



## Vintage steam train runs over King's Birthday weekend

**A vintage steam train ran a number of services between Hawkesbury River and Gosford over the King's Birthday long weekend.**

Four return journeys operated from Gosford on each of Saturday, Sunday and Monday, with the train whistle being heard across the Peninsula on its way through.

Among the passengers on the restored train was Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

"The picturesque journey past bushland and waterways made for a magically-memorable experience.

"It was an absolute delight to share this rare opportunity with locals and visitors from far and wide," she said.

The train was pulled by steam

locomotive 3526, the last remaining C35 class locomotive in existence.

Originally built in March 1917 by NSW Government Railways, the locomotive spent much of its life on northern services, along with the rest of the 35-class.

Locomotive 3526 was withdrawn from service in 1967 and retained for preservation.

From 2014 to 2018, it underwent extensive restoration, marking the most comprehensive overhaul of any steam locomotive in the Transport Heritage NSW fleet.

The locomotive is operated by Transport Heritage NSW Ltd, which receives ongoing funding from the NSW Government.

**SOURCE**  
Media release, 10 Jun 2025  
Joely Langmaid, Office of the Member for Gosford

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## Patonga left without mobile phone service for two weeks

**Patonga has been without mobile phone services for the past two weeks.**

The service was restored at 7pm on Friday, June 13.

Telstra regional general manager Mr Michael Marom said: "A hardware issue is affecting our 4G small cell at Patonga.

"New equipment is on the way and we hope to have everything back online soon.

"We know it's been a rough couple of weeks and we thank everyone for their patience."

Mr Marom said that landline, NBN and other broadband services were not affected.

"Residents can improve their mobile coverage by using their NBN or other broadband connection to access wifi calling.

"This works even during a mobile network outage and is a free setting on most popular mobile phones which allows your mobile to use a wifi network to make and receive mobile calls.

"We also encourage business owners to talk to their bank about connecting their EFTPOS terminals to their NBN or wifi



connection to prevent delays in processing transactions."

Telecommunication Industry Ombudsman Ms Cynthia Gebert said a number of Patonga residents had contacted her office: "We've heard it is stopping people from working, and some residents are concerned that vulnerable people won't be able to call for help or support if they need it.

"Patonga residents have told us that this is the second outage they've experienced in a month, which just adds to the frustration

people are feeling."

The Telstra website records outages reported on May 8 and on May 31.

Ms Gebert said: "People living in smaller, more isolated parts of Australia face different challenges to those of us based in cities.

"When your phone doesn't work, you could be hours away from whoever you need to call, stuck with no way to get everyday essentials and support.

"For those that also don't have access to reliable internet, there may be no workarounds at all to get back on track.

"You're entitled to understand what is happening when an outage stops your phone working, and it's important you contact your provider to let them know.

"You can do this through their website, email or social media.

"If you can't get answers that way, you can reach out to my office. We're here to help."

**SOURCE:**  
Media statement, 13 Jun 2025  
Ashley McDermid, Telstra  
Media statement, 13 Jun 2025  
Meghann Clark, Telecommunication Industry Ombudsman

## Peninsula News: A voluntary activity

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

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

It relies on voluntary participation, ranging from submitting material through to being an active part of the production team. No-one is paid.

Volunteering can range from spending an hour or two through to taking responsibility for a role within the production team. Training is provided.

Volunteers are currently needed to help with fundraising and sponsorship, news gathering, and sub-editing collected material into news style.

Other available roles include

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

For further information, call 4342 5333 or email editor@peninsula.news and one of our volunteers will get back to you.

**Mark Snell, 9 Nov 2023**

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At its heart, Peninsula News is a community effort.

It welcomes and relies on the contributions provided voluntarily and at no cost by local organisations, groups and residents.

The newspaper aims to be accessible to the community - both through making its columns accessible to community groups and by having copies available in accessible locations, including through its website.

The following policies and guidelines are designed to support the aims and standards of the newspaper.

Locality

The newspaper's editorial policy reflects a desire to reinforce the Peninsula's sense of community.

To qualify for publication, articles must have specific relevance to the Peninsula. For example, they must be about activities or events happening on the Peninsula or be organised by or involving Peninsula people.

The newspaper is not regional or national in nature, so regional or national issues will not be canvassed except as they affect the Peninsula.

Regional sports will only be covered from the perspective of Peninsula clubs. Regional plans will only be aired in the context of their ramifications for the Peninsula.

Peninsula News aims to be inclusive of as much of the Peninsula community as possible.

Readability

To ensure that the newspaper serves its purpose, it must be readable and represent the interests and activities of the community in its content.

Contributions to the paper are edited to consistent standards of readability. Guidelines are available for intending contributors.

All items will be dated. They must contain the name of the author to whom the contribution may be attributed, with their first name spelt out, along with their suburb or organisation. Anonymous contributions will not be accepted.

Forum letters

The Forum section provides the opportunity for readers to express their views on any aspect of Peninsula community life, with the aim of reflecting the community's diversity of opinion.

Nevertheless, letters may be edited for readability, including for length, spelling and grammar, and to avoid legal liability on the part of the newspaper, or they may be declined altogether.

Contributors are asked to keep their contributions to the matter at hand, and to

focus on the issues and not abuse or insult others.

Other than in the case of holding public figures to account, criticism of others (as opposed to criticism of particular opinions) is unlikely to be published in the interests of facilitating the expression of a diversity of views.

All letter writers need to supply name, address and contact details. Only name and suburb will be published.

Contributors who do not wish the wording of their letter to be changed at all should make a note to this effect when submitting their letter. In some cases, this may result in the letter not being published.

Corrections

We try to be as accurate as possible. However, mistakes can still slip through.

If you believe we have got something wrong, whether an error of fact or interpretation, we ask that you write to us by email with details for publication. These corrections may appear as Forum letters or as news items and should conform to our requirements for news and Forum contributions.

Source lines

Peninsula News includes "source lines" at the end of each article which aim to provide readers with information about where and how we came across the information, so that they might judge for themselves the veracity of what they are reading.

It should not be assumed that the article is a verbatim reproduction of the source. Similarly, it should not be assumed that any reporter listed is necessarily responsible for writing the whole news item. Source lines are not by-lines.

Often articles come from a number of sources. They are edited for readability and reader interest and given different headings, and consequently can be expressed quite differently from the source material.

Peninsula News usually receives its information in three ways: It is sent to us by someone wanting to promote their activities; it is sent to us in response to our inquiries; or it comes from a newsletter or other document to which we have access.

Sometimes we may interview a person or report what they said at a meeting.

The following descriptions are used:

**Media Release** - unsolicited contributions.

**Media Statement** - sent in response to our questions. **Website** or **Social Media** - information published online. **Newsletter** or **Report** - published in print or online.

**Interview** or **Meeting** - statements recorded by a reporter.

Forum contributions may be: **Email** if sent electronically and **Letter** if written on paper.

Brigade farewells long-time member

The Patonga Volunteer Rural Bush Fire Brigade has farewelled one of its members who has taken up a role as Learning and Development Officer with the Rural Fire Service in Coffs Harbour

Mr Justin Zwan, who joined the brigade at the age of 15, went on to have a career in the Rural Fire Service.

He is currently the operations officer position in the Cumberland-Macarthur district.

He has led teams in the mitigation of the varroa mite.

He held the rank of deputy captain and training officer with Patonga brigade.

Justin joined the brigade in the



footsteps of his father Mr Gary Zwan and his cousin Shannon.

Brigade members said that he was always ready to bring a smile to everyone's face and would be

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 28 May 2025  
Patonga Volunteer Rural Bush Fire Brigade

Celebrating a century

A resident of a Umina aged care facility celebrated his 100th birthday.

Mr Neville Keen turned 100 on Tuesday, June 10, at Peninsula Village surrounded by loved ones.

Mr Keen celebrated his milestone with a joyful morning tea.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 11 Jun 2025  
Peninsula Villages



Driest start to any month this year

After record rainfall in May, the Peninsula had the driest start to any month this year.

Just 4.7mm were recorded in the first two weeks of the month, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

The next lowest rainfall for the first two weeks of a month this year was 7.0mm in April.

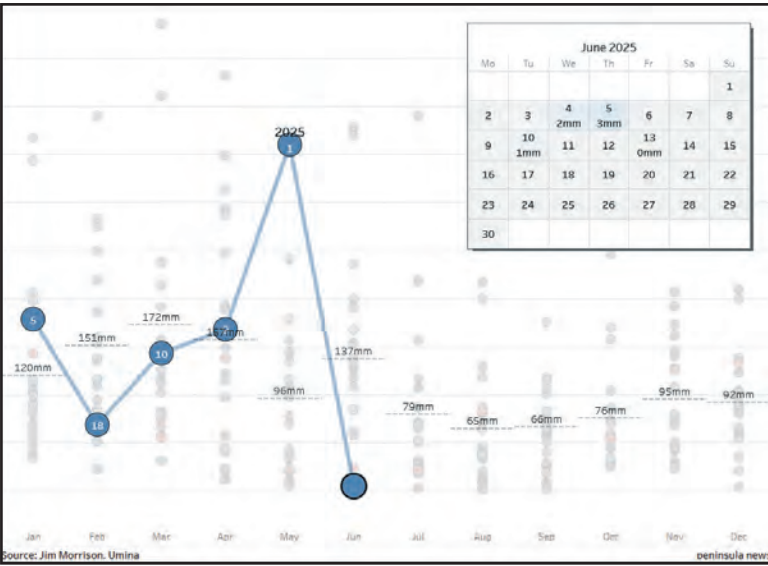
The 20-year average rainfall for June is 144mm.

However, four of the last five years have had the lowest four June totals in 20 years - all being less than 61.9mm and averaging 37.4mm.

A total of 12.6mm was recorded in June 2022 and 22.9mm in 2023.

A total of 52.1mm was recorded in June 2021 and 61.9mm in 2020.

The next lowest June total was 84.4mm recorded in 2014.



Last year almost 200mm was recorded. at <http://penne.ws/Rain>.

More details, including daily rainfall figures, are available online

**SOURCE:**  
Spreadsheet, 13 Jun 2025  
Jim Morrison, Umina

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	1956 0.32		2342 0.29		1945 1.39		2214 1.32		1818 0.28	

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# Palm Beach ferry service to Ettalong resumes

**The Palm Beach to Ettalong and Wagstaffe ferry service will return to normal services from Saturday, June 14.**

This follows the removal of more than 35,000 cubic metres of sand from the Ettalong Channel in less than three weeks.

The trailing suction dredge Port Frederick arrived at the channel on Tuesday, May 27, with the completion of the project announced on Thursday, June 12.

This brings to an end the diversion timetable to Patonga which was introduced on Friday, May 9, along with a free bus and ferry shuttle service to Ettalong and Wagstaffe..

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch said: "It is absolutely fantastic news that the Port

Frederick dredge has completed its work in the Ettalong Channel, ensuring that the channel is open to both commuters and our water-loving community once more.

"This dredging program has been completed in record time.

"Just over a month since our ferry was placed on a diversion timetable, full services are set to resume thanks to the incredible work of NSW Maritime and the NSW Government.

"The Palm Beach to Ettalong & Wagstaffe ferry will resume normal operations in the coming days after detailed hydrological studies have been completed."

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 12 Jun 2025  
Joely Langmaid, Office of the Member for Gosford



## CWA branch hears about local birds

**Umina bird observer Mr Ken Janson has given a talk about local birds to the Umina Beach branch of the Country Women's Association.**

He urged members to help

reduce the numbers of Indian myna birds, recognised as one of the world's most invasive bird species.

He said the species was unrelated to the native noisy miner

species, which was "good".

Mr Janson showed some of his own photographs of local birds found on the Peninsula.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 28 May 2025  
CWA Umina Beach

# Men's Shed considers new activities

**Umina Beach Men's Shed is asking its members whether there is interest in having day-out trips and other activities at the Shed.**

Having settled into their new Shed, newsletter editor Mr Vic Brown said: "We are just interested to find out if our members have an interest in a day-out trip."

He said: "The trips in the past were by train, ferry and walking simply to keep the costs down and the destinations were chosen by the members.

"Going back a few years, trips were organized to visit Cockatoo Island and look at all the old original equipment and facilities and review the history of the Island.

"Sydney Cricket ground was another: right through the stands,

members' lounges and team rooms."

Mr Brown said members were also being asked if they were interested in new activities or skills be offered at the Shed.

"Members who have visited other Men's Sheds often comment on the range of different activities undertaken at the various Sheds," he said.

The Shed was asking: Did members have a yearning for a new activity or skill?

Mr Brown said one member had previously expressed an interest in bike repairs, which led the Shed to provide a bike stand, bench area and storage for bikes.

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 3 Jun 2025  
Umina Beach Men's Shed



## Rotary club celebrates 75 years

**The Rotary Club of Woy Woy has celebrated 75 years of working both in our local community and internationally.**

On the night, past president Mr Bill Cook OAM was recognised with a certificate on his 40 years as a Woy Woy Rotarian.

Another past president, Mr Don Tee was recognised for his 53 years of service, through Rotaract and Rotary.

His wife and fellow past president Ms Susan Tee was recognised for her 42 years of service through Interact, Rotaract and Rotary.

"There was a lot of reminiscing and laughter on the night, with past Rotaractors and Rotarians alike joining with current members and guests," said current president Mr Tom McCann.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 7 Jun 2025  
Rotary Club of Woy Woy

# Speed camera opinion sought

**Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid is seeking the opinion of residents about placing a speed camera on Woy Woy Rd.**

"Traffic accidents continue to increase on Woy Woy Rd," he said.

"One solution to help reduce

speeding and improve driver behaviour is to place a speed camera along the road.

"What do you think?"

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 6 Jun 2025  
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson

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



Planning

## Booker Bay townhouse frontage dominated by garages

A six-unit townhouse development proposed for Booker Bay would have a ground level street frontage dominated by garages and driveways, and have a floor space ratio greater than that permitted by planning provisions.

It would have parking within the front setback, contrary to planning objectives.

It would also require the removal of two trees on site as well as one street tree, and may affect the viability of four trees on a neighbouring property, according to an arborist's report.

Protective measures would be needed to protect another street tree.

The proposal would consolidate two house blocks currently fronting Booker Bay Rd, and would re-orient the development to have a Bogan Rd frontage.

However, the development application is for the construction of a new multi-dwelling housing complex with the address 173-175 Booker Bay Rd, Booker.

The proposal, submitted by Chris Scaife and prepared by Wales and Associates Urban Design Partners, seeks consent to demolish the two existing single dwellings on the combined 1,391.2 square metre site, zoned R1 general residential, and to erect



six two-storey attached townhouse units, each containing three bedrooms.

The application seeks a "variation" from the planning provisions to increase the floor space ratio from the permitted 0.5:1 to 0.534:1, an increase of 6.9 per cent.

The application states that compliance "is considered unreasonable or unnecessary" because the proposed design achieves the objectives of the planning provisions.

The applications claims the site's prominent corner location justifies the variation, allowing for a "high-quality development that enhances the streetscape".

It also argues that, if meeting the

planning objectives, the proposed development did not have to "have a better environmental planning outcome for the site relative to a development that complies with the standard".

It claimed "the absence of environmental harm is sufficient to show that compliance with the development standard is unreasonable or unnecessary".

The application states that the proposal "sits comfortably within the environmental capacity of the site by not having any unreasonable or measurable impacts on surrounding development, as can be seen particularly in the sun view diagrams".

The front boundary setback with Bogan Rd is proposed at 5.6 metre which complies with the required setback, with dwellings at 52 and 54 Bogan Rd noted being set back approximately 4.5 metres.

The proposed side setbacks are respectively 1.8 metres on

the northern boundary and three metres for the southern boundary at Booker Bay Rd.

The rear setback, which is where the private open spaces will be located, is proposed to be 6.78m.

Vehicular access is proposed from Bogan Rd, with the application detailing three separate 7.0 metre wide double driveways servicing double garages for two units each.

While vehicles would enter in a forward direction, they would reverse onto Bogan Rd to exit.

Another six car spaces would be sited within the front setback area, located parallel to the front boundary, for a total of 12 car spaces.

Planning provisions state: "Car parking should be designed in sympathy with the development and not become the dominant feature on the streetscape."

This has previously been interpreted by council planners

as not allowing parking within the front setback.

A traffic impact assessment estimates the development will add approximately two vehicle movements per hour during peak periods, which it claims will not unduly impact the surrounding road network.

Two trees on this site are proposed for removal, a mango and a frangipani.

A third located within the Booker Bay Rd nature strip would also be removed.

Another street tree, a mountain ebony, would require "tree-sensitive construction methods" to be retained.

Four trees located on an adjoining site would require "non-destructive root investigations to determine their viability for retention".

A landscape plan indicates that a total of four new trees will be planted, four bangalow palms and one coastal banksia.

The application claims that the proposed multi dwelling housing development will look better than the "poor built quality" of the dwellings they replace.

"The construction of high-quality residential accommodation will lift the architectural standard of the immediate precinct."

This development application is currently open for written submissions from the public, closing on July 11.

**SOURCE:**  
DA Tracker, 14 Jun 2025  
DA/673/2024, Central Coast Council

## Further amendments

A third set of amendments has been submitted to Central Coast Council for a five-storey mixed-use development at 302-306 Ocean View Rd, Ettalong.

The development, on the corner of Ferry Rd, was approved by the Land and Environment Court after initially being refused by the Local Planning Panel on the recommendation of council planners.

The mixed-use building will contain shop-top housing, retail premises and serviced apartments.

In the process, the court approved a different design to that originally submitted.

Advice contained in a construction and structural design review following the court decision led to the changes now being proposed.

The modifications include amendments to schedules, amendments commercial layout

(including provision for external exhaust) and amendments to concrete roof profile edge detail.

Amendments are also submitted to the Level 4 lift lobby for weather protection, for removal of a skylight on Level 3, and for a revised canopy design at main entry with integral mailbox and intercom.

A revision of courtyard design to Units 4 and 5 is included, as well as raising the pool level, and the introduction of glass-reinforced concrete planters to the Level 4 rooftop around the pool.

The applicant has submitted six new documents supporting the modifications.

The documents can be perused on the Central Coast Council planning portal.

The proposal is open to submissions from the public until July 11.

**SOURCE:**  
DA Tracker, 15 Jun 2025  
DA59732/2020/C, Central Coast Council

## No detail to comment on

Central Coast Council has listed a development application for 174 Railway St, Woy Woy, as being on exhibition for public comment until July 11.

The application is for "Alterations and additions to existing three

units, addition of a fourth dwelling".

However, no documents or other details are provided on the Council's planning portal upon which to comment.

**SOURCE:**  
DA Tracker, 15 Jun 2025  
DA/656/2025, Central Coast Council

Central Coast Council has received a development application for "alterations and additions and carport" at 13 Pearl Parade, Pearl Beach.

The application is being lodged by Living Green, pursuant to Section 4.12 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

The application prepared by Cribb Architectural Drafting states that the proposal will require "removal and demolition of four trees within the subject property to accommodate the proposed works and ensure the safety and structural integrity of the additions."

The proposal is to construct two "additional bedrooms on the lower level, each with a private ensuite, addition of a covered outdoor living area located on the eastern side of the dwelling and enhancing the functionality and usability of the external living space."

It would also include "revision of the existing garage to align with the new layout and site design".

"The construction of a new carport situated on the north-eastern side of the property would

provide sheltered off-street parking with associated landscaping works to integrate the new structures with the existing site, improve site accessibility, and enhance overall visual amenity".

The property has an area of 670.2 square metre and is zoned R2 Low Density Residential.

While the application insists that "all works have been designed to maintain compatibility with the existing dwelling, surrounding character, and applicable planning controls", it is requesting a variation to the planning control which restricts the construction of carports within the street setback.

The application states: "There are multiple existing precedents within the Pearl Beach locality where carports have been approved and constructed within the street setback."

"The proposed carport is of lightweight, open design and will be visually recessive."

"Locating the carport elsewhere would significantly compromise the usability and accessibility of the dwelling and driveway. The proposed siting offers the most

functional and least obtrusive location for offstreet parking."

An arborist report lists four trees that would potentially be affected by the development

One is a mature bangalay which is located centrally, near the eastern property boundary.

The tree would experience a calculated 15 per cent encroachment into its total tree protection zone, but may be protected and retained.

Another tree is a mature rough-barked apple which is located near the north eastern property boundary and is marked for removal as it is located directly within the new driveway.

Another two rough-barked apple trees in the back yard are described as dead and "very nearly dead" respectively.

Neither of these trees would be affected by any obvious aspects of the design and

both may be either retained or removed at the discretion of the owner, according to the arborist.

**SOURCE:**  
DA Tracker, 15 Jun 2025  
DA/674/2025, Central Coast Council



# Toastmasters seeks new members

**Ettalong Toastmasters is seeking new members.**

The group offers opportunities to develop the skills to speak in public.

It invites members to “discover a stronger, more confident voice” and “unlock their full potential in meetings”.

The group says it provides “a supportive, no-pressure space” to “unleash your inner strength and communicate with conviction”.

Meeting held from 7:15pm on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Ettalong Diggers Club.

Anyone interested may try for free before joining.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 28 May 2025  
Ettalong Beach Toastmasters



# Shopping trolleys removed by divers

**Shopping trolleys, car tyres, bicycles, fishing rods, heavy metal, a battery and plenty of beer bottles have been removed from under Woy Woy bridge and in Woy Woy Bay.**

Clean4Shore was joined by three divers from Lyndi Leggett's Scuba Gym and four support volunteers on the barge for the morning.

“The first task was the northern foreshore under the Spike Milligan Bridge, a popular fishing spot,” said Mr Graham Johnston.

“The visibility was poor as rubbish began to be pulled either into the boat or collected in bags by the divers.

A large shopping trolley, fishing rods and a car tyre were retrieved, with plenty of tangled fishing line.

Phegans Bay public jetty harboured large metal objects and a solar panel, crab nets and more beer bottles.

On the Woy Woy foreshore at Carrera Bay, the public jetty had another two shopping trolleys, a bicycle, and many more beer bottles removed.

Assistance at this site was provided by a couple visiting from Nepal, who enjoyed the challenge offered by the team.

Returning to Lions Park, two sunken vessels were found along this foreshore with a third removed earlier in the morning.

A total of 300kg of rubbish was offloaded at Woy Woy Tip with the metal and tyres recycled.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 6 Jun 2025  
Clean4shore

# CWA members win tea cosy prizes

**Members of the Umina Beach branch of the Country Women's Association have won first and third places in the Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club Tea Cosy Exhibition.**

The exhibition was held over the King's Birthday long weekend at the Umina Surf Life Saving Club.

Ms Wendy Goswell won first prize, while Ms Liz Long came third.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 10 Jun 2025  
CWA Umina Beach



# Fire truck visits Booker Bay

**The Booker Bay Preschool have had a visit from the NSW Fire and Rescue Umina fire station.**

The children were able to sit in the fire truck and to have a go on the fire hose.

They were also told of the work of NSW Fire and Rescue and about important fire safety skills.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 6 Jun 2025  
Booker Bay Preschool

# Foreshore gardens upgraded at Pearl Beach

**The foreshore gardens at Pearl Beach have been upgraded thanks to the donations from the Pearl Beach Progress Association and the Pearl Beach Arboretum.**

Passersby gave assistance, providing muscle power and offering storage space.

An offer of additional mulch was also made.

Maintenance will occur in future working bees.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 8 Jun 2025  
Pearl Beach Progress Association

## THE PENINSULA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

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- Responsible planning and development of the Peninsula
- How to aim for a reduction in urban heat and an increase in tree canopy for liveability

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Arts

Writers’ festival attracts record numbers

The Words on the Waves writers’ festival had a record number of attendees at this year’s fifth festival.

Festival director Ms Angela Bennetts said the festival recorded 6084 attendances this year, “up 20 per cent from 2024 which was also a record-breaking year”.

“The attendance represents a 10 per cent increase in ticket sales overall, and included a sold out main program.”

Ms Bennetts said: “Words on the Waves launched five years ago, fuelled by big dreams and a volunteer committee’s worth of enthusiasm.

“Since then we’ve grown from four locations to 14 across the Central Coast; from 47 authors to over 100.

“Our audience numbers this year speak for themselves.”

Ms Bennetts said festival

highlights included the opening address at The Art House Wyong with Stan Grant, Hugh Mackay and Jan Fran; the inaugural poetry slam featuring veteran poet Maxine Beneba Clarke and locals Will Small and live artist Grant Molony; and a bustling free Family Fun Day in Umina’s Peninsula Recreation Precinct with live illustrator battles, story time and roving performers.

“Since the beginning, Words on the Waves has been nurtured and propelled by a community that loves to read, and a community that believes in the power of community to create change.

“It was a deeply-felt pleasure to celebrate our fifth birthday with our biggest and most successful festival to date.”

SOURCE:  
Media release, 10 Jun 2025  
Victoria Brown, Words on the Waves

Opera in the Arboretum artistic director moves on

The Rotary Club of Woy Woy will review the future of Opera in the Arboretum after its artistic director, Ms Michaelae Archer, announced that she and her graphic designer husband Justin would be moving on.

“It has been our privilege and pleasure to be part of Opera in the Arboretum for 20 years and we wish the event all the very best for its new chapter,” she said.

Ms Archer said the couple had been inspired by the passion and vision of Woy Woy Rotary Club member, the late Mr John Greenway, and the support of the club.

“Opera in the Arboretum has raised hundreds of thousands of

dollars for charity, and we thank our audience and sponsors for their generosity.

“The event has presented some of Australia’s greatest opera singers and musicians.”

Rotary club president Mr Tom McCann said: “Michaelae and Justin have been engaged with the Opera since its inception and have been very influential in the development, direction and success of the event.”

He said: “The Opera in the Arboretum was established by the Rotary Club of Woy Woy in 2005 as a fundraising event.

“Since that time it has raised over \$500,000 that has been used to support charitable and community organisations across the Central Coast.

“Unfortunately, like many outdoor music events around Australia, the Opera has struggled over the past couple of years to be profitable resulting in the Rotary Club of Woy Woy needing to review the extent to which the Opera is ‘fit for purpose’ as a club fundraiser.

“To that end, the club is working with the Central Coast Conservatorium of Music to identify what opportunities are available to restructure the event to better achieve its fundraising objective and make it more sustainable.

“We are hopeful that the review will be completed within the next few months.”

SOURCE:  
Social media, 30 May 2025  
Michaelae Archer, Opera in the Arboretum

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## Mary Mac’s Place starts winter appeal

### The annual winter appeal for Mary Mac’s Place has started.

The appeal is co-ordinated by staff of the Wiseberry Peninsula real estate agency in Umina. This year, the Berowra, Killarney Vale, and Wyoming Wiseberry offices will also be involved with the appeal. Umina staff member Ms Tammy Jackett said donations were needed

of items including microwaveable meals, school snacks, pantry staples, and canned protein such as tuna, beans, or salmon. Donations can be dropped off at any of the four Wiseberry offices. The donations helped “provide warmth, nourishment and hope to those who need it most”, she said. “Let’s fill every box and every belly this winter.”

“Together, we can show that community means no one gets left out in the cold.” Mary Mac’s Place project officer Ms Sally Baker “any help in any way would very appreciated”. “Times are tough and I hope we can come together to help those in need.”

SOURCE: Social media, 3 Jun 2025 Mary Mac’s Place



## Baby basket gifts for Gosford Hospital

### The Woy Woy branch of the Country Women’s Association has celebrated its 93rd birthday with a gift of baby baskets to Gosford Hospital.

“For the past 10 years, we have given two baby baskets to Gosford Hospital to be gifted to the families of the first girl and first boy born on our birthday,” said branch publicity officer Ms Jane Bowtell. “The baskets are lovingly filled by our members with hand made goodies as well as much needed essentials for the first few weeks. “There is also a little something for the new parents.” Ms Bowtell said: “We hope that this small gesture warms the hearts



of the families who receive it.” The Woy Woy CWA branch formed on June 8, 1932.

SOURCE: Social media, 5 Jun 2025 Jane Bowtell, CWA Woy Woy

## Aged care staff do push-ups

### Staff at a Umina aged care facility have made a start on a Push-Up for Mental Health Challenge.

They meet at 2pm each day at the bowling green at Peninsula Village. “Team Peninsula Villages” is raising funds “to support mental health services that make a real

difference”. Funds raised will go to The Push for Better Foundation, which supports Lifeline and Headspace and other mental health services. More information is available online at <https://www.thepushupchallenge.com.au>.

SOURCE: Social media, 4 Jun 2025 Peninsula Villages



## Aged care works ‘progressing well’

### Building works at a Woy Woy aged care home are “progressing well”, according to its chief executive.

“Our internal works within the existing building structure is running ahead of schedule, which is fantastic,” said Blue Wave Living chief executive Mr Matt Downie. “We are hopeful of actually delivering this stage a little early, perhaps by September. “This would allow us access to the new bedrooms and the remainder of the internal space of the Driftwood Household for our residents to enjoy.

“Our external works did suffer from some delays due to recent rains. “This held up progress on our Palm Sails courtyard space, and the construction of framing up new areas between our two buildings. “Work is now progressing again in both those areas.” Mr Downie said it was expected that this work would finish around October. “This stage of the building works is exciting in that it finally joins our two buildings together as one, providing a central linkage improving access and movement though the facility.”

He said this would provide more new spaces for residents and visitors to enjoy. “This includes a new hair salon, a private library and sitting room space, a dedicated physio room, and the balance of the Driftwood Household. “There will also be a new larger laundry built, along with other key staff offices and spaces, including a new staff room. “We are very much looking forward to completing this stage of works.”

SOURCE: Newsletter, 9 Jun 2025 Matt Downie, Blue Wave Living

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## Five residents honoured in King's Birthday list

### Five Peninsula residents have been named in the King's Birthday Honours List.

Two Surf Life Saving stalwarts have been awarded Order of Australia medals, while a professor, an associate professor and a former associate professor

have been appointed members of the Order of Australia.

Ms Louise Lambeth and Mr Peter Lambeth were awarded their medals for their service to surf life saving.

Umina resident Professor Bronwen Dalton has been appointed a member of the Order of Australia for significant service

to social advocacy and social justice academia, and to charitable organisations.

Associate Professor Graeme Jackson Hughes of Pearl Beach has been appointed a member of the Order of Australia for significant service to medicine in the field of fertility.

Dr Beverley Kingston of Woy

Woy and formerly of Pearl Beach has been appointed a member of the Order of Australia for significant service to community history and tertiary education.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 30 May 2025  
Honours Media, Office of the Governor-General

## Louise and Peter Lambeth awarded OAMs

### Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving couple Ms Louise Lambeth and Mr Peter Lambeth have been awarded Order of Australia medals for their service to surf life saving.

Ms Lambeth has been facilitator of Beach to Bush programs from 2015 to 2024 and program leader of Silver Salties since 2022.

With her husband, she was co-founder of Deepwater Publishing, which has published her water safety books Tight Lines 2023, Rohit at the River 2021 and Annie and the Waves 2018.

Other community involvements have included being a volunteer liaison officer with Central Coast Health District 2018-2022 and a volunteer with the Woy Woy Presbyterian Church.

Mr Lambeth has taken a number of roles with Surf Life Saving Central Coast, including serving as a member of the management, finance, carnival, social, lifesaving and executive committees.

Recognised last year for his



50 years' service, he has been an age manager since 2010, and has provided supplementary learning for patrol captains.

"Louise and Peter are both passionate about surf lifesaving and are committed to community education and spreading the surf safety message," commented surf club president Mr Michael Cairns.

"Both Louise and Peter are worthy recipients of this award."

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 30 May 2025  
Honours Media, Office of the Governor-General

## Prof Dalton recognised for service to social advocacy

### Umina resident Professor Bronwen Dalton has been appointed a member of the Order of Australia for significant service to social advocacy and social justice academia, and to charitable organisations.

She has been head of the Department of Management at the University of Technology Sydney Business School since 2018.

She has been director of the Masters Not-for-Profit and Social Enterprise Program since 2003.

Professor Dalton was co-founder in 2018 of Ruff Sleepers, a charity which cares for the pets of homeless people. She has been its chief executive officer since 2020.

She was deputy chair of Volunteering NSW from 2004 to 2017 and a member of an advisory group for the Australian Charities and Non-profit Commission from 2011 to 2018.

She was a board member of the Australia Korea Foundation with



the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade from 2009 to 2015 and vice-president of the Korean Studies Association of Australasia from 2017 to 2019.

She has been a member of the editorial board for the Non-profit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly since 2016.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 30 May 2025  
Honours Media, Office of the Governor-General

## Variety Night at Woy Woy

### Brisbane Water Secondary College will hold its Variety Night on Wednesday, June 25, to celebrate its students' talents in dance, drama, and music.

It will be held in the Woy Woy campus hall, with doors opening at 5:30pm for a 6pm start.

Food and refreshments will be available for purchase on the night.

Entry is free, but tickets must be reserved, with a maximum of six per family.

Tickets may be collected from the front office, with 300 available per campus.

They will be available on a "first in, best dressed" basis.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 10 Jun 2025  
BWSC Woy Woy

## Volunteers wanted for Glow Disco

### Volunteers are wanted to help with a Glow Disco at Woy Woy South Public School on Wednesday, June 35.

The parents' and citizens' association is seeking help before the disco to set up decorations.

Help is wanted serving refreshments during the mid-disco breaks for both the K-2 and the 3-6 discos.

After the disco, help is wanted to pack everything away.

Those who have not previously volunteered at the school are required to complete declaration forms at the school office at least 48 hours before the disco.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 10 Jun 2025  
Woy Woy South Public School P/C

## Service to medicine and fertility is honoured

### Associate Professor Graeme Hughes of Pearl Beach has been appointed a member of the Order of Australia for significant service to medicine in the field of fertility.

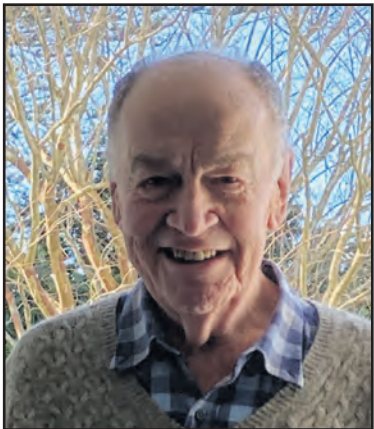
He has been clinical director of IVF Australia (Virtus Health) since 2002 and while he is now semi-retired, he says he still misses delivering babies.

The Graeme Hughes Birthing Room at the Royal Hospital for Women Randwick was named in his honour.

Born in Sydney, he studied medicine at the University of NSW and decided to specialise in obstetrics and gynaecology.

He worked for six years in Scotland before returning to Australia for a lectureship back at UNSW and the position of visiting medical officer at the Royal Hospital for Women and the Prince of Wales Private Hospital.

He ran the Ovulation Induction Clinic and then pioneered an



IVF clinic with colleagues which became IVF Australia.

"It has been such a joy to me," he said.

"There's no other job in the world like it."

Dr Hughes wrote a book in 2023 "The Baby Maker: Memoirs of a Gynaecologist and IVF Specialist" and has authored more than 15 articles.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 11 June 2025  
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association

## Recognised for service to community history

### Dr Beverley Kingston of Woy Woy has been appointed a member of the Order of Australia for significant service to community history and tertiary education.

A Pearl Beach resident and committee member of Pearl Beach Progress Association from 2017 to 2021, she wrote Pearl Beach and Progress, The Story of a Community and an Ideal 1929-2009 to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Pearl Beach Progress Association.

She was chair of the Australian Dictionary of Biography New South Wales Working Party from 1994 to 2023, editorial board member from 1996-2021 and member from 1970-2023.

She has also been a patron of Jessie St National Women's Library since 2022 and board member from 2006 to 2022.

A history teacher and former associate professor, she also wrote: A History of New South Wales; Basket, Bag and Trolley;



A History of Shopping in Australia; The World Moves Slowly: A Documentary History of Australian Women; and My Wife, My Daughter, and Poor Mary Ann: Women and Work in Australia.

Her awards and recognition include Fellow, Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia, 1994, and Annual History Citation, History Council of New South Wales.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 11 June 2025  
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association

## St John's school Feast Day

### Saint John the Baptist Feast Day is coming up at St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School on Tuesday, June 24,

Students will take part in special festivities on this day, including storytelling, craft, outdoor activities, mass and a complimentary sausage sizzle.

A Treat Stall will sell treats at \$2 each.

Parents, carers and younger siblings have been invited to join the students from 11:10am for outdoor activities, and for mass at 12:30pm, followed by a complimentary sausage sizzle.

Parents have been asked to respond by Thursday, June 19, if they plan to attend.

Helpers are also required for the set-up, serving and packing down of the sausage sizzle lunch.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 11 Jun 2025  
SJB Catholic Primary School



## Art society moves second exhibition to Ettalong

The Central Coast Art Society's Winter Exhibition will be held this year in Ettalong from Friday to Sunday, July 18 to 20.

The society's summer and winter exhibitions have held at the Gosford Regional Gallery since its inception in 1971.

However, "due to a restructuring at the gallery", the second booking is no longer available.

The Winter Exhibition will now be held in the Pearl Beach Room at Ettalong Diggers Club, over the weekend, opening at 9am each day.

It will close at 5pm on the Friday, 8pm on the Saturday and 3:30pm on the Sunday.

Artworks, handcrafted cards

and functional pieces will all be available for purchase.

A raffle will be run with multiple prizes, and guests will be invited to vote for their favourite painting.

The official opening will be held from 5:30pm to 7:30pm on Friday, July 18.

The society is a nonprofit organisation, with its exhibitions providing members with opportunities to showcase their talents.

It also organises weekly paint out sessions, monthly workshops, and social excursions for our members and the art community.

For further information, email Sam at exhibitions@ccas.au.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 2 Jun 2025  
Central Coast Arts Society

## Film and concert at Troubadour folk club

Cello-guitar duo Ilse de Ziah and Ian Date will present a double event at the Troubadour folk club at 2pm on Sunday, June 29.

They will show the documentary film Living the Tradition, where Ms de Ziah explores the origins of Irish airs.

Filmed in Ireland, the film delves into Irish musical heritage through stories, traditions, and melodies spanning generations.

This will be followed with a live concert featuring Ilse on cello and guitarist Ian Date on guitar.

The concert will feature music from their recently-released album, Here and There.

Troubadour president Mr Michael Fine said: "Their fusion of Celtic music, with jazz and world music is infused with a classical sensibility."

"It will be a great Sunday afternoon of inspiring music,



stories, humour and cultural history.

"What better way to kick back, drop the shoulders and enjoy hearing the stories and tunes of what made our country what it is today."

Tickets are available online through <http://troubadour.org.au>.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 13 Jun 2025  
Michael Fine, Troubadour Central Coast

## CWA to hold fashion parade

The Umina Beach branch of the Country Women's Association will host a fashion parade from 10am to 1pm on Saturday, June 21.

The parade will be held at the Umina CWA hall in Sydney Ave and will include a high tea.

The Donna-Lou Fashion Show will offer "affordable women's

clothing sizes 8-26", which may be purchased to take home on the day.

The show will cost \$20, including the morning high tea, and must be booked today by emailing [cwaofnswuminabeach@gmail.com](mailto:cwaofnswuminabeach@gmail.com).

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 11 Jun 2025  
CWA Umina Beach

## The Bays Community Group holds art show

The Bays Annual Art Show will be held from 10am to 4pm on the weekend of July 5 and 6.

Organised by The Bays Community Group, it will be held in The Bays Community Hall at 19 Woy Woy Bay Rd, Woy Woy Bay.

elt will featuring artwork from

local artists, including sculpture, paintings and photography.

Many artworks will be available for purchase.

Entry is by a gold coin donation. Sweet and savoury refreshments will be available on both days.

An opening night will be held from 7pm to 9pm on Friday, July 4, with tickets costing \$20 plus booking fee and drinks available from \$6.

Free finger food will be available.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 6 Jun 2025  
The Bays Community Group



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## Year 6 students join in leadership day

Year 6 students at St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School were involved in a Catholic Schools Broken Bay Leadership Day with all other schools from the Diocese of Broken Bay On Tuesday, June 10.

As an entire grade, our The Year 6 students joined-in a zoom call as a class with Bishop Anthony, Bishop of Diocese of Broken Bay, and Catholic Schools Broken Bay director Mr Danny Casey.

“Together with other schools, we discussed how we can lead with compassion, courage, and by positive example, following the footsteps of Jesus and Mary,” said school principal Ms Nicole Davies. “Our students really enjoyed this



interactive system-wide discussion and it definitely inspired their workshop activities throughout the day.”

SOURCE:  
Social media, 12 Jun 2025  
SJB Catholic Primary  
School Woy Woy

## Melbourne Ave footpath work to start soon - Tesch

Footpath upgrades on Melbourne Ave, between Brisbane Ave and Hobart St, Umina, are set to begin shortly, according to Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

“Beginning with a community petition in 2016, our community has been crying out for safe active transport infrastructure to improve the hazardous conditions for children walking and riding to school along Melbourne Ave,” she said.

“This project is a perfect example of the power of our community working alongside government to improve our community for the better.”

Umina Beach Public School P/C vice-president Ms Nellie Feeney said: “This is a great example

of communities groups such as Umina Beach Public School P/C and Umina Community Group working together, and this is a great outcome for our community.”

Grandparent and community advocate Ms Sally Johe said: “This has been a long time coming and, hopefully, this will make school access so much safer.

“It is not only the school, but the recreation precinct, the beach, the club. These streets get used a lot and it is very unsafe as it is.”

Ms Tesch said : “Our beautiful Peninsula is perfect for walking and cycling, and we know how important footpaths are to our local community, connecting our day-to-day lives.”

SOURCE:  
Media release, 5 Jun 2025  
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

## Information session about Umina public pre-school

Parents and carers at Umina Beach Public School have been invited to drop in to an information session about the pre-school planned for the school.

It will be held in the school hall between 3pm and 6:30pm on Wednesday, June 18, and coordinated by the School

Infrastructure NSW project team. The project team will attend. Designs will be available following the information session. More information is available online via <http://penne.ws/6Gb5YW>.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 12 Jun 2025  
Umina Beach Public School

## Toilet upgrades taking place at Ettalong school

Student toilets at Ettalong Public School are being upgraded over the next couple of months.

Work on the K-2 toilets started on Wednesday, June 4, and was expected to take five weeks.

Work on the Years 3-6 toilets would start after that.

The project will include re-tiling and the refurbishment of the existing partitions, toilet bowls, and urinals.

“This is a much-anticipated upgrade that will greatly enhance our school facilities,” said school

principal Ms Jodie Campbell. “There may be some noise during this time.

“Contractors will be erecting fencing around the bathrooms they are working on to ensure safety during this process.”

In other work taking place at the school, Ms Campbell said that a recent tree management and arborist report had required maintenance and pruning of seven trees.

SOURCE:  
Newsletter, 3 Jun 2025  
Jodie Campbell, Ettalong  
Public School

## Cheer team is State champion

Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina campus cheer team, the Winged Warriors, is State Champion.

“The much deserved result was a culmination of months of hard

work and dedication,” said campus principal Ms Kerrie Thomas.

The Woy Woy campus cheer team placed second.

“To have our College teams place first and second in NSW is

simply incredible,” she said.

Both teams will now compete at national championships in Hobart in August.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 14 Jun 2025  
BWSC Umina



Ettalong Public School student Cooper Guttenbeil has represented Sydney North at the Under-11s NSW Primary School Sports Association rugby league championship.

He played five pool games. The team finished top of its pool, resulting in a semi-final against South Coast, which they won 24-0.

They lost the final against Sydney West 24-16, finishing second in the state.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 7 jun 2025  
Southern Central Coast Primary  
School Sports Association

## Esteban named regional VET student of the year

Brisbane Water Secondary College students Esteban Cervera has won the title of VET in Schools Student of the Year for the Hunter Central Coast region for his performance in his cookery course.

“This is an outstanding achievement and a true testament to Esteban’s work ethic, passion, and dedication to his vocational learning pathway,” said Woy Woy campus principal Ms Rebecca Cooper, who also attended the awards ceremony.

“He is not only a credit to our school, but a role model for younger students and a shining example of where hard work and commitment can lead.”

Along with Emily Harris who



undertook a hospitality course at the College, he attended the VET Awards as a State finalist.

“Both students have worked incredibly hard in their VET courses and represented BWSC with professionalism and pride,” said Ms Cooper.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 12 Jun 2025  
BWSC Woy Woy



# Bridge club raises \$1400 in charity week

**Brisbane Water Bridge Club has raised more than \$1400 in a Charity Week.**

Previously, the club held a charity day in combination with a red point event.

This year the committee decided to hold a charity week "to attract a larger overall cohort keeping charity in mind for a longer period".

The money was collected from table fees, raffle tickets, soup money and donations, with the funds going to the Woy Woy Community Food Pantry and We Care Coast Connect.

The club held its Presidents Cup on Tuesday, June 10, as a red point event. Results were:

1 Barry Foster, Sylvia Foster 163.3 (54.44 per cent), 0.70 red points.

2 Susan McCall, Pamela Joseph 162.2 (54.07), 0.49.

3 Jorgen Boettiger, Deborah Guthrie 161.1 (53.70), 0.35.

4 Hope Tomlinson, Martin Johnson 161.0 (53.67), 0.23.

5 Margaret Driscoll, Stephen Calcroft 158.0 (52.67), 0.18.

6 Peter Hume, Felicity Fane 157.8 (52.59), 0.14.

7 Marcelle Goslin, Ron Meaney 156.7 (52.22).

8 Lynne Rainford, Hilary Owen 154.4 (51.48).

9 Joan Walsh, Jenny Buckley 149.0 (49.67).

10 Sue Morris, Shirley Crockett 138.9 (46.30).

11 Elaine Hume, Daryll Knowles 136.7 (45.56).

12 Christine Hadaway, Kevin Hughes 126.7 (42.22).

13 Robyn Serra, Meg McGregor 122.2 (40.74).

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 8 Jun 2025  
Brisbane Water Bridge Club



# Prostate cancer charity day raises \$5000

**A total of \$5000 was raised at a prostate cancer charity day held yesterday, Sunday, June 15, at Everglades Bowling Club.**

The day started with a spider then a game of bowls, a lunch break, then bowls after lunch. "We

had 46 bowlers who were ready for a fun day," said match committee chair Ms Vicki Redrup.

"There was a lot of laughter and banter happening on the green.

"After bowls we had a huge raffle and auction, with Tom Cain getting all the prizes and organising the day."

Ms Redrup said the Everglades Country Club supported the day, and a donation from the Everglades men's bowling club as well as club sponsor Creightons.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 15 Jun 2025  
Vicki Redrup, Everglades Bowling Club

# Play for Halcyon Cup

**The annual Halcyon Cup Challenge was played between the Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club and the Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club on King's Birthday Monday, June 9.**

The trophy was donated by women's past president Gale Hill and her men's club husband Robin Hill four years ago.

"The men's club won the trophy in 2022, 2023 and 2024, but the women were determined to win it this year and fielded a strong side," said men's club secretary Mr Peter Springett.

"The game was played in cold,

windy conditions and the greens were very quick - a tough test for all players.

"After 18 ends of two-bowl triples, the result was: Men 126 to Women 88."

Of seven rinks of triples, the men won 6-1.

"There were also two rinks of men only playing, but their results were not included in the total score.

"All told 54 players battled the cold, gusty winds."

Pictured is women's president Pat Neal presenting the Halcyon Cup to men's president Lee Cribbs.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 9 Jun 2025  
Peter Springett, UBMBC

# Umina surf club holds awards night

**Umina Surf Life Saving Club held its annual awards night on Saturday, May 31.**

Among the award winners were Club Person of the Year was Danny Cunningham, and Young Club Person of the Year - Matilda Lawrence.

Lifesaver of the Year was Dean Tetley, and Young Lifesaver of the Year - Cashar Darwin.

Stirrers Paddle went to Andrew Boylan.

Members' Choice were Damon

Somerfield and Bradley Dawson. Education Excellence winner was Meghan Cronin.

Patrol Captain of the Year was Davara Marshall and Patrol of the Year was Patrol 4.

Masters Encouragement award went to Luis Angosto-Fernandez and Masters Competitor award went to Richelle Ingram.

Tour de Force was Timon Adamec, Youth Competitor Marli Hoyland and Open Competitor Cashar Darwin.

Lifesaving Encouragement award went to Pippi Magurren.

Lifesaving Competitor was Kerry Armstrong-Smith.

Pool Rescue Competitor was Shelley Smith.

Pam Edmonds was awarded Life Membership, the 40th person to receive the honour.

National Service Medal were awarded to Nick Shepard, Robert McLeod and Jarryd Edmonds.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 3 Jun 2025  
Umina Surf Life Saving Club

# WHAT'S ON at ETTALONG BOWLING CLUB

Keep warm this winter with a succulent baked glazed ham for the whole family. 50 half hams up for grabs in the Xmas in July Raffle. Get in early to get a seat, load up on some winter comfort food from the Alfresco Brasserie with specials board "Why Cook Wednesdays" or Harrys Restaurant.

Entertainment is off the charts with Powderfinger/Pearl Jam Tribute Show on Saturday 28th June. Free event in the Club auditorium from 8pm until late.

Tickets are now of sale for the ABBA Tribute Show. This show will take you on a fantastic journey from Eurovision to Mamma Mia and places even the Priscilla bus hasn't been!! You can purchase tickets from reception or online, only \$20.

Book your next function at Ettalong Bowling Club. Call reception for further details. Our friendly staff look forward to your visit.

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THE BEST-KEPT SECRET ON THE CENTRAL COAST



Sport

Southern's 7-1 win adds comfort to table lead

**Southern and Ettalong United has defeated Terrigal 7-1 in their Round 8 soccer match of Central Coast Football competition.**

At the top of the table, Southern continued its reign of dominance, banking another seven goals for the second time this season.

The win kept its lead at the top to a comfortable four points.

Southern played at Duffy's Oval with a depleted side due to a State Cup fixture on the same day.

The team jumped out of the blocks determined to take early control of the game.

After some quick ball movement across Terrigal's defensive line, Jacob Lepre cut inside to fire a shot from outside the 18-yard box.

The Terrigal Keeper was only able to parry the shot into his own net, giving Southern the lead five minutes in.

Southern would double their lead in the 10th minute when Jack Ellwood rose above the Terrigal defence with a powerful header into the back of the net from a pinpoint delivery from a Jacob Lepre corner.

With all momentum in Southern's favour, captain Todd Balneaves swooped on a loose ball to fire home a half volley on the 20-minute mark.

Just four minutes later, Southern chalked up its fourth goal for the half.

Jayke Browne was rewarded

for his early hard running and was able to side-foot finish after some great lead-up play from Jacob Lepre.

It took until the 32nd minute for Terrigal's Aidan Bastick to fire his shot low into the far post side netting to claw one back for the home side 4-1.

Just when Terrigal thought they might be able to fight their way back into the game, Southern hit again two minutes later when a long throw from Todd Balneaves saw Theo Forsberg drive his shot low and hard into the Terrigal net to take its lead to 5-1.

The second half saw Terrigal more compact in defence and started to grind their way back into the game on a pitch that started to take its toll on both teams' legs.

In the 83rd minute, it was Southern's central defender Jack Jenkins scored from another Jacob Lepre corner.

Lepre scored Southern's final goal of the match, after some great defensive work by Rhys Owen winning possession from Terrigal's back line.

Owen's passed to Lepre who slipped past two defenders in a flash and fired his shot across the face of goals into the far post side netting giving the Lions a 7-1 win for the afternoon.

Match official was Brayden McDonald.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 2 Jun 2025  
Central Coast Football



Ettalong classic triples

**Ettalong Women's Bowling Club held its annual classic triples tournament on Monday, June 2.**

The event was attended by teams from clubs far and wide.

Winners were Karen Croker,

Sarah McKay and Leisa Burton (pictured).

The event was described as "a great day of friendship".

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 2 June 2025  
Ettalong Womens BC

Under-8s gala day

**Southern and Ettalong United Football Club will hold its Under-8 Gala Day on Sunday, June 29, at James Browne Oval, Woy Woy.**

The format will be "non-competitive, fun-first football".

All Under-8 teams will be welcome, with participation medals

for all players.

Raffles and prizes will be awarded, and the canteen will be open all day.

Registration for the day is required and is now open.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 11 Jun 2025  
Southern and Ettalong United Football Club



Netball men are first-time State runners-up

**Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association's inaugural Men's Division 2 team were runners-up in their first appearance at the Netball NSW Senior State Titles.**

The titles were held at Coronation Park Netball and Soccer Complex at Campbelltown on Sunday, June 8.

Winner was Camden while third place was taken by Lakeside in the competition between 12 sides, each playing 11 games.

The Peninsula side won 10 of its games and lost one.

The Peninsula team comprised Lachlan Braddish, Denver Coomber, Brent Dufty, Aaron Eastgae, Adam Gowrie, Jack Jones, Drew Kearns, Mitch Linfield, Joel Manton, Scott Manuelle, Greg Marks and James Walker.

Head coach was Kath Styant, assistant coach Kylie Rayner and manager Casey O'Sullivan.

Coach of the winning Camden team Ms Jane Kelleher commented that the Peninsula's result was "an

amazing effort for an inaugural team".

"It took us three years and three attempts to come as far as we have, and you almost did it in one," she said.

Results for the top three teams were: Camden 11 points (184.55 per cent), 11 wins 0 losses 0 draws. Woy Woy Peninsula 20 (268.75), 10-1-0. Lakeside 16 (124.44), 7-2-2.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 8 June 2025  
Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association

Ladies Consistency final

**Jan Mower and Jeannette Jenkins played in the final of the Ladies Consistency Championship at Everglades Bowling Club On Thursday 12 June.**

"It was neck and neck throughout the game with some outstanding bowls by both players," said match committee chair Ms Vicki Redrup.

"Everyone was holding their breath on the last end as they were both so close to 120 points.

It could have gone either way. Jan Mower is now Everglades Ladies Consistency Champion with a score of 120-118.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 14 Jun 2025  
Vicki Redrup, Everglades Bowling Club



Kerrie wins Minor Singles finals

**Kerrie Richens (pictured right) has won the final of the Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club's Minor Singles on Friday, June 13.**

The event attracted 16 contestants, with the first few rounds delayed by rainy weather.

The first semi-final was played on Friday, June 6, between Kerrie Richens and Katie Brown.

"This was a great game with good bowls from both players," said website editor Ms Lesley Swales.

"They were neck and neck then Katie got a lead but Kerrie caught up and so it went.

"After 27 ends, Kerrie got the shots she needed to win the match."

The second semi-final was played between Natasha McDowall and Judy Brown on Sunday, June 8.



"The very gusty cold wind made conditions difficult for the players," said Ms Swales.

"Natasha started off well and continued to keep the advantage winning the match.

The final was played between Kerrie Richens and Natasha McDowall on Friday, June 13.

Ms Swales said both players

were initially nervous, the game being their first singles final.

"Kerrie went to an early lead but, after 12 ends, Natasha got to within one shot.

"Kerrie again went ahead and after 22 ends eventually got the required shots to win her first final."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 13 Jun 2025  
Lesley Swales, UBWBC