



Several crews attend Mt Ettalong fire

Several Rural Fire Service crews attended a fire on the Pearl Beach slopes of Mt Ettalong, near the water tank, on Friday and Saturday, October 10 and 11.

The fire was initially attended by crews from Pearl Beach and Patonga brigades.

However, as the fire continued to burn, additional crews from Avoca Beach, Copacabana, Empire Bay and Kariong also attended.

While there was no threat to properties on Beryl Boulevard, Central Coast Incident Alerts advised residents to monitor the situation.

"Due to the steep terrain, crews were unable to safely contain the fire ground overnight and continued to monitor and patrol the area as conditions permitted,"

it reported. The Pearl Beach brigade reported that crews had patrolled and monitored the fire overnight, and extinguished the fire as it slowly came downhill towards properties.

By around mid-day, the fire was mostly extinguished and fully contained.

Firefighters from Pearl Beach and Patonga continued to monitor the area, as other crews returned to their bases.

The cause of the fire is being treated as suspicious.

Anyone with information about the fire, including any suspicious activity seen in the area, is encouraged to contact Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000.

SOURCE:
Social media, 10 Oct 2025
NSW Central Coast Incident Alerts
Pearl Beach Brigade, NSW RFS

Registered clubs report increased profits

The three Peninsula-based registered clubs have all reported increased operating profits for the 2024-2025 financial years.

Ettalong Diggers reported a profit of \$2.07 million, an increase of 4.42 per cent on the previous financial year, with gross revenue of \$26.7 million.

Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club reported a profit of \$1.68 million, an increase of 4.18 per cent, with gross revenue of \$14.2 million.

Everglades Country Club reported a surplus of \$233,341, an increase of 23.8 per cent, with gross revenue of \$15.1 million.

The figures were disclosed in their financial reports prepared for their annual general meetings this month.

Ettalong Diggers reported it had made loan repayments of \$1.9 million, reducing borrowings to \$2.63 million.

Diggers chief executive Mr Col Murphy said this was "\$400k more than the bank requirement of \$1.5 million".

It also reported equity had increased by 12.0 per cent to \$19.3 million.

"This result reflects our ongoing focus on prudent financial management, debt reduction, and sustainable growth," Mr Murphy said.

The report said bar sales had increased by 17.58 per cent to \$3.56 million, with a profit of \$905,057, which was up 28.7 per cent.

Poker machine takings had increased by 11.7 per cent to \$16.7 million, with a net profit of \$8.93 million, an increase of 8.64 per cent.

Catering sales increased 11.72 per cent to \$4.45 million, with profit increasing by 29.1 per cent to \$207,064.

The report gave a number of other statistics about the club.

It stated that Diggers had 27,910 members.

It served 249,659 schooners, 82,012 glasses of wine, 130,355 soft drinks and 52,253 coffees during the year.

It had served 15,054 schnitzels, and hosted more than 190 live performances, 2800 bingo games, and more than 1000 meat tray raffles.

It had given 50 community organisations more than \$466,500 in club grants and in-kind support.

It had also reduced its CO2 emissions by an average of 32.89 per cent and its average energy consumption by 10.35 per cent.

The 12,826-member Ettalong Bowling Club reported a 4.14 per cent increase in poker machine "net clearances" to \$7.24 million, with net profit increasing 2.56 per cent to \$4.19 million.

Bar trading turnover increased 7.68 per cent to \$5.23 million, with a net profit of \$450,641, an increase of 19.7 per cent.

Income from bowls decreased by 7.32 per cent to \$163,194, with a loss for the bowls operations increasing by 17.24 per cent to \$434,355.

Everglades Country Club general manager Mr Ross Seabrook said: "This year has been challenging, particularly since February, as we embarked on major club renovations.

"We were fortunate that we had very strong trading in the first seven months of the financial year, which cushioned the disruptive

impacts of the building works.

"A review of the operations of the Company during the financial year and the results of those operations show poker machines, golf, bottle shop, bar and catering accounts were profitable."

"Food and beverage had the strongest revenue growth, increasing by 12 per cent compared to last year.

"Food and beverage now accounts for 48 per cent of total revenue.

"While we experienced modest growth in gaming (2%), disruption to our gaming floor during renovations did have an impact.

"Revenue from our sporting businesses was mixed, with golf revenue increasing by \$143,000, or seven per cent, while bowls revenue dropped by \$10,000 or 44 per cent.

"During the year, number two green was completely renovated to enhance the playing surface and provide better facilities to address declining bowls membership.

Unfortunately, the decline has been exacerbated by the higher cost of bowls affiliation fees, which are unaffordable for some members, despite subsidies provided by the Club.

"Unfortunately, Bowls NSW sets fixed affiliation fees based on historical member numbers, and as membership declines the cost per bowler increases.

"We have made several attempts to have this changed, but Bowls NSW has rejected our requests."

SOURCE:
Annual reports, 18 Oct 2025
Ettalong Diggers
Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club
Everglades Country Club.

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Mark Snell, 9 Nov 2023

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

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

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

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

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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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Parish celebrates its 71 years of bingo

Woy Woy Catholic Parish has completed its handover of bingo to Fairhaven Services at Point Clare.

This was followed by a celebration on Sunday, October 12, of the 71 years of Cash Housie on the Peninsula for the Parish.

Parish representatives recognised the current team and those from the past who had helped make it work.

Some of the current team said they would continue to help run the bingo for Fairhaven.

SOURCE:
Social media, 14 Oct 2025
Woy Woy Bingo



Donations of Christmas cake ingredients wanted

Umina Beach branch of the Country Women's Association is seeking donations of ingredients for Christmas cakes and puddings.

The branch will be baking Christmas cakes and Christmas puddings for this year's Christmas party at Mary Mac's Place in Woy Woy.

"Umina Beach CWA has been supporting Mary Macs for the past seven years," said member Ms

Margaret Key.

"This has been possible due to the wonderful support we receive from residents on the Peninsula.

"We love to bake, and the donations assist in keeping costs manageable for our cooking volunteers."

Ms Key said donations of mixed dry fruit, eggs and butter can be left at Stephenson's Real Estate at 330 West St, Umina.

SOURCE:
Media release, 13 Oct 2025
Margaret Key, Umina Beach CWA

Halloween craft session

Halloween crafts for children aged four to seven years will be held at Umina Beach Library from 3:30pm to 4:15pm tomorrow, Tuesday, October 21.

Participants will be invited to "join in some spooky Halloween fun and decorate your space with your very own creations.

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

SOURCE:
Website, 15 Oct 2025
Library services, Central Coast Council

October is currently driest in 20 years

Just six millimetres of rain has fallen on the Peninsula so far this month.

This is less than eight per cent of the monthly average of 76mm, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

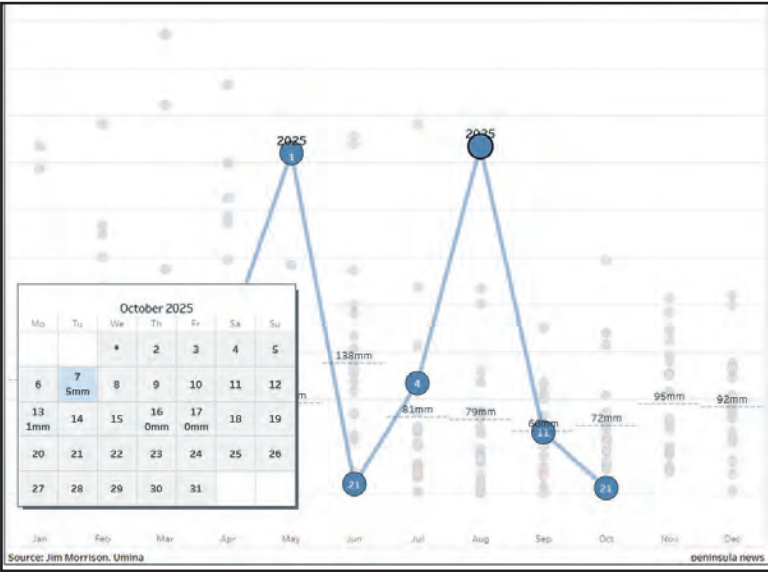
of the total, 5.1mm was recorded on just one day, Tuesday, October 7.

Currently, the month stands as the driest October in 20 years.

The next driest October was in 2012 when 25.2mm was recorded for the month.

Despite the dry weather, the total for the year so far is 1482, which is one third (32.6 per cent) more than the end of October average of 1118mm.

It is also 13 per cent more than the annual average of 1305mm.

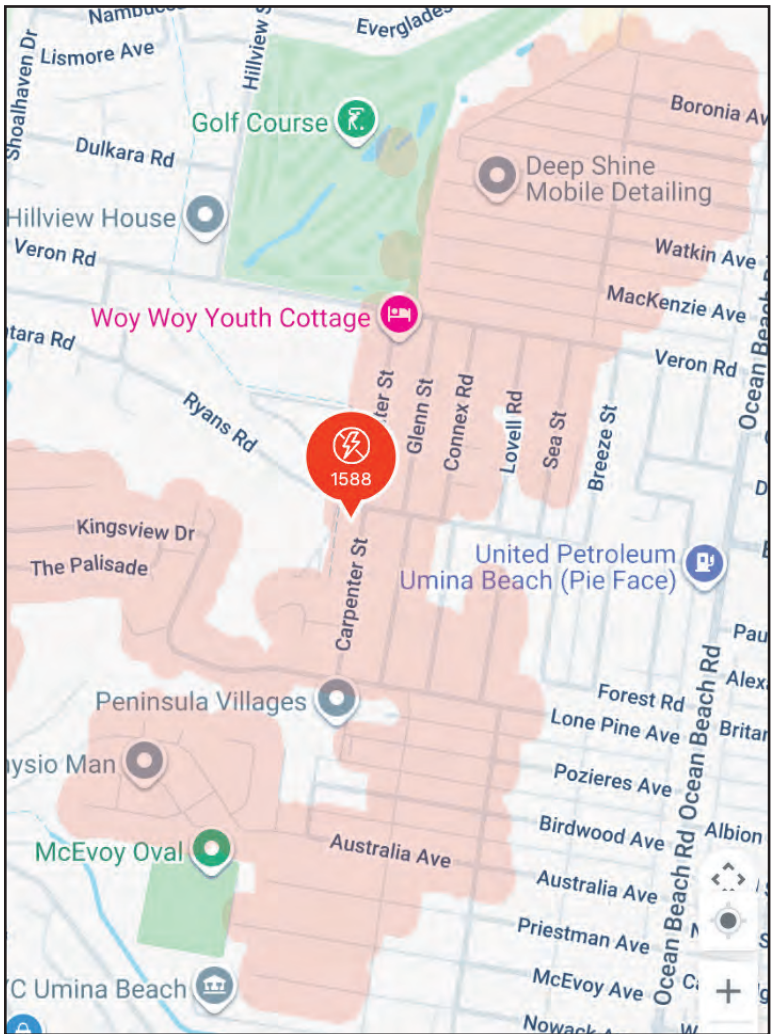


More details, including daily rainfall figures, are available at <http://penne.ws/Rain>

SOURCE:
Spreadsheet, 17 Oct 2025
Jim Morrison, Umina

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Neal welcomes upgrade timing

Gosford West Ward's Cr Belinda Neal has welcomed the Central Coast Council's confirmation that the long-awaited upgrade of the intersection at Ocean Beach Rd and Rawson Rd in Woy Woy will be completed in the 2027–2028 financial year.

"This is a major win for our community," Cr Neal said.

"The \$47 million investment will significantly improve traffic flow, safety, and connectivity for residents, commuters, and visitors to the Peninsula."

The intersection had long been a source of congestion and concern for locals, with calls for upgrades spanning many years, she said.

"The confirmed timeline for completion marks a significant milestone in delivering critical infrastructure to the region."

"It's a testament to what can be achieved when we work together to prioritise the needs of our



community," Cr Neal added.

The upgrade is expected to include traffic signals, pedestrian access, and road widening.

to accommodate growing demand in the area.

"This project will not only ease

congestion but also enhance safety for all road users.

"It's a vital step forward for Woy Woy and the broader Central Coast," Cr Neal said.

SOURCE:
Media release, 24 Sep 2025
Belinda Neal, Central Coast Council

Power cut to 1600 Umina households

Almost 1600 households were without power in Umina from about 5:30pm on Sunday, October 12.

Fire crews and police attended a power pole with an arcing insulator on Lone Pine Ave, near Shepard St.

Traffic was affected in both directions.

AusGrid attended the scene, and advised that power would be restored by 8pm.

At about 6:50pm, the power company advised the work could take until 9pm.

In the event, power was restored at about 7:10pm.

The blackout was the second in the locality in the space of a week.

At 4am the previous Monday, October 6, power was cut for more than an hour.

It was restored at about 5:25am.

SOURCE:
Social media, 12 Oct 2025
NSW Central Coast Incident Alerts



The 18th annual Food and Wine Fare

The 18th Pearl Beach Food and Wine Fare will be held from 10am and 4.30pm on Saturday, October 25, in the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall.

Entry is free.

Presented by the Pearl Beach Progress Association, the day will include tasting and sales of a range of Hunter and local boutique wines and gourmet foods, including cheeses, mushrooms, biscuits, sauces, smoked goods,

spices, chocolates, olives, honey and eggs.

Vendors will include Little Creek Cheese, Hunter Olives, Sweet As, Natural Hive Honey and Soul Free.

Others include Enokido Miso, Spiralz Fermented Foods, For the Luv of Cakes and the Original Smoke and Spice Co.

Wineries will include Old Inn Road Winery, Millbrook Estate Winery and The Mulled Wine Co.

Refreshments and light lunches will be sold on the hall back deck.

A hamper raffle will be held with contents provided by the exhibitors.

Proceeds will go toward the upkeep and management of the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall.

Further information is available online at www.pearlbeachprogress.org.au and from Ms Lynne Lillico on 4344 2319.

SOURCE:
Media release, 16 Oct 2025
Lynne Lillico, Pearl Beach Progress Association

Patient airlifted to hospital after Woy Woy Rd crash

A person was airlifted to Westmead Hospital after a vehicle crash on Woy Woy Rd near the Bulls Hill Fire Trail.

Emergency services responded to reports that a vehicle had rolled, with a person trapped.

Careflight helicopter was tasked

to land at the nearby property of Roy Lamb the Sand Man.

The occupant was released from the vehicle by Fire and Rescue NSW and was airlifted to Westmead Hospital.

SOURCE:
Social media, 12 Oct 2025
NSW Central Coast Incident Alerts

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Planning

Duplex proposal triggers planning panel hearing

A development application has been submitted for a double-storey duplex property at 9 Osborne Ave, Umina Beach, within the R1 General Residential zone.

The application proposes a floor space ratio of 0.582:1, which is 16 per cent more than the limit of 0.5:1 permitted by the planning provisions.

With non-compliance exceeding 10 per cent, the application will have to go to Local Planning Panel for decision.

The proposal seeks to replace the existing single-storey dwelling and rear shed on the 670.3 square metre site.

The application also includes associated landscaping, driveway works, and a Torrens Title subdivision.

The application, prepared by Eco Factor Pty Ltd, states: "The total lot size is 670.3 square metres which, following subdivision, results in two lots of 335.15 square metres each.

"This does not comply with the minimum lot size specified on the planning map.

"However, we respectfully request that Council consider the



proposal on its individual merits."

The proposed development has a maximum height of 7.1 metres, which complies with the 8.5-metre height limit for the site.

The design includes private open space areas of 6.0 metres by 4.0 metres (24 square metres) for each unit.

However, the application claims compliance with private open space requirements of the planning provisions which require 45 square metres per unit.

The application states that each of the dual occupancy units would be provided with two parking spaces, including at least one fully enclosed garage.

There is no mention in the application of the number of

bedrooms but the Natthers Certificate lists four bedrooms per unit.

This gives some clue as to why the gross floor area is so large but also triggers the requirement for two car parking spaces per unit.

The "clause 4.6 variation request" argues that compliance with the floor space ratio standard is "unreasonable and unnecessary" in this case.

This is justified on the basis of amenity and design, compatibility, impact on neighbours, and strategic alignment.

"The additional floor area is sensitively distributed across the site and integrated within the built form in a manner that is not visually dominant or inconsistent with the

surrounding streetscape.

"The additional floor area allows for generous, functional living spaces tailored for future occupants, such as young families, thereby supporting community growth."

The application claims compliance with all state and local planning instruments including height, setbacks, visual and acoustic privacy, solar access, percentages of deep soil areas and landscaping.

Shadow diagrams supplied with the application show the private open space areas receiving more than the minimum required sunlight at the winter solstice (June 21).

However in the case of landscaping there are two mature native Angophora florabunda trees on the site which are proposed to be removed.

An arborist's report is supplied but there is no landscape plan despite it being referenced in the application.

The application is currently on public exhibition and open for submissions until October 24.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 5 Oct 2025
DA/1251/2025, Central Coast Council

Certificate sought for jetty

Central Coast Council has received an application, BC/258/2025, described as "jetty, sea wall and reclamation area" at 63 Waterview St, Woy Woy.

The only documentation available on the Council planning portal is a survey plan showing a 61.2 metres "mesh jetty" with a "stone and blk" wall at the northern boundary annotated with one square metre "reclamation".

BC stands for Building Information Certificate, according to the Service NSW website.

The certificate ensures that a building covered by the certificate won't be subject to any regulatory action by Council for seven years.

"Regulatory action could include demolishing, altering, adding to, or rebuilding," the website says.

"If you're buying or selling a property and you suspect work may have been done without appropriate approvals, you can apply for a building information certificate."

BC/258/2025 is currently open for written submissions.

Source
DA Tracker, 19 Oct 2025
BC/258/2025, Central Coast Council



Multi-dwelling plan lacks parking and garage setbacks

Central Coast Council has received a proposal for a multi-dwelling housing development at 39 King St, Umina.

The application acknowledges that the parking space allowed and garage setbacks do not comply with planning provisions.

The site is a rectangular parcel of 771 square metres, which fronts King St and also has rear laneway access.

The application states: "The front dwelling (unit 1) is noted as being designed a single storey dwelling to reduce visual impact on King St and create a visually appealing development."

The remaining two units will be two-storey structures that share a common wall and are located towards the rear of the site.

All units are proposed to have three bedrooms.

Unit 1 will provide a single-car garage and access via King St.

Units 2 and 3 will use the rear laneway for access to their own

double-car detached garage.

The planning provisions require six car spaces for a development of this size, including one visitor space.

The proposal includes five off-street car parking spaces.

The application contends that this minor non-compliance is acceptable "on merit", suggesting that visitor parking for Unit 1 could be accommodated within that unit's driveway.

In relation to setbacks, the application states: "It is noted that the detached garages provide a nil side setback and a 1.024m setback to the rear laneway."

"This is technically a non-compliance with the side setback controls.

"However, it is considered acceptable on merit as it is a class 10 structure that is minimal in nature."

"It is noted that the rear laneway has many existing structures that provide a nil side setback and a minimal rear setback to the laneway."

"It is considered the development is compatible with the character of laneway development."

Apart from parking and garage setbacks, the application claims compliance with all local and state planning instruments.

The plans indicate that there will be 242.31 square metres of landscaped area, meeting the minimum requirements outlined in the planning provisions.

According to the application, each of the three dwellings will feature private open space, "containing small trees".

The application concludes that the proposal is consistent with the relevant planning controls and objectives, is suitable for the site, and will generate positive social and economic impacts by providing housing diversity for the area.

The application is on public exhibition for submissions until October 31.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 18 Oct 2025
DA/1297/2025, Central Coast Council

Modification requested to Berith St approval

A development application modification has been submitted to Central Coast Council for a previously approved dual occupancy at 57 Berith St, Umina Beach.

The site is situated on the northern side of The Esplanade, on the corner with Berith St.

The original approval, DA/2392/2022 for "Demolition and Dual Occupancy," was granted on February 17.

The current application, filed under Section 4.55(2) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act on behalf of Chaovo Holdings Pty Ltd, seeks amendments to the original application.

According to the application prepared by Wales and Associates, the amendments arose from "a review of current market conditions".

The main change proposed is the addition of rooftop terraces for both planned residential units (Townhouse 1 and Townhouse 2) and will result in new private open space areas of 82 square metres and 79 square metres respectively.

The modifications will also require changes to the Level 1 outdoor living areas to incorporate stair access leading up to the new rooftop spaces.

The application states that "The proposed modifications seek to utilise the rooftop area for additional private open space for each unit with appropriate privacy

screening," claiming that "this does not appreciably impact on the building facade or the building articulation."

According to the plans, there will be no change to the overall height of the structure.

"Visual privacy for the residential units to the north is protected by the proposed 1.8 metre privacy screen along the northern side of both rooftop terraces".

The terraces are also designed with a three-metre setback from the northern boundary to protect the privacy of adjoining properties.

The application notes that shadow diagrams have been updated, demonstrating a "minimal impact on overshadowing" during both the winter and summer solstices.

The total area dedicated to landscaping across the site remains at 478 square metres, representing 45.5 per cent of the total site area.

A new landscape plan details the planting and screening for the rooftop terraces.

In conclusion, it is asserted that the modified development remains "substantially the same" as the original approval, and that these changes will enhance the quality of residential accommodation in the Umina Beach precinct.

The application is currently on public exhibition and open for submissions until October 31.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 17 Oct 2025
DA/2392/2022/A, Central Coast Council

Registered clubs report on renovation plans

Three registered clubs on the Peninsula have described progress on their renovation plans in reports to their annual general meetings.

Ettalong Diggers and Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club both have reported on their immediate and longer-term plans, while Everglades Country Club has reported on renovations that have taken place during the year.

Ettalong Diggers chief executive Mr Col Murphy said: "We are currently in the early stages of reviewing the overall food and beverage layout to ensure it continues to meet the needs of our members well into the future.

"While this project is still several years away, the planning work being done now will help position the Club for a modern and efficient offering in the years ahead.

"In the shorter term, we are preparing for a refurbishment in 2026."

Ettalong Bowling Club chairman Mr Gary Thomson said: "The directors and management have formulated a strategic plan over a number of years, which has now culminated in the Club committing to the completion of a significant re-development of the Club's existing facilities at estimated cost in excess of \$20 million over a number of stages and years.

"The re-development will seek to deliver to the members and guests the very best in facilities, including four bowling greens, including one which is covered, an entertainment precinct and hospitality options which members and guests can

enjoy with family and friends.

"The Directors are comfortable that the Club can service and repay any debt incurred during the re-development, while minimising the impact on the Club's operations and ability to trade."

Everglades Country Club general manager Mr Ross Seabrook said: "Since February, we embarked on major club renovations.

"We were fortunate that we had strong trading in the first seven months of the financial year, which cushioned the disruptive impacts of the building works.

"There is light at the end of the tunnel as new areas start to open.

"The new lounge bar opened in July and the indoor gaming lounge opened in August.

"Finally, after five months, the new entry and reception area opens from the beginning of October.

"That will leave the alfresco gaming (end of October), garden lounge (end of November) and hopefully the sports bar to be completed by the end of the year.

"The challenges and stress experienced during our building works will give way to pride and excitement as members get to enjoy the new areas on offer.

"After nearly two and a half years of waiting for Council approval and construction, the new pro shop, storage and amenities building was finally completed and opened for business."

SOURCE:
Annual reports, 18 Oct 2025
Ettalong Diggers
Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club
Everglades Country Club.



Surf club holds multi-purpose ceremony

Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club held a ceremony yesterday to officially open its new balcony, to launch a book about the club's history and to recognise achievements of club members.

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch attended the ceremony.

Club president Mr Mick Cairns said the ceremony was held to recognise the immense work and funding put into the balcony

extension, making the club more accessible for training and events in all weather.

The ceremony also launched the club's book: The Ocean Beach Surf Lifesaving Club – Serving the Community for 100 Years – Since 1922.

Mr Cairns recognised "the hard work behind the scenes to put together so many club memories and moments into one book".

Two of the younger members Jasmine Rybie and Olly Tucker were also recognised for their

achievements to life saving and training last season.

Also recognised was life member Mr Warren Boyd for his more than 70 years at the club and "dedication to his club family".

Copies of the book are available to purchase.

Further information is available by emailing office@oceanbeachslsc.com or phoning 4344 2800.

SOURCE:
Social media, 19 Oct 2025
Ocean Beach SLSC

Information wanted about Little Library

The Rotary Club of Brisbane Water is calling for anyone with information about the vandalism of the Ettalong Little Library to contact Brisbane Water Police.

Vandals kicked in the door or the tiny library at Ettalong on Tuesday night, October 14.

"This library was lovingly created and is entirely maintained by volunteers for our community's enjoyment," said club president Ms Cherie Simpson.

"It's a space where neighbours share stories, children discover

new books, and we all come together through the simple joy of reading.

"To see it repeatedly damaged in these senseless acts is deeply disheartening.

"Our little library belongs to all of us. It deserves better."

She said the club had accepted an offer from the Umina Beach Men's Shed to repair the damage.

SOURCE:
Social media, 15 Oct 2025
Rotary Brisbane Water



'Missing link' pathway is welcomed

The Umina Community Group has welcomed completion of the "missing link" pathway from Melbourne Ave to Brisbane Ave is now complete.

This project, which was

extensively advocated for by local residents, would make walking to school significantly safer for children and their families, the group said.

SOURCE:
Social media, 10 Oct 2025
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Environmental vandalism on Ettalong dunes

Eight banksias have been poisoned on the Ettalong dunes.

We continue to have environmental vandalism along The Esplanade at Ettalong.

All our hard work to give the community the flora that they can enjoy seems to have amounted to very little.

These eight banksias retained the dune banks which have recently been badly eroded.

Their other values from an environmental view are many.

What can be done to ensure that we have any sort of flora left along The Esplanade?

SOURCE:
Email, 16 Oct 2025
Vickie Place, Booker Bay



Art-Full Women group founder dies

The founder of the Art-full Women group in Woy Woy, Ms Brenda Logan, has died of cancer at her home in Booker Bay on Friday, October 3.

“Over the last five years Brenda worked tirelessly to bring together older women in the area so they could tell their stories and develop their creative pursuits through the organisation which she created and gained funding for in 2020,” said group member Ms Lindy Batterham.

“Brenda was an actor, a director, theatre-maker, drama tutor and producer while working across the spectrum of theatre and performing arts including community cultural development.

“She worked with numerous organisations and companies in Australia, Fiji and her home country, England.

“Brenda moved to the Central Coast with husband Alistair after a



number of years living in Fiji.

“Alistair’s work then took them to Darwin for a number of years, before moving back to the Peninsula.”

Ms Batterham said: “Brenda had a life-long interest in community theatre-making wherever she lived.

“From 2005-2008, Brenda mentored students and teachers at the Brisbane Water Secondary

College senior campus entertainment industry program.

“During that time, she saw a number of students gaining entry to NIDA.

“She volunteered her support to the HSC program and was a key stakeholder in the formation of the technical entertainment production academy at the school.

“Brenda was a finalist in the 2023 Gosford Woman of the Year Awards.

“Nominated for an Australia Day Award in 2008, Australia Day Community Awards in both 2007 and 2008 for her work with young people in theatre on the Peninsula, Brenda was also designated a Significant Woman of The Central Coast in 2007.

“She was a Life Member of Fiji Arts Club.

“Brenda’s work with Art-Full Women brought many older women together to form connections and explore their creativity through a wide variety of art forms.

“Without its mentor, inspiration and volunteer work-horse, Art-full Women has, unfortunately, dissolved.

“However, one of AFW’s offshoots, whose origin was as a beginner ukulele group, has emerged as The Melalukas, a lively performance group of women playing original songs around the Coast.

“They recently popped up at the Central Coast Ukulele Festival.

“Brenda will always be with them in spirit as their Patron Saint.”

SOURCE:
Media release, 10 Oct 2025
Lindy Batterham, Woy Woy

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Jewellery classes at crafts centre

The Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre has announced its latest jewellery classes for the term.

Classes are held on Wednesdays from 12.30pm to 3.30pm and from 4pm to 7pm.

The cost for an eight-week term is \$182.50.

For further information, email celesteboonaerts@gmail.com.

SOURCE:
Social media, 13 Oct 2025
Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre



Clean-up in the Ettalong channel

Sunshine on an outgoing tide enabled the marine clean-up group Clean4Shore to venture into the Ettalong channel with the help of a volunteer diving team on Friday, October 3.

Scuba Gym Australia founder Ms Lyndi Leggett and her team started by removing plastics partially covered close to the foreshore.

"Small diving bags soon filled with soft and hard plastic, beer bottles, fishing tackle and line," said Clean4Shore co-ordinator Mr Graham "Jono" Johnston.

These were followed by larger items brought to the surface, including two car tyres, more fishing tackle and boating parts.

"At Ettalong Public Jetty, a large holiday crowd gathered waiting for the ferry with the team working safely nearby.

"With the Ferry gone, large items came out including deck chairs, scooters, industrial timber, bicycles and more alcohol bottles, soft plastics, and hooks, lines and sinkers.

"A damaged sailboard and surfboard and a damaged inflatable were removed from the

tidal mark.

"The local marina owner advised of a fibreglass vessel, washed ashore by the recent storms, laying unclaimed.

"When the scuba divers uncovered a sunken vessel and were keen to get it out of the water, it was hard to disagree.

"Getting it up was easy.

"Pushed onto the Ettalong foreshore, this six-metre vessel then didn't want to leave the bank.

"Partially emptied of mud and water the barge towed the vessel into open water and, still afloat, we towed it back to Woy Woy, continually bailing out water from a large hole in the bow.

"Secured at Lions Park, the Land Cruiser quickly hooked up a tow rope and out she came - applauded by the large crowd expecting to see a disaster."

A total of 500 kilos of rubbish was delivered to Woy Woy tip, not including the sunken vessel.

Mr Johnston said that the Scuba Gym and its team of divers and support staff had removed seven tonnes of submerged rubbish from beneath Central Coast jetties over the past three years.

SOURCE:

Social media, 3 Oct 2025
Graham Johnston, Clean4shore

Free screening of 'First Hymn' in Umina

A free screening of "The First Hymn" will be held at Umina Uniting Church at 10am on Wednesday, October 29.

The Reverend Frank van der Korput of Umina Kincumber Uniting Church said the film concerned the Oxyrynchus Hymn, "the earliest known manuscript of a Christian hymn to contain both lyrics (in Greek) and musical notation".

"It is found on papyrus in 1786 of the Oxyrynchus papyri, now kept at the Papyrology Rooms of the Sackler Library, Oxford.

"This papyrus fragment was unearthed in 1918 in Oxyrynchus in Egypt, and the discovery was first published in 1922.

"The hymn was written down in the late 200s."

Mr van der Korput said the hymn was translated as:

Let it be silent
Let the Luminous stars not shine,
Let the winds (?) and all the noisy rivers die down;
And as we hymn the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
Let all the powers add "Amen,

Amen".

Empire, praise always, and glory to God,

The sole giver of good things,
Amen, Amen.

He said that, In other words, the hymn said: "May all of Creation be silent before singing a hymn to our God in Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit."

"The hymn clearly demonstrates that the concept of the Trinity was alive and active in the early Church well before it was enshrined in what we call the Nicene Creed (written in the 300s).

"A modern version of the Oxyrynchus Hymn called 'The First Hymn' was released earlier this year.

"Its composers are Ben Fielding and Chris Tomlin.

"It is truly inspiring.

"The producers have also made a documentary called The First Hymn: Resurrecting a Song Buried for Millenia.

"This is hosted by Professor John Dickson.

"The movie was shown in cinemas earlier this year."

The film will be screened at Umina Uniting Church at 10am on Wednesday, October 29,

Bookings should be made by email to kincunit@bigpond.net.au or to dovetalesuca@gmail.com.

SOURCE:

Media release, 15 Oct 2025
Frank van der Korput, Umina Kincumber Uniting Church

Swap day

The day of the Woy Woy Produce Swap held in the Woy Woy Peninsula Community Garden has been changed to the last Saturday of the month.

It will be held from 10am to 11am at the garden at 85 -87 Moana S, Woy Woy.

The produce swap offers backyard growers a place to bring the excess food they have grown to share with other growers.

SOURCE:

Social media, 6 Oct 2025
Woy Woy Peninsula Community Garden



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Our Central Coast environment is under threat

The narrative that we are sold for progress is "balance" between development and environment - but it is a false narrative for our community.

It has been made clear, over and over again, that our community values the natural qualities of our region. For many, it is a key reason that we live here. It is also recognised that biodiversity is under threat at all levels—local, state, national and global.

Within this context, we see the State government embark on two initiatives that will mean further decline in our environment.

Currently, on exhibition is the **Central Coast Strategic Conservation Plan**. The plan claims to be about conservation, but ultimately more than 1,800 hectares of significant environmental land will be certified for development—which means the government will remove the need for State and Federal biodiversity approvals.

The document talks about other measures for environmental protection - however, the outcome is a net loss of significant environmental land.

Although many of the sites identified are in the northern part of the Central Coast, a number of locations around Somersby and Kariong are of concern.

These documents are lengthy but I encourage community members to have a look and make a submission.

<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/draftplans/exhibition/have-your-say-draft-plan-central-coasts-urban-growth-and-environment>

Submissions close on 11 November 2025.

If unsure of what it all means, there a number of local environment and community groups that are taking an interest in this matter - and can provide further information.

The second initiative involves significant changes to our planning law. On 17 September 2025, the Minns government introduced amendments to planning legislation into the NSW Parliament. The Environmental Defenders Office (EDO), a major environmental law centre, has identified a number of concerns with the proposed changes including:

- Changes the planning system to just development, moving away from wellbeing of the community and the environment in decision making
- Is not just related to housing, but affects all types of development
- Diminishes environmental and bushfire risk considerations
- Introduces a new pathway that prohibits consideration of environmental impacts and the public interest
- Undermines anti-corruption safeguards recommended by the ICAC

This matter sits with the State government, so if you are concerned about these changes, contact your local MP!



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Veterans charity golf day

The Central Coast sub-branch of the Vietnam Veterans Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association of Australia will hold a Charity Golf Day at the Everglades Country Club on Monday, November 24.

The day will start at 6:30am with breakfast, followed by a shotgun tee-off at 7:30am for a three-person ambrose event.

The entry price of \$80 per player

includes lunch and a raffle with a range of prizes.

Alcohol will be available from the kiosk between the first green and the 10th tee.

Entry forms and further details are available online at <https://ccveterans.org.au>.

For further information, phone 4344 4760 or email centralcoastveterans@bigpond.com.

SOURCE:

Flyer, 13 Oct 2025
VVPPAACC

Health



'Breast Cancer Trials' held at golf course

Everglades Country Club has recently hosted Breast Cancer Trials.

Women came from across the

Coast to raise funds for breast cancer research, teeing off from 7am.

Among them were Susan

Lomax, Raeli Pickering, Maree Nieradka and Sala Crane.

SOURCE:
Social media, 9 Oct 2025
Everglades Country Club

Gift boxes delivered to children's ward



Gift boxes have recently been delivered to the children's ward at Gosford Hospital.

The Supertee.packed by s Staff at Ettalong Diggers packed 192 Supertee gift boxes, which were delivered by the Club's Community Manager Ms Kim Cole.

"It was an absolute privilege to see this project through from beginning to end, starting with the initial funding request that landed on my desk, right through to hand-delivering the Supertees myself," said Ms Cole.

"Watching these garments bring the most beautiful smiles to the faces of some very unwell children is something I will never forget.

"It would have to be one of the most rewarding things I've done in my role as community manager, but also one of the hardest, because nothing breaks your heart more than seeing sick children."

SOURCE:
Social media, 8 Oct 2025
Ettalong Diggers



Bowling club donates to cancer services

Everglades Men's Bowling Club has presented the proceeds of its Cancer Charity Day to cancer services in the region at a ceremony on Tuesday, October 14.

A total of \$5000 was raised, with \$2500 donated to Central Coast Local Health District Cancer Services and \$2500 donated to the Shirley Shuttle.

The Everglades Bowls Cancer Charity Day was organised by bowls member Mr Tom Cain who also sourced raffle prizes from the club and local businesses.

The donations were welcomed by both organisations, whose representatives provided members with an overview of the services they offered and where the funds would be allocated.

Pictured are Ms Colleen Tukavkin and Ms Kate Holloway from Central Coast Local Health District receiving the donation from Mr Tom Cain.

Below: Mr Tom Cain presents the donation for the Shirley Shuttle to Ms Barbara Galvin.

SOURCE:
Media release, 14 Oct 2025
Grant Ireland, Everglades Bowling Club
Photo: Sarah Deck



New chief operating officer for aged care

A Umina aged care facility has appointed a new chief operating officer.

Ms Tina Penney has been appointed to the role at Peninsula Village.

Ms Penney was born in New Zealand and relocated to Sydney at the age of 15, according to chief executive Mr Colin Osborne.

"Tina has completed a Bachelor of Health Administration at the University of NSW and initially worked in hospital management roles," he said.

"She branched out taking on roles in disability and aged care in the past 15 years, including advisory roles to aged care facilities that had serious non-compliance issues with the Aged Care Quality Standards.

"Tina is passionate about health and fitness, and can be found in a gym every other morning.

"Tina is a qualified assistant

instructor in scuba diving, loves skiing, travel and new experiences.

"Tina has just relocated to Umina Beach and is keen to become part of the local community."

SOURCE:
Social media, 15 Oct 2025
Colin Osborne, Peninsula Villages

Claire Ellis / 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).

Cup of tea

The Umina Beach branch of the Country Women's Association will hold a Melbourne Cup Afternoon Tea on Tuesday, November 4, from 12pm.

Bookings should be emailed to Lyn la Greca at lynlg57@gmail.com by Friday, October 31

SOURCE:
Social media, 13 Oct 2025
CWA Umina Beach



Fundraising concert at arboretum

A fundraising concert was held at the Pearl Beach Arboretum on Saturday, October 11. The Album Show, presented by the West Coast 70s, was well

attended and raised money for the arboretum and the Pearl Beach Progress Association. SOURCE: Social media, 11 Oct 2025 Pearl Beach Arboretum

Award-winning duo at folk club

Award-winning folk singing duo Chloe and Jason Roweth and American singer-songwriter George Mann will feature at the Troubadour Folk Club on Saturday, October 25. "Chloe and Jason Roweth have been researching and presenting the living tradition of Australian music for over 30 years, forging unique combinations of music, poetry and folklore," said folk club president Mr Michael Fine. "They bring you powerful and delicate songs, room-stopping recitations, seamless combinations of new and old Australian material presented with the easy warmth of old-style bush entertainment. "They also specialise in themed presentations forging unique combinations of music, folklore and social history," he said. Mr Fine said George Mann would be opening the concert. "Throughout October and



November, he is back touring Australia. "He always loves to drop in on Woy Woy. "George is a familiar and much-loved face with the Troubadour crowd as he delivers shared stories and songs from the long, rich history of folk music. "On top of that, his own songs are powerful, funny and

enlightening." The show will start at 7pm at the Everglades Country Club on Saturday, October 25. Bookings can be made via the folk club's website at <https://troubadour.org.au>. SOURCE: Media release, 15 Oct 2025 Michael Fine, Troubadour Central Coast

Woy Woy Little Theatre to hold play reading next week

The Woy Woy Little Theatre will hold its next play reading on Wednesday, October 29, after the September play reading was cancelled. The play readings are held on

the last Wednesday night of the month at the Peninsula Theatre. The group's next full length play, Grand Horizons by Bess Wohl, opens on Friday, October 24. Directed by Karen Rowe, the

cast will be Geoff Hay as Bill, Christine Vale as Nancy, Scott Goodacre as Ben, Natalie Noll as Jess, Chad Davis as Brian, Donna Cromer as Carla, and Jake Cain-Roser as Tommy.

Stage manager will be Patrice Horne, tech and lighting designer Flynn Edwards, assistant director Graham Vale and set designer Stephen Pembroke. The season will have 10

performances over three weekends. Further information is available online at www.woywoylt.com.au. SOURCE: Social media, 23 Sep 2025 Woy Woy Little Theatre



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Education

Nominations open for Umina campus SRC

Nominations have opened for 2026 Student Representative Council and school captain at Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College.

Nomination forms are to be completed by Friday, October 24.

All students wishing to be school captain for 2026 must prepared a

speech for an assembly.

A speech writing workshop will be held at 8am tomorrow, Tuesday, October 21.

There will be 10 SRC positions per grade for 2026.

SOURCE:
Social media, 15 Oct 2025
BWSC Umina

Last parents' meeting of the year

The last parents and citizens' association meeting of the year at Umina Beach Public School will be held tomorrow, Tuesday, October 21.

It will be held in the staffroom at 6.30pm and will discuss expressions of interest in becoming the association's interim president.

Anyone interested should email

pandc2257@gmail.com ahead of the meeting.

Also on the agenda will be the splashathon, the halloween disco, santa photos and 2026 Year 6 shirts.

SOURCE:
Social media, 14 Oct 2025
Umina Beach Public School
P/C Association



Maverick wins music development prize

Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy campus student Maverick Leslie-Fitch has won the Artistic Development Prize in the Teens (13-17 years) Division of Central Coast Council's Discovered competition.

The competition was part of a program which aimed to support emerging talents of vocalists, songwriters and musicians and to connect them with the Central Coast's arts sector.

His win followed a series of heats and semi-finals, leading to the final.

Maverick also recently took part of the Australian National Busking Championships.

He won first place in Secondary (13-17 years) category in the Central Coast heat held at The Entrance, on Sunday, September 28.

SOURCE:
Media release, 2 Oct 2025
Central Coast Council
Australian National Busking Championships



Fishing excursion to Ettalong Beach

Team Nine from Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College had a day out on a fishing excursion to Ettalong Beach.

Run under the Fish for Life NSW

program, the students learned how to cast a line, bait a hook, and reel in a catch.

The students caught a few whiting and flathead.

The team from Fish for Life also

provided important information about the local fishing rules and regulations, and how to fish responsibly and sustainably.

SOURCE:
Social media, 17 Oct 2025
BWSC Umina

Cross country training on Fridays

Cross country training will be held at Woy Woy South Public School on Friday mornings for the rest of term 4 and term 1 next year from 8am, outside the canteen.

All students in Grades 2-6 of all abilities and experience are welcome.

No bookings or notice are required.

Training is cancelled in case of wet weather or if the teacher is unwell.

The parents and citizens' association is selling a "cross country crew" T-shirt "to avoid getting your school shirt all sweaty".

The cost is \$22 from the Uniform shop, as a pre-order item only.

The bulk order will be made next Friday, October 24.

SOURCE:
Social media, 16 Oct 2025
Woy Woy South Public School



Students represent NSW in rugby

Two students from Ettalong Public School have represented NSW in rugby.

Will Heap and Reuben Long represented the Boys Rugby Union NSW Primary School Sports Association Merit Team on the NSWPSA rugby development weekend

Over two days at NSW Waratahs headquarters, the players took part in high-level training sessions, learned from Wallaroos players

Maya Stewart and Georgina Friedrichs and experienced what it is like to train and play at a professional facility.

The weekend ended with a series of matches against the Sydney Barbarians and Western Sydney Raptors Under-13s, with both NSW teams finishing undefeated.

SOURCE:
Social media, 11 Oct 2025
Southern Central Coast Primary School Sports Association





Disabled surfers' groups offers free volunteer training

The Central Coast branch of the Disabled Surfers Association is offering free volunteer training at Umina Beach on Saturday, November 22.

"Following the success of last season, we need to build our volunteer base," said branch president Ms Rae Fiechter.

"Without volunteers, we cannot run our events.

"New volunteers or returning volunteers wanting to refresh their skills can register online via <https://bit.ly/2025VolTraining>."

Volunteers will sign in on the day upstairs at Umina Surf Life Saving Club from 8.45 am for a 9am start.

A theory session will be followed by in-the-water training.

Ms Fiechter said: "The association provides an opportunity that allows those with a disability to experience the quintessential Australian past time of surfing, a pastime that able-bodied often take for granted.

"Volunteering consists of helping participants to and from the beach, assisting them in and out of the water, including tandem

board riding.

"We always need help with setting up and packing down too.

"Volunteers do not need to know how to surf.

"They just need to be willing to get wet and have some fun.

"A rash shirt will be provided on the day.

"However, we encourage volunteers to bring their own wetsuits." our ticket.

More information is available online at <http://disabledsurfers.org>.

SOURCE:
Media release, 7 Oct 2025
Rae Fiechter, CCDSA



Father-daughter duo are Mixed Foursomes champions

Everglades Mixed Foursomes Championships were held on Sunday, October 13, with the course in good condition.

Father-daughter duo of Jason and Taylor Shaw claimed the Championship title with a 27-hole

score of 119.

In Division 2, it was the grandmother-grandson team of Maureen and Jacob Morley taking the win with a score of 142.

In the nett events, Sylvia Saunders and Dean Beer took out Division 1, while Judy and

Robert Anderson claimed victory in Division 2.

Pictured are Taylor and Jason Shaw with Men's captain Stewart Wilson and president Dick Paull.

SOURCE:
Social media, 14 Oct 2025
Everglades Country Club

Pathways graduates go to NPL

Graduates of Southern and Ettalong United Football Club's Pathways Program have accepted positions with National Premier League clubs.

Eddie Pegg has accepted

positions with both Charlestown Azzurri as well as APIA Futsal.

Xavier Needle has earned a place with Valentine FC. after an outstanding season in the Southern Pathways program.

Trials for the club's 2026 Pathways Academy under-10

to under-18 teams kick-off in November.

Expression of Interest are now open.

SOURCE:
Social media, 7 Oct 2025
Southern & Ettalong United Football Club

Robin Vaughan is bridge club individual champion

Long-time Brisbane Water Bridge Club member, and veteran of many championships, Robin Vaughan won the Club Championship for Individuals on Tuesday, October 7, by a small 0.36 per cent margin.

Hard on her heels was novice Carolynne Mucharsky, who managed to keep a large number of open players below their expected ranking.

Seasoned campaigner Jorgen Boettiger was third, only one per cent in arrears.

Elaine Hume and Beryl Lowry (equal seventh) are becoming regular top-half performers and may prove a danger in future special events.

Directors were Kevin Hughes and Peter Hume.

Results of the Brisbane Water Bridge Club's individual championship played on Tuesday, October 7, were: .

- 1 Robin Vaughan 176 (62.86 per cent), 0.36 green points.
- 2 Carolynne Mucharsky 175 (62.50), 0.25.
- 3 Jorgen Boettiger 172 (61.43), 0.18.
- 4 Matt Raj Mal 159 (56.79), 0.12.
- 5 Hilary Owen 149 (53.21), 0.09.
- 6 Margaret Fleming 148 (52.86), 0.07.
- 7 Elaine Hume 145 (51.79), 0.06.



- 7 Beryl Lowry 145 (51.79), 0.06.
- 9 John Aldersley 142 (50.71), 0.05.
- 10 Donelle Foate 139 (49.64), 0.04.
- 10 Edith Marshall 139 (49.64), 0.04.
- 12 Tracey Dillon 138 (49.29), 0.03.
- 13 Peter Hume 137 (48.93).
- 14 Christine Hadaway 134 (47.86).
- 15 Kerry Dwyer 133 (47.50).
- 16 Helen White 132 (47.14).
- 16 Caroline Nichols 132 (47.14).
- 18 Jenny Buckley 130 (46.43).
- 19 Gai Mylne 129 (46.07).
- 20 Martin Johnson 128 (45.71).
- 21 Geoffrey Maltby 125 (44.64).
- 22 Daryl Knowles 124 (44.29).
- 23 Steve Calcroft 119 (42.50).
- 24 Philip Harper 110 (39.29).

SOURCE:
Social media, 8 Oct 2025
Brisbane Water Bridge Club

'Dynamic and experienced' head soccer coach sought

Woy Woy Football Club is seeking a "dynamic and experienced" head coach to lead its Women's Division 1 soccer team.

The head coach will be responsible for leading, developing, and managing the Women's Division 1 team.

"This role requires strong leadership, tactical expertise, and the ability to foster a positive and professional team culture," .

"The successful candidate will have proven experience at a senior womens or equivalent competitive football level and will work closely with players, assistant coaches, and the club committee to ensure

both on-field performance and player development are prioritised."

The club describes itself as being "a proud and competitive football club with a strong commitment to fostering female participation in sport and developing talented athletes".

Applicants must provide a current CV and cover letter outlining coaching philosophy, experience, and suitability for the role.

For further information or apply for the role, email secretary@woywoyfootball.org.au.

SOURCE:
Social media, 8 Oct 2025
Woy Woy Football Club

WPL head coach for SEU

Southern and Ettalong United has appointed Tamer Mansour as head coach for the 2026 Women's Premier League soccer season.

"Tamer brings a wealth of experience, professionalism, and passion for the women's game," said club president Ms Stevie Skene.

"His dedication to developing players and driving performance standards will play a key role in shaping the next chapter of Southern's WPL program."

Expressions of interest for the 2026 WPL Squad are now open.

SOURCE:
Social media, 6 Oct 2025
Southern and Ettalong United Football Club

Sport

Rugby club seeks hosts for players from overseas

Woy Woy Rugby Club is seeking host accommodation in Umina, Woy Woy, and Ettalong for players aged 18 to 25 who will be joining the team from overseas next year.

Players will pay rent and are looking for a welcoming place to stay between January and August next year.

Hosts can offer a spare room or cabin and enjoy the unique experience of supporting a young athlete while building lasting connections.

"Having Joshua stay with us has been an absolute pleasure," said Brad Richmond-Yunn, a current host.

"He's become family and we actually want to keep him here as long as possible.

"The connection will always be there."

"The club provides ongoing support to hosts and ensures players are respectful, independent, and focused on their rugby commitments," said club president Mr Phil Burgess.

"Many secure local jobs and become part of the community during their stay."

Interested hosts can contact Mr Burgess at Woy Woy Rugby Club by phone on 0435 814 412 or emailing president@woywoyrugby.com.au.

"Whether you're a rugby fan or simply want to support a young athlete, hosting is a rewarding way to be part of the club's legacy," he said.

SOURCE:
Media release, 12 Oct 2025
Phil Burgess, WWRU



Women celebrate pennant win

Ettalong Women's Bowling Club has been presented with its Division 1 Pennant.

The team gathered at the club to display the pennant and to celebrate.

SOURCE:
Social media, 7 Oct 2025
Ettalong Bowling Club



Eagles win pairs championships

The Ettalong Eagles have won the finals of both the Open and Seniors Pairs Championships of Central Coast Bowls played on Saturday, October 18.

Pictured above, Open pair Justin Sylvester and Carl Wilson from the Ettalong Eagles defeated Mark Rudlin and Frank Amoroso

from Munmorah United, 22-12.

Below are Seniors pair Kel Price and Tony Leslie of the Ettalong Eagles who defeated Terry Hughes and Graeme O'Donnell of Bateau Bay Stingrays 13-12, in what was described as "an epic final".

SOURCE:
Social media, 18 Oct 2025
Peter Springett, Central Coast Bowls



Spring pairs bridge attracts 16 duos

The Brisbane Water Bridge Club's Spring Pairs red point event attracted 16 duos and was held on Wednesday afternoon, October 15.

The atmosphere inside the club was electric with players ready to win the bottles of wine on offer.

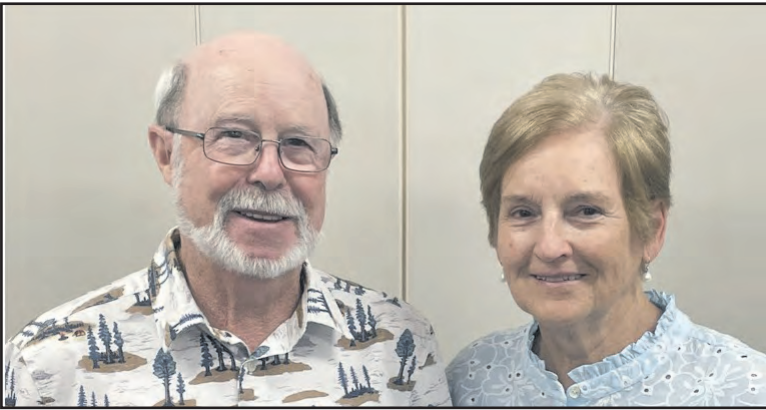
Winners John Drew and Beryl Lowry took first spot with 63 per cent from consistent pair Meg McGregor and Hilary Owen.

Quite a number of novices were present and best pair on the day was Anne Birt and Marilyn Reid with a respectable 55 per cent.

The cards were quite generous from time to time and a number of slams were available making the bidding interesting.

Results of Spring Pairs competition played on Wednesday, October 15, were:

- 1 Barry Foster, Sylvia Foster 268 (70.90 per cent), 0.80 red points.
- 2 John Drew, Beryl Lowry 239 (63.23), 0.56.
- 3 Meg McGregor, Hilary Owen



- 215 (56.88), 0.40.
- 4 Anne Birt, Marilyn Reid 209 (55.29), 0.27.
- 5 Warren Nicol, Edith Marshall 203 (53.70), 0.20.
- 6 Steve Anderson, Kerry Anderson 201 (53.17), 0.15.
- 6 Jenni Murray, Susan Ashley 201 (53.17), 0.15.
- 8 Alma Van Der Walt, Jenny Buckley 193 (51.06), 0.11.
- 9 Annie Creasey, Julie Barker 190 (50.26).
- 10 Caroline Nichols, Connie Lewis 188 (49.74).

- 11 Ros Lunday, Margaret Hockley 170 (44.97).
- 12 John Sandra, Bernadette Sandra 158 (41.80).
- 13 Carolyn Harper, Josephine Howie 152 (40.21).
- 14 David Lempert, Ron Meaney 150 (39.68).
- 15 Debra Coulson, Mark Mannion 144 (38.10).
- 16 Linda Dowling, Karen Jamieson 143 (37.83).

SOURCE:
Social media, 16 Oct 2025
Brisbane Water Bridge Club

Everglades runners-up in Division 4

The Everglades Bowling Club Division 4 Women's team were runners-up in Central Coast Pennant competition.

After winning their section, the team competed in the sectional play-offs against Halekulani Bowling Club on Tuesday, October 7, at Ettalong Bowling Club.

In a close and exciting match, Halekulani secured the win by just six points.

SOURCE:
Social media, 8 Oct 2025
Everglades Country Club

