



The low/mid-rise area is shaded orange. The circle shows 800m from the station entrance. See zone map, page 4.

Greens announce candidate for Robertson

The Greens have announced their candidate for the federal seat of Robertson is Ms Cheryl Wallace.

Ms Wallace said her priorities included putting dental and mental health into Medicare, building more genuinely affordable homes and freezing rents for immediate relief, making education free from early childhood through to TAFE and university, and acting on climate change to reduce the costs that will come with extreme weather.

Ms Wallace moved to the Coast since retiring after 45 years as a registered nurse.

"As a former nurse, health care is a subject I'm passionate about.

"I will campaign to get dental and mental health into Medicare.

"In a country like ours, people shouldn't have to choose between



rent and their health.

They should be able to manage both these basic human rights."

SOURCE:

Media release, 9 Mar 2025
Chantelle Baistow, Central Coast Greens

State moves to increase Woy Woy housing density

The State Labor Government has introduced planning provisions to increase housing density around Woy Woy.

The measures which aim to "boost housing supply around transport and town centres, improve affordability, maintain the character of an area and build better communities" were introduced on Friday, February 28.

A Ministerial media release describes "low and mid-rise housing areas" as "residential-zoned land within 800 metres walking distance from a mapped town centre or the entrance of a nominated train, metro or light rail station".

However, the Woy Woy map shows walking distances of up to 1.25km to the railway station, and around 950 metres to shopping centre entrances.

The new provisions will allow dual occupancies, multi-dwelling developments, terrace houses and residential flats in Burge Rd, Robin Cres and part of Camelia Circuit and Brick Wharf Rd, which are zoned R2 "low density" residential.

Most of the Woy Woy low and mid-rise housing area is currently zoned R1, where these medium density developments are already permitted.

However, new "non-discretionary" standards will apply across the whole area.

These will allow dual occupancies, multi-dwelling developments, terrace houses,

residential flats and shop-top housing up to 9.5 metres high, with floor space ratios of up to 0.8:1 in the case of flats and shop-top housing.

Floor space ratios for terraces and multi-dwelling housing may be up to 0.7:1, and 0.65:1 for dual occupancies.

They will all be allowed where the lot width is 12 metres, except for terraces which will need a minimum width of 18 metres.

Terraces, flats and shop-top housing may be built on a minimum lot size of 500 square metres.

Multi-dwelling housing will require a minimum lot size of 600 square metres, while dual occupancies will require only 450 square metres.

Terraces, flats and shop-top housing will require only one car space for every two dwellings, while dual occupancies and multi-dwelling housing will need one space per dwelling.

Terraces and dual occupancies may be subdivided to a minimum lot width of six metres, and a minimum lot size of 225 square metres for dual occupancies and 165 square metres for terraces.

Planning Minister Mr Paul Scully said: "Without these changes, New South Wales risks becoming a state without a future because it's simply too expensive to put a roof over your head.

"The Low and Mid-Rise housing policy will reintroduce housing choice and diversity back into our communities, filling the

missing middle between high-rise apartments and greenfield development.

"These changes still allow councils to assess important development conditions including parking, light access and minimum frontages."

He said sites were selected on criteria including access to goods and services in the area, public transport frequencies and travel times.

Other considerations were critical infrastructure capacity, hazards and constraints, local housing targets and "rebalancing growth".

"The Low and Mid-Rise policy has been consulted on extensively, with the NSW Government publicly exhibiting the policy and carefully considering feedback from councils, town planners, architects, developers, Government agencies, and community groups."

"Allowing low and mid-rise housing in more locations will help increase the number of homes in our state, improve affordability for renters and buyers and give people a choice on the type of home they want to live in.

"Housing choice and diversity is at the heart of the Minns Government's planning reforms – a choice of where they want to live, what kind of home they want to live in and when they want to make that move."

SOURCE:

Media release, 21 Feb 2024
Paul Scully, Minister for Planning
Map: NSW Planning Portal

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The service, which claims to have 950,850 customers, stated: "Our cloud infrastructure provider had a huge bug in their latest software update and, as the result, it literally deleted 330 of our servers from our cloud in our Las Vegas datacenter."

The service was not restored until Saturday.

While we were able to set up our email with another provider, it will take us another week to recover our previous emails.

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Mark Snell, 9 Mar 2025

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Minister visits senior cits

Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid dropped into the Ettalong senior citizens' centre with Federal Minister for Health and Aged Care Mr Mark Butler on his visit to the Peninsula last week.

"The Ettalong 50-Plus Leisure

and Learning Centre is a hub of activity," said Dr Reid.

"It was great to show Minister Butler this fantastic centre and introduce him to some of our community."

SOURCE:

Social media, 6 Mar 2025

Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson

Homemade goods sought for Easter book fair

The Pearl Beach Easter Book Fair will be held from 9am to 5pm on Saturday, April 19, in the Pearl Beach Community Memorial Hall in Diamond Ave, Pearl Beach.

A "Homemade by Locals" stall will run for a third year this year, and is seeking contributions of crafts and cakes.

Donations are wanted of

candles, bags, jewellery, knitted and crocheted items, ceramics, cards, clothing and decor.

Bakers are also wanted to supply the stall with homemade cakes on the morning of the fair.

All proceeds from the fair will go to the Pearl Beach Progress Association.

SOURCE:

Social media, 7 mar 2025

Friends of Pearl Beach

February ends with half average rainfall

Less than half the average monthly rainfall was recorded on the Peninsula in February.

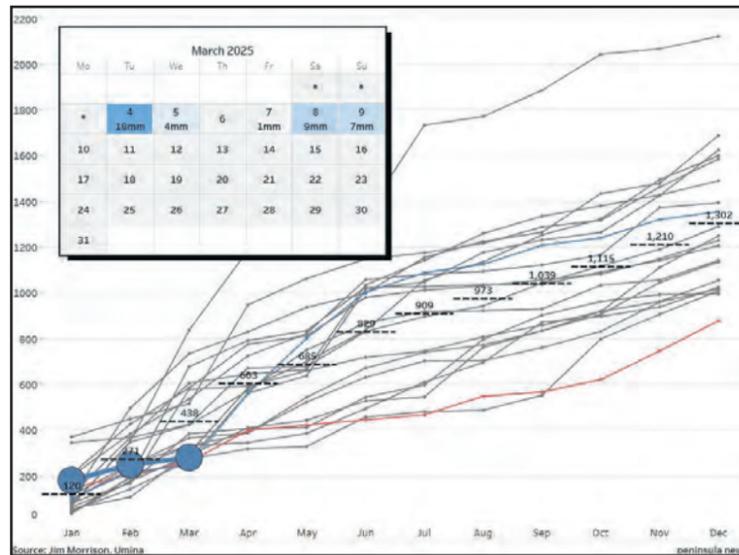
A total of 68.5mm was recorded for the month, only 45 per cent of the month's average of 155mm.

It was the third driest February in 20 years, with only 2023 and 2016 recording lower figures.

The cumulative total at the end of February was 246.7mm 10.3 per cent less than the average of 275mm.

In the first nine days of March, 38.9mm has been recorded, less than a quarter of the month's average of 174mm..

More details, including daily rainfall figures, are available online via <http://penne.ws/Rain>.



SOURCE:

Spreadsheet, 9 Mar 2025
 Jim Morrison, Umina

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Italian festival to be held in Ettalong

An Italian Festival will be held at the Galleria and Ettalong Beach Tourist Resort in Ocean View Rd from 9am to 4pm on Saturday and Sunday, March 22 and 23.

The festival is expected to turn the area into a "Little Italy" for a weekend filled with food, activities, artisan stalls and entertainment.

Dancing and singing will be encouraged with performers on two stages throughout the weekend.

A pasta-eating competition will

be held at 12pm each day and a gelato-licking competition at 2pm.

The Market and Piazza stages will host free entertainment with Italian singers George Vumbaca and Sam Pellegrino.

The piazzas will host to a plethora of food stalls including cannoli, vino, birra and coffee, together with the boutique shops and artisans which line the Galleria.

SOURCE:

Social media, 4 Mar 2025
Ettalong Diggers Visitor Information Centre

Churches to vote on service times

The Central Coast South Uniting Churches at Umina and Kincumber will vote on service times after each Sunday service on March 23.

The current service times of 9am at Umina and 11am at Kincumber were adopted on a trial basis for three months to the end of March.

These times were intended to enable a part-time minister to lead worship twice a month at both worship centres, rather than once a month previously, thus deepening contact and rapport

with both congregations.

The result will be determined by the total vote across both congregations, counting only the votes of those who attend on the day.

Church Council will then set and announce the service times from April 6 onwards.

The service on March 30 will be a combined service at Kincumber at 10am.

SOURCE:

Newsletter, 9 Mar 2025
Central Coast South Uniting Churches

Liberals to expand youth services

Liberal candidate for Robertson Ms Lucy Wicks announced yesterday, Sunday, March 9, that a Federal Liberal Government would provide \$1 million more to the Regional Youth Support Service to enable it to expand its outreach activities to Umina and on the Peninsula.

The extra \$1,011,350 for the Gosford Youth Hub would "bring the total funding for the program to \$2 million following the announcement of the \$988,650 grant from the Australian Government last week", she said.

"This will expand the program to deliver services to youth aged from 10 to 25 and enable the service to deliver engagement outreach activities to Terrigal and Kincumber and to Umina and the Peninsula."

She said a Liberal Government would also provide up to \$800,000 for the Central Coast Council for the upgrade and operation of CCTV networks over a four-year period.

"This funding would mean people would feel safe in their community as they go about their lives," Ms Wicks said.

"Investing in youth groups and support organisations that play a critical role in our community will help to keep young people off the path of crime and reduce



recidivism.

"This funding will help deliver vital early intervention programs for high-risk youth and improve security around community spaces.

"Our community is fed up with crime.

"Countless locals have told

me stories of break-ins that have scarred this community.

"This community deserves better, and I will fight every day for the safety and security of our community."

SOURCE:

Media release, 9 Mar 2025
Lucy Wicks, Liberal candidate for Robertson

Council will plant street trees, says shade group

The Peninsula's Grow Urban Shade Trees group has been told that council workers will plant street trees for residents who order free street trees through the group this autumn.

Despite the Council having a "limited" budget, the group is welcoming the move as "a small but significant step towards catching up to other councils".

The group was hoping that the council would wide-scale street tree planting as a standard service "as we see in other local government areas", said group member Ms Jen Wilder.

The voluntary group, which

currently provides a free street tree planting service, would like the council to take over its role.

Ms Wilder said the change would require a "cultural shift", encouraged by residents and sympathetic friends from other council areas.

"Heat now the most fatal of all natural hazards," said Ms Wilder.

"Shading hot impervious surfaces, like roads, has never been more important."

She said the group was currently taking orders for street trees by email, social media and its website.

SOURCE:

Social media, 24 Feb 2025
Grow Urban Shade Trees

Raffle prizes wanted

Woy Woy South Public School's Parents and Citizens Association is currently seeking raffle prize contributions.

The raffle will be drawn at the school's Movie Under The Stars on Friday, May 2.

Tickets will be on sale from Tuesday, April 1, until Thursday, May 1, with all funds raised being used to purchase new classroom resources.

"In recognition of contributions, we will promote businesses through our social media and school newsletter."

SOURCE:

Social media, 5 Mar 2025
Woy Woy South Public School P/C

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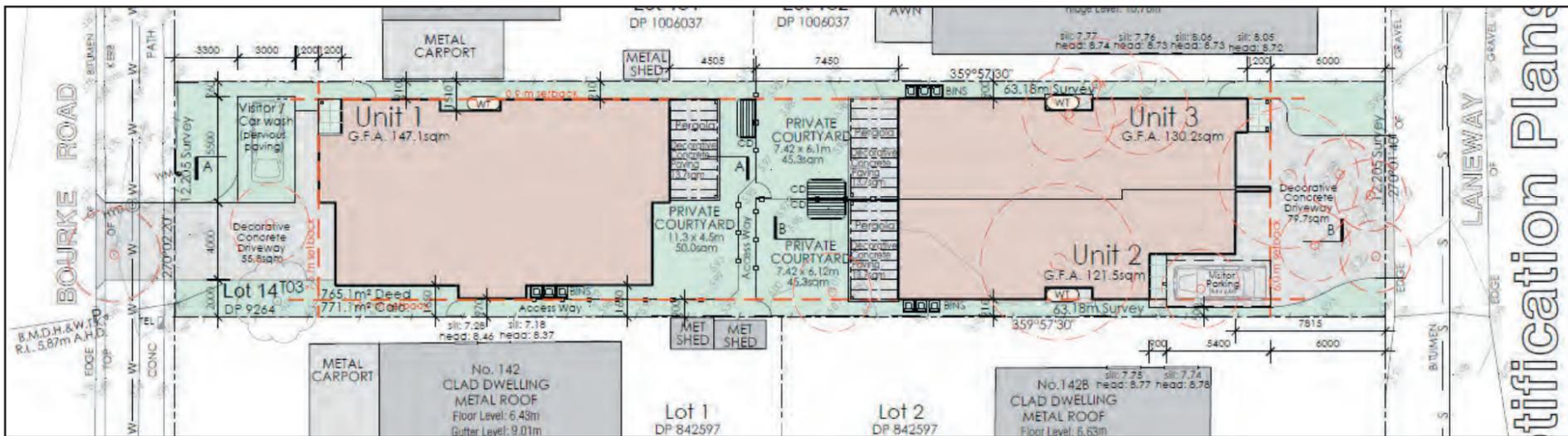
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Planning



Multi-dwelling development to have 'decorative' concrete

An application for a multi-dwelling development, featuring "decorative concrete" paving, at 140 Bourke Rd, Umina Beach, proposes three townhouses in two buildings on the 771.1 square metre site.

Two units in one building would face the rear lane and be built as the first stage.

They are proposed to have one car park each, along with a visitor park positioned adjacent to the second unit's front door.

The second stage would be a single dwelling facing Bourke Rd.

The rear units are set back six metres from the lane, while the front unit is setback 7.5 metres from Bourke Rd.

The plans show most of the rear setback used as driveway and manoeuvring space, composed of "decorative" coloured concrete with a crossover eight metres wide.

The front unit will have one off-street park with a four metre wide driveway, also composed of "decorative" concrete.

It will have a car wash/visitor park parallel with Bourke Rd composed of "permeable" concrete, which is claimed as part of the landscaped area.

The application proposes the removal of 12 trees on site and a street tree, while one tree with poisonous leaves is retained.

It claims that the new landscaping will compensate for the loss of vegetation.

The landscape plan shows five trees and shrubs limited to the

front and rear of the site, and one street tree.

No shrubs or trees in the central private open space areas, which instead will have "decorative" concrete paving and pergolas.

Residents of the rear units would take their rubbish bins to Bourke Rd via an "access way" in the side setback between the side fence and front unit (Unit 1).

The side setbacks are claimed as part of the landscaping area and, for Units 1 and 2, are shown on the landscape plan as "gravel".

The application states that a small portion of the site is located within a flood planning area, with a flood certificate showing the probable maximum flood level at 5.91 metres AHD.

The application states that all habitable floor space has been designed to be above this level.

The floor space ratio of the development of 0.517:1 slightly exceeds the maximum of 0.5:1 of the planning provisions, and a clause 4.6 variation request has been submitted for this.

In other minor variations, the garages fronting the rear laneway "slightly exceed 50 per cent" of the building frontage.

The other non-compliance is a lack of sunlight for Unit 1's private open space area.

No shadow diagrams have been provided in the public exhibition documents. These are required according to Central Coast planning provisions.

The application states that "the proposed variation is considered appropriate due to the orientation of the land and siting of the unit to Bourke Rd.

"The private open space for Unit 1 is south facing.

"This has been taken into account in the design of the unit with the living room orientated to the north as well as the provision of a balcony and porch within the northern elevation."

The applicant contends that the objectives of the development standard and land use zoning are achieved and also that the proposal is consistent with the Umina 4: Sandplain Mixed Density character statement.

The application is currently on exhibition and open for written submissions until April 4.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 8 Mar 2025
DA/105/2025, Central Coast Council



Woy Woy zoning map

Reproduced above is the current zoning map for the Woy Woy area.

The majority of the area is zoned R1, the Peninsula's medium density zone, coloured light pink.

The darker pink is the R2 low density residential zone, within

which dual occupancies, multi-dwelling developments, terrace houses and residential flats will now be allowed under the Low and Mid-Rise housing policy.

SOURCE:
Media release, 21 Feb 2025
Paul Scully, Minister of Planning

Parking changed to loading zone in Ettalong

Central Coast Council will change quarter hour parking in front of the Box Cafe in Ettalong to be a loading zone from 6am to 8am.

The Central Coast Traffic Committee has been told: "Recent changes in waste collection arrangements have raised safety concerns from the new contractor as there is currently no formalised provision for waste collection adjacent to the cafe.

The change to a loading zone "enables waste collection and deliveries from larger vehicles to occur between 6am and 8am".

"At all other times, the spaces may be utilised by deliveries from smaller vehicles, short-term use by customers of the business, or residents picking up and dropping off from the waterfront area.

"It is noted that under the NSW Road Rules, larger vehicles may legally park across multiple angle spaces to facilitate loading and

unloading of goods. "Adjacent unrestricted parking is available for longer term users of the waterfront.

"Consultation was carried out with adjacent businesses and residents, noting the business's preference is to have a Loading Zone with a longer timeframe.

"The cost for the installation of the sign posting will be accommodated within the existing traffic facilities budget and be undertaken as soon as work priorities permit.

"The proposal aims to resolve some historical issues around the legalities of vehicles using the Loading Zone and a more recent issue concerning the safety of commercial waste vehicles.

The Traffic Committee carried a resolution to make the change unanimously.

SOURCE:
Central Coast Local Traffic Committee TC07/2025, 20 Feb 2025

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CWA branch to continue well-being partnership

The Woy Woy branch of the Country Women's Association intends to continue its "student well-being partnership" with Woy Woy Public School for the 2025 school year.

The branch started fortnightly deliveries of groceries for the school's Breakfast Club in the last term of last year.

The deliveries allow the school to expand its menu to include a greater variety of fruit options – peaches, nectarines, pears and bananas – where previously the branch had only been able to offer students apples.

The branch has also donated boxes of muesli bars and fruit bars, cheese slices and tubs of margarine which has allowed the school to provide lunch and recess

offerings in the form of sandwiches and snacks.

The branch also donated funding towards a student well-being program for the boys who attend the Umina Police Citizens Youth Club every Thursday to participate in a physical education and social skills training course.

The program aims to equip these students with the ability to be in control of their emotional responses through grounding, centredness and mental focus, increased self-respect, self-control and self-confidence, and enhanced resilience skills and wellbeing.

The branch is seeking support from the community in attending its market days and its pop-up shop every Wednesday from 9am to 12pm for gifts, jams and pickles."

SOURCE: Social media, 3 Mar 2025 CWA Woy Woy



New leaf insects at childcare centre

Woy Woy Peninsula Community Childcare centre's leaf insect, Indy, has been joined by three new

companions. The Starfish Room children were said to be keen to engage with the new class pets. The three new insects will be

named soon.

SOURCE: Social media, 24 Feb 2025 Woy Woy Peninsula Community Childcare



CWA serves Devonshire teas

With the sun is shining on Sunday, Woy Woy branch of the Country Women's Association served Devonshire teas at its Woy Woy hall.

A wide range of hand made crafts, jams, pickles and cakes were also available.

SOURCE: Social media, 9 Mar 2025 CWA Woy Woy Branch

Cr Neal to attend meeting at Patonga

Central Coast Councillor Belinda Neal will attend the next meeting of the Patonga Progress Association at 10am on Saturday, April 5, at the Patonga Progress Hall.

Cr Neal is expected to introduce herself to the community and to take questions about the Council.

Patonga and Pearl Beach community members are invited to attend.

SOURCE: Social media, 4 Mar 2025 Pearl Beach Progress Association



Skate Jam was 'exceptional, incredible'

The Umina Community Group has described the Umina Beach Overboard Skate Jam held on Saturday, February 22, as "an exceptional day" and "an incredible success".

Volunteers from the group planned the event and helped on

the day to ensure it ran smoothly. "The skaters who put on a superb display of tricks and skills."

The group thanked the sponsors who made the day possible.

SOURCE: Social media, 27 Feb 2025 Umina Community Group



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Do people on the Peninsula want to pay for Warnervale Airport?

The issue of Warnervale Airport (an Aircraft Landing Area) has raised its head again. An airport in Wyong was first considered by the State Planning Authority in 1968. It was envisioned that it would ultimately be an international Airport.

For many in the community, the airport has been controversial due to impacts on the amenity of residential areas, the financial impacts on Council and impacts on the significant Porters Creek wetland. In 1996, legislation was introduced to restrict the aircraft movements and the length and site of the runway (the WAR Act).

Under the former Wyong Council, there were grand schemes that would incrementally expand and upgrade the site to a standard that would have allowed commercial and passenger operations. During this period, Wyong Council was found to have "unlawfully

cleared" protected vegetation and was fined.

The former Central Coast Council made a number of decisions that allowed existing operations to continue at the site whilst protecting the wetland. In 2021, the WAR Act was repealed. Then, under Administration, Rik Hart overturned many of the resolutions of the former Central Coast Council.

Most recently, Council staff have put forward an Airport Master Plan. This masterplan continues to be contentious. It was adopted at the February meeting by a narrow margin.

For: Liberal (McNamara, McWaide, Wright, Stanton, Eaton), Team Central Coast (McKinna, Daniels, Moulard)

Against: Labor (MacGregor, Castles, Crowley, Walsh, Neal) Independents (Lamont, Smith)

What do you think? - take our poll:

Some issues to consider: - Financial impact:

- Concerns about the amount of ratepayer funds that subsidise the airport. The airport generates \$67K /year whilst Council is spending \$156K to cover the losses.
- The masterplan has an indicative spend of approx \$19.5 million over the next 10 years
- Councillors are being warned about challenges ahead in Council's long term financial position - and difficult decisions that will lie ahead
- **Opportunity cost?** - some Councillors are calling for all options to be considered for this land. What is the best use of the land? - should Council continue to own and spend money on its current use?

These questions are being ignored by Councillors that support the existing airport activity.

... and what about the conflicts of interest?

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Forum

Umina will be prime target for next Ministerial rezonings

The Minister has announced the selection of seven areas where multi-unit residential development will now be allowed in what have been, up to now, low-density residential zones.

The new zones are around Woy Woy, Gosford and Wyong stations and around Westfield, Erina, Green Point and The Entrance shopping areas.

Some of the surrounds to these points are unbuildable, commercially-developed or already zoned for multi-unit residential, so it is difficult to know how many possible sites will actually be opened up by this move.

If we had a Council that cared about the community, the potential new sites for development would have been identified, and the residents of the new zones would have been informed of the possible effects of the change.

Instead, it will be for every affected individual to unearth his own information and make his own

assessment of the situation.

According to the Minister, the sites have been chosen, based on access to services, availability of public transport, infrastructure capacity and the aim of "balancing growth" (whatever that means - probably nothing).

However, based on those criteria, some of the selections appear to be idiosyncratic, to say the least.

It would be interesting, for example, to see the scoring system that identifies the Green Point shopping centre as a first priority for multi-unit residential development in the region.

However, let's not expect the Council to enlighten us on this point, as the Planning Department with the worst approvals record in the state can hardly have time to look into matters of community impact that would require some real planning analysis, and our elected representatives seem to have been singularly silent on the whole process.

Let's also not wonder whether

the Council is ready with any forward thinking about the urban shape that these zones might take under the new regime.

It is, in fact, easy to predict that the outcome will be the usual developers' schemozzle, with the Minister's already lowered planning standards stretched to the limits (and beyond) in the interests of maximizing profits, and the public be damned.

It is a pity that it will work out this way, because the Minister, in principle, is right: it was necessary to provide space for a wider range of residential accommodation.

However, the devil is always in the detail in these matters, and this is where the system will certainly fail.

House owners near the Umina shopping centre had better look to their interests, because anyone can see that this will be a prime target for the next round of Ministerial rezonings.

SOURCE:
Email, 2 Mar 2025
Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy

Health



Selected as personality for Cancer Council

Ettalong Diggers community and tourism manager Ms Kim Cole has been selected among "a squad of local personalities" to take part in the Cancer Council's Stars of the Central Coast dance spectacular.

The "Stars" consist of well-known locals who are learning to dance in 12 weeks with the help of dance teachers while raising funds for Cancer Council NSW.

The night will include dancing, raffles, auctions, and entertainment on Friday, June 13, at the Laycock St Theatre in Wyoming, with a

target of raising \$181,000.

Admission will cost \$95 and \$135.

Money raised from the event will go towards Cancer Council NSW for cancer research, prevention programs, advocacy, and support services for the one in two Australians diagnosed with cancer by the age of 85.

With inquiries about the event, and how to access Cancer Council services, phone Ms Holly Bennett on 4336 4507 or email holly.bennett@nswcc.org.au.

SOURCE:
Social media, 27 Feb 2025
Ettalong Diggers

We rely on the ABC in times of crisis

Our experience of watching and waiting for Tropical Cyclone Alfred in northern NSW and southeast Queensland reminds us of how much we rely on our ABC to keep us up-to-date in

times of crisis.

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Indeed, locally, our Central Coast ABC radio delivers invaluable information and live alerts to keep us safe and up to

date.

The Central Coast Branch of the Friends of the ABC urges us to vote for a candidate who supports a fearless independent ABC in the forthcoming the Federal election.

SOURCE:
Email, 9 Mar 2025
Stephanie Short, Woy Woy

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Autumn is 'ideal time' for planting trees

The Peninsula's Grow Urban Shade Trees group has already planted five new trees for local residents this month.

"Autumn is an ideal time to

plant as we look forward to cooler weather," said group member Ms Deb Sunartha.

SOURCE: Social media, 2 Mar 2025
Grow Urban Shade Trees



Students join Clean4Shore for Clean-up Day

Students from Brisbane Waters Secondary College spent Schools Clean-up Australia Day with local marine clean-up organisation Clean4shore.

A peak high tide saw the group move to Cockle Bay, near Empire Bay Public School, with the mangroves yielding plenty of plastic bottles and soft plastic, according to co-ordinator Mr Graham "Jono" Johnston.

Five balls were found at the first drop off point.

Oyster production materials and marine ply was again present with 14 baskets, oyster mesh and rubber found in Cockle Bay.

"Closer to the old jetty, plenty more plastic and glass beer bottles were collected," said Mr Johnston.

The group found that the small island at the end of Empire Bay

channel had been frequented by "irresponsible campers", with a tree cut down to make a tarpaulin shelter, he said.

More beer bottles were collected.

A small damaged fibreglass dingy was pulled from the mangroves along Empire Bay.

Rileys Island foreshore was cleaned for 150 metres, with another three bags of plastics and oyster baskets removed.

The group removed another abandoned campsite on Pelican Island's eastern foreshore close to Paddy's Channel.

"It was a good effort by these boys, well supported by the supervising staff, with 260kg off-loaded at Woy Woy Tip."

SOURCE: Social media, 26 Feb 2025
Graham Johnston, Clean4shore

Two-time Olympian named as local Woman of the Year

Two-time Olympic silver medallist Nicola Olyslagers from Tascott has been recognised as Gosford Local Woman of the Year.

"The Local Woman of the Year Awards recognise and celebrate progressive thinkers, everyday heroes, social advocates and community role models," said Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch, herself a Paralympian.

"Olyslagers was nominated for her contribution to sport, recognising her determination and athleticism.

"Nicola's passion for the Central Coast and for fostering local grass roots sport and athletes is clear through her work with developing athlete programs."

Ms Tesch said that 93 women had been nominated by their local

MPs to be acknowledged during NSW Women's Week, which ran from March 2-8, an annual week-long celebration with activities that empower women and promote gender equality.

"Nicola is such an exceptional role model in our community, not just for her Olympic medals, but the kindness, humility and dedication to community that she has shown within the athletics space," said Ms Tesch.

"Nicola's achievements in the sporting arena go much further than her world-topping achievements.

"Nicola has a fierce commitment to inspiring and shaping the next generation of athletes right here at home on the Central Coast."

SOURCE: Media release, 7 Mar 2025
Joely Langmaid, Office of the Member for Gosford



Rotary president

The Rotary Club of Brisbane Water has announced that its president for 2025-26 will be Ms Cherie Simpson, who was president of the club from 2020-2023.

Ms Simpson attended the President-Elect Learning and Development Session with other incoming presidents in Rotary District 9685.

Pictured is District Governor-elect John Campbell with incoming presidents for 2025-26.

SOURCE: Social media, 9 Mar 2025
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Bridge club results

Brisbane Water Bridge Club held a pairs competition on Saturday, March 8.

North-south results were:
 1 Christine Hadaway - Donelle Foate 183.0 (61.00 per cent), 0.18 green points.
 2 Judy Wulff - Susan McCall 181.0 (60.33), 0.13.
 3 Faith Ross - Tracey Dillon 148.0 (49.33), 0.05.
 3 Fiona Templeton - Ross Templeton 148.0 (49.33), 0.05.
 5 Edith Marshall - Hilary Owen 145.0 (48.33).
 6 Robyn Serra - Helen Cashman 95.0 (31.67).

East-west results were:
 1 David Adams - Deborah Guthrie 196.0 (65.33 per cent), 0.18 green points.
 2 Karen Ody - Jim Routledge 165.0 (55.00), 0.13.
 3 Dasha Brandt - David Bowerman 153.0 (51.00), 0.09.
 4 Stephen Calcroft - Sue Eastman 132.0 (44.00).
 4 Joan Walsh - Jenny Buckley 132.0 (44.00).
 6 Anne Birt - Joasia Zakrzewski 122.0 (40.67).

SOURCE:
 Website, 9 Mar 2025
 Brisbane Water Bridge Club



Student artworks at Gosford gallery

Brisbane Water Secondary College students have had their artworks displayed at Central Vision at Gosford Regional Gallery.

Max Thornton's major HSC work, pictured, earned him the prestigious Photomedia Award. Dakota Wood took home the Stage 5 Award. The exhibition received strong

support from visual arts students and teachers from both college campuses.

SOURCE:
 Social media, 27 Feb 2025
 BWSC Woy Woy



Sisters meet at carnival

Three sisters, each a former Brisbane Water Secondary School captain, have met up at the College swimming carnival.

Ayva, Davara and Lucy Marshall were pictured at the carnival. Ayva, in the "Class of 2020", is studying to become a secondary English teacher and is hoping to

do her final teaching placement at the college. Former junior campus captain Davara is heading to university to become a paramedic. Youngest sister Lucy is one of our current school captains in 2025.

SOURCE:
 Social media, 3 Mar 2025
 BWSC Woy Woy

Kindergarten day

Ettalong Public School will hold an open day for families of next year's kindergarten students.

Information sessions and tours of the school will be held on Wednesday, March 26, from 9:30am to 10:30am and from 6pm to 7pm.

More information and enrolments are available at the school office on 4341 3655.

SOURCE:
 Social media, 4 Mar 2025
 Ettalong Public School

Shay wins Junior title

Everglades junior golfer Shay Bennett has won the overall title in Blue Mountains Junior Masters at Blackheath, as well as his own 14-15yr age group, with a score of -7 for 36 holes.

Over the weekend of February 22 and 23, he made two eagles and 10 birdies and he sealed his three-shot win by playing the final nine holes five under par.

SOURCE:
 Social media, 24 Feb 2025
 Everglades



Police investigate stabbing at Woy Woy

Police were investigating a stabbing at Woy Woy reported on Thursday, February 27.

Emergency services were called to a home on Ocean Beach Rd at 9:30pm, following reports of an assault.

Officers from Brisbane Water Police District were told an 18-year-old man was stabbed in the neck before he was taken to Woy Woy railway station.

NSW Ambulance attended and located the man with a stab wound.

He was taken to Gosford Hospital, where he was admitted in a critical condition.

Following inquiries, police arrested a 24-year-old man in Wendy Dr, Point Clare, a short time later.

He was taken to Gosford Police Station, before being released pending further investigations.

Inquiries led police to believe those involved in the incident are known to each other.

Police appealed for anyone with information about the incident to come forward and contact local police or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

SOURCE:
 Media release, 28 Feb 2025
 NSW Police media

James Browne oval used for hospital transfer

James Browne oval in Woy Woy was used by a rescue helicopter to transfer a patient between hospitals.

The Toll Rescue Helicopter was

reported to be landing at Gosford Hospital "before continuing their journey".

SOURCE:
 Social media, 3 Mar 2025
 NSW Central Coast Incident Alerts

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Double bill for folk club concert

Troubadour Folk Club will present a double bill at its concert at 2pm on Sunday, March 23, at the Everglades Country Club in Woy Woy.

"It's not often you get a two-for-one offer at a major concert, but that is exactly what the Troubadour Folk Club is offering," said president Mr Michael Fine.

"The Central Coast's very own Verve Harmony a cappella choir will open the show, demonstrating the joy of singing in harmony.

"Verve Harmony sing a wide range of world music in many different languages, including African, north and south American,

and eastern and western Europe. "They also include music from religious traditions, including gospel and spiritual.

"Verve Harmony is led by Elizabeth W Scott, who has worked with artists such as Peter, Paul and Mary to Italian pop baritone Andrea Bocelli."

The second half of the concert features the four-piece Celtic band, Kejafi.

The band comprises Fiona McVicar on violin and vocals, James Gastineau-Hills on violin and viola and Ken O'Neill on octave mandolin and guitar, joined by Ann Palumbo on double bass. "Kejafi effortlessly blends

beautiful songs and exhilarating traditional and original tunes that celebrate the deep Australian and Scottish connection," said Mr Fine.

"They have cultivated their own sound within the Celtic music world, bringing their unique take on modern and traditional folk songs and tunes from Scotland, Ireland and Australia, as well as adding to the repertoire with fresh, original tunes."

More information and bookings are available online at www.troubadour.org.au.

SOURCE:
Media release, 6 Mar 2025
Bill Young, Troubadour Central Coast

Short play scripts wanted for Flash Festival

Short play scripts with a theme of "Home" are wanted for this year's Flash Festival at Woy Woy Little Theatre.

Submissions may be made until Monday, May 5.

"Flash is a themed competitive short play festival, open to residents of the Central Coast and Hunter regions," said box office manager Mr Graham Vale.

It was designed to "encourage increased participation and opportunities for live theatre for writers and creatives".

"We welcome a mix of new and experienced writers, actors and directors," he said.

"It's about having a go." He said the group was unable to present writing workshops this

year, as it had in the past.

"However, we will again be presenting an acting and directing workshop on Saturday, June 28."

"Directors are currently being sought and will be selected after the close of script submissions on May 5.

Expressions of interest in the workshop and for auditions on July 27 are also being sought from actors.

Rehearsals will start on Monday, August 18, for performances on the weekend of September 19-21.

To register interest for any of the above, visit <https://www.woywoylt.com/flash25-script-submissions/>.

SOURCE:
Social media, 6 Mar 2025
Graham Vale, Woy Woy Little Theatre

Little Theatre auditions

Woy Woy Little Theatre will hold its next auditions at 7pm on Thursdays, March 13 and 20, at Peninsula Theatre, on the corner of McMasters and Ocean Beach Rds, Woy Woy.

The auditions will be for the comedy-farce Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike, by Christopher Durang.

The Tony Award-winning play will be the Little Theatre's July-August production, directed by Ms Terry Collins.

An audition pack is available online at <https://www.woywoylt.com>.

SOURCE:
Social media, 6 Mar 2025
Terry Collins, Woy Woy Little Theatre



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Education



Mass held at school for Ash Wednesday

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School held its Ash Wednesday Mass on Wednesday, March 5.

"Ash Wednesday is the annual holy day of prayer that traditionally marks the start of Lent, which occurs in the 40 days leading up to Easter," said school principal Ms Nicole Davies.

"Father Timothy reminded the children of this special time of year, when we are called to give extra love and kindness to one another, and to make promises of something we can do or give up during the season of Lent.

"The staff and students were blessed by the giving of ashes."

Each grades' promises for the season of Lent were placed on display in the front foyer.

"If you are walking by or visiting the office, we encourage you to read them as they are really beautiful."

Fr Timothy said: "Just as the trees give up something at this time of year, their leaves, they make their sacrifices, to make way for new growth underneath."

SOURCE:
Social media, 6 Mar 2025
SJB Catholic Primary School Woy Woy



College student selected for Minister's council

Brisbane Water Secondary College Year 10 student William Kennedy has been selected for the NSW Minister for Education's Student Representative Council.

William is one of 26 students from nine regions across the state who will have the opportunity to influence education policy and advocate for students at the highest level.

He is pictured with 2023 school captain Charli Grant, who also served on the Minister's advisory group.

"It's clear that Brisbane Water Secondary College continues to foster a strong pipeline of student leaders who make an impact well beyond the classroom," said Woy Woy campus principal Ms Rebecca Cooper.

"This rigorous selection process ensures only the most passionate and forward-thinking students are chosen to shape the future of



education in NSW.

"William will now work alongside the Minister for Education and key stakeholders, ensuring that student voices are heard and real change is made.

"We can't wait to see what he achieves in this role."

SOURCE:
Social media, 26 Feb 2025
Rebecca Cooper, BWSC Woy Woy

Bridget qualifies for state tennis championships

Brisbane Water Secondary College tennis play Bridget Broome has won her way through to the NSW All Schools tennis championships to be played in Bathurst.

Her performance in the Opens division has earned her a spot in the championships, where she will compete against the top 24 players in NSW across public, Combined Independent Schools, and other independent schools>

She achieved a bronze medal in Open Girls Doubles, fourth place in Open Mixed Doubles, and finished in the top eight in Open Singles out of 50 competitors.

At Bathurst, she will be battling it out for a chance to qualify for the National All Schools event in Bendigo later this year.



SOURCE:
Social media, 5 Mar 2025
BWSC Woy Woy

Awards for Woy Woy students

Two students at Woy Woy Public School have received Principal's and Citizenship Awards.

Kellas Ririnui was presented with a citizenship award for supporting younger students to achieve their personal best and fostering a positive learning environment Summer Weis received a Principal's Award for upholding the school expectations, demonstrating kindness, respect, and responsibility in interactions with younger students.

They are pictured receiving their awards from principal Ms Sandy Knowles.

SOURCE:
Social media, 2 Mar 2025
Woy Woy Public School



Music students learn the ukelele

Year 7 music students are reported to have been having "a great time learning the ukulele".

"They've been mastering the fundamentals, building their skills and enjoying collaborating with others," according to campus

principal Ms Kerrie Thomas.

SOURCE:
Social media, 1 Mar 2025
BWSC Umina

'Eco warriors' help with clean-up

Ettalong Public School students participated in Clean up Australia Day activities on Friday, February 28.

The "amazing eco warriors" were "learning about why it's important to look after our beautiful country", said school principal Ms Jodie Campbell.

SOURCE:
Social media, 28 Feb 2025
Ettalong Public School



Program led to marriage in Romania

A Woy Woy Lions rugby player has taken advantage of the club's player exchange program to go overseas, to visit many countries and to meet the love of his life, according to club president Mr Phil Burgess.

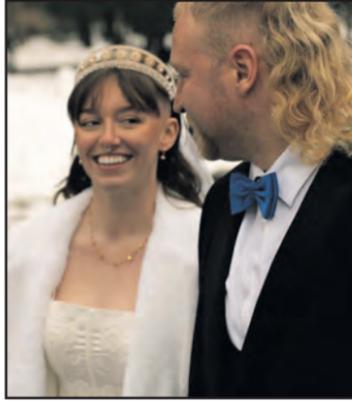
He said Max Edwards and Braydon Mako left the club about 18 months ago to play rugby "Our club helped them find a suitable club with Southwold RFC fitting the

bill." Max has now "tied the knot" with new wife Molly in Bucharest, Romania, at the end of February.

"Nothing in life happens until you make that first step," Mr Burgess said.

"If you are playing rugby with Woy Woy or are looking to play rugby, we are happy to support and help you to make this step to playing overseas."

SOURCE:
Social media, 1 Mar 2025
Phi Burgess, Woy Woy Rugby Club



President wants Umina United to remain a family club

New Umina United soccer club president Mr Danny Nelson says he wants to see the club continue as a "true family club".

Originally from the UK, he has lived in Umina for the past 10 years.

"When my family moved from Sydney, we only knew a couple of people, but through this incredible club, we've built friendships and made lifelong connections," he said.

"I've played, coached, and served on the committee as gear steward, and now I have the honour and big responsibility of carrying on the great work of those before me as president.

"My passion is football but, more than that, I want to see Umina United continue to be a true family club – a place where generations come to play, support, and belong.

"For my family, it's exactly that.



"Both my kids and my wife Tash play here, and she also helps run the canteens.

"So for us, it's a full family commitment.

"I'm committed to developing our young players, strengthening our senior teams, and making sure our club stays connected to the community."

SOURCE:
Social media, 26 Feb 2025
Danny Nelson, Umina United

Success at Kalang River Classic

Woy Woy-based Central Coast Outrigger Canoe Club has had a successful weekend at the Kalang River Classic at Urunga on the Mid-North Coast on February 22 and 23.

The race saw 150 paddlers take part to raise money for the local Marine Rescue unit.

Central Coast members Cath Day and Andy Debus were first of the two-person outrigger canoes, with Debbie Sunartha and Gary Machin taking third place.

Linda Donnini was first in the women's one-person outriggers.

"This race has such a great atmosphere," said Linda.



"Any type of non-powered craft can take part.

"There were dragonboats, outriggers, paddleboards, surf skis and kayaks all coming together for a good cause."

"The locals were cheering us on from the bank," said Debbie Sunartha.

"In the two-person canoe, many

called out: 'The person in the back isn't paddling'."

The club trains regularly from Woy Woy and Patonga.

Anyone interested in joining should email centralcoastocc@gmail.com.

SOURCE:
Media release, 7 Mar 2025
Linda Donnini, CCOCC

Everglades wins clash

Everglades Bowling Club has defeated The Entrance Bowling Club, 64-62, in their Grade 7 clash on Saturday, March 1.

The game was played under a clear sky on "a serene and

wonderful day".

The game progressed with the teams neck-and-neck, the tension building with each roll of the bowl.

SOURCE:
Social media, 3 Mar 2025
Everglades

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Sport

Southern Spirit plays cricket finals

Results from Southern Spirit Cricket Club's finals games played last weekend were:

In the First Grade Elimination Final against Ourimbah-Lisarow, Southern Spirit scored 6/172 (Daniel Friend 53no, Matthew Jones 12no, Raj Sharma 39, Zakary Graham 23).

In Girls Stage 2 Elimination Final, Southern Spirit 2/43 (Harper Reidy 12 and Harper Cassell 10) defeated Terral Matcham 4/41 (Alisha Beauclaire 2/3, Harper Reidy 1/1 and Ivy Botfield 1/2).

In 7th Grade Qualifying Final, Southern Spirit 8/137 (Lachlan Roberts 38, Matthew Donnelly 34)

lost to Warnervale Cricket Club 147 (Don Qui-tadoamo (3/12 and Matthew Donnelly (2/12).

In 8th Grade White Elimination Final, Wyong District Cricket Club 8/134 (Eli Zadravac 4/20 and Nathan Wakelin 1/8) defeated Southern Spirit 118 (Daniel Tierney 57no and Lachlan McDonald 24).

In Under-12 Qualifying Final, Southern Spirit 8/57 (Harry Quinn 30) was defeated by Ourimbah Lisarow 5/59 (Thomas Quinn 2/12, Harry Quinn 1/13 and Lewis Papps 1/18).

SOURCE:
Social media, 8 Mar 2025
Southern Spirit Cricket Club



Cycle group to ride Peninsula loop

Central Coast Bicycle User Group will hold a "Peninsula Loop" ride from 8am to 10am on Thursday, March 13.

The ride will start at Fishermen's

Wharf in Woy Woy for "a relaxed paced ride around the Peninsula of about 25km, with a possible extension".

For further information, phone

ride leader Alan Corven on 0414 538 977.

SOURCE:
Social media, 4 Mar 2025
Alan Corven, CCBUG

Netball development team selected

Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association has announced its 11s development team after a selection process of training and trials.

The players selected are Ella Beauclaire, Summer Bennett, Stella Bowker, Evelyn Clifford, Cadence Gurleyen, Isla Gutierrez, Billie Harris, Soul Hickey, Charlotte Hutchinson, Bowie Morris, Zara O'Neill, Ivy O'Sullivan, Kyla Oswald, Ira Phillips, Cassidy Potter,

Aryia Rane, Brylee Southon, Lillian Stanley, Isobel Stringer, Eloise Van Der Neut, Harriet Van Der Neut, and Macayla Veitch.

Katie Newman and Caitlin Gilmore are the co-coaches for the team.

Training will start on Thursday, March 6, from 5:30-7:30pm.

SOURCE:
Social media, 5 Mar 2025
Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association



Umina takes places at State lifesaving championships

Umina Surf Life Saving Club's competitors in the Masters and Opens sections of the SLSNSW State Lifesaving Championships have come home with some

good performances.

Kerry Armstrong-Smith won the 50+ Female Champion Lifesaver.

Shelley Smith was third in the 40-49 Female Champion Lifesaver.

Bradley Dawson was fourth in Open Male Champion Lifesaver.

The club supplied a coach, officials, patients, and team managers for the team all weekend.

SOURCE:
Social media, 2 mar 2025
Umina Surf Life Saving Club

Floorball club starts park run leaderboard

The Peninsula Floorball Club has started a "leaderboard" of times of club members to complete the five-kilometre Woy Woy Park Run.

Times recorded so far are: Jye Hughes 20:22, Louis Jeremy 21:27, Hayden Boyd 22:53, Joshua McAskill 24:26, Jacob Hunt 27:26, Evie Mortensen 28:35 and Amanda Bartrim 30:35.

There will be prizes for the two best times in the women's and

men's division plus a captain's choice award.

Parkrun is a free community event which takes place every Saturday morning, where entrants can walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate.

Any club member unable to participate in an official Park Run may can record a five kilometre run on Strava instead.

SOURCE:
Social media, 4 Mar 2025
Peninsula Floorball

Players wanted at Umina United

The Umina United Eagles soccer club is looking for players for its men's over-45 team.

The team is open to all skill levels.

The club is also seeking Women's All Age goalkeepers and an experienced women's coach for

the coming season.

The club describes itself as "a fun, supportive, and competitive club".

Email secretary@uminaeagles.com.au for more information.

SOURCE:
Social media, 4 Mar 2025
Umina United



Swans training starts

Woy Woy Peninsula Swans AFL Club starts training on Wednesday, March 12, at Rogers Park, Woy Woy.

Auskick trains from 4.30pm to 5.30pm.

Under-9s to Under-11s train from 4.30pm to 6pm.

A barbecue will be on hand.

Players who are not sure whether AFL is for them are welcome to try it out over coming Wednesdays.

SOURCE:
Social media, 8 Mar 2025
Woy Woy Peninsula Swans AFL

Grant for new training equipment

Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club will use a \$30,000 grant for new equipment will help future lifesavers in their training.

The club has purchased equipment to assist the clubs under-19 boat crews (both male and female), under-17 and under-19 male and female surf swim, and iron person competitors, and under-13 board paddlers, as well as four pop-up tents for sun safety.

The Category 2 ClubGrant through Ettalong Diggers for \$30,000 was presented to the surf club recently.

SOURCE:
Social media, 22 Feb 2025
Kim Cole, Ettalong Diggers