. In second place was scarecrow number two **Mr Bone Jangles**, and in third place was scarecrow number four **Scary Potter**. **SOURCE: Social media, 31 Oct 2024 Matt Downie, BlueWave Living**



## Feature provides too much information

**It seems that some home builders on the Peninsula are falling into the trap of unintended consequences and literally sound blasting the neighbours with too much information.** When it comes to building a house these days, there seems to be a general consensus that “bigger is better” and a developer or prospective homeowner will always attempt to maximise space. There are limits to the size of any development in the council planning regulations. For instance the floor space ratio, which depends on the type of building and the zone, is simply the size of the site divided by the gross floor area. For instance a floor space ratio of 0.5 would mean the gross floor area could be 50 per cent of the area of the site. A simple “hack” that many home builders utilise in order to exceed the floor space ratio is to add an “alfresco” area.

This is supposedly an outdoor dining area which is roofed over but at least partly open to the elements. An alfresco is not included in the gross floor area. One of the many problems caused by large houses on small sites is a loss of privacy, both visual and acoustic. Obviously, when a house is “crammed” into a site, sound does not have far to travel to reach the neighbours. The problem of unwanted sound can become quite severe for the hapless neighbours when alfresco areas are mis-designed (or modified) to create an “acoustic sound shell”. Concert halls are purposely designed with such a feature behind the performers to project sound into the audience and they are a very efficient mechanism for doing so. It is not, however, a very desirable feature when incorporated into your next door (or backdoor) neighbour’s house. A distressed couple who live

next door to one of these “backyard sound shells” has told me exactly how much they are not just able, but forced, to hear. It’s literally everything. They said that the problem started when their neighbour decided to close in part of their alfresco area. This created a situation where sound was not only projected but seemingly amplified as well. Now they cannot avoid being privy to every intimate conversation, phonecall and argument. This has included confidential information such as passwords and pin numbers. The couple told me: “It’s quite clear that the neighbours have no idea of how much of their private business is being broadcast. “If they did, they’d be mortified.” The couple is embarrassed and hesitant to inform their neighbours, and afraid of a “shoot the messenger” reaction. If you own an alfresco area that’s lined with hard surfaces and open or partly open on one side facing the neighbours, take heed. It could be you they’re talking about. (But please, don’t shoot me.) **SOURCE: Email, 3 Nov 2024 Frank Wiffen, Woy Woy**

## Peninsula artist exhibits landscape paintings

**Peninsula artist Marilyn Creery is currently exhibiting her landscape paintings in Woy Woy.** She said her paintings tried to capture the soul of Woy Woy, Umina Beach, Patonga, and the West MacDonnell Ranges. Ms Creery said she found her inspiration in nature.

Her exhibition **Discover the Beauty of Landscapes Through Art** can be found on the walls of **Gnostic Mana Cafe** in Woy Woy during November. For more information, contact **Marilyn Creery** at **m.creery.art@gmail.com**. **SOURCE: Media release, 1 Nov 2024 Marilyn Creery, Woy Woy**

## Which actions will receive priority?

**I will not be present at the PRA meeting on the 14 November as I have submitted my opinion of the Coastal Management Program and also made two submissions on DA/1283/2024 for 43-46 The Esplanade, Ettalong, which tie into the Coastal Management Program.** If funding was available just for Peninsula issues, action would be believable. However the common problem is insufficient funds and resources over an unknown time span. It is well known actions in the **Brisbane Water Plan of Management** of April 2011 have still not been completed. The required classification into “the top 72 highest priority management actions” left the remaining actions to be dealt with subject to funding and political change. As issues increase on the coastal strip, it will be of interest to see which issues receive priority and why. **SOURCE: Letter, 7 Nov 2024 Norm Harris, Umina**

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## Patonga levee one of four projects

Patonga would be the focus of four projects under the Hawkesbury Nepean River System Coast Management Plan.

These would include building a levee bank to protect around 40 houses in Patonga from sea level rise.

The project would cover "levee feasibility, design and implementation".

"Assessment of future sea level rise shows that parts of Patonga could experience king tide flooding under a 0.5 metre sea level rise scenario, with much larger areas impacted under a one metre scenario."

The project would see Central Coast Council "explore the feasibility of constructing a vegetated earthen levee along Patonga's western foreshore to mitigate future flood risks."

"This levee would run from Meroo Ave to Jacaranda Ave" which would provide long-term protection for the Patonga community and its infrastructure.

A second project would implement a sand management plan for both Patonga Beach and Patonga Creek.

"Key elements would include studying the local sediment transport processes to understand the quantity and direction of sediment movement."

Subsequently, a sand redistribution program would be



developed, with the potential periodic dredging at the creek entrance for sand sourcing.

"The purpose of the plan would be to increase the sand buffer in front of assets and infrastructure along Patonga Dr and to improve the resilience of the area coastal erosion hazards."

A third project would create a foreshore masterplan for Patonga Creek.

"This master plan would provide a holistic vision for the creek foreshore, covering the areas extending from the creek entrance, north to the edge of Patonga township," according to the draft Program.

"The plan would incorporate coastal protection, riparian management, safe foreshore access, dingy/watercraft storage, and coastal hazard mitigation strategies."

The fourth project would be repair and renewal of the Patonga Seawall.

It would "undertake the repair and renewal of the Patonga Seawall to ensure it effectively protects the coastline, surrounding infrastructure, and community from coastal erosion, storm surges, and rising sea levels."

"This initiative would address current structural deficiencies and future-proof the seawall to meet the challenges of a changing climate."

The draft program is open for public comment until Sunday, November 24

A feedback survey can be completed online at <http://penne.ws/5WjP5r> and suggestions can be submitted online at <http://penne.ws/FYquTy>.

SOURCE:  
Website, 25 Oct 2024  
HNRS CMP

## Tree group attends urban forest symposium in Japan

Grow Urban Shade Trees group has been represented at a four-day International Urban Forest Symposium held at Yokohama National University in Japan this month.

Group member Ms Jen Wilder said she was thrilled to attend the event organised as part of the UN's G20 Global Land Initiative and the Marino Project.

She said 100 people attended from 27 countries.

"While the focus of the symposium was largely on the Miyawaki method (a fast method of growing, condensed, deep-rooting, heavy-shading, indigenous mini-forests), the broader theme was to innovate with urban forests to improve health, liveability and biodiversity outcomes and remedy a growing disconnection from nature," she said.

"In the face of a heating climate, many attendees have found hope in acting locally in their own countries and many have now gained global recognition as their work grows to include numerous projects with considerable backing from the private and public sector."

"The symposium included two packed days of presentations from academics, technical experts and game-changing personalities from all over the world."

"This was followed by two days of amazing field trips and tree planting with local schools, led by Professor Kazue Fujiwara who was a close colleague of renowned ecologist Professor Akira Miyawaki (1928-2021), along with Silva, a non-profit group in Yokohama undertaking land restoration."

"Many ideas were shared but the key points highlighted the importance of acting fast and locally for global change."

"Involving schools in greening projects is paramount so young people gain a greater connection to nature and learn of its inherent power as essential, high performance infrastructure in urban planning."

"There's much we can all do to improve our urban environments, even in the smallest action."

Ms Wilder suggested: "Write to our decision makers, if you are tired of hot barren suburbs."

"Chat to your kids about trees and about all the many creatures who seek to live peacefully in our parks and gardens no matter how small the creature, or how small the park or garden."

More information about the Morino project can be found online at <http://penne.ws/nTxabY>.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 30 Oct 2024  
Jen Wilder, Grow Urban  
Shade Trees

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Arts



## Annual show was ‘resounding success

The Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre held its annual exhibition and sale of students’ work at the Peninsula Community Centre on the weekend of October 26 and 27.

President Ms Sue Sullivan said the Exhibition and Sale was a resounding success and “Rileys Cafe” produced refreshments donated by members of the Centre throughout both days.

A large selection of pottery,

paintings, wooden and textile gifts were available for display and sale, attracting hundreds of visitors to the community centre during the two days of the exhibition.

SOURCE:  
Media release, 10 Nov 2024  
Peter Mulholland, EBACC

## Guitar concert to raise money for hall

A concert featuring guitar music from Spain and Latin America with Guy Strazz and Mark Johns will be held by the Pearl Beach Progress Association at 7:30pm on Friday, November 22, at the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall.

It will include a special appearance by Pearl Beach Community Scholarship winner guitarist Jerome Drobot.

Proceeds from the concert will go toward the maintenance of the Memorial Hall and environmental initiatives.

“Master guitarists Guy Strazz

and Mark Johns perform an electro acoustic journey of Afro-Brazilian Jazz through their awarded original compositions and music by composers such as Corea, Jobim, Sting, and Miles Davis,” said association publicity officer Ms Lynne Lillico.

Tickets which include a Paella Dinner cost \$57, with children under 15 \$25.

Bookings may be made online at <http://penne.ws/ILQshQ>.

With inquiries, phone 4344 2319.

SOURCE:  
Media release, 8 Nov 2024  
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association



## Souvenirs were early feature of tourism

The manufacture and sale of souvenirs was a feature of the early days of tourism on the Peninsula and the broader Central Coast, according to a new book by local author Mr Peter Fisher.

However, while the train line came through in 1889, the tourism industry took some time to take off, he said.

“The surge in souvenirs did not start until after the First World War.”

Mr Fisher said that, until then, many people regarded tourism

as “making the community lazy, because people were just sitting around waiting for city folk to come and spend some money”.

He said that eventually a greater number of people began to realise the business potential of the industry.

“The first mass manufactured souvenirs sold locally were postcards, although a few glass ashtrays or dishes with photos embedded in the bottom came soon after.”

He said souvenirs became an important component of many

holidays and a source of revenue for local business, with a large increase in volume and variety after the 1940s.

Mr Fisher said his 150-page book, *Wish You Were Here: A History of Tourism on the NSW Central Coast*, took almost four years of work and research.

It will be officially launched in West Gosford on Saturday, November 16, by Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

SOURCE:  
Media release, 28 Oct 2024  
Peter Fisher, Tascott

## Bushwackers at folk club

The Bushwackers will play at Troubadour Folk at 2pm on Sunday, December 1, at the Everglades Club in Woy Woy in what has been described as “a landmark concert”.

“The Bushwackers are the most famous and popular performers of Australian folk songs of all times,” said club president Mr Michael Fine.

“Their profile is matched only by that of the Seekers, who are best known for their recordings of songs written in England in the 1960s.”

He said their renewal had brought a line-up which mixed long-term members from the 1970s with three young recruits.

“Since their inception in 1973, the Bushwackers have won three Golden Guitar awards, released 26 studio albums, and have been inducted into the Tamworth Roll Of Renown. “They have been recognised by the National Folk Alliance for their lifetime contribution to Folk Music and have performed all over Australia at festivals, events and venues.

“Over the past 50 years, they have introduced the music of Australian bushbands to generations of Australians, who have danced and sung-along



to their exciting and inspiring performances.

“Their pioneering folk-rock style and amazing depth of knowledge and love for our heritage is legendary.

“The Bushwackers continue to embody the essence of Australian music.

“Audiences can expect virtuoso celtic tunes, iconic Australian songs and heartfelt lyrics.”

More information is available online at [www.troubadour.org.au](http://www.troubadour.org.au) or by phoning 4342 6716.

SOURCE:  
Media release, 6 Nov 2024  
Michael Fine, Troubadour Central Coast

## ‘Past traumas need not define our future,’ says author

Local author Ms Wen Gibson hopes that her memoir, *Stammering Against Truth*, launched last weekend, proves that past traumas need not define our futures.

It tells how, from a life of childhood abuse, she found a way to a life embodying resilience, healing and transformation.

“It recounts my journey from extreme childhood trauma to a life of kindness, giving back and helping others,” she said.

Her memoir delves into the plight of a stammerer, the unbreakable bonds of twinship, and her body’s need to dissociate.

Her memoir takes the reader from the red dirt of Broome, to the streets of India and the mists of

Scotland.

She crosses the continents, often by bicycle, committing to radical political action and spiritual exploration.

These pursuits helped forge her growing character, and find her way to her heart and her true gender self, and the importance of kindness, she said.

She has spent her life learning how to heal and help others heal, using Western and Eastern medicine, psychotherapy and talk therapy.

“I have worked as a counsellor in Umina and Koolewong since 2005.”

SOURCE:  
Media release, 4 Nov 2024  
Wen Gibson, *Stammering Against Truth*



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## Raising \$600 for breast cancer foundation

A Umina aged care facility has held a fundraising morning tea for Breast Cancer Awareness fundraising.

The morning tea, which included cup cakes and lucky door prizes, was held at Pam Palmer House at Peninsula Village.

There was merchandise for sale, with staff and residents raising \$600 for the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

"This was a very important morning tea for us, as some individuals present had been personally affected by breast cancer, one of whom shared with us the difficult challenges of breast



cancer," said chief executive Mr free." Colin Osborne.

"Happily, she is now cancer-

SOURCE: Social media, 29 Oct 2024 Colin Osborne, Peninsula Villages

## Santa photo proceeds go to Coast Shelter

Proceeds from the annual Photos with Santa at Pearl Beach go to Coast Shelter this year to support women and children impacted by domestic violence.

Held near the amenities block on Pearl Parade, sessions run every Saturday and Sunday from 8.30am to 1pm until December 22.

Sessions can be booked for \$85, which includes six edited photos by local photographer Ms Lisa Haymes.

Organiser Ms Karina Stafford said locals could join as Santa's helpers or help spread the word.

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch said: "It's a fantastic way to make lasting memories while supporting those in need."

Bookings may be made online at <http://penne.ws/VYsbnw>

Pictured is Santa with Ruby Rogers from Umina.

SOURCE: Media release, 7 Nov 2024 Karina Stafford, Pearl Beach

A new "space for creativity, healing, and personal transformation" has opened in Woy Woy.

The venue will host artists' exhibitions, spoken word performances, and lectures and workshops with a focus on holistic well-being, with a therapeutic space for inner growth, expression, and healing.

Theia, in Railway St, has opened with "Ambiguity", a show by Woy Woy artist Mr Gordon Cumming which runs until December 10.

It will be followed by "Gifted",

a collection of local artists and artisans showcasing small works, ceramics and jewellery offering handmade, unique and intentional gifts until January 10.

The venue will hold Resonance: A Night of Spoken Word as a regular event, "a celebration of vulnerability, courage, and connection, allowing individuals to experience the profound impact of shared expression in an intimate and supportive setting".

A lecture series will include topics such as naturopathy, heart-centred financial advice,

astrology, branding, and coaching, while workshops are planned including "breathwork, mindfulness practices, and other empowering tools for self-discovery".

"From therapeutic engagement, to art and storytelling, we are thrilled to be able to offer an ever-evolving space that celebrates the brave souls who seek to connect to their community with intention and authenticity," said co-director Ms Lauren McDonnell.

SOURCE: Media release, 5 Nov 2024 Samantha Fin, Theia



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Education

## Schools urged to join in Rotary challenge

**The Rotary Club of Brisbane Water is calling on local schools to consider participating in a Pitch for Purpose Innovation Challenge.**

“Pitch for Purpose is an opportunity for students to hone their skills in innovation and design thinking while solving real-world problems related to environmental protection,” said club co-president Ms Marion Cornish.

She said Rotary Brisbane Water was a club keen on saving the environment.

“I urge schools to participate in this Rotary challenge and help their students become leaders in social impact and sustainability.

“Through immersive workshops and hands-on experiences,

students will work in teams to create innovative solutions that address community and global issues.

“Students will tackle challenges that address United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and Rotary’s seventh area of focus, protecting the environment.

“The program supports key learning outcomes and helps teachers enhance student engagement, critical thinking and collaboration.

“The program starts February 2025, so now is the time for schools to start preparing and finding out more.”

Schools have to register their interest by the end of this month.

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 5 Nov 2024  
Marion Cornish, Rotary  
Brisbane Water



## Showcase of talent in Night upon the Stairs

**Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College held its annual Night upon the Stairs on Wednesday,**

**October 30.**

“It was a huge success with an incredible showcase of student talent,” said campus principal Ms

Kerrie Thomas.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 31 Oct 2024  
BWSC Umina



## Year 4 students stay night at Taronga Zoo

**Students from Year 4 at Ettalong Public School have participated in a “camp” where they stayed the night at Taronga Zoo.**

Here is a report by two of the students:

“Firstly, we took a coach to the Australian Museum.

“When we got there, a worker took us through the rules of the museum.

“The first three exhibits we went to were full of animals.

“After that we went to see dinosaur sculptures and bones.

“We then walked to Hyde Park Barracks and had a snack before the workers showed us around the prison.

“We got to see where the convicts slept and some of the materials and clothing they used and wore every day.

“After that we took a coach to Taronga Zoo where we got assigned to our tents or a cabin.

“For dinner, there were sausages, pasta, nachos and vegetables.

“After dinner, we split up into groups for the night tour where we saw rare mammals, tigers and



birds.

“After the night tour, we had ice-cream and watched a short film in Taronga Zoo’s movie theatre.

“After the film finished, a worker brought around a lizard and a giant python.

“After that, we got ready for bed.

“In the morning, we got dressed for breakfast and cleaned our tents.

“After that, Year 4S went to a goat enclosure where we got to feed, pat and hang out with goats.

“Mrs Sayer and Miss Crawford were lucky enough to have the baby goat sit on their laps.

“After we went to the goat

enclosure, we explored the zoo.

“One group went to a desert enclosure and the other group went to a rainforest enclosure.

“We also saw the seal show and then had lunch while watching the bird show where Mr Boutland got picked to hold the cockatoos.

“After that, the groups split up again and continued to wander around the zoo for around half an hour, then we packed our suitcases and luggage ready to go.

“Overall year 4 had an amazing time at camp.”

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 6 Nov 2024  
Ettalong Public School

## Six distinctions won in online tests

**Woy Woy South Public School students have won six distinctions in recent tests run by the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools organisation.**

There were 14 credits, nine merits and 30 participation certificates awarded.

The tests were run online and are an academic competition which aims to give students the opportunity to challenge their higher order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, mathematics, science, writing, spelling and digital technologies.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 5 Nov 2024  
Woy Woy South Public School

**Woy Woy Peninsula Community Childcare Centre has a possum box.**

Temporarily vacated while the centre had some backyard renovations, the possum is back.

The children and educators keep leftover fruit from morning tea to give to him to fill up his belly before he has a sleep.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 31 Oct 2024  
Woy Woy Peninsula  
Community Childcare.



## Collaborative practice days at Ettalong

**EDUStaff at Ettalong Public School last week participated in “collaborative practice days” in their stage teams, led by curriculum and instruction assistant principals Mr Aaron Johnston and Ms Renee Robertson.**

“These days are held every five weeks and are an opportunity for our staff to reflect on their teaching practices and student achievement data,” said principal Ms Jodie Campbell.

“They can dive deeper into

research and professional learning in line with the focus areas and priorities from our school strategic plan and the new curriculum reforms being implemented in NSW.

“As a team, we will be analysing our student data for this term in literacy to plan our explicit teaching focus areas for the remainder of term four.

“In addition to this, all stage teams will be diving into work samples and looking at examples of achievement to draft our stage-based marking criteria as we

prepare our semester two reports.

“These opportunities for our staff to collaborate, develop their teaching practice and plan for quality teaching in our classroom are such an important part of the work we are doing to support student growth and attainment at Ettalong Public School.

“We look forward to celebrating the great things that come out of the week.”

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 31 Oct 2024  
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong  
Public School





## Year 4 students take Raw Challenge

Year 4 students at St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School attended a Raw Challenge on Friday, November 1.

"This was a fun opportunity for the students to work together as a team, to overcome some physically and mentally challenging obstacles," said school principal Ms Nicole Davies.

"Everyone participated with

excellent spirit and showed kindness and compassion to their peers, encouraging everyone to 'give it a go'.

"The Year 4 teachers are extremely proud of each and every participant for doing their personal best and for cheering each other on."

SOURCE:  
Social media, 7 Nov 2024  
SJB Catholic Primary School.

## Umina Beach Public School will have an emergency evacuation practice tomorrow, Tuesday, November 12.

"Emergency evacuations are conducted regularly and are a vital part towards ensuring the well-being and safety of our students, staff and visitors," said principal Ms Karen Wardlaw.

"We will alert our community prior to the evacuation, to minimise inconvenience to parents and

carers who may be planning on visiting the school around midday.

"Our teachers are preparing students for this important event, teaching explicit safety expectations and routines so that our students feel prepared, calm and confident.

"We aim to promote a culture of safety within our school community, making sure all our students have heard the emergency bells and have been exposed to the volume of the bell, to reduce possible

anxiety or concern.

"Our teachers address student questions and provide relevant information so that our students are well prepared for any possible emergency."

The practice evacuation will be held between 12.15pm and 12.45pm.

Anyone on site at this time will be required to evacuate the site, along with staff and students.

SOURCE:  
Newsletter, 6 Nov 2024  
Umina Beach Public School



## College girls contest State grand final

Brisbane Water Secondary College's girls rugby league has played for the State Championship on Wednesday, October 30, after defeating Bass High School earlier this year.

The team shot out to an early 10-0 lead, with all of their skill,

speed, and toughness were on full display, according to their coaches.

A patient opposition hung in there, and scored just before halftime to make the score 10-6.

The combination of injuries to key players and the hot conditions worked against the College team as the opposition finished the better team, ending up with a 20-10 win.

"It is a mammoth achievement for one of our teams to progress to the State grand final, and it needs to be acknowledged that this was an outstanding achievement from an outstanding team," said coaches Mr Pat Crouch, Mr Kevin Hulls and Mr Jeff Coroneos.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 31 Oct 2024  
BWSC Woy Woy

## Raffle for Year 6 Farewell

Woy Woy South Public School will hold a raffle this week to raise money for its Year 6 Farewell and parting gifts.

Prizes include two family passes for Luna Park and a \$50 voucher for Everglades Country Club.

Tickets are \$2 each or three for

\$5.

They will be on sale on Monday, Wednesday and Friday under the Years K-2 Cola.

On Tuesday and Thursday, they will be on sale under the Years 3-6 Cola.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 7 Nov 2024  
Woy Woy South Public School

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## Ettalong scoops the pool

**Ettalong Eagles scooped the pool in the Regional Women's Bowls Pairs competition at Ourimbah on Wednesday, October 30.**

State competition was won by Tracy Wiblen and Sarah McKay, defeating Mary Farrugia and Gerry

Murphy from Ourimbah.

Senior competition was won by Karen Croker and Anastasia Koutsellis, defeating Ginna Bennett and Laurie Mead from Munmorah.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 30 Oct 2024  
Ettalong Eagles



## To play for Umina United

**A soccer player who started with Umina United as an under-5, before going on to a professional career, is returning to play for the club next year.**

Player Chris Payne said: "Coming back to Umina means a lot.

"It's the club I started with as a junior in Under 5s.

"Growing up watching first grade as a kid, Sunday afternoons at Umina Oval was always exciting.

"Now, all my kids play for Umina, and being able to come back after so many years means a lot to me and my family.

"My dad coached first grade, and my two brothers played under him, so Umina has always been a family club for us.

"I'm excited for next year.

"After just missing out on promotion, I hope I can help the club and team achieve that goal and assist younger players as they learn and grow.

"It's going to be an exciting and successful year for the club."

Chris has had a career, which



has included scoring 133 goals and representing clubs like Sydney FC, Newcastle Jets, APIA Leichhardt FC, and most recently, Bankstown City Lions FC, where he concluded his professional journey.

He represented Australia at uUnder-20 and under-23 levels.

Chris has stayed involved with Umina, coaching the under-11A team this year and receiving his 30-year service medal this season for his dedication to the club.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 4 Nov 2024  
Umina United

## Mollie wins top surf life saving award

**Umina Surf Life Saving Club's director of surfing Mollie Murphy has been named Australian Surf Lifesaver of the Year, the highest individual award that can be received in surf life saving**

The citation stated: "Mollie Murphy has been a passionate lifesaver and Umina SLSC member since she joined as a nipper.

"Patrolling since 2012, she has logged an impressive 781 hours, including 147.5 hours this season alone, serving in various roles such as director of lifesaving and patrol captain.

"Mollie's hands-on approach ensures beach safety across all 12 patrol teams, while her leadership has led to over 68,000 preventative actions and 300 rescues.

"Beyond her operational duties, Mollie is committed to youth



development, overseeing activities that connect young members to the core values of the organisation.

"She has spearheaded initiatives like the U15 Leadership Development Program and organised youth patrol trips, significantly boosting engagement and skill development.

"Her efforts have empowered young women within the

club, fostering leadership and participation in programs like the Women's Patrol.

"Mollie's resilience was particularly evident during a challenging incident on Christmas Day, where she provided support to her patrol team following a tragic event.

"Her proactive approach to learning from this experience has improved safety protocols and team cohesion.

"Her innovative programs, including the Patrol of the Year process and Pink and Rainbow Patrols, have transformed member engagement, fostering a sense of belonging and motivation.

"Mollie's impact extends to enhancing the club's community presence, making Umina SLSC a vibrant and inclusive environment."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 9 Nov 2024  
Umina Surf Life Saving Club

## Bridge club has 19 pairs for Cup Day

**Brisbane Water Bridge Club had 19 pairs sign up for its Melbourne Cup Day pairs competition.**

North-south winners were novices Fiona and Ross Templeton, while east-west winners were Sylvia Foster and Jaan Oitmaa.

Players were able to watch the Cup on the big screen with the online coverage.

The day included prizes, sweeps and hats, as well as bridge.

Many made their favourite salad or dessert to go with lunch.

North-South results were:

1 Fiona Templeton - Ross Templeton 273.0 (56.88 per cent), 0.30 green points.

2 Marilyn Jarrett - Jenny Buckley 270.0 (56.25), 0.21.

3 Christine Hadaway - Donelle Foate 269.0 (56.04), 0.15.

4 Graham Woof - Carolyn Harper 253.0 (52.71), 0.10.

5 Kerrel Walker - Barry Foster 235.0 (48.96).

5 Peter Hume - Felicity Fane 235.0 (48.96).



7 Gai Mylne - Helen White 232.0 (48.33).

8 Robyn Serra - Meg McGregor 210.0 (43.75).

9 Lorraine Lindsay - Edith Marshall 183.0 (38.12).

East-West results were:

1 Jaan Oitmaa - Sylvia Foster 274.0 (63.43), 0.30.

2 Hope Tomlinson - Martin Johnson 257.0 (59.49), 0.21.

3 Lynne Rainford - Hilary Owen 256.0 (59.26), 0.15.

4 Frankie Craven - Deborah Guthrie 248.0 (57.41), 0.10.

5 Susan McCall - Pamela Joseph 247.0 (57.18), 0.08.

6 Austin Driscoll - Stephen Calcroft 225.0 (52.08).

7 Elaine Hume - Daryll Knowles 204.0 (47.22).

8 Kathryn Ivits - Alma Van Der Walt 200.0 (46.30).

9 John Sandra - Bernadette Sandra 168.0 (38.89).

10 Fiona Galea - Maureen Lockwood 81.0 (18.75).

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 6 Nov 2024  
Brisbane Water Bridge Club

## Umina women play major pairs final

**The Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club held its 2024-25 Major Pairs finals on Sunday, October 27.**

"We only had five entries this year," according to website editor Ms Lesley Swales.

"There were some weather delays but on the whole conditions were favorable for the players."

In the semi-finals, Barbara Schultz and Janet Ellery defeated Lee Van Lint and Cheryl Catchpool, while Aileen Robertson and Lauren Ford defeated Renette Burgess

and Lynne Gordon in a closely-fought match.

In the final, "we saw some great bowling".

"Aileen and Lauren forged ahead but Barbara and Jan gradually got going.

"However, Aileen and Lauren proved too strong on the day to win."

Pictured are winners Lauren Ford and Aileen Robertson.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 28 Oct 2024  
Lesley Swales, UBWBC

