



Ettalong bowlers raise \$2000 for children’s charity

Ettalong Charity Bowlers held their monthly event at Ettalong bowling club on Sunday, September 14.

Central Coast Travelling Bowlers attended, making the total of around 90 bowlers on a glorious spring day.

Two full greens of bowlers enjoyed the weather and new friendships followed by a light lunch and a raffle. The spider was won by Bev McFarlane.

Winning rink went to A Walton, S Walton and Ron and Rhonda Keenan. Suzanne Ellicott was a big winner in the raffle and Mavis Bland won the Wednesday bowlers prize. Exactly \$2000 was raised for

Central Coast Kids in Need. The next charity bowls event will be held on Sunday, October 19, with a later start of 11.30am due to the Club’s annual general meeting. **SOURCE:** Media release, 16 Sep 2025 John Orme, Ettalong Charity Bowls

McWaide calls for ‘full clean-up’ of foreshore

Gosford West ward’s Cr Trent McWaide has called for “a full clean-up of the Ettalong foreshore”.

In a motion to tomorrow’s Council meeting, he will ask that it includes “removal of litter and debris, mowing, and trimming of grassed areas, pruning of vegetation, repair of minor infrastructure and pressure cleaning of high use public spaces” to be completed by December 1.

It would include the “pruning and cleansing” of foreshore vegetation at Ettalong beach.

His five-part motion includes a direction to ensure an application is submitted for \$1.8 million through Infrastructure Australia for “renourishment and repair” of the foreshore.

The motion directs the Council’s general manager to submit the application in October and to “prepare the necessary plans and reports for the work to commence as soon as possible without delay”.

The motion says: “Vegetation pruning and cleansing needs to occur within the foreshore opposite from Beach St to Picnic Pde.”

It calls for a “clean-up of debris on the beach area around the ferry terminal”.

The clean-up should “ensure the public space from opposite 82 The Esplanade through to opposite Beach St is well maintained, free of litter, grass is trimmed and any overgrown vegetation cleansed”.

A public update, advertised through Councils channels, would include the works to be undertaken,

the timeframe for completion and how the community can report issues.

A maintenance schedule for the Ettalong foreshore would be implemented so that the area is kept to a high standard throughout the 2025-26 summer period and beyond.

The motion requests a report to the December Council meeting “confirming the completion of the works and outlining an ongoing maintenance strategy”.

In notes accompanying the motion, Cr McWaide said: “Ettalong Foreshore is one of the Central Coast’s most important public places.

“It is valued by the community and is a key attraction for visitors.

“The current condition of the foreshore has raised ongoing community concern, with reports of litter, weeds, overgrown areas and damaged infrastructure.

“The summer season is the busiest time for Ettalong.

“Large numbers of residents and visitors are expected, and the foreshore must be presented to a high standard to support community use, local businesses, and the tourism economy.

“This notice of motion also encourages Council to start thinking strategically about how things can be done better, and more efficiently.

“Council needs to prioritise the absolute first-class maintenance of all of the Central Coast and its beautiful public space.”

In a response published in the agenda, Council general manager

Mr David Farmer said: “Officers are currently reviewing the grant funding criteria to develop a project scope, costings, milestones, and delivery timeframes for submission by December 1.

“The application is intended to deliver additional pathway infrastructure, community seating, and beach rejuvenation as outlined in the election commitment announcement from Federal Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid in the lead up to the May 2025 Federal election.

“The scope of works ultimately delivered will need to be tailored to the available grant budget, and the full range of anticipated improvements may not be achievable within the \$1.8M allocation.

“Should the grant application prove successful, all works are required to be completed by June 30, 2029.”

Mr Farmer said: “Council officers note ongoing community interest in the condition of the Ettalong Foreshore, including matters such as litter, debris, vegetation, infrastructure and public amenity.

“Officers will re-inspect the foreshore precinct to assess the current condition and coordinate a clean-up targeting identified areas.”

Mr Farmer gave a list of maintenance activities currently undertaken by the Council.

SOURCE: Central Coast Council item Item 7.2, 23 Sep 2025

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'Awareness' morning tea well attended

The Umina Beach branch of the Country Women's Association held its

Awareness Week event on Wednesday, September 10. "We were so well-attended that morning tea didn't last long,"

members reported.

SOURCE:
Social media, 10 Sep 2025
CWA Umina Beach

Mingaletta has free food for people in need

Mingaletta has announced that OzHarvest is now delivering food for people in need every Thursday afternoon.

"OzHarvest yellow vans collect food directly from food donors and deliver it straight to charity agencies like Mingaletta ATSIC in

Umina.

"This service is completely free of charge, with no fee charged or conditions placed on people accessing the food."

The food is delivered to Mingaletta at 6 Sydney Ave, Umina

SOURCE:
Social media, 17 Sep 2025
Mingaletta ATSIC

Trivia night postponed

The Rotary Club of Brisbane Water has postponed a trivia night postponed planned for October 11 until March.

Club president Ms Cherie Simpson said: "We are aiming to have it at 6pm on Saturday, March 14, at Ettalong Diggers Club."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 14 Sep 2025
Rotary Brisbane Water

Close to average rainfall in three days

The Peninsula has received 85 per cent of its September average rainfall in just three days.

A total of 56.1mm was recorded from September 10 to 12, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

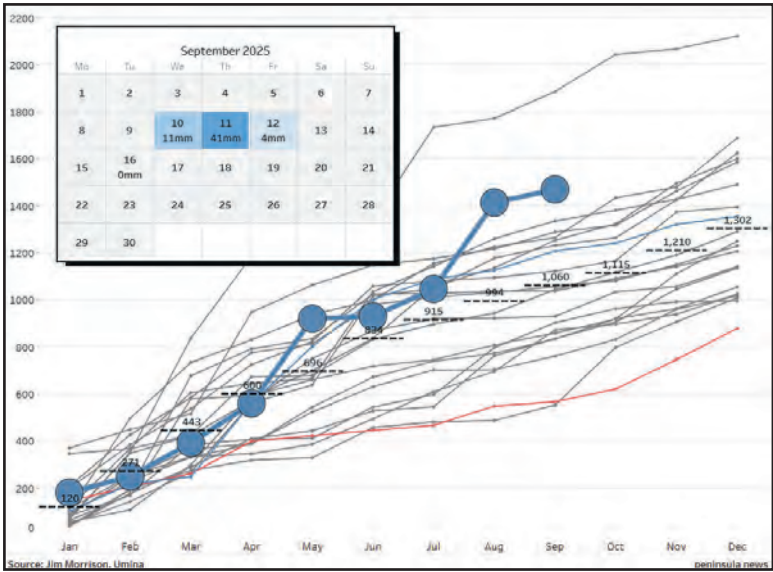
The heaviest rainfall was 41.2mm recorded on Thursday, September 11.

No rain was recorded on any other day of the month.

The September average is 66 millimetres.

The rainfall brings the year's total to 1467.2mm, which is 40 per cent higher than the end of September average of 1042mm and 12.4 per cent above the annual average of 1305mm.

More details, including daily



rainfall figures, are available at <http://penne.ws/Rain>.

SOURCE:
Spreadsheet, 19 Sep 2025
Jim Morrison, Umina

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Cr Neal moves to rebuild Umina Beach toilets

Gosford West ward's Cr Belinda Neal wants the Umina Beach public toilets adjacent to the Umina Beach surf club to be rebuilt.

She has given notice that she will move at tomorrow night's council meeting that a design and financial plan for replacement toilets be prepared.

Her motion states the toilets are "of a poor standard that is inadequate to the present needs of the community".

"In particular, the present block does not provide suitable change rooms for the disabled surfer group that regularly uses the facilities.

"The toilets are also extensively used by residents and tourists accessing the adjacent recreation area and by the popular Twist Festival."

The motion noted that the toilets were 52 years old and were recommended for demolition at the end of life as set out in the recently-adopted Toilet Strategy.

Cr Neal's motion is that the Council "resolves that a design and financial plan for the construction of replacement toilets adjacent to the Umina Beach Surf Club in the 2025-26 year be prepared and that a report be brought to Council which set out these matters before the end of this year".

In a response published in the agenda, Council general manager Mr David Farmer recommended that the motion be changed to note

that current maintenance would continue.

The motion would then read that the Council "notes that Council officers will continue to undertake daily cleaning and maintenance of the public toilets at the Umina Beach Surf Club and complete regular asset inspections to identify any degradation that may warrant a review of future renewal priorities."

He said Cr Neal's motion would require a change in toilet strategy priorities.

"The renewal of public toilet assets is funded from the depreciation budget and any changes to priorities will result in the deferral of other higher priority public toilet assets identified within the adopted Strategy and a cost to Council relating to a loss on disposal," he said.

"This is not recommended."

He said the strategy listed the toilets for renewal in 2031-32.

"The strategy was developed over a period of two years and involved extensive internal and external stakeholder engagement," Mr Farmer said.

"The timeframes for asset renewal identified within the adopted Public Toilet Strategy were prioritised based on asset condition, age, demand factors and community and councillor feedback."

SOURCE:
Central Coast Council
agenda 7.3, 23 Sep 2025



Forum with councillors was 'thoughtful'

The Peninsula Residents Association has described its "one year on" forum held with Gosford West ward councillors on Thursday, September 18, as "an open, thoughtful conversation".

The three Gosford West ward councillors, Cr Belinda Neal, Cr Jane Smith and Cr Trent McWaide, all attended the forum.

"It was a chance for residents to hear directly from their elected councillors, ask questions and raise issues affecting the local area," said association vice-president Mr Julian Bowker.

"Councillors shared reflections on their first year in office and gave updates on a wide range

of issues affecting the ward – from tree canopy expansion, flood policy, coastal erosion and broader environmental protection to housing, infrastructure planning and maintenance, community amenities and community consultation.

"Residents recognised the breadth of council's responsibilities and challenge of balancing priorities across the region, while raising concerns about communication gaps, planning for the Peninsula, council responsiveness and the need for clearer, fairer decisions."

Mr Bowker said: "There's been progress, and a clearer commitment to dialogue."

"But there's still work to do."

"Community voices must be heard, not just acknowledged, but genuinely listened to."

"Council decisions need to be more transparent."

Mr Bowker said: "The forum highlighted the importance of two-way communication, hearing from council and ensuring council hears from us."

"When both sides speak, better outcomes follow."

Mr Bowker said the association would continue to host forums, prepare submissions and work with council to ensure the Peninsula's voice was heard – clearly, respectfully and often.

SOURCE:
Media release, 21 Sep 2025
Julian Bowker, PRA



Spring sale in Pearl Beach

The Pearl Beach Gardeners Spring Plant Sale will be held from 9am to 2pm on Saturday, October 4, outside the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall.

The Pearl Beach Progress

Association will be supplementing the plants on sale with food and drinks.

With inquiries, email contact@pearlbeachprogress.org.au.

SOURCE:
Social media, 18 Sep 2025
Pearl Beach Progress Association

The Peninsula Men's Shed has received a grant to replace its leaking roof on its cottage in Memorial Ave, Ettalong.

Men's Shed president Mr Bruce McLauchlan said the Community Building Partnership grant of \$10,483 would allow the group to "get a roof put on the shed".

"We won't be using buckets anymore."

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch said the Peninsula Men's

Shed was a vital part of the community.

She said it provided for woodworking, carpentry and metalwork and the cottage is used for counselling and men's health, and as a lounge and for meetings.

"It was great to be able to give a grant to Peninsula Community Men's Shed for their new cottage roof," Ms Tesch said.

SOURCE:
Media release, 17 Sep 2025
Joely Langmaid, Office of the Member for Gosford



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Planning

Council agreement ‘swaps land it does not own’

Central Coast Council has entered a Planning Agreement to swap land that it does not own, according to an application to amend a development approval.

In the agreement with community housing provider Pacific Link Housing, the Council swapped two public footpaths adjacent to the development site for 21 affordable housing units at 18 MacLeay Ave, Woy Woy, for land containing rare bushland and the main drainage easement into Correa Bay.

Planning consultants Barker Ryan Stewart state: “These pathways were originally confirmed by Council to be ‘public roads’.

“During the road closure application process, it became apparent that Council was not in ownership of one of the pathways.

“Neither pathway was ever dedicated as a public road.

“A separate process was initiated to obtain ownership of these parcels of land.

“Investigations eventually confirmed that the northern pathway was owned by Central Coast Council and the southern pathway was owned by Homes NSW.

“Ownership of the northern pathway has been transferred from Central Coast Council to Pacific Link Housing.”

The original development application was exhibited for public comment in February last year, but was approved on February 24 this year with plans modified to exclude the pathways.

The proposed amendment



currently on exhibition “will facilitate a development that was largely proposed to Council within the original application package prior to the removal of the adjacent pedestrian pathways”.

The “Section 4.55(2)” application seeks to amend the approval to include the footpaths “within the design” and “to enact minor changes” for “the detailed design phase of the development”.

The application submitted a consent letter from Homes NSW but stated ownership had not yet been transferred.

The application does not state who is bearing the cost of the purchase from Homes NSW.

However, in an amendment to the development consent approved on July 11 “to facilitate the issue of Construction and Occupation Certificates”, the council’s planning assessment seemed to put the onus on Pacific Link Housing.

It stated that, under the Planning Agreement signed on November

15, 2022, Pacific Link Housing has obligations to close the pathways and consolidate them with the site over six months, with extra time allowed for gazettal of the path closure and issue of a subdivision certificate for the consolidation.

The applicant also has obligations that extended over 12 months to prepare a vegetation management plan and to subdivide the land to be transferred to the council.

The council assessment stated: “The applicant has failed to meet any of the obligations under the Voluntary Planning Agreement.”

In approving that amendment, the assessment stated that “conditions of consent have been incorporated to ensure works included in the Voluntary Planning Agreement will be completed at the relevant stage of the development”.

The application was not advertised at the time, because

“the proposed modifications have minimal environmental impact, and the development is substantially the same development”.

As part of that amendment, a requirement that the development be used for affordable housing for “a minimum of 15 years” will no longer be recorded on the land title, but instead become a condition of consent.

The new second amendment, currently on exhibition, incorporates the 1.3 metre wide pathways as part of the side setback, which in many cases in the original approval was less than 325mm and in one case had no setback.

New setbacks would range from 950mm, with several over 1.6 metres.

Despite the extra area, private open space for each unit remains much the same as does the floor area of each unit.

The application states the number of car spaces will increase from the 23 approved in February to 27, including two adaptable spaces, with additional parking added to the northern corner of the site.

The original application was for 27 car spaces, which it acknowledged was short of the requirement for 35.7 spaces of which 4.2 would be visitor spaces.

The current amendment does not list continuing non-compliance with the Council’s development control plan, but variance from the approval issued in February.

The original application acknowledged non-compliance with development controls for

private open space, solar access, garbage and waste services and setback.

The approved car wash bay has been relocated to the north, and a roof has been added over it.

Mailboxes have been moved approximately 10m to the east, and the main switchboard is now located adjacent to Unit 109, near the vehicle driveway.

The roof of Unit 107 has been redesigned to reverse its fall direction, and roof pitches generally have been rationalised for a “better architectural outcome”.

Window sizes and locations have been changed, claimed to be “minor and not impacting privacy or amenity”.

The ceiling height over wet areas in all units has been reduced to 2.55 metres to accommodate services within the ceiling space.

An additional cheese tree (tree 52) located along the western boundary is now proposed for removal due to conflicts with the “structural root zone” caused by the proposed sewer line.

The application states that the changes “will facilitate a better built form outcome for the site; and utilise pathways, within a development that will provide important affordable housing and public benefit, that are no longer required for use by the public.”

The amendment is currently on public exhibition and open for submissions until October 20.

SOURCE: DA Tracker, 17 Sep 2025 DA/2464/2023/B, Central Coast Council

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The problems with the Peninsula 20-year transition vision

Peninsula News edition 627 reports that “Council backs away from 60 per cent growth figure” and that Cr Neal has requested a planning vision that “will affect the Peninsula for 20 years”.

The reports do not mention essential considerations such as flooding and climate change.

When there is a need to competently address problems, the first action should be to accurately identify the extent of the problems.

This has not happened with the Peninsula 20-year growth transition vision, and the Peninsula’s problems remain undiagnosed.

This matter has gone from bad to worse with the council advising that expected growth is based on “maximum theoretical dwelling capacity”, which is planning fantasy.

Without realistic growth targets, creating an achievable vision for the Peninsula’s future will test the council’s credibility.

Flooding and climate change are certainly not fantasies and challenge the growth potential of the Peninsula.

Council can expect to face strong opposition from concerned residents if they are not addressed.

Norman Harris, Lovell Rd, Umina Beach



Less than 7m above sea level

New kitchen for aged care facility

Central Coast Council has received an application for a new commercial kitchen at a local aged care facility.

The development application is “for a new commercial kitchen facility at the existing residential aged care facility, known as Peninsula Village Retirement Centre,” at 91 Pozieres Ave, Umina Beach.

The new kitchen is described as the first step in redeveloping the Pam Palmer House site and renewing accommodation and facilities.

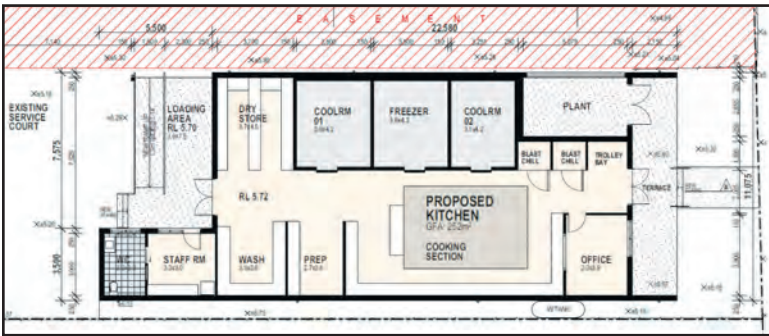
Pam Palmer House, which contains the current commercial kitchen, will need to be replaced in about five years, the application states.

The proposal includes the demolition of the existing maintenance shed and the construction of a new building to house the commercial kitchen in the southern part of the site.

“The existing kitchen facilities are outdated” and “not located for the efficient servicing” of the residents, the application states.

These facilities will cease operation when the new kitchen is in place.

The proposed works include



the construction of a new single storey weatherboard building, with a covered loading area at the rear of the building “to cater for meals to be picked up from the kitchen and delivered to residents on-site”.

No vegetation removal is required for the development.

The proposed building will be single storey, with a frontage presentation to Lens Ave “similar to the existing character of the surrounding residential area”.

The kitchen will include a separate wash, preparation and cooking section, along with two cool rooms, freezer, two blast chill areas, dry store, trolley bay, plant room and other facilities including an office, staff room and toilet.

The application says the current commercial kitchen employs 10 staff, and produces 1500 meals

per day, broken down as 300 for lunch, 300 for dinner, 300 for next day breakfast, 300 for next day lunch, and 300 for next day dinner.

“There are no changes to the number of staff or residents associated with the development and therefore there will be no impact on traffic or parking demands”.

It concludes: “The development is considered to be in the public interest as it is small scale, complements the surrounding low density residential locality and will service an existing facility with no expected off-site impacts to nearby residents or the public.”

The application is on public exhibition until October 3.

SOURCE: DA Tracker, 18 Sep 2025 DA/1070/2025, Central Coast Council

Weekend to celebrate 75th anniversary of Pearl Beach hall

The 75th anniversary of the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall will be celebrated from Friday to Sunday, September 26-28.

A reception with drinks and canapes will be held by the Pearl Beach Progress Association from 5pm to 7pm on Friday, September 26.

Association publicity officer Ms Lynne Lillico said: "We have an exhibition and display showcasing the variety and creative world of our local artisans, plus the wonderful volunteers who care for our bush and dunes, the environment and Crommelin Arboretum, and the local Rural Fire Service."

A selection of other activities will be available in the hall for the community to take part in.

"The evening Includes live background music performed by senior students from the Central

Coast Conservatorium of Music, plus a variety of short film clips."

An open day will be held in the hall from 8am to 2pm on Saturday, September 27.

Coffee will be available from early in the day and from 10am a barbecue will be held with treats available.

Live music will be performed during the day by the local Ukeladies and Friends band.

Pianist and vocalist Don Hopkins will return to Pearl Beach for a ticketed performance of his blues and roots, folk, country and gospel music at 7.30pm on Saturday night.

Proceeds will go toward upkeep of the hall.

Morning tea and coffee will be available at \$2 a cup on the hall's Back Deck from 9am to 12pm on Sunday, September 28, with a variety of savoury and sweet

pastries also available.

Ms Lillico said: "The idea for a hall at Pearl Beach goes back as far as 1929 when the Pearl Beach Progress Association was formed.

"In 1943, William Steinbeck, James Armstrong and William Frost, all members of the Association, jointly purchased the land at 9 Diamond Road and gave

it to the association for the purpose of building a community hall.

"The hall was planned as a war memorial, so contributions to the building fund became tax deductible.

"The building opened officially on 16 September 1950.

"The community, family and visitors are invited to come along

and enjoy the weekend program."

Bookings may be made online via <http://penne.ws/aAhG7j>

Further information is available by phone on 4344 2319 or online at www.pearlbeachprogress.org.au.

SOURCE:
Media release, 18 Sep 2025
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association



Ettalong foreshore maintenance listed in council report

Central Coast Council's general manager Mr David Farmer has described a range of maintenance and improvement activities that are undertaken regularly "across the beach and dune environments" at Ettalong Beach.

In a report in response to a notice of motion from Gosford West ward's Cr Trent McWaide, he said: "These activities, including vegetation maintenance (such as selective pruning to enhance sight lines near viewing platforms and removal of weeds from dune areas), mulching, rubbish removal, minor infrastructure repairs, and general clean-ups, have typically occurred every four to six weeks over the past year.

"Maintenance is carried out both proactively and in response to emerging issues, with works occurring at frequent intervals throughout the year to maintain amenity and safety for the community.

"Mowing of the foreshore reserve is scheduled every five weeks, increasing to every three weeks from November to address faster growing conditions in the warmer months and to maintain standards during periods of increased visitation.

"Litter collection, bin emptying, and cleaning of public spaces are undertaken daily, with additional attention to playgrounds, car parks, and foreshore areas.

"Cleaning and maintenance of public toilets and amenities are delivered under contract.

"Toilets are cleaned and restocked with consumables multiple times daily, with deep cleaning of all surfaces and entry

ways, and any damage or faults reported for rectification.

"Pressure cleaning of paved pedestrian areas, playground equipment, and other high-use public infrastructure is scheduled regularly, including high-pressure cleaning of paved areas every three months and prior to school holiday periods, as specified in the contract.

"Council officers conduct fortnightly inspections for building waste fragments (that may include asbestos containing materials), specifically to identify any loose fragments that may become exposed on the foreshore.

"Any such material is appropriately removed and disposed of in accordance with environmental and safety standards."

He said that debris near the ferry terminal was removed on September 15, following heritage assessments to ensure compliance with relevant requirements.

"Stairway safety upgrades were recently completed at Lance Webb Reserve.

"This project extended two public beach access stairs, constructed a new landing platform, and installed additional steps to improve safe access in the event of further erosion.

"The works were delivered with a focus on environmental management and public safety, and the site was reinstated to a high standard upon completion.

"Further maintenance and clean-up activities will occur as required following the reinspection of the area and prior to December 1."

SOURCE:
Central Coast Council item
Item 7.2, 23 Sep 2025



Cllr Jane Smith
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One year on from Council elections

It has been 12 months since the Council elections. I was pleased to attend a community meeting organised by Peninsula Residents Association (PRA) to provide an update on the first 12 months.

I reflected on some of my priorities in the election campaign. There has been some success—but still a lot more work to do. Here is a snapshot:

Supporting local community, giving communities a voice and better planning that retains character:

- Held a community workshop on the Community Strategic Plan on 18 May - community submissions led to changes in the document
- Held a community workshop on the Local Strategic Planning Statement - 31 August 2025
- Heritage - moved that Council hold a stakeholder workshop on heritage - held in August - expect some progress from that
- Advocated for retaining the Old Gosford Library building - success!

Accountability and transparency

- Called for a probity policy to be developed - not yet completed
- Successful motion to establish a Mangrove Mountain Advisory Committee to consider pollution risk in our drinking water catchment
- Calling out the committee structure that reduces accountability and transparency
- Successful motion for Council to develop a policy on proactive release of documents
- Called for Mayor and CEO to publish regular diary disclosures

Priorities for roads, drainage and footpaths

- In January, 2025, I surveyed those on my contact list about priority roads for road renewal. As a result, I was please to submit a list of roads that have been included in priorities
- Still more work to do on drainage and footpaths!

Protecting COSS and the places we love

- Workshop held in May on the Community Strategic Plan highlighted need for COSS to be included in this document
- Community submissions showed strong support for COSS and the environment—the CSP was amended!

Climate Change—and its impacts

- In first term of Council - developed Climate Change Policy and joined the Cities Power Partnership - need to re-focus on these
- Supported and delivered \$140,000 for tree planting on the Peninsula
- Climate change referenced in key documents
- Successful moved for Council to work with other coastal Councils on offshore beach nourishment as a way of managing coastal erosion

Protecting our drinking water catchments

- Establishing Mangrove Mountain Advisory Committee
- Community Strategic Plan amended to include "Protecting our drinking water catchment"
- Continue to raise agriculture as a key industry for the Coast

Central Coast New Independents

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News

HIA welcomes planning system reforms bill

The Housing Industry Association has welcomed the State Government's announcement last week of the NSW Planning System Reforms Bill.

"We expect to see key reforms in the Bill that will lead to an upturn in housing delivery, including the expansion of Complying Development," said NSW executive director Mr Brad Armitage.

He said the objects of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act would be changed to include housing delivery and proportionality in planning decision making, and cutting red tape by enabling planning disputes to be resolved outside of the Land and Environment Court.

"Measures in the Bill to improve

the planning system by enabling faster, more straightforward approvals, adding more certainty to industry, and by cutting red tape, is applauded."

"It is refreshing to see the government acknowledge that current legislation is overly complex and ill-equipped to meet modern development needs.

"Further, that over time the planning system has become a barrier to the delivery of new homes by slowing decision-making and delaying the start of construction, with not enough new homes built."

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch the reforms would "deliver the homes and jobs NSW needs".

"Right now, our planning system has become a bottleneck in the state's ability to build more homes, hurting housing supply, increasing

costs and reducing community confidence.

"This is unacceptable.

"We're introducing landmark legislation to create a modern, faster, and fairer planning system for NSW.

"The level of assessment required for simple developments has become beyond overkill.

"We're sweating the small stuff.

"This Bill is about clearing the path for the right development in the right places, with the right outcomes for the community.

"This means more affordable, well-built homes for families, young people, and everyone in between in NSW."

SOURCE:
Media release, 17 Sep 2025
Brad Armitage, HIA
Social media, 17 Sep 2025
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford



Crash near Pearl Beach

A two-car crash was reported near the intersection of Patonga Dr with Pearl Beach Dr, Pearl Beach, on Saturday, September 20.

Emergency services attended, with the occupant of one vehicle not requiring ambulance treatment and the occupants of the other

vehicle leaving the scene before emergency services arrived.

Residents reported a group of young men on the road filming the vehicle doing burnouts before the accident.

SOURCE:
Social media, 20 Sep 2025
NSW Central Coast Incident Alerts

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Claire Molenaar

I am searching for an old friend named Claire Molenaar who may be living in the Woy Woy area. Claire lived in Lane Cove, Sydney, many years ago with her parents Peter and Claire (snr) and brother Stephen. She may be going under a married name of Claire Ellis.

If you have any information which could help me find Claire, please let her know about this request.

Greg from northern NSW

Contact details are available via Peninsula News
(editor@peninsula.news, 4342 5333).

Looking for companionship

Single 63-year-old semi-retired man from the Central Coast looking for companionship with a woman. I'm a down-to-earth man from the country, who likes dancing, fishing, camping, country drives, going to the beach, bushwalking.

Phone Allan
0409 229 659

DEATH NOTICE

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of
Leone Evelyn Leonard,
who peacefully left us on
5 July 2025.

A loving mother, sister and partner, she will be missed. The plaque placement service will take place on
Friday 26 September at 12pm at
Palmdale Lawn Cemetery & Memorial Park
Hillside Garden 5.



Gosford Woman of the Year

NSW LOCAL WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Nominations are now open for the 2026 Gosford Local Woman of the Year Awards.
Fill out the form below to nominate and celebrate the outstanding contribution made by women across the Gosford electorate.

Please note that **nominees must live in the Gosford Electorate**

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Nominator Details	
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Organisation and role	

What achievements or contributions has the nominee made to their chosen field or the community?
*attach additional paper or references if required

Please return completed nomination forms to:

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 - Gosford@parliament.nsw.gov.au
- by 5pm, 26 October 2025.**

Or complete online



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Arts



Author talk online at library

Umina Library will “livestream” an evening with Kate Atkinson between 7pm and 8pm tomorrow, Tuesday, September 23.

Multi-award-winning author Kate Atkinson is expected to discuss the latest instalment of the Jackson Bodie series, *Death at the Sign of the Rook*.

The online talk will be available through Umina Beach Library's Borrowbox account, with doors

opening at 6:30pm.

The author of “Case Histories” and “Behind the Scenes at the Museum” will discuss her latest British PI mystery with Borrowbox content expert Ms Natasha Boyd.

The cost will be \$8, with bookings essential at the library or by phone on 4304 7333.

SOURCE:
Website, 18 Sep 2025
Library Services, Central Coast Council



‘Wizardry’ at folk club

The Troubadour Folk Club will feature two acts, Cope Street Parade and Martin and Mearns, at 7pm on Saturday, September 27, at the Everglades Country Club.

It will be an “impressive evening of musical wizardry”, according to club president Mr Michael Fine, with the warm vocal harmonies of Martin and Mearns providing a “perfect introduction to the spicy and exciting rhythms” of the Cope Street Parade.

“Cope Street Parade is considered one of Australia’s most engaging, original and creative music ensembles,” he said.

“Covering tender ballads through to rollicking dance numbers, this four-piece captures the spirit and warmth of early music styles while successfully blurring the line between the contemporary and the classic.

“The hot sounds of gypsy swing are combined with elements of New Orleans trad jazz, melded together in a hotpot of cold beers and sunshine.”

The other act, the acoustic guitar and electric bass duo that is Martin and Mearns is made up of Dave “Smiley” Martin and Chris Mearns.

“Following a good stint together in the 90s with Sydney-based bush-country-rock band Handpicked, they formed their own band and started song-writing together.”

Mr Fine said Dave and Chris would “refresh memories of songs you may have forgotten but will soon be humming and loving all over again”.

Tickets may be booked online through <http://www.troubadour.org.au>.

SOURCE:
Media release, 11 Sep 2025
Michael Fine, Troubadour Central Coast

Exhibiting at winery

Peninsula ceramic artist Ms Linda Agresti is among 18 established Central Coast artists who will exhibit their works in the gardens of Firescreek Botanical Winery in Holgate.

The free exhibition of monumental, garden and intimate sculptures will be held over the October long weekend.

Opening on Saturday morning, October 6, the celebration will include a school cake stall, music and a coffee van.

SOURCE:
Media release, 21 Sep 2025
Linda Agresti Hogue, Umina

Arts and craft centre plans annual exhibition

Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre is preparing for its Annual Exhibition and Sale.

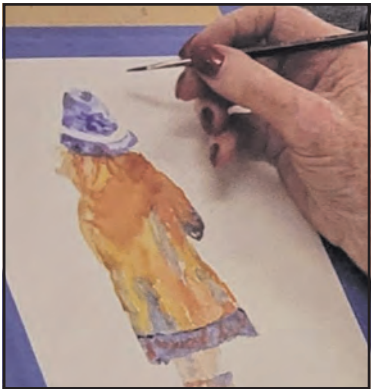
The exhibition and sale will be held at the Peninsula Community Centre, as usual, on Saturday and Sunday, October 25 and 26.

It will run from 10am to 4pm on the Saturday and from 10am to 3pm on the Sunday.

The weekend aims to offer quality handmade Christmas arts and craft gifts.

Students from the centre display pottery, paintings, jewellery, bags, baby items and quilts.

The centre also runs its own



Riley's Cafe over the weekend.

SOURCE:
Social media, 11 Sep 2025
Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre

Forum

No change in 25 years?

I was excited to read that the Council intends to remodel the Woy Woy town centre, establish a fast-ferry service to Sydney and replace the Woy Woy level crossing with an underpass.

Then, I realized I was reading the front page of your first issue.

Do you think it's a good idea to recreate the first 50 issues?

People are likely to read them and get confused with the Council's current plans.

Still, it's economical when you can just reprint so many old articles that are as relevant today as they were originally - assuming they were ever relevant, of course.

One does wonder whether Council priorities have ever

reflected the wishes of the community, and, then, immediately under your nostalgia article, I read a view (“Desire for ‘meaningful engagement’ raised”) that “there is a strong perception ... that existing public consultation has been largely a ‘box ticking exercise’ and that council is not serious in taking on board the feedback and submissions made by rate payers”.

Can such cynicism be?

Perhaps, we shall see when the Local Strategic Planning Statement is released: so far, it's difficult to discern any correspondence between the Council's strategies (to describe them kindly) and the views of any community member that I've spoken to.

SOURCE:
Email, 15 Sep 2025
Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy

Algal blooms are still main cause of pelican loss



there was a mass mortality of ducks in identified as algal toxin cases by Taronga's Registry of Wildlife Health.

A disturbing additional statistic is that over 80 per cent of the pelicans impacted are males.

The local population has declined substantially due to the loss of breeding males in the 15 years.

In addition to the unacceptable suffering and loss of our iconic pelicans, as an “ecotourism accredited destination” environmental quality assurance standards need to be adhered to for this accreditation to be granted into the future.

Over a decade on from the

Council's declaration “of no more pelican deaths”, they continue to suffer and die at the same rate every year.

Winter is the only season with a slight reprieve from the toxic discharge as the lower temperatures don't support the growth of the lethal algal blooms.

Pelicans aren't a renewable resource.

Management of the comprehensive human impacts is required including of toxic drains, increased recreational fishing impacts and disturbance to their breeding colony which doesn't receive any protection from the National Parks and Wildlife Service.

A comprehensive management and protection plan for Central Coast pelicans needs to be collaboratively developed, implemented and managed by National Parks, the Environment Protection Authority and Central Coast Council.

The public can call me on 0458 975 498 for any pelicans that look unwell and also other aquatic birds in the Brisbane Water catchment.

SOURCE:
Email, 14 Sep 2025
Wendy Gillespie, Pelican Care and Education

Shark nets protect swimmers

Shark nets have been deployed on popular beaches from Newcastle to Wollongong during the swimming season for decades by the NSW State Government for one reason and one reason only: to protect swimmers and surfers.

If people wish to prioritise marine life, protected or not, over human life, it's a no brainer.

Go ahead and pull the nets out but please sign your names on the dotted line to accept responsibility.

And you can also be the first people to try an un-netted beach.

SOURCE:
Email, 8 Sep 2025
Rolf Norington, Woy Woy

PCYC has school holiday program

PCYC Umina Beach has announced its school holiday program that will run from Monday, September 29, to Monday, October 13.

Sports will include gymnastics, parkour, tumbling and trampolining. Craft and other activities will also be available, including a visit from the Emergency Services.

The Monday program will include mixed sport drills, Lego masters, dodgeball, judo and archery clinics, parkour and trampolining.

On Tuesday, there will be a tumbling clinic, Nerf wars, beads and origami, parkour, pickleball, and painting.

Wednesday activities include soccer drills, volleyball drills, parkour, escape rooms, Oztag drills, bars and beams, cartwheels and handstands.

On Thursdays, there will be painting, ceramic pot painting, mini Olympics, beads and origami, emergency services, Lego masters and mixed sport drills.

Friday activities include gymnastics, STEM challenges,

netball drills, trampolining, soccer drills and athletics.

The activities are suitable for ages five to 12 and cost \$30 a session or \$60 a full day.

Those attending must be PCYC members and bring bottled water, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea, and wear enclosed shoes and appropriate clothing.

For further information, phone 4344 7851 or email uminabeach@pcycnsw.org.au.

SOURCE:

**Social media, 5 Sep 2025
PCYC Umina Beach**



Behind-the-scenes worker receives employee award

A behind-the-scenes kitchen worker has been named “employee of the month” at a local registered club.

Ms Neliya Bhattarai “creates delicious dishes” at the Ettalong Diggers Club.

She was recognised “for her consistently outstanding work and for being a wonderful person to have on the team”.

SOURCE:

**Social media, 18 Sep 2025
Ettalong Diggers**



Aussie pie medals

A Woy Woy bakery has won silver and bronze medals in The Official Great Aussie Pie Competition.

Chubby Bunnys Bakery was awarded silver for its Gourmet Seafood Carpet Bagger and bronze for its Mince Beef Sausage Roll and for its Gourmet Poultry Korean Yum Yum Chicken pie.

The competition had 1500 from more than 200 bakeries and was held at the International Convention Centre in Sydney.

SOURCE:

**Media release, 9 Sep 2025
Catherine Fornell Hallberg,
Evil Twin PR**

New pergola for Mary Mac’s Place

A new pergola has been installed at Mary Mac’s Place in Woy Woy over the first three weeks of this month.

“It’s complete,” said project worker Ms Sally Baker.

“I am so happy to have a comfy space for our Mary Mac’s Place

family to enjoy.

“I am so excited for us to have a lovely covered space to relax in and enjoy in the summer and winter months,” she said.

SOURCE:

**Social media, 17 Sep 2025
Sally Baker, Mary Mac’s Place**



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Education

Umina named point-score athletics champion

Umina Beach Public School has been named the overall point-score champion in this year's Southern Central Coast Primary School Sports Association Athletics Championship held on Friday, September 5.

The championship was held at Mingara Regional Athletics Centre in perfect weather "and an atmosphere full of encouragement and energy".

Umina students were among the top performers at the championship.

Lylah Glynn was named the 11-Years Girls age champion, breaking records for her age in 800m (2:41.36), in 1500m (5:30.13) and the long jump (4.13m).

Jake Pittman was named the Junior Boys (8-10 years) age

champion and also the Male Athlete of the Meet, scoring the most points from all age groups.

Cooper Fawcett set records in the Senior Boys Shot Put (F36) and Senior Boys Discus (F36).

Other athletes from the Peninsula to excel at the championship included Sam Rugendyke from Woy Woy Public School who was named Multiclass Athlete of the Meet.

He broke records in Senior Boys 100m (T47), Senior Boys 200m (T47), Senior Boys Long Jump (T47), Senior Boys Shot Put (F46) and Senior Boys Discus (F46).

Harry Fawcett from Ettalong Public School set a record in the Senior Boys Discus (F21).

SOURCE:
Social media, 9 Sep 2025
Southern Central Coast Primary School Sports Association



Students write a book in a day

Year 5 and Year 6 students at St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School have accomplished a mission to write a book in a day on Monday, September 15.

The 10 young authors and illustrators rose to the challenge

of writing and illustrating an entire book in just one day for The Kids' Cancer Project.

Their story had to include a mechanic, an astronomer, a wolf, a mountain and a missing school bag.

"We are so proud of their

creativity, teamwork and dedication to making a difference through storytelling," said school principal Ms Nicole Davies.

SOURCE:
Social media, 18 Sep 2025
SJB Catholic Primary School Woy Woy



Parents association president steps down

Umina Beach Public School Parents and Citizens Association president Ms Stevie Skene has announced she is stepping down.

"The Skene family's journey is moving in a new direction and onto the Central Coast Sports College," she said.

"The past three years have been nothing short of phenomenal.

"Together, we've achieved things I could only have dreamed of when I first stepped into this role.

"From donating over \$100,000 back into our school, to introducing our beautiful indigenous-designed sports shirt that reflects and celebrates our community, to most recently securing the relocation of

the new preschool so that we could save our school's precious green space, these accomplishments are not mine alone, but ours as a community.

"None of this would have been possible without our incredible volunteers, who give so generously of their time, energy, and love for this school.

"Umina Beach Public School will always hold a very special place in my heart.

"I will always be cheering for this community, and I know it will continue to thrive in the years to come."

SOURCE:
Social media, 17 Sep 2025
Stevie Skene, Umina Beach Public School P/C Association

Three Year 12 Industrial Technology Timber students at Woy Woy campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College have displayed their work at a Major Project Showcase.

Nathan Dick showed his Games Box with two drawers.

Josh Lucock displayed his wardrobe, also with two drawers.

Harley Price produced a coffee table with two drawers and a stunning resin river top.

"These works are a testament to the hard work and craftsmanship developed throughout the course," said campus principal Ms Rebecca Cooper.

"Our talented Year 12 Timber students have truly impressed with their outstanding Major Projects, each reflecting skill, creativity and dedication, and showcasing the incredible standard of practical learning at the college."

SOURCE:
Social media, 18 Sep 2025
BWSC Woy Woy



Splashathon

The Umina Beach Public School's Splashathon has been postponed until Monday, November 17.

This was "due to circumstances out of our control with our supplier".

SOURCE:
Social media, 16 Sep 2025
Umina Beach Public School P/C Association

The Koorana Cup was held at Rogers Park on Friday, September 12.

It brought together more than 500 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students from the Brisbane Water Learning Community to celebrate culture, connection and community.

Koorana Cup brings 500 students together

The day was held in the spirit of Aboriginal Children's Day, and featured a range of activities.

Organised by the Koorana Aboriginal Education Consultative Group, the cost of the day was supported with a \$2500 Club Grant from Ettalong Diggers.

Activities included an opening

ceremony with elders, indigenous games and oztag matches between schools, traditional dance and creative activities.

There were community service stalls connecting families with support, and a free barbecue lunch for students, families and community.

"We are honoured to support this important event that builds pride, unity, and cultural celebration for our young people and community," said Diggers' community manager Ms Kim Cole.

SOURCE:
Social media, 15 Sep 2025
Ettalong Diggers

Swiss pairs results after three matches

Results of Brisbane Water Bridge Club Championship in Restricted Swiss Pairs after three of six matches played on September 17 were:

1 Denyse Stephens, John Drew (Cat B) 47.20 Imps (45.30 VPs), 3-0-0 W-D-L.
2 Frankie Craven, Spider Redgold (B) 40.63 (42.70), 2-0-1.
3 Edith Marshall, Ron Meaney 34.16 (40.76), 2-0-1.
4 Hilary Owen, Meg McGregor 30.68 (40.68), 3-0-0.
5 Kerrel Walker, Carol Long 22.39 (36.59), 1-0-2.
6 Beryl Lowry, John Aldersley 14.59 (35.15), 2-0-1.
7 Steve Anderson, Kerry Anderson (C) 17.93 (35.13), 2-0-1.
8 Carolyn Harper, Roz Harvey (B) 13.82 (35.00), 2-0-1.
9 Dieter Mucharsky, Bob Lowry

(B) 15.66 (34.872-0-1 .
10 Anne Birt, Marilyn Reid (B) -4.57 (28.18), 1-0-2.
11 Julie Barker, Annie Creasey (C) -7.48 (28.14), 1-1-1.
12 John Sandra, Bernadette Sandra (C) -6.02 (27.62), 1-0-2.
13 Debra Coulson, Mark Mannion (C) -12.45 (26.56), 1-1-1.
14 Carolynne Mucharsky, Tracey Dillon (B) -8.63 (26.25), 1-0-2.
15 Ros Lunday, Marg Hockley (C) -23.02 (22.75), 1-0-2.
16 nni Murray, Susan Ashley (B) -37.93 (17.82), 1-0-2.
17 Karen Jamieson, Linda Dowling (C) -58.96 (10.75), 0-0-3.
18 Robyn Smith, Adi Jones (C) -78.00 (5.75), 0-0-3.

SOURCE:
Website, 18 Sep 2025
Brisbane Water Bridge Club



Tennis clubs join for Peninsula championships

Woy Woy Tennis Club and Empire Bay Tennis Club joined to hold the Peninsula Tennis Championships over the weekend of September

13 and 14. Tennis players from all over the Central Coast competed for medals and cash prizes. Singles, women's doubles and

mixed doubles were played at Woy Woy.

SOURCE:
Social media, 14 Sep 2025
Woy Woy Tennis Club

Final victors off to Japan

The Umina Under-16A soccer team has capped off its season with a 4-1 grand final victory on Saturday, September 13, despite finishing fourth on the ladder and battling injuries throughout the year.

The squad of 15 boys, 13 of whom are technically under-15s playing up an age group, defied the odds to secure the championship win.

Tomorrow, Tuesday, September 23, will see 12 of the Under-

16A players, along with several teammates from the Under-15B side, depart for Tokyo to take part in "Japan Camp, an intensive week of soccer and cultural experiences".

The young athletes will compete in a weekend tournament against Japanese teams, and visit a local school.

Off the pitch, the team will also take in some of Japan's most iconic sights, including a trip to Mount Fuji.

SOURCE:
Media release, 15 Sep 2025
Karen Stammers, Umina Eagles



Bowling RUOK afternoon

The Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club held its RUOK afternoon on Wednesday, September 17, after having to re-schedule the event due to rain on Wednesday, September 10.

"Over 60 bowlers enjoyed the beautiful weather and gave generously to this great cause," said club secretary Mr Peter Springett.

Club member Rex Hunt spoke of the importance of starting a conversation and commenting on the changes you've noticed that could help that family member,

friend or workmate open up. He spoke of learning about the signs and when it's time to ask.

He said there were conversation steps to show them they're supported and to help them find strategies to better manage the load.

"If they are OK, that person will know you're someone who cares enough to ask."

Mr Springett said: "Apart from the serious side of the day, there was also a fun side of the event."

"There were some great raffle prizes to be won."

SOURCE:
Social media, 17 Sep 2025
Peter Springett

Surf clubs take part in 24-hour row

Both Umina and Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Clubs in the Gotcha4Life 24-Hour Row over the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, September 13 and 14.

Ocean Beach reported its team rowed about 1 million metres, raising \$6000, well above expectations.

Umina reported that its team "kept the machines moving and spirits high right through the 24 hours".

"Together, we proudly raised funds to support mental fitness and help build a future where no-one worries alone."

SOURCE:
Social media, 14 Sep 2025
Umina Surf Life Saving Club
Social media, 16 Sep 2025
Ocean Beach SLSC



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Sport

Kincumber defeats Umina in WPL semi-final

Kincumber has defeated Umina 2-0 in the minor soccer semi-final of the Central Coast's Women's Premier League.

This was the second straight year that Kincumber has put an end to Umina's season in their semi-final showdown. The opening stages of the game saw both sides struggle to create any clear-cut chances as both sides were forced to shoot from distance with efforts that didn't trouble either goalie.

The first real opportunity for either side came in the 25th minute for Umina as Kate Styles was played the ball on the edge of the box.

Styles used her pace to drive to the byline and fire a cross across the face of the goal to Kiara Kelly who was unable to get a shot off inside the six-yard box.

Kincumber started to gain more momentum and were awarded a free-kick on the edge of the area as set-piece specialist Jasmine Beacroft stepped up for the Roos.

Beacroft delivered a free kick to the back stick, but no teammate was there.

From the resulting goal kick, Kincumber's Tamara Forster won the ball back from a loose pass, running to the edge of the box before firing a pinpoint shot over the head of the Umina keeper, giving the Roos a 1-0 lead.

Things then went from bad to worse for the E-Gals just moments before the halftime whistle.

Nina Boije Af Gennas played a brilliant through ball over the

opposition backline for Olivia Melenewycz.

Melenewycz got to the ball first as Tori Sheriff left her goal box, and in an attempt to win the ball, Sheriff fouled Olivia outside of the 18-yard box and the goalkeeper was shown a red card for her actions.

Now down a player and without a spare goalkeeper in their squad, an outfield player was sacrificed in goals.

With the free kick still yet to be taken, it was Beacroft who once again stood over the ball for Kincumber.

This time, Beacroft was able to produce a wonderfully taken set-piece which found the back of the net, giving Kincumber a 2-goal lead at the break.

Down by two goals and a player down, it was always going to be an enormous task for the E-Gals to pull themselves back into the contest in the second period.

Kincumber looked to extend their lead further, but the Umina defence was working overtime to keep the opposition at bay.

Umina had chances of their own throughout the second half, but the Kincumber defence remained impenetrable, forcing the E-Gals to shoot from distance and limiting any clear-cut opportunities in the box.

In the end, Kincumber were happy to see out the result to book another meeting with East Gosford in this year's Preliminary Final.

Match Official – Rodney Mcloed.

SOURCE:
Website, 1 Sep 2025
Central Coast Football



Mixed Pairs final played at Ettalong

Ettalong Eagles Bowling Club has played its Mixed Pairs final.

Judy King and Brandon Wiblen. Willmette won the event 18-12, defeating Greg Pigram and Tracy

SOURCE:
Social media, 12 Sep 2025
Ettalong Eagles

Bowling club celebrates achievements

The Ettalong Women's Bowling Club celebrated its 2024-25 bowls season with a presentation day marking its members' achievements on Saturday, September 13.

In minor singles, the winner was Tamara Jackson, with runner-up Jenn Rogers.

In consistency singles, the winner was Anastasia Koutsellis, with runner-up Michelle Browne.

In major-minor pairs, the

winner were Sienna Wiblen and Tracy Wiblen, with runners-up Marie Brailey and Anastasia Koutsellis.

In major fours, the winners were Angela White, Annette Jesaveluk, Anastasia Koutsellis and Karen Croker.

Runners-up were Michelle Wilson, Corrine Meti, Kate Noble and Michelle Brown.

In major triples, the winners were Betty Wright, Robyn Holden, Gloria O'Sullivan and sub Marie

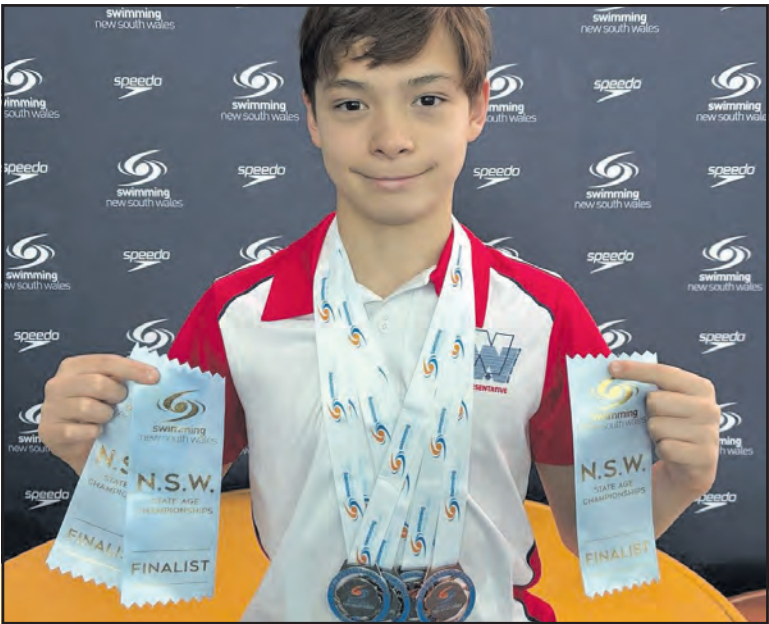
Brailey.

Runners-up were Tamara Jackson, Angela White and Karen Croker.

In major pairs, the winners were Anastasia Koutsellis and Karen Croker, with runners-up Vicki Young and Michelle Browne.

In major singles, the winner was Tracy Wiblen, with runner-up Angela White.

SOURCE:
Social media, 13 Sep 2025
Ettalong Women's BC



Kai wins medals at short course champs

Woy Woy Swim Club member Kai Evans had an outstanding weekend spent racing at NSW Youth State Age Short Course Championships.

He won three silver medals in the 11yrs 400m freestyle, 100m freestyle and 200m freestyle and a bronze medal in the 200m

breaststroke.

He also had three top 10 finishes.

His solo effort earned him 24th place on the male points team scoreboard for the meet.

SOURCE:
Social media, 15 Sep 2025
Woy Woy Swim Club

Netball coaches appointed

The Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association has announced its head coaches for the coming season.

The 15's Reps head coach is Zoe Wilson. The 17's Reps head coach is Britany Thompson.

Open Women's head coach is Derek Wolfenden. Open Men's head coach is Kathleen Styant.

The 11's Development head coach is Roslyn Ferguson. The 12's Reps head coach is Tiah Santarossa.

The 13's Reps head coach is Kylie Rayner. The 14's Reps head coach is Donah Elliott.

Assistant coaches are wanted for development squad teams, junior rep teams and senior rep teams.

The association is also hoping to form Male 14s, Male 17s and All Abilities teams.

Applicants are wanted with "the skills, dedication and drive to inspire players".

SOURCE:
Social media, 12 Sep 2025
Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association



Tamika is netball club's player of the year

Umina Beach Netball Club has announced that Tamika Bailey is its Senior Player of the Year.

This award is made to recognise talent and skill on the field, and

also the dedication, teamwork, and sportsmanship shown throughout the season.

SOURCE:
Social media, 6 Sep 2025
Umina Beach Netball