



## Fair Day approval comes through at last minute

As late as last Thursday, organisers of the Coastal Twist Festival had still not received written approval from Central Coast Council for their Coastie Carnie Fair Day held at the Peninsula Recreation Precinct at Umina Beach yesterday.

The council approval letter finally came through on Thursday night, said festival director Ms Glitta Supernova.

The delays in the process meant they had been constrained in being able to promote the event.

They were facing the question of what to do if the approval did not come through.

In the event, the Fair Day was held and seemed well attended.

"Families, friends, allies, local events producers, businesses and community (provided) financial, emotional, and logistics support - the life line that unravelled red tape and blockers that hold this region back," she said.

"Today we are here and we celebrate cohesion, acceptance, live music, arts and local culture."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 5 Oct 2025  
Coastal Twist Festival

## Council resolves to replace Umina Beach toilets

Central Coast Council has resolved to prepare a design and financial plan for the construction of replacement toilets adjacent to the Umina Beach Surf Club.

It asked for a report to be prepared by the end of the year.

The resolution, moved by Cr Belinda Neal, was passed unanimously.

Disabled Surfers Association Central Coast branch president Ms Rae Fiechter and Umina Community Group director Mr Tony Winch spoke at the Council Public Forum before the council meeting in support of Cr Neal's motion

"The toilets adjacent to the

Umina Beach surf club are of a poor standard and are inadequate to the present needs of the community," said Cr Neal.

"The present block does not provide suitable change rooms for the disabled surfer group that uses the facilities at least four times a year.

"It does not provide showers or suitable change rooms for the people with a disability.

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

"The toilets are 52 years old and are recommended for demolition

at the end of life but need to be replaced earlier."

Cr Neal said the council had recently adopted a strategy that would see their replacement in 2031.

"Council Officers developed a Public Toilet Strategy which was adopted by Council on July 22, following a councillor workshop on May 20 May and a presentation to the Infrastructure and Assets Committee meeting on June 10," she said.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 23 Sep 2025  
Rae Fiechter, Central Coast Disabled Surfers Association  
Media release, 24 Sep 2025  
Belinda Neal, Central Coast Council



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Volunteer distributors are wanted this time who can parachute in when regular distributors are out of action: The "shock troops" of newspaper distribution.

You just need your own car and to be mostly free on Mondays, Tuesdays or perhaps Saturdays, in publication weeks. Full training will be given.

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**Mark Snell, 5 Oct 2025**

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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.

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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.

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

Final cooking comp run for the year

**Final cooking competition for the Umina Beach branch of the Country Women's Associatoin of the year started at 10am on Saturday, September 27.**

The judge was Ms Tracey Cambourn.

Winners were:  
Surprise Butter Loaf Cake:  
1 Mr Ken Janson, 2 Ms Fiona Duckworth, 3 Ms Celia O'Meara  
Microwave Strawberry Jam: 1

Ms Robyn Gilmour, 2 Ms Glenda Chapman, 3 Ms Margaret Key.

Tomato Jam: 1 Ms Tracy Wilson, 2 Ms Glenda Chapman, 3 Ms Fiona Duckworth.

Pineapple and Onion Relish: 1 Ms Margaret Key, 2 Ms Glenda Chapman, 3 Ms Celia O'Meara.

Apple and Cranberry Chutney: 1 Ms Fiona Duckworth, 2 Ms Celia O'Meara, 3 Ms Lin Griffiths.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 27 Sep 2025  
CWA Umina Beach



Afternoon tea held for grant recipients

**An afternoon tea was held on Thursday, September 26, for the recipients of grants from the Everglades Country Club.**

Everglades chief executive Mr Ross Seabrook and director Mr Trevor Walker announced \$88,456 of grants awarded in the 2025 Club Grants funding round.

"These vital funds support groups that may not have access to other financial assistance, helping to ensure that valued services and community projects continue to thrive right here in our region," said Mr Walker.

"We were privileged to hear firsthand about the incredible work



these organisations do to uplift and support those in our community." Among the recipients was the Woy Woy Peninsula Community

Garden.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 26 Sep 2025  
Everglades Country Club

Average rainfall recorded for September

**After months of rainfall extremes, the rainfall recorded on the Peninsula for September was just about spot-on average.**

The total for September was 64.9mm, compared to the month's average of 66mm, a difference of just 1.7 per cent, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

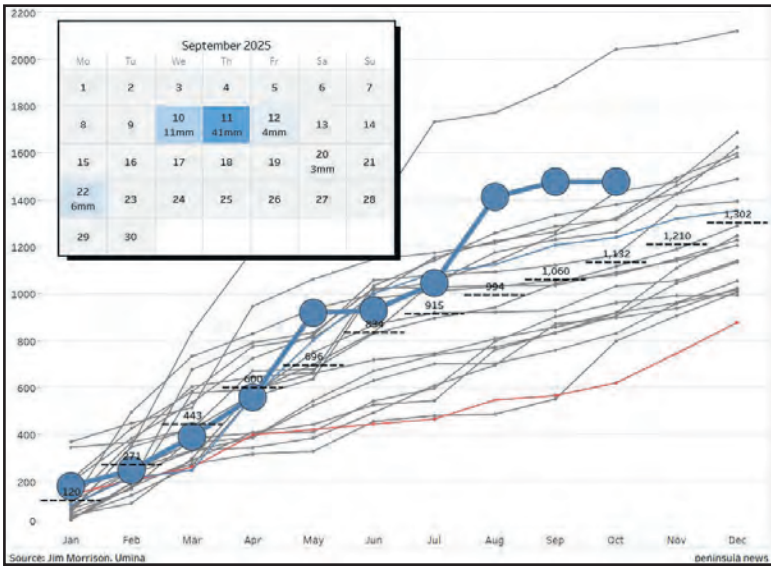
Rain was recorded on just five days of the month with most of it, 41.2mm, being recorded on September 11.

Less than five millimetres of rain was recorded on two of those days.

The rainfall brings the total for the year to 1476mm.

This is well over the average for this time of year of 1042mm, the difference being 434mm or 41.7 per cent.

The figure is 13.1 per cent, or



171mm, more than the annual average of 1305mm.

On average, 263mm falls in the last three months of the year.

If that occurs this year, it would

bring the total to 1739mm, the second highest annual rainfall in the last 20 years.

**SOURCE:**  
Spreadsheet, 3 Oct 2025  
Jim Morrison, Umina

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# Progress association wants burnouts reported

**Pearl Beach Progress Association is asking residents to report cars doing burnouts on Patonga Dr near the intersection of Pearl Beach Dr.**

“Call police on 131 444 and ask for a job number, so the call is recorded,” the association advised in a social media post.

The activity had resumed “after 11 months of peace and quiet” following a meeting convened by Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch, which resulted in a police presence in the area.

The association asked that incidents also be reported to it by email to [burnouts@pearlbeachprogress.org.au](mailto:burnouts@pearlbeachprogress.org.au), and suggested that Ms Tesch could also be advised.

“If it is safe to do so, take a photo or video.”

The association said it was following up Central Coast Council which told last year’s meeting it would investigate the installation of traffic calming devices.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 1 Oct 2025  
Pearl Beach Progress Association



# Centre has 38 activities for 774 members

**The Ettalong 50+ Centre now has 774 members.**

It offers 38 activities every week. It has a new mural and signage.

And it is about to increase its committee from seven to 10, to “create more opportunities for member input and stronger communication channels”.

Two years ago, management of the centre at 5 Broken Bay Rd was transferred from Central Coast Council to a local community group.

It has been a community success story which continues, according to publicity officer Mr

Marco Liporoni.

“The volunteer management committee established robust accounting and banking systems, ensuring finances were not just stable but healthy, finishing the year with a surplus,” he said.

The centre has between five and nine activities each weekday.

They vary from yoga to indoor bowls, from leatherwork to table tennis.

They include card and board games, like bridge and scrabble, chess and mahjong.

There is painting and handicraft, recorder and ukulele, dancing and

a choir.

“The real success story is in participation,” said Mr Liporoni.

“Dramatic increases in activities, fundraising, and facility hiring show E50+ not just meeting existing needs.

“It is discovering and addressing needs our community didn’t even know it had.”

For further information, visit the centre weekdays between 9am and 3pm, or phone 4342 1034 or visit the website [ettalong50plus.org.au](http://ettalong50plus.org.au).

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, Sep 2025  
Marco Liporoni, Ettalong 50+ Centre



# Local Woman awards open for nominations

**Nominations are open now for the 2026 Gosford Local Woman of the Year Awards.**

Entries close on Sunday, October 26.

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch said the award recognised remarkable women in the Gosford electorate whose efforts should be celebrated.

“The Gosford Local Woman of the Year celebrates progressive thinkers, everyday heroes, social advocates and community role models

“Each year, the Gosford Woman of the Year Awards are such a fantastic opportunity to shine a light on women who make significant contributions to our community,” Ms Tesch said.

“Nominations recognise women from across community, professional and volunteer roles, who contribute in a million small

and large ways to our community each day.

“I encourage members of the Gosford electorate to complete the secure online nomination form before 5pm on October 26.”

Last year, newly crowned world high-jump champion Ms Nicola Olyslagers took out the award.

The athlete recently won high-jump gold at the World Athletics Championships in Tokyo.

The previous year, Umina water safety advocate Ms Louise Lambeth (pictured) won the award.

Online forms can be found online at Ms Tesch’s website via <http://penne.ws/SSuXJr>, while a physical nomination form can be obtained at the Gosford Electorate Office at 71 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 1 Oct 2025  
Joely Langmaid, Office of the Member for Gosford

# Traffic changes at Blackwall intersection

**Traffic conditions at the intersection of Memorial Ave, Barrenjoey Rd and Maitland Bay Dr, Blackwall, are expected to change overnight this week, according to Transport for NSW.**

The Department plans to carry out construction work, which includes watermain works and preparation works inclusive of barrier installation at the intersection.

The work will be carried out from tomorrow, Tuesday, to Thursday, October 7 to 9, from 7pm to 5am, weather permitting.

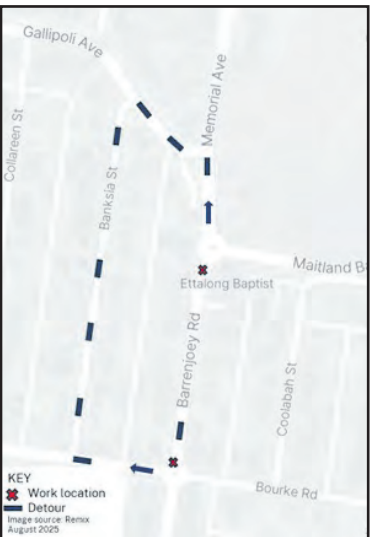
It may also occur on Friday, if required.

A detour with signage may be place for pedestrians and cyclists using the shared footpath on Barrenjoey Rd to redirect them to Banksia St.

Traffic control, single lane closures, alternating stop/slow and a reduced speed limit of 40km/h is expected to be in place, with delays of up to five minutes.

More information is available online via <http://penne.ws/a93XtO>, via the Live Traffic NSW phone app or by phoning 132 701.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 2 Oct 2025  
Rowan Barker, Transport NSW



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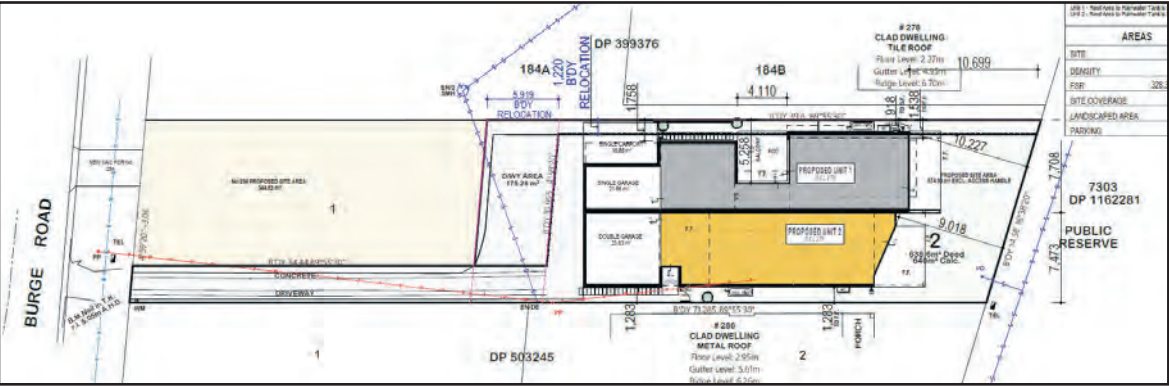
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# Waterfront dual occupancy proposed on battleaxe block

Central Coast Council has received an application for a waterfront dual occupancy on a battleaxe block at 282 Burge Rd, Woy Woy.

It includes the demolition of the existing double storey brick home on the site.

It also seeks a “boundary realignment” with 284 Burge Rd, the front lot of the original battleaxe subdivision with direct street access, which is owned in common with number 282.

The realignment would see the rear lot increase in size from about 538 square metres to about 682 square metres.

The front lot would be reduced to about 344 square metres, which is below the minimum lot size of 450 square metres.

The application does not state this non-compliance explicitly, but acknowledges the issue by “demonstrating precedent to the ... lot size of 344 square metres” which it says exists at 294 Burge Rd.

Both lots are zoned R2 Low Density Residential.

As well as moving the common boundary 5.919 metres to the west, the rear lot would be made larger by transferring a 1.273 metre strip from the front lot which currently provides pedestrian access to the waterfront reserve.

The application states: “The proposed site area of 674.93 square metres, excluding the access handle, exceeds the minimum 550 square metre requirement for dual occupancy development.”

The application states: “Both



units are designed for three bedrooms and are intended to be owner-occupied upon completion.”

Unit 1 would have its master bedroom on the ground floor and the other bedrooms on the first floor.

It would include a north-facing private courtyard and an eastern porch with water views.

Unit 2 is proposed to have open-plan living, kitchen, and dining space on the first floor to “maximise northern sunlight” and private balconies with eastern water views and a northern aspect, with all three bedrooms located on the ground floor.

The proposed building height is 8.495m, just below the maximum permissible height of 8.5m.

Both units are designed to front the adjacent public reserve.

The application claims compliance with all other Local and

State planning provisions including setbacks, private open space and visual and acoustic privacy.

It concludes that “The proposed dual occupancy is a compliant and contextually appropriate development.

It also states that it “makes effective use of a corner allotment with independent street access for each unit”, despite the fact it is not on a street corner.

“The design presents a high standard of architectural quality with no adverse environmental or amenity impacts and should receive favourable consideration,” the application argues

The application is currently on public exhibition for written submissions until October 20.

**SOURCE:**  
DA Tracker, 5 Oct 2025  
DA/1148/2025, Central Coast Council

## Three dwellings proposed on Flounder St site

A development application has been lodged for three new attached dwellings at 31 Flounder Rd, Ettalong.

The development would replace a single-storey residential dwelling, carport, garage, and sheds, on the 975.5 square metre site, zoned R1 General Residential.

The front and rear dwellings (Unit 1 and Unit 3) single-storey, while the middle dwelling (Unit 2) is to be two-storey.

The proposed maximum height of 7.65 metres complies with the 8.5-metre height limit for the area, and the floor space ratio of 0.39:1 is also less than the maximum permitted.

The application is non-compliant with planning provisions for rear setbacks and private open space dimensions.

The design incorporates lean-to roofs and cladding materials “intended to reflect the modest style of traditional mid-20th-century bungalows”.

All three dwellings are planned to have three bedrooms.

Units one and three will each have a double garage while unit two will have a single garage.

The application proposes a rear setback of 3.5 metres, instead of the requirement of 4.5 metres, for a portion of the rear wall of Unit 3.

The applicant’s justification for the 22 per cent variation is that strict compliance is unnecessary because the proposal is compatible with existing adjacent developments in the locality.

The application claims nearby developments typically have smaller setbacks of around 0.9 metres “established under previous controls”.

It also states that the impact on the adjoining property would be negligible due to the “presence of a large tree on the neighbour’s land”.

It argues that the design still achieves the overall objectives for maintaining solar access and visual amenity.

However, the site plan brings this into question as it shows a large prominent tree at the rear of the property itself, which is identified in the plan for removal.

The removal is not mentioned in the application itself.

The tree is one of five remaining large trees on the entire block bounded by Flounder Rd, Picnic Parade, Flathead Rd and Schnapper Rd.

Total tree canopy for the block is no more than one per cent.

The application also shows private open space for each unit that is less than the minimum dimension of 4.5 metres required by planning provisions.

Unit 3 has 36 square metres of open space with a depth of 3.5 metres, and Unit 2 has 25 square metres with a depth less than 4.5 metres.

Unit 1 incorporates a landscaped area in the front setback, measuring 36 square metres, towards its total open space area of 75 square metres, a practice discouraged by the planning controls.

The application claims the “relatively narrow” site of 15.4 metres makes achieving the 4.5-metre width difficult when providing for “reasonable higher density development”.

It states that the total open space area of 45 square metres is met if areas with less than 4.5 metres width are included, with Unit 1 having 75 square metres, Unit 2 having 45 square metres, and Unit 3 having 59 square metres.

Use of the front setback is also defended as enhancing security by allowing residents to overlook the street and driveway from their private space, while providing good solar access.

There is no mention of how tall or dense the screening of Unit’s 1 open space would be.

The application refers to a landscape plan, but it is not among the documents currently on exhibition.

While the application is currently available through the Council planning portal, the notification period is listed as starting on October 10 and closing date is October 31.

**SOURCE:**  
DA Tracker, 3 Oct 2025  
DA/1238/2025, Central Coast Council

## Dual occupancy proposal would amalgamate allotments

An application has been lodged for a new attached dual occupancy development at 31 Lone Pine Ave, Umina.

The project will include the amalgamation of the existing lot on Lone Pine Ave with a smaller adjoining lot on Forest Rd, resulting in a total combined site area of 630.9 square metres, zoned R2 Low density residential.

According to the application prepared by Red Apple Design, the development will consist of two double-storey units each unit with “four or more bedrooms”,

according to the Basix certificates.

They will have independent street frontage and entry, with Unit 1 fronting Lone Pine Ave, and Unit 2 fronting Forest Rd.

An existing single storey home would be demolished for the development.

The application states: “The proposed development features two double-storey architecturally designed units.

“The facade is to be of mixed external finishes, emulating those materials commonly used in the precinct.”

The maximum height of the new

building is proposed to be 8.495 metres, almost the permissible maximum height of 8.5 metres for the zone.

The application claims compliance with all local and state planning instruments, including for setbacks and private open space.

It states a total ground floor area of the open space for each unit of 45.9 square metres, made up of 32.76 square metres of “primary” open space and 13.18 square metres “secondary al fresco”.

However the minimum dimension for the al fresco area is only 2.69 metres, well below the

minimum 4.5 metres required by the planning provisions.

It also claims an area of first floor balcony measuring 3.4 metre by 1.2 metres as an additional 4.8 square metres of private open space.

The units will incorporate ducted air conditioning systems with day and night zoning capabilities.

The development provides for a total of four residential car spaces, with each unit having a double garage and access provided by new crossovers on both Lone Pine Ave and Forest Rd.

“The proposed dual occupancy

is a compliant and contextually appropriate development,” according to the application.

“It supports local housing diversity, and makes effective use of a corner allotment with independent street access for each unit.”

The application is currently on public exhibition, open for written submissions until Monday, October 13.

**SOURCE:**  
DA Tracker, 4 Oct 2025  
DA/1168/2025, Central Coast Council



# Patisserie changes hands after 36 years

**The Bremen Patisserie in Umina is changing hands after 36 years.**

Master pastry chef Mr Ron Bruns and his wife Helga, who established the business in 1989, are retiring.

The couple had arrived in Australia from the town of Bremen, Germany, in 1983.

Their bakery and coffee shop in West St has been a thriving business over the years, with a devoted clientele of regulars enjoying their daily freshly ground coffee served out on the sidewalk tables, while the shop is a constant hub of activity, seven days a week.

Ron's meat pies, sausage rolls and European style pastries and cakes have won numerous awards over the years.

Notable has been the "Flaming

Ron", a meat pie so spicy that a waiver must be signed before eating it.

New owner Mr Sean Gregory plans to preserve the heritage of Bremen Patisserie by continuing in the tradition established by Ron and Helga.

Mr Gregory grew up in the Mid-North Coast in Taree.

He is a second generation baker, whose father had his own business Gregory's Hot Bake. After completing his apprenticeship in a local bakery in Forster, Sean said he decided he wanted to specialise in cakes and pastries, and qualified as a dual tradesman, baker and pastry chef, at Hamilton Tafe in Newcastle.

After 14 years working in numerous bakeries and cafes across NSW and Victoria,

Sean said he changed from the hospitality industry to the service industry, gaining experience in the aged care, disability and education fields, then entering the corporate world as an accountant.

"Although I had worked in several different fields, my dream was always to run my own business one day," he said.

"I had never found the right business until now.

"I just love everything about the Bremen Patisserie.

"It offers more than I could ever have hoped for.

"It has such a great reputation, and everything they make looks so amazing.

"I think it is just fantastic."

**SOURCE:**

Email, 23 Sep 2025

Yvette Pritchard, Woy Woy



# Exchange student tells of Germany

**The Rotary Club of Umina Beach has been addressed by its exchange student, Ella Burk.**

She told the club about her family and her home in Germany.

"She talked of her pet cat and her love for playing basketball and visiting museums," said club president Mr Dave Tanare.

In her slide presentation, she included Museum Island,

the Brandenburg Gate and the parliament house in Berlin.

"There were lots of photos of the food, bread and sweets, and festivals celebrated in Germany such as Fasching, Oktoberfest (which goes for three months) and Christmas."

Ella also brought some shortbread she had made for club members.

**SOURCE:**

Social media, 1 Oct 2025  
Rotary Club of Umina Beach

# Older Women hold spring-summer fashion parade

**The Deepwater branch of the Older Women's Network will be staging its Spring-Summer Fashion Parade on Saturday, October 18.**

It will be held between 2pm and 4pm in the auditorium of the Ettalong 50+ Centre at the corner of Broken Bay Rd and Karingi St.

Ruby Reid Fashion House will be showcasing its garments.

"There will be a glass of bubbles or juice for our guests on arrival," said branch secretary Ms Jennifer Brown.

"Madeline Stephenson will be performing with her tap-dancing troupe to kick the show off." Ms Brown will be the compere.

After presentations, a lucky door prize and raffle will be drawn.

"We will then retire to the dining

room to enjoy some afternoon tea with sandwiches, scones, jam and cream, tea and coffee.

"All funds raised will be donated to our local food pantries: Mary Mac's Place, the SDA Community Food Pantry and Community SOS People's Pantry.

"We will also be donating to Meals on Wheels to support their volunteer drivers with petrol vouchers."

Booking is essential, with tickets costing \$20, on 0417 205 377 or by emailing jennib35@gmail.com.

"The Older Women's Network is a national advocacy group which works to uphold the rights, dignity and wellbeing of older women in our communities," said Ms Brown.

**SOURCE:**

Media release, 21 Sep 2025  
Jennifer Brown, Deepwater OWN

HERE'S A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!  
**Thursday, 16th October 2025**  
ABC Friends Central Coast invite you  
to a function featuring guest speaker  
**CLAIRE STUCKEY**  
The Singing Librarian

This event will take place  
**from 10.30am (for 11am start), Thurs 16th October**  
at the **Elanora Hotel, 41 Victoria Street, East Gosford**  
(parking behind the hotel in Brougham Street)



Claire's talk will include a Q&A session.

As a post graduate qualified librarian, Claire performed all professional activities at Gosford Public Library until 2018. She continues to work in professional roles on international bodies, promoting children's and young adult literature, writing, and presenting internationally.

She also works one day a week at BookFace.

Claire continues a long term professional relationship with Sister City Edogawa, and will share a traditional kamishibai story.

**This is a pre-booked event with limited seating.**

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Forum

# Will the changes actually increase housing delivery?

**The Housing Industry Association claims that the proposed amendments to the planning system will lead to “an upturn in housing delivery” (“HIA welcomes planning systems reforms bill”, PN628).**

Liesl Tesch assures us that the changes will “deliver the homes and jobs NSW needs”, but where is the evidence for these optimistic predictions.

Leaving aside the absurdity of Ms Tesch’s contention (it won’t do either of the things she claims) as political blather, it is worth considering the HIA’s judgement that the proposed changes (still not fully revealed and, therefore, largely speculative) will, in practice, significantly increase housing delivery.

More particularly, will it increase affordable housing and provide a variety of housing matched to the

different needs of different types of households?

It is necessary to be clear, first, that the state’s planning system is a mess and has been dysfunctional for decades, so almost any revision has to be for the better and welcome.

It is heartening to note that one element of proposed change is to divert planning appeals from the Land and Environment Court, something I have been assured for years by the Department would not be appropriate.

It is to be hoped, also, that the revision includes changing the “deemed to be refused” provision to a “deemed to be approved” provision, in the event of Council delay beyond the statutory limit, but this is not clear.

Other than that, all we are told is that the new Act will “enable faster and more straightforward approvals, add more certainty to industry and (the indispensable

perennial) cut red tape”, none of which is greatly enlightening.

There are a lot more factors contributing to the housing shortage than the legislative framework, and this last might even be the least of the problems.

To begin with, the ramshackle, inefficient and haphazard way of providing land for housing raises costs, slows implementation and leads to sub-optimal development patterns, but there seems to be no concern about this fundamental bottleneck.

Secondly, there is a dire shortage of tradesmen, and the apprenticeship system has collapsed, so where is the workforce coming from to double housing production (which is what is required to meet need): no mention of this, either.

Thirdly, can we say that the housing-finance system will be fit for purpose, when this vastly increased supply has to be

marketed: I’d say not as it looks now.

What the government is talking about is tinkering around the edges, to give the impression of action, while pandering to the loudest self-interest group (the construction industry) in a way that isn’t obviously to the greatest benefit of the public.

There is worldwide expertise in shelter provision readily available, but our politicians don’t want to face up to reality and hear about real solutions.

Piddling exercises, such as the five per cent deposit scheme, are just distractions and will, probably, make things worse.

Change the planning legislation, certainly, but don’t pretend to us that this will mean anything in dealing with the housing crisis.

**SOURCE:**  
Email, 5 Oct 2025  
Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy

# Time for Council to do what the ratepayers want

**It was with great interest I read the article in the last Peninsula News concerning the need to update and repair the problems with the toilet block at Umina Beach.**

It seemed a reasonable request from our councillor, Belinda Neal, who appears to be only doing her job.

No, no, no,, says Mr Farmer.

Sorry councillor that problem is already in a budget and will be fixed in 2031-2032 and not before.

It doesn’t matter what may transpire in the meantime.

That is it.

How absolutely ridiculous.

If something dramatic happens it will not be fixed.

This is our council that every time one of the councillors from our ward suggest something, it is defeated eight to seven.

It doesn’t matter what it is, it is defeated along these stupid lines.

While our council spends millions devising wonderful programs and policies, which are never followed, we have no money to look after the things that are council’s real responsibilities.

Look at our roads.

They are a total disgrace and getting worse every day.

If you are lucky you might, might see a couple of blokes with a spade and a bit of cold mix to fill a hole.

It will be back as soon as a truck runs over it.

If council only wants to pay executive salaries for doing nothing while its real purpose is being wasted, it must be time to get a council that will do what the ratepayers want and not what they want to waste money on.

**SOURCE:**  
Email, 28 Sep 2025  
Laurie Powell, Woy Woy

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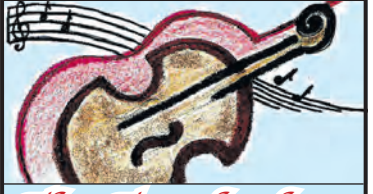
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# Cookbook author talk

An author event will be held by Ms Alison Bishop when she presents The Pachamama Cookbook at Umina Library on Thursday, October 30.

She plans to talk about her passion for plant-based cuisine, on creating fresh delicious meals, and the environmentally-conscious recipes in her new cookbook.

The talk will run from 10:30am to 11:30am.

Bookings are essential and may be made at the library or by phone on 4304 7333.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 1 Oct 2025  
Library Services, Central Coast Council





# 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.  
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What achievements or contributions has the nominee made to their chosen field or the community?

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Please return completed nomination forms to:

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News

Reid petition to ‘fix Woy Woy Rd’

**A petition to fix Woy Woy Rd has been launched by Federal Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid.**

The petition aims to address safety issues that have impacted the road following several motor vehicle accidents in recent years, he said.

Dr Reid is urging all levels of government to commit resources to identify and implement solutions for this important thoroughfare connecting the Peninsula to the M1 freeway.

“Woy Woy Rd is a vital link for

residents living on the Peninsula and surrounding communities.

“In recent times, we have seen an increase in motor vehicle accidents along Woy Woy Rd that have included fatalities.

“All levels of government cannot continue to overlook this issue.

“There needs to be long-term solutions implemented to address safety along this stretch of road.

“I have spoken directly to Central Coast Council, and representatives from the State and Federal Governments.

“I need local support for my

petition so I can demonstrate to the various levels of government the concern that exists in our community for Woy Woy Rd.”

The petition may be signed online, and the petition downloaded, at Dr Reid’s website, which may be reached via <http://penne.ws/czGSrJ>.

The petition is also available from Dr Reid’s office by phoning 4322 2400 or emailing Gordon.Reid.MP@aph.gov.au.

**SOURCE:**

**Media release, 23 Sep 2025  
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson**



Training grant for physie club

**The Brisbane Water United Physie and Dance club has been provided with a grant to provide training to its members.**

The funding of \$2000 was a club grant from the Ettalong Bowling Club.

“This support will help us continue to provide the highest

quality training and an empowering experience for all our members.”

Pictured are representatives of the physie club with Bowling Club director Mr Kerry Watkins and events co-ordinator Ms Kylie Sharpe with a list of grant recipients.

**SOURCE:**

**Social media, 25 Sep 2025  
BWU Physie and Dance Ettalong**

Defibrillator grants

**The Local Sport Defibrillator Grant Program is now open, Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has announced.**

“We know that the chance of survival following a cardiac arrest is as high as 75 per cent when defibrillation is applied within four minutes,” she said.

She said the timely availability of automated external defibrillators in our community was important.

“Eligible sport and active recreation organisations could apply for grants of up to \$3000 to purchase and install a defibrillator.

Applications can be made online on the grant program web page, accessible via <http://penne.ws/oe4F9f>.

**SOURCE:**

**Media release, 1 Oct 2025  
Joely Langmaid, Office of the Member for Gosford**

Dementia Australia Honour for Rotary member

**The Rotary Club of Brisbane Water has congratulated its charter vocational director Ms Bobby Redman, for her Honour Award from Dementia Australia.**

“Since her frontotemporal dementia diagnosis in 2015, Bobby has transformed what could have been a limiting experience into a powerful force for change,” said club president Ms Cherie Simpson.

“She’s become a true national leader in dementia advocacy and reform, serving as former chair of Dementia Australia’s Advisory Committee and championing groundbreaking initiatives like Strengthening Connections and the Alice Framework.

“But Bobby’s impact extends far beyond boardrooms and committees.

“Right here on the Central Coast, she’s been building bridges and breaking down barriers: founding peer support groups, establishing dementia cafes, and working tirelessly to create genuinely dementia-friendly communities where everyone belongs.

“Bobby’s courage, determination, and unwavering commitment to helping others navigate this journey is nothing short of inspirational.

“This award is richly deserved recognition.”

**SOURCE:**

**Social media, 20 Sep 2025  
Rotary Brisbane Water**



Arts

Flash winners announced

**The Woy Woy Little Theatre has announced the winners of its Flash Festival for 2025.**

Best Unpublished Play was I Ain’t No Cuckoo by Sal Bartley for “cleverly interweaving whether where people live is a house or a home”.

The Judge’s Special Award, made at the judge’s discretion, was awarded to Jenna Arnold for Downsizing, “a witty and resonant script”.

The award for the Best Use of the 2025 Theme, for a clever exploration of the true meaning of a home, also went to Jenna Arnold for Downsizing.

The Best Actor Awards combined best actor and actress awards with three awards being made, described as “a difficult decision because the overall quality was so high”.

Best Actor award went to Tina Findlay in Writing Wrongs “for great projection and physicality shown for an aging character”.

Runner-up Best Actor was Donna Cromer in Writing Wrongs

“for demonstrating the comic anxiety of writer’s block”.

The second runner-up for Best Actor was Bruce Hyland, also in Writing Wrongs, for “portraying the sense of comic predicament by a character in limbo”.

The Best Production award went to Downsizing written by Jenna Arnold, directed by Melody Thorburn, which showed “great detail and use of the set and props with a surprisingly effective twist”.

Cast was Ruth Clayton-Crawley, Douglas Kent and Ruby Rooke.

Runner-up for Best Production was Writing Wrongs written by Trudi Slaven and directed by Liz Munro.

The award was made “for a tight ensemble performance with great energy”.

The cast was Tina Findlay, Eden McGilchrist, Bruce Hyland and Donna Cromer.

The People’s Pick was also Writing Wrongs.

**SOURCE:**

**Social media, 21 Sep 2025  
Woy Woy Little Theatre**



West Coast 70s concert at arboretum

**A West Coast 70s music concert will be held in the Pearl Beach Arboretum from 2pm to 5pm on Saturday, October 11, to raise money for the arboretum and the Pearl Beach Progress Association.**

The concert will be presented by The Album Show, a six-piece show band which will play the iconic hits of Jackson Browne, The Eagles, Linda Ronstadt, Fleetwood

Mac, James Taylor, Warren Zevon, America and Carly Simon.

The Pearl Beach Progress Association and the Pearl Beach Arboretum are non-profit community-based organisations which rely on revenue from events and activities to manage overheads and community environmental initiatives

Ample parking will be available near the tennis courts, with access via Tourmaline Rd.

Patrons are invited to bring their

rugs, chairs and a picnic and enjoy an afternoon of great music and dancing under the trees.

No pets are allowed. Booking is essential for tickets which cost \$50 per person plus booking fee.

Online bookings may be made via <http://penne.ws/Ekp9bv>.

With inquires, phone 4344 2319 or 0407 272 495.

**SOURCE:**

**Website, 15 Sep 2025  
Pearl Beach Arboretum**





## Milestone for aged care redevelopment

**The redevelopment at a Woy Woy aged care home has reached “a significant milestone”, according to its chief executive.**

The two separate buildings at Blue Wave Living have “now been successfully joined together to become one”, said Mr Matt Downie.

“The balance of our works for the current stage is now definitely on the home stretch, with final installation, fit off and testing of equipment and systems occurring.

“Following this, we will be stepping through the certification process, and during the same period will see us bringing in furniture and equipment to these spaces to make them ready for use.

“We hope to be able to open this new linkway and additional spaces up for all to enjoy by late October or early November,” he said.

“The central Palm Sails courtyard opened up for residents and all to use in September.

“It was very nice to see the large sheltered area central in this courtyard being used for activities the other week and I am sure there will be many more events held out in this space.”

Mr Downie said the linking corridor would include “new spaces”.

“One which I am particularly looking forward to seeing up and running is our dedicated gym-physio room, which will have some age-friendly gym equipment.

Four machines will provide resistance type exercises for residents to use under guidance from the physio team.

Using artificial intelligence, the machines “learn an individual’s range of movement and strength capacity and will adjust accordingly”.

“The machines operate off electromagnetic resistance and are infinitely adjustable for resistance, and the level of resistance can change through the range of motion.”

Mr Downie said: “Other new spaces include a new larger, fancy-looking hair salon, a private library-sitting room space with another fireplace, more outdoor spaces and decks, and the balance of the Driftwood Household.

“In the back-of-house area, our new larger commercial laundry is in final stages and will start having some new equipment delivered and installed soon.”

He said other back-of-house facilities included a connecting corridor between the two main buildings for the use of kitchen, laundry, cleaning and waste trolleys.

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 1 Oct 2025  
Matt Downie, Blue Wave Living

## School for Seniors visits aged care home

**The Peninsula School for Seniors joined residents at a Woy Woy aged care home for a game of Rummikub on Thursday, September 25.**

Four members of the School for Seniors spent two hours playing

the game with residents of Blue Wave Living.

While there, they caught up with old members of the group who now live at the home.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 25 Sep 2025  
BlueWave Living

## Grow group offers mental health support

**The Woy Woy Grow Group is open to people seeking help with their mental health.**

The group offers mutual support in a small face-to-face group, which meets weekly on Tuesdays from 2pm to 4pm at the Anglican Church Hall in Blackwall Rd, Woy

Woy.

“Grow is an organisation which has been helping people with their mental health since 1957,” said member Ms Liz O’Keefe.

“Grow’s groups are run by trained volunteers who have lived experience in dealing with their own mental health problems and

follow a 12-step program.”

Grow’s motto is: “You alone can do it, but you can’t do it alone.”

Attendance is free.

No referrals are needed and all are welcome.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 1 Oct 2025  
Liz O’Keefe, Woy Woy Grow group



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Education

# Government confirms ‘Building A’ for pre-school

The NSW Government has confirmed that the new public preschool at Umina Beach Public School will be located in “Building A”.

Parliamentary Secretary for Education and Early Learning Mr Greg Warren has written to the school’s parents and citizens association, saying “the existing building will be repurposed to provide modern, purpose-built preschool learning spaces”.

“As the project involves refurbishment rather than new construction, no additional parking is required.

“The kindergarten classrooms currently located in Building A will be relocated to create space for the new preschool.

“The department is also proposing to relocate the Aboriginal Community Room to an upgraded

Building K, ensuring a dedicated and improved space. for Aboriginal Community use.

“The relocation will take place before works begin in Building A, to ensure there is no interruption to the group’s operations.

“The department remains committed to making sure students still have plenty of room to play, learn, and enjoy their time at school, and will continue to work closely with the school to support staff and students while work is underway.

“I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Umina Beach Public School P/C and the local school community for their feedback and their valued contributions to public education.”

SOURCE:  
Social media, 2 Oct 2025  
Umina Beach Public School P/C Association



## Final week capped off with water fight

**Brisbane Water Secondary College’s Year 12 Class of 2025 capped off its final week with an “epic water fight”.**

“It was the perfect way to celebrate friendships, fun and the end of one aspect of their school journey together,” said campus

principal Ms Rebecca Cooper.

“Remember, our door is always open.

“Once a BWSC student, always part of the family.”

Ms Cooper said Mr Nick Garnett, Ms Sarah White and Mr Steve Hopley had shown “outstanding

leadership and guidance of Year 12 throughout their HSC journey”.

The class will return to HSC exams in the first week of next term.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 26 Sep 2025  
BWSC Woy Woy



## Umina campus wins first match against Wadalba

**Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina campus has won the inaugural North South Cup in a rugby league match against Wadalba Community School on Thursday, September 18.**

The Umina campus side defeated Wadalba 22–6 in what is planned to be an annual event.

The day started with an Acknowledgement of Country, followed by a rendition of the Australian National Anthem, sung by Year 9 student Aleeya Gill.

Umina students played other supporting roles at the event.

Year 9 Food with Flair students ran a barbecue.

Photomedia students captured the highlights.

Cheerleaders rallied the crowd after every try.

The school band also played on the day.

Wadalba Community School entered the match as favourites and opened the scoring with a strong first try.

“We went well in the first half,” said Wadalba coach Mr Josh Liddle.

“We had more energy, but we

started to back up in the second half.”

Brisbane Water’s Ethan Thompson burst through for the equaliser just before halftime.

“It wasn’t easy out there,” said Umina captain Jackson Gilbert.

“It was hot and they’re a strong team.

“We had to lift each other up and show strength and courage.”

The second half saw Brisbane Water lift the intensity and dominate the field.

Narayana Jeffery broke through to put Umina in the lead and, late in the game, Tyler Austin sealed the result with a decisive try.

“Our opponents ran hard and spread fast,” said Wadalba captain Inglis Ritchie after the match.

“We’re sad about the result. We tried our best.”

“I’ve never felt like this,” said Umina coach Mr Josh Ford.

“Seeing the way all of Year 9 came together to support this new program is truly special.”

“This is the start of a great rugby program between our two schools,” said Mr Liddle.

SOURCE:  
Media release, 26 Sep 2025  
Gillian Martin, BWSC Umina

## Students compete in State athletics championships

**A total of 12 students from both campuses of Brisbane Water Secondary College competed in the Secondary Athletics Championship held at the Sydney Olympic Park Athletic Centre in September.**

The NSW Combined High School Sports Association event was held over three days.

The Wednesday and Thursday were cold and windy, with downpours of rain, making throwing and running conditions challenging.

Friday saw sunshine and some good performances.

Year 7 student Tillie Hill was 10th in the Girls 12–15 years javelin multiclass.

Year 8 student Jett May won

the Boys 12–15 years discus multiclass, and came second in the Boys 12–15 years shot put multiclass.

Year 9 student Imogen Graham was seventh in both the Girls 14 years 800m and the Girls 14 years 400m.

Year 9 student Riley Looney was fifth in the Boys 12–15 years javelin multiclass and 11th in the Boys 12–15 years shot put multiclass.

Four Year 9 students came 10th in the Girls 15 years 4x100m relay.

A team of four students from Years 9, 10 and 11 came fourth in the Girls 16 years 4x100m relay.

Year 10 student Jackobie Gadd came sixth in the Boys 16–19 years shot put multiclass.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 26 Sep 2025  
BWSC Umina



## Thrive students celebrate ‘schooling journey’

**Year 12 Thrive students at Woy Woy campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College had a special morning tea in the last week of term to mark the completion of their “schooling journey”.**

Pictured is Luke Guest receiving his certificate.

“It was a wonderful opportunity to come together with students, families, and staff to recognise their achievements, resilience, and growth throughout Year 12,” said campus principal Ms Rebecca Cooper.

She said Ms Jill Elliott had guided the group of young people over the past two years.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 26 Sep 2025  
BWSC Woy Woy

## Students on way to State champs

**The Southern Central Coast Primary School Sports Association had 88 students from 14 schools compete at the Sydney North athletics championship on Monday, September 22.**

Six Peninsula students have won their way through to the NSW Primary School Sports Association’s State athletics championship.

Samuel Rugendyke from Woy Woy Public School was named Multi-Class Male Athlete of the Meet with two first and three second placings.

Annika Graham, also from Woy Woy, was second in the Girls 11 years long jump.

Harrison Fawcett from Ettalong Public School was third in the Boys 11–13 years multi-class long jump.

Lylah Glynn from Umina Beach Public School was second in the Girls 11 years 1500m.

Beau Wallace, also from Umina, was third in the Boys 11 years discus.

Maya Buckley, from Woy Woy South Public School, was third in the Girls 8–10 years 1500m.

SOURCE:  
Social media, 25 Sep 2025  
Peta Mumford and Andrew Smyth, SCCPSSA



# Life membership for rugby president

Woy Woy Rugby Club Mr Phil Burgess has been awarded the club's 23rd life membership at its Senior Awards Night on Saturday, September 27.

First XV awards were presented as follows: Best and fairest Kyle Jenkins, best forward Tamani McInnes-Cama, best back Jean Besombes, players' player Jean Besombes, coaches awards Kieren Danovaro and Jackson Dewar, Rookie of the Year Joshua Quigley, top point scorer Harri Williams, top try scorer Jean Besombes, most improved Eden Fagerstrom, Col Gooley Award Damien Fleming and Brendan O'Dwyer Award Eoin Cullen.

Women's XII awards went to: Best and fairest Davara Marshall, best forward Vatisewa Vatulawa, best back Piper Riddell-Gilsenan, players' player Davara Marshall, coaches award Brooke Newland, Rookie of the Year Charlotte Long,



top point scorer Davara Marshall, top try scorer Davara Marshall and most improved Sally Tranter.

Second XV awards went to: Best and fairest Jesse Phillips, best forward Fred Rutherford, best back Oli Barlow, players' player Jesse Phillips, coaches award Jack Danielson, top point scorer Joshua Quigley, top try scorer Eoin

Cullen and most improved Jordan Broadhurst.

Third XV awards were presented to: Best an fairest Brody Alonti, best forward Pat Saul, best back Ben Willoughby, players' player Jacob Mills, coaches awards Blake Neal and Adam O'Keefe, top point scorer Jacob Mills, top try scorer Brody Alonti and most improved Liam Neal.

The club's Lionheart Award went to Damien Fleming .

Brad Richmond and Phil Burgess were named joint Club Persons of the Year.

Lion Awards for Service to the Club went to Glenn Solway, Stu Formston, David McDowell, Mike Begg, Simone Rider, Mitch Quinlan, Kathleen Cullen, Helen Kenney, Izaac Richmond Yunn, Robbie Barnard, Marlee Toddhunter, Liam Cullen and Jacqui Morrison.

SOURCE: Social media, 3 Oct 2025 Phil Burgess, Woy Woy Rugby Club Photo: Liam Cullen



# Big Bowl fundraiser to be held for Mary Mac's Place

The second annual Big Bowl fundraiser for Mary Mac's Place in Woy Woy will be held from 1:30pm to 5:30pm on Friday, October 17, at the Ettalong Bowling Club.

The afternoon of lawn bowls, charity auctions, food and drinks, and prizes will support the work of Mary Mac's Place, the community kitchen and drop-in centre in Woy Woy.

Last year's inaugural event raised \$12,500 to help people doing it tough.

Project worker Ms Sally Baker said Mary Mac's Place supported anyone in need: men, women, families, young people, older Australians, and people facing homelessness or hardship.

The centre received no recurrent government funding and relied entirely on donations of the local community.

Hot, nutritious meals are served Monday to Friday, with take-home

meals and food hampers for those without regular access to food.

The centre provides showers, laundry facilities, and a safe place to rest, as well as friendship, support and referrals to community services

Ms Baker has met with Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid and Ms Tammy Jackett in preparation for a fundraiser for the centre which offers support to homeless, transient, and disadvantaged individuals and families.

"It was great to catch up with Dr Reid and Tammy from Wiseberry Peninsula Real Estate on the weekend to promote our upcoming fundraiser, and support of a beautiful program helping those in need."

For bookings, donations, and further information visit <https://catholiccareddb.org.au/the-big-bowl-2025/>

SOURCE: Social media, 1 Oct 2025 Sally Baker, Mary Mac's Place

# Umina United wins Jack Atkins Trophy

Umina United Soccer Club has been awarded the Jack Atkins Trophy at the Central Coast Football Chairman's Dinner on Friday, October 3.

"It is a huge honour that recognises the strength and success of our junior program," said club president Mr Danny Nelson.

"This is a truly special moment for our club.

He said the hard work and passion of Willy Lavers and Dave Brewer had been the driving force behind the club's junior

development over the years.

"With eight junior teams making the grand finals this season, it's clear that our commitment to juniors is paying off.

"Through our Development and Elite Academies, we provide pathways for every young player to grow and achieve their potential.

"At Umina United, we believe opportunity should be open to all and we're proud to support our juniors without placing extra costs on families."

SOURCE: Social media, 4 Oct 2025 Umina United



# WHAT'S ON at ETTALONG BOWLING CLUB

Ettalong Bowling Club is excited to hold our Annual Spring Fest event on Saturday 1st November from 1pm – 6pm.

Proudly supporting local with all proceeds from the day's event will be donated to Mary Mac's Place – Woy Woy. Mary Macs is located in the hub of Woy Woy, the wonderful volunteers work tirelessly to provide meals and services five days a week.

A family friendly day on the green to celebrate all things Spring. Enjoy the sunshine while the kiddies are entertained with a petting zoo & two jumping castles to suit all ages.

Live entertainment on the green with Soul Station Trio from 2pm and an outdoor bar for the bigger kids to enjoy a few beverages along with a BBQ stall.

Lots of prizes up for grabs with raffles and giveaways. Come along to support local while you have an enjoyable day with friends in family.



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# SPRING FEST

## AT ETTALONG BOWLING CLUB

### FAMILY FUN DAY ON THE GREEN

SATURDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2025 1PM - 6PM

**ACTIVITIES ON THE DAY INCLUDE:**

- MAJOR PRIZE GIVEAWAY ON THE DAY
- LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FROM 2PM WITH SOUL STATION TRIO
- SAUSAGE SIZZLE
- RAFFLES & GIVEAWAYS

**FOR THE KIDDIES:**

- JUMPING CASTLES / PETTING ZOO / SNOW CONE MACHINE

Proceeds from the day's event will be donated to Mary Mac's Place Woy Woy. Ettalong Bowling Club is proud to support local.

**FREE EVENT**

THE BEST-KEPT SECRET ON THE CENTRAL COAST



Sport

# SEU wins MPL premiership

**Southern and Ettalong United Football Club has won the Central Coast's Men's Premier League soccer grand final, defeating Budgewoi 1-0 on Saturday, September 27.**

The local club last had an MPL Premier side 28 years ago.

Like their major semi-final meeting, Southern started on the front foot, looking for an early goal against Budgewoi.

It almost happened two minutes into the contest when a corner found Theo Forsberg unmarked inside the six-yard box.

Forsberg headed the ball goal-bound, beating the opposition keeper, but was cleared off the line by Tahj Werner who stopped a certain goal.

This proved to be an early wake-up call for Budgewoi who started to enjoy more possession.

An individual moment of brilliance from Werner saw him link up with Chris Lennon as Werner was placed in on goal, only to be stopped by Forsberg who was seeking revenge and this time denied Werner from scoring a goal.

Forsberg was again involved in the action, forcing Nathan Denton to parry the ball over the post after his shot from distance almost found the back of the net.

In end-to-end action, Chris Lennon now had a chance to open the scoring for his side but was denied at the near post after a fantastic one-handed save from Alex Wardle.

As the second half commenced, the game remained a back-and-forth affair with both sides desperate to find the opening goal.

At 53 minutes in, Charlie Polson was able to find some freedom down the right byline, cutting the ball across the face of the goal to Jacob Lepre who hit a clean strike on goal, only to be denied by the crossbar.

Southern started to gain the advantage, enjoying corner after corner which eventually paid off 57 minutes in.

A corner from Jacob Lepre was cleared at the front post back out wide to Lepre.

Jacob delivered the ball back into the area as the Budgewoi defence was unable to clear, and Jack Ellwood was on cue at the back stick to fire home first time for the Lions.

Jayke Browne almost doubled the Lions' lead from the same spot Ellwood found the opening.

Still, Browne was unable to direct his shot on target as Southern looked to double their lead.

The final minutes were frantic for the Southern players as Budgewoi threw everything at them in hopes of finding an equaliser in injury time.

But it wasn't to be for the League Champions as a clean sheet ensured the title of Premiers would head back to the Peninsula with Southern and Ettalong for the first time since 1997.

The MPL team was not the only SEU side to win a premiership.

The previous week, the 35B side which were league champions in their division went all the way and claimed the grand final title.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 4 Oct 2025  
Central Coast Football



## Ettalong women win Division 1 pennant

**Ettalong Women's Bowling Club has won the Division 1 one pennant in Central Coast Bowls competition.**

After its final round, it led the division ahead of Munmorah United and The Entrance.

"We had a good day."  
The club will now compete in

the State championships.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 30 Sep 2025  
Judy King, Ettalong Women's Bowling Club

## Jodie wins medals in busy schedule

**Woy Woy Swim Club member Jodie Mead has won three medals at the Australian Short Course Championships held at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre last week from Wednesday to Friday, October 1 to 3.**

This followed on from three first places in the New Zealand Pool Rescue Championships as part of the Australian Lifesaving team the previous weekend.

In the short course championship, Jodie won a bronze medal in the 25m freestyle event.

She finished eighth in the 200m freestyle, picking up a gold medal for being the fastest 13-17 year swimmer.

She finished fifth in the last

swim of the meet, picking up another gold for being the fastest 13-17 years swimmer in that event.

She competed as an Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club member in the Australian team in the New Zealand pool rescue competition.

She came in first place in three under-17 female events: the 200m swim with obstacles, the 100m rescue medley manikin and the 100m manikin carry with fins.

She was second in the under-19 female super lifesaver event.

Jodie was also part of the winning medley relay teams and mega relay for Australia.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 3 Oct 2025  
Woy Woy Swim Club  
Social media, 30 Sep 2025  
Ocean Beach SLSC



## Greg Shirley takes singles for third year running

**Greg Shirley has won the Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club's major singles championship for the third year running on Saturday, October 4.**

The conditions were perfect for the final match against Ben Taylor, according to club secretary Mr Peter Springett.

"The sun was out.

There was a slight breeze to keep the players comfortable and the green was running at about 17 seconds.

"The spectators were in and were ready for the final of this prestigious championship," he said.

"This was always going to be a great final."

After seven ends, the score was six-all.

Greg won seven of the next eight ends to make it 21-10 after 15 ends.

Ben came back strongly and



won five of the next seven ends, including three ends of three shots, reducing Greg's lead to 24-21 after 24 ends.

Ben was holding shot on the 25th end, but Greg converted to get the one shot needed to win the Major Singles title.

He then drew a resting toucher with his last bowl, just to make sure.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 4 Oct 2025  
Peter Springett, UBMBC

## Daniel Markham appointed Roosters' life member

**Woy Woy Roosters Rugby League Football Club has appointed Daniel Markham as its newest Life Member.**

The award recognises his history of playing 480 games for club across juniors and seniors, and dedicating 30 years to the one club.

As well as playing for the club, he has been junior coach, senior president and was named in the Central Coast Junior Team of the Century.

He currently coaches the Manly Sea Eagles' Lisa Fiaola Cup side.

As the newest Life Member of the Woy Woy Roosters, he joins his brothers Scott and Mick Markham.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 26 Sep 2025  
Woy Woy Roosters RLFC



## Players wanted for 17s Male netball team

**Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association is seeking players to form a 17s Male representative netball team.**

The team would compete for the association in State competition next June.

The association currently has a Men's Open team which came second in State competition this year.

For further information, contact Michelle Stone at [wwpnanetball@gmail.com](mailto:wwpnanetball@gmail.com).

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 25 Sep 2025  
Ann Dufty, WWPNA