

Residents to ‘help shape’ walking-cycling strategy

Central Coast Council will hold a “drop-in session” at the Peninsula Community Centre on Tuesday, December 2, for residents to “help shape a new Walking and Cycling Strategy”.

The Council has announced that its Bike Plan and Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan, adopted in 2019, are now being reviewed and merged into a single, comprehensive Walking and Cycling Strategy.

The new strategy aims to “reflect the evolving needs of the community and incorporate current guidelines from Transport for NSW while aligning with the TfNSW’s Strategic Regional Integrated Transport Plan and the plans of neighbouring Local Government Councils”.

As well as the drop-in session, residents may provide feedback via the Council’s Your Voice Our Coast website, by answering a questionnaire or “dropping a pin” on a map.

There is no indication of the specific content of the new strategy, other than colouring on the map.

“Yellow shaded areas highlight priority areas identified in the proposed Walking and Cycling Strategy which are within 400 metres of attractors-tourist destinations, hospitals, shops and commercial zones or 200m from schools.

“Purple shaded areas represent shops and commercial zones.

“Red circle dots indicate the location of schools.

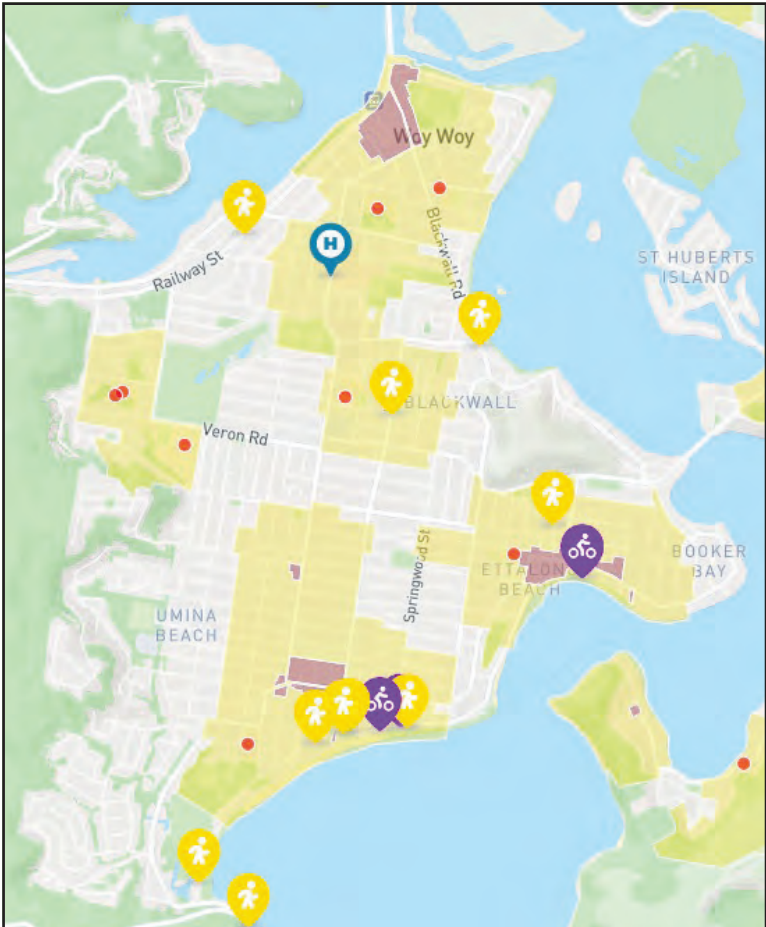
“Pins marked with ‘H’ show Hospitals.”

The publicly-available information does not state what factors, many of which have changed since 2019, will be taken into account by council staff.

For example, in July, the council adopted a 10-year Community Strategic Plan with a “key enabling project” that estimated “Woy Woy’s additional dwelling capacity at approximately 11,500 dwellings with appropriate infrastructure development”, a 60 per cent increase on current numbers, with consequent anticipated increases in traffic and on-street parking.

In this context, the Council has stated: “Infrastructure upgrades are needed across all key growth areas to support future housing and employment growth.”

Last year and early this year, the State Government introduced planning changes which allow higher density development within 1.25km of Woy Woy, and



elsewhere on the Peninsula.

Changes to Council’s own planning provisions in 2022 have allowed increased density and less opportunity to park cars off the street.

While all these are mentioned elsewhere on the council website, they are not mentioned in the context of this consultation.

Another factor not mentioned is the changed working and commuting patterns that have emerged following the pandemic.

Council infrastructure director Mr Boris Bolgoff said that the goal of the new strategy was to better connect the region’s beaches, towns, schools and destinations with infrastructure that’s safe, accessible and welcoming for people of all ages and abilities.

“We’ve listened to feedback from previous consultations and are now prioritising better access to key destinations, stronger walking and cycling and connections and improved infrastructure around town centres, schools and public transport,” he said.

“The strategy builds on Council’s 2019 plans, which laid the foundation for promoting active transport across the Central Coast.

“Since then, Council has expanded its shared pathway network and footpath program significantly, unlocking funding through NSW Government grants and developer contributions.”

“This strategy will help us deliver

infrastructure that supports people of all ages and abilities.”

Mayor Cr Lawrie McKinna said: “Walking and cycling are part of everyday life on the Coast.

“Whether you walk to the shops, cycle to work, or push a pram around your neighbourhood, we want to hear what would make it safer and easier for you.”

He said community feedback was essential to ensure the Walking and Cycling Strategy reflects local needs.

The public consultation period runs from October 28 to December 23.

SOURCE:
Media release, 30 Oct 2025
Boris Bolgoff, Central Coast Council

Remembrance Day gathering

Veterans will gather at Ettalong waterfront memorial at 11am on Tuesday, November 11, to commemorate the end of World War 1.

The Vietnam Veterans, Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association of Australia sub-branch will hold a small service, given the ceremony is on a Tuesday.

It will honour Australia’s service men, women and animals.

A good attendance is expected.

SOURCE:
Letter, 24 Oct 2025
Norman Harris, Umina

John Wood bows out as Diggers’ chairman

Ettalong Diggers Club chairman Mr John Wood has chosen to retire from the board due to health reasons.

Vice-chair Ms Judy Gribble was elected the Club’s new chairperson at the annual general meeting held on Sunday, October 26.

Chief executive Mr Colin Murphy acknowledged the impact of John’s leadership, saying: “John has been a steady and respected leader of our board.

“His contribution to the Club and to our local community has been outstanding.

“John has served the Club and its members with great commitment and integrity over many years, guiding the organisation through

significant periods of renewal, growth and community support.

“The board and staff thank him sincerely for his dedication, wisdom and friendship and we wish him continued strength and good health.”

Mr Murphy said: “Ettalong Diggers is in a solid position and will continue to build on the foundation laid under John’s leadership.”

In her first message as chairperson, Ms Gribble expressed her gratitude to John and outlined her vision for the year ahead.

A special recognition of John’s service to Ettalong Diggers will be made in the coming months.

SOURCE:
Social media, 28 Oct 2025
Col Murphy, Ettalong Diggers

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Mark Snell, 2 Nov 2025

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Tribute paid to Mary Mac's Place founder

Mary Mac's Place project officer Ms Sally Baker has paid tribute to a founder of the Mary Mac's Place who died last week.

"It is with great sadness that I announce that Ms Pat Slattery has passed onto the next life," said Ms Baker.

"She leaves us with so many memories of love and friendship.

"Pat helped start Mary Mac's Place about 24 years ago and volunteered her time right up until

a couple of weeks ago when she fell ill.

"Pat was surrounded by her family and loved ones.

"Pat will always be in our hearts."

The funeral was held on Thursday, October 30, at St John the Baptist Church Woy Woy, directly across from Mary Mac's Place.

SOURCE:
Social media, 24 Oct 2025
Sally Baker, Mary Mac's Place



Free dog training sessions at Ettalong

Two free dog training sessions will be held at Ettalong at the end of the month.

The sessions are part of Central Coast Council's Responsible Pet Ownership program.

The program aims to improve public safety and community enjoyment of open spaces by encouraging effective animal management and compliance.

Central Coast Council mayor Cr Lawrie McKinna said the program reflected Council's commitment to fostering a pet-friendly and respectful community.

"With one of the largest dog

populations in New South Wales, it's important we support our community with the tools and knowledge to be responsible pet owners," Cr McKinna said.

Experienced trainers will guide participants through key commands and techniques, while providing a safe and supportive environment for dogs and their humans to socialise.

Sessions are available for both puppies and older dogs, with a focus on developing basic manners and confidence.

All dogs must be on a lead, and up to date with vaccinations, flea and tick treatments.

The sessions are designed to equip dog owners with essential skills such as loose leash walking, basic obedience, and recall.

Delivered in a positive and engaging format, the training helps raise happy, well-behaved dogs and strengthens the bond between pets and their owners.

The sessions will be held from 10am to 11am on Saturday and Wednesday, November 22 and 26.

While the sessions are free, bookings are essential as places are limited.

SOURCE:
Media release, 28 Oct 2025
Central Coast Council

October rainfall was third lowest

Rainfall of 28.3mm was recorded on the Peninsula during October.

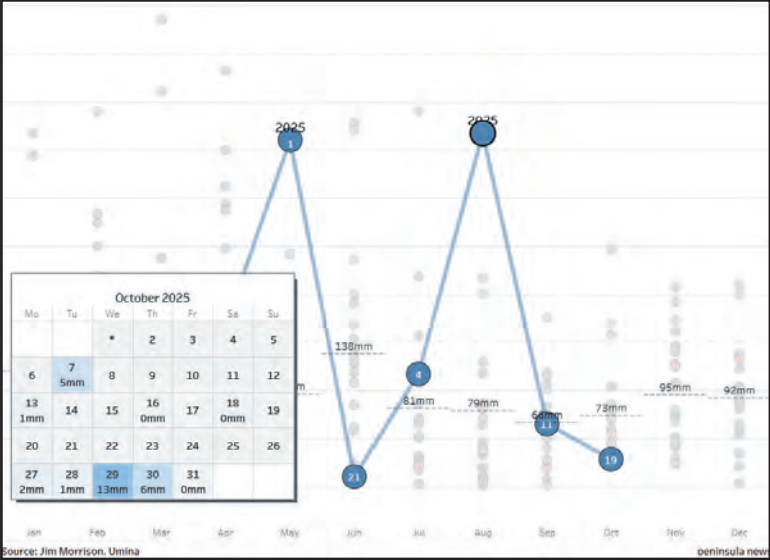
The total was the third lowest in 20 years and just more than one third of the October average of 76mm, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

Total rainfall for the year at the end of October was 1504.3mm, about one third (34.6 per cent) more than the average of 1118mm.

Rainfall of 16.5mm was recorded on the first day of November, with a November average of 95mm.

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

SOURCE:
Spreadsheet, 1 Nov 2025
Jim Morrison, Umina



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Aged care home to have official opening

The Blue Wave Living aged care home in Woy Woy will hold a public official opening for “the joining of our two buildings” at 10am on Wednesday, November 5.

A new central linkway which joins the areas together will be opened.

Different sections of the home have been split from each since building work started in March three years ago.

The opening will include a morning tea in the new Driftwood lounge area.

Guests will be able see inside some of the newly-finished bedrooms, the new salon, library-sitting room, gym-physio room and other spaces.

They will see the new central clubhouse, bar and outdoor kitchen areas.

“While we still have some minor work to complete before we can start moving residents into the newly-finished rooms, I expect this will occur sometime during November,” said chief executive Mr Matt Downie.

“The new central link will remain open following the opening ceremony.

Some rectification work will occur in the main commercial kitchen over two weeks from Monday, November 17.

A third stage of the building works is expected to start from late November.

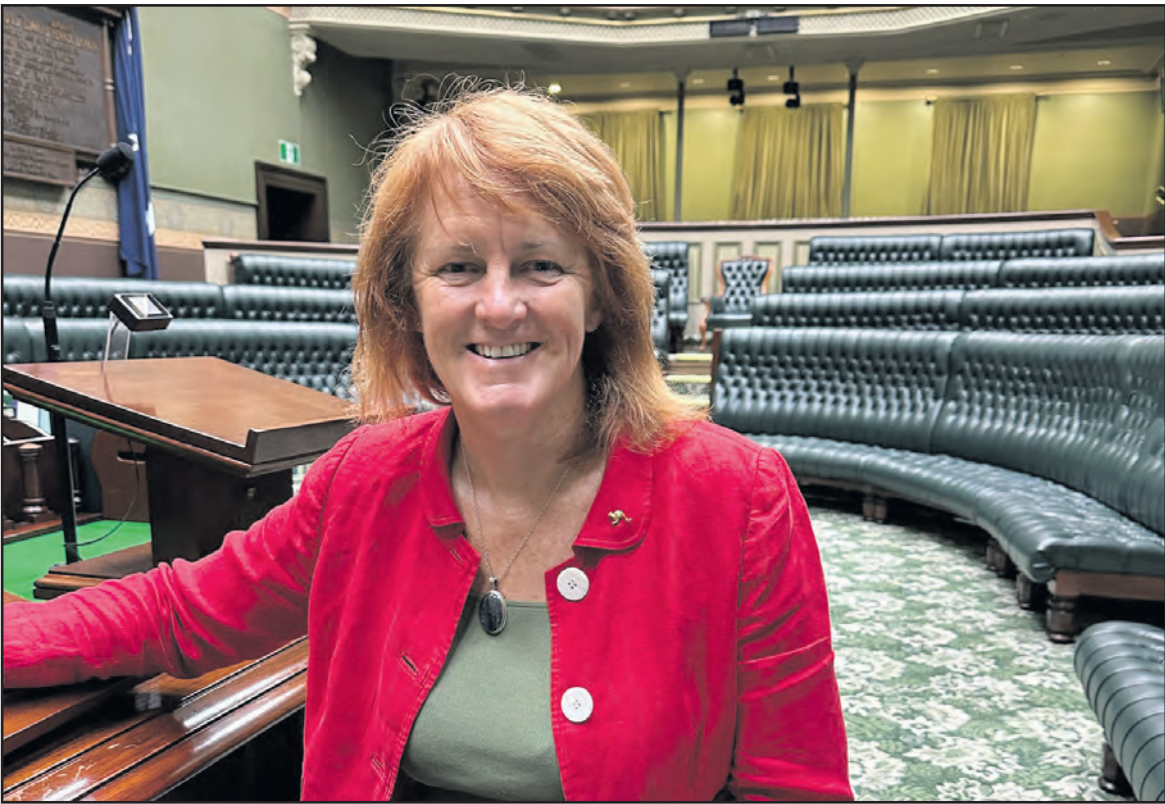
Mr Downie said this would see “the remaining old rooms in The Shores building completed over the following six months, along with the rear entry to the building and the rear lounge area which will be re-done”.

“Carparking spaces along the rear of Beachside will be closed off, as will the rear entry to the building, as all this falls into the next stage of works.

“The only public access to BlueWave will be via our main entry off Kathleen St.

“The central linking corridor will now be open for easy access through the building,” he said.

SOURCE: Newsletter, 1 Nov 2025
Matt Downie, Blue Wave Living



Tesch gives her 1000th speech

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has given her 1000th speech in the NSW Parliament after eight-years in parliament.

Ms Tesch said she loved representing the community in State Parliament.

“It is an absolute privilege every day to represent the people of Gosford and the Central Coast.

“I really can’t believe that I have clocked up 1000 speeches.

“It really is an honour each and every day to raise the profile of our community and fight for everything that our people on the Central Coast need, from education, to our local roads, healthcare and transport system.

“I’ve never backed down from a fight, and I have fought with every fibre for the future that the Central Coast deserves.”

During the sitting week, Members of Parliament have the opportunity to speak on legislation across a diverse range of portfolios, move notices of motion championing important community issues, and recognise their community through a number of speeches including community recognition statements and private members statements.

Ms Tesch said the Parliament had a role in “recognising the everyday heroes making our community a better place to be”.

“Celebrating our fantastic

community organisations, businesses and individuals is one of my favourite parts of every sitting week, from sports clubs such as Umina Bunnies, volunteer run clubs such as Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club, to charities such as Coast Shelter, there are so many stories worth celebrating in our community.”

Ms Tesch said: “I am a true believer in the power of our community and the potential of our region for great things.

“I will always fight for the best future for our beautiful community.”

SOURCE: Media release, 22 Oct 2025
Joely Langmaid, Office of the Member for Gosford



Rotary club sells Cup Trifecta tickets

Woy Woy Rotary club members Mr Tom McCann, Mr Charles Brock and Mr Trevor Walker opened sales of the club’s Melbourne Cup Trifecta raffle tickets on Monday, October 27.

The three sold one dollar tickets at a stall at Deepwater Plaza Woy

Woy.

The raffle tickets for an \$800 prize will run until Melbourne Cup Day, unless tickets are sold out earlier.

All proceeds will go to local charities.

SOURCE: Social media, 27 Oct 2025
Rotary Club of Woy Woy

Waratah

A “tree waratah” has had its first flowers since being planted three years ago.

“It is already starting to shade the verge and now has its first flowers,” according to the Grow Urban Shade Trees group.

“These are a medium sized tree with large waratah-like flowers.

“Diligent watering is the key to this thriving tree.”

SOURCE: Social media, 21 Oct 2025
Grow Urban Shade Trees



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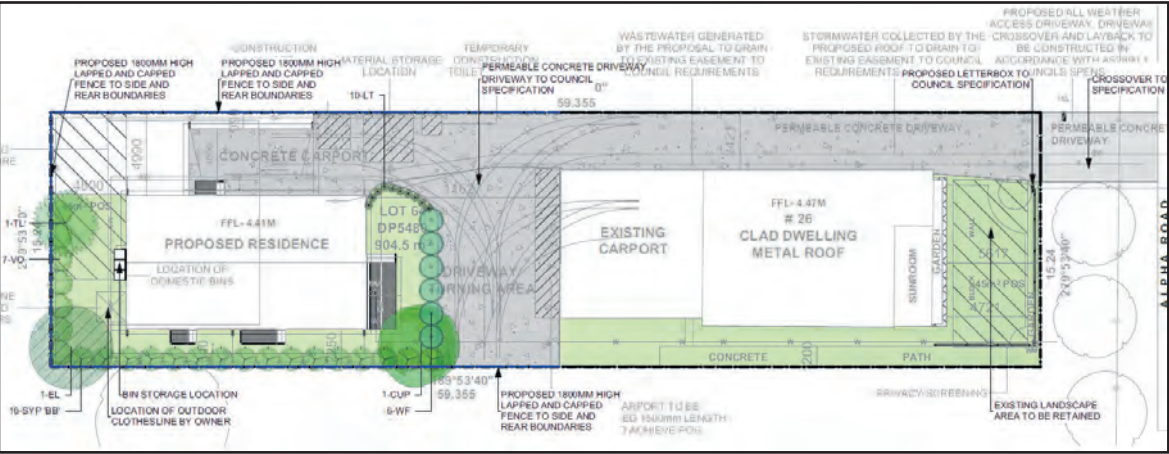
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Manufactured home plan for duplex

An application has been made to install a manufactured home at the rear of an existing dwelling at 26 Alpha Rd, Woy Woy, to create a dual occupancy.

The manufactured dwelling would contain three bedrooms, one having an en suite, a bathroom, a kitchen, living room, dining room, laundry and a deck.

An existing rear shed on the 904.57 square metre site would be demolished.

The new dwelling is proposed to be single storey, as is the existing dwelling.

An existing drive would be used

for both dwellings.

The application states: "The proposal includes the driveway and turning area providing access to parking for both dwellings.

"Noting that the existing driveway is gravel, the development has a site coverage of 40 per cent."

The Landscape Plan, prepared by Bluegum Design, describes the entire driveway, including a new turning area situated between the existing and new dwelling, as "permeable concrete".

The notification plan depicts the existing driveway and a large new "turning area" which appears to be about 90 square metres, noting

that a new driveway crossover is to be constructed.

The application states that there is no existing vegetation to be removed and existing landscaping at the front setback is to remain, as will the existing street trees.

The Landscape Plan proposes extensive planting around the new dwelling including a tuckeroo, blueberry ash, water gum and 16 lilly pillies.

The application is currently on public exhibition and open for submissions until November 21.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 2 Nov 2025
DA/1505/2025, Central Coast Council

Application to review 'gunbarrel' refusal

An application has been lodged with Central Coast Council to review its refusal of a three-unit "gunbarrel" development at 7 Winifred Ave, Umina Beach.

The original application was lodged on November 19 for the demolition of all structures and construction of a three-unit multi dwelling housing development.

That was refused by the Council on June 30.

In total there were 16 unsupported variations requested to planning controls listed in the council's assessment report, reinforcing the council planner's conclusion that "the application does not provide a suitable design for the site".

There were seven submissions from the public, most if not all, complaining about the proposed removal of "significant mature trees" especially a large blackbutt eucalyptus at the rear of the property.

One submitter commented that the proposed removal was "only to suit the building contractors who don't want the hassle of having to work around a root zone while they (again) strip out these blocks of every little thing with their bobcats".

The council planner commented: "It is considered that the design has not suitably addressed the possibility of retaining trees on the site or the possibility of providing suitable landscape areas to allow future substantial landscaping."

Another general complaint was that "The scale of the development

is not in keeping with surrounding development and it will create heat impacts to the locality."

The council planner agreed: "The proposal does incorporate excessive amounts of hard stand and insufficient landscaping on the site."

There were several instances where every council officer to whom the application was referred found insufficient or missing information, declining to support the proposal for this reason.

The review application, prepared by Town Planning Collective, stated: "The amended design is considered to achieve the objectives of the R1 General Residential zone with the development providing a more suitable design for the site compared to the original plans submitted."

"The additional landscaping for the site and amended floor plans result in a development that provides amenity for the residents while mitigating negative residential amenity for adjoining properties."

The application claims: "The landscaping plans have been amended to include compliant species, street trees, deep soil zones and fencing details".

There are no new notification drawings or landscape plans included in this exhibition, although there is an extract of the revised site plan and some other floor plans (heavily redacted).

With the dearth of information provided in the public exhibition, it is difficult to verify or disagree with

the claims of the application.

However, according to the extracted site plan, the area of driveway has decreased by about 30 square metres and the number of car spaces has decreased by two taking the total number to four, when six are required by the planning provisions.

The application confirms this: "The amended design provides a visitor parking space at the rear of the site, with the modified design removing the front visitor car parking space to provide more green space and to remove the parking element from the front setback."

"The amended design removes two dedicated car parking spaces but is considered a more acceptable outcome in regards to the additional landscaping, better vehicle manoeuvrability and improved streetscape presence of the development."

The application states that the rear setback has been increased to a compliant 4.5m.

There is no mention in the revised application of existing trees on the property.

The application states: "The amended design of the development shows compliance with the reasons for refusal."

It is currently on public exhibition and available for written submissions until 7th November 2025.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 19 Oct 2025
DAR/1743/2024/A, Central Coast Council

Panel supports refusal of three applications

The Local Planning Panel has refused three Peninsula development applications at its meeting on Thursday, October 16.

All three were recommended for refusal by Council planning staff.

Six residents spoke in favour of the first, a Childcare Centre at 10 Lagoon St, Ettalong, while one resident spoke against.

The applicant asked for a deferral, but the Panel denied the request, noting a long history of interaction and determined that deferral would likely not lead to an easily defined, timely, or positive outcome, as many issues related to the site characteristics and the overall design approach.

The Panel's decided unanimously to refuse the application for reasons detailed in the Council's assessment report.

The second application was for a detached dual occupancy and subdivision at 132 Paton St, Woy Woy.

Speakers against refusal included Mr Ravi Sharma and Mr David Rowe.

The Panel unanimously refused this application, citing multiple inconsistencies with planning controls including minimum lot size, the zone objectives, non-compliance with the Development Control Plan, site suitability and unacceptable variation request.

The third application was for two-storey multi-dwelling housing,

including the demolition of the existing dwelling at 10 Britannia St, Umina.

Speakers against the refusal were Mr Ravi Sharma and Mr Nikolai Hill.

Mr Frank Wiffen representing the Peninsula Residents Association spoke in support of the council recommendation.

The Panel decided unanimously to refuse the application for the reasons detailed in the report.

The grounds for refusal included critical design and engineering failures, and that the proposal was unsatisfactory in meeting the planning controls and their objectives, including safe vehicular entry and exit, and adequate solar access.

A plain concrete driveway was also noted as unsatisfactory.

Supporting documents were considered inadequate, with shadow diagrams being incorrectly based on magnetic north rather than true north, preventing a proper assessment of overshadowing and solar access.

The Panel noted a long history of interaction over this application and denied the applicant's request for deferral, determining that the fundamental issues were related to site characteristics and the overall design approach, meaning a deferral would not lead to a positive resolution.

SOURCE:
Local Planning Panel, 16 Oct 2025

Third amendment sought for townhouse development

A third amendment (DA/50258/2016/C) has been sought for a four-townhouse development at 209 West St, on the corner of Morris St, Umina, originally approved in March 2017.

The first amendment, lodged last December, sought approval to stage the project, change the Unit 3 garage from a single to a double, and to "shift all bedrooms to the first floor".

The staging involved building the entire slab for all four units, then building the West St facing units and commencing construction of the rear Units 1 and 2 once an occupation certificate had been issued for the others.

That amendment was approved by Central Coast Council, with a construction certificate for the associated work issued on May 5.

A further amendment (DA/50258/2016/B) was lodged in

Feedback sought on Council water proposal

The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal is reviewing the maximum prices that Central Coast Council Water can charge customers for water and wastewater services from July 1 next year.

Last month, the Council submitted its pricing proposal to the Tribunal.

"We've subsequently released an Issues Paper that provides some background on our pricing review process and the pricing proposal from CCC Water," said IPART senior advisor Ms Candy Nahnsen.

"We're inviting feedback from residents, businesses, and the community on affordability and other issues.

"Insights and views received during consultation will help us to assess whether the proposed prices are justified so that customers pay only what CCC Water needs to efficiently deliver its services to customers."

Anyone who receives a water bill from Central Coast Council may complete a five-minute survey.

Residents may lodge a written submission online.

They may also register to join an online public hearing on November 20 to have their questions answered.

The consultation is open until 11:45pm on November 28.

The issues paper and links to the online consultation are available via <http://penne.ws/tg5F7M>.

SOURCE:

**Email, 28 Oct 2025
Candy Nahnsen, IPART**



Look out for counterfeits, Marine Rescue warns

Marine Rescue Brisbane Water has asked residents to be on the lookout for counterfeit \$100 notes after it found several in its donation tin recently.

Treasurer Ms Shea Wicks found them during a recent weekend annual Christmas raffle.

She said she took one look at the notes and realised they were "different".

The incident was reported to the local police.

Unit Commander Ian Morrow said it was an unfortunate incident where perhaps the donor wasn't aware.

Many volunteer organisations across the Central Coast, especially the numerous Marine Rescue units, rely heavily on public donations, ranging from cash donations to bequests, he said.

"We were fortunate that the

donor deposited \$800 of counterfeit money in our donation boat," said Ms Wicks.

"Other shops and businesses could have been more severely hit if the alleged guilty party had managed to con his or her way out of storekeepers' hard-earned money."

She said several security features existed on banknotes.

Held up to the light, a seven-pointed star and the Australian Coat of Arms became visible.

Notes could be tilted to see the bird's wings move and change colour, and the number change direction, and a rolling colour effect to become visible.

There were also fluorescent effects visible under ultra-violet light.

SOURCE:

**Media release, 29 Oct 2025
David Wicks, Marine
Rescue Brisbane Water**

Fire crew practises aerial rescue

Crews from Fire and Rescue NSW's Umina fire station undertook a combined training exercise with the Gosford fire station and NSW Ambulance on Monday, October 27.

They practised their aerial rescue capabilities to be used anywhere on the Central Coast.

Umina station's fire truck, a "compressed aerial pumper", with its 24.5-metre extendable ladder, was used in the exercise.

The truck has an air foam system and water tank enables firefighters to tackle fires and conduct rescues at various heights.

The 36 firefighters from the Umina Fire Station have now completed their training with the new Compressed Air Foam System, according to Fire and Rescue NSW Commissioner Jeremy Fewtrell.

"The Umina crews are ready to operate this high-tech vehicle and are rightly proud to have the appliance at the station," he said.

Acting Emergency Services Minister, Mr Anoulack Chanthivong said: "We recognise the growth of the local population, businesses, and the skyline.

"The new advanced aerial firefighting technology means the Peninsula is well covered by FRNSW in the event of an emergency and is strategically positioned to support surrounding communities."

"Whether it's combatting a blaze in a high-rise apartment block or reaching over the roof of an



industrial complex, the aerial truck can handle any fire emergency in the area."

The truck has the capacity to issue 6000 litres of water a minute, making it the most powerful pump on any Fire and Rescue appliance.

Along with the truck, the Umina Fire Station has had a \$1.8 million refurbishment.

"This investment ensures that our community has the world class fire and rescue infrastructure we deserve," said Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

SOURCE:

**Social media, 27 Oct 2025
Station 340 Umina, Fire
and Rescue NSW
Media release, 10 Oct 2025
Fire and Rescue NSW**

Bowls raises money for Guide Dogs

A charity bowling day hosted by Ettalong Bowling Club was held on Sunday, October 12, raising \$2545 for the Guide Dogs organisation.

Bowlers from Pearl Beach, members of the Central Coast Guide Dogs support group, and Guide Dogs head office, families and friends joined with Ettalong bowlers for a morning of bowls.

For many it was their first time on a green with a bowling ball.

"Friends and visitors enjoyed the club facilities and generously supported the auction of a donated gift box," said the support group publicity officer Ms Lynne Lillico.

"Guide Dogs merchandise was well supported, as was the raffle of a variety of prizes donated by local businesses and friends."

Guide Dogs NSW-ACT chief executive Mr Dale Cleaver thanked the club for its support and presented a Certificate of Appreciation to bowls organiser Mr John Orme (pictured), with Ms Angela Allen and support group president Ms Merran Rudder, and Ms Lillico.

SOURCE:

**Media release, 28 Oct 2025
Lynne Lillico, Guide
Dogs support group**



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).

Forum

More development will be catastrophic

Peninsula group Grow Urban Shade Trees has made the obvious connection between heat island effect, human health and development.

Similarly there is a connection between Clean4 Shore and development.

Both groups and many others will not be happy with the state government's proposal to increase development in the LGA which will increase volunteer workloads and/or opposition to this.

Peninsula News reports the Clean4Shore team delivered 500 kilos of rubbish to Woy Woy tip.

Has the state government estimated in its Central Coast Strategic Conservation Plan the increase waste to be collected by Mr Johnston due to this plan?

It is not a credit to governments

that volunteers have taken action when governments have not.

The state government's move to increase development will be catastrophic for the region, residents and biodiversity.

The situation is at the extreme end of dire.

I did attend the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure forum which I had assumed would discuss the Plan, but this was an illusion.

I attended the Member for Gosford's office at at Woy Woy, prior to the forum, expecting my questions regarding the Plan to be answered.

Instead the advice was to refer all my inquiries to staff attending the forum.

SOURCE:
Letter, 22 Oct 2025
Norman Harris, Umina

An obligation to provide a courtesy bus?

I note your story on increased local clubs profits.

It is interesting to know that despite an increase in profits and ongoing renovations, the Everglades Country Club remains just about the only club in NSW that refuses to have a courtesy bus for its members and guests, crying poor saying it costs them too much to have, and continuing to subject people trying to get home to long arduous waits in the carpark for taxis and ubers.

So much for serving the community and ensuring a safe trip for anyone who cannot or does not wish to drive.

Don't clubs have some sort of social and moral obligation to provide a bus?

Even pubs do it these days.

SOURCE:
Email, 21 Oct 2025
Rolf Norington, Woy Woy

Dog show to be held in Ettalong

A dog show will be held in Ettalong Beach from 10am to 11am on Saturday, December 6.

Entry will be free with registration starting from 9am.

Categories will include Best Rescue Rascals, Most Like Their Owner, Waggiest Tail and Best Costume.

The show will be held at Rust Ettalong, in the Galleria Ettalong Beach, with prizes, treats and music.

Donations will be collected for volunteers at Socares Central Coast, the charity which operates the Central Coast Council's dog pounds at Erina and Charmhaven.

"The dog show is not about

pedigree or perfection, but about personality, friendship and the deep bond between people and their four-legged companions," said Rust Ettalong owner Mr Michael Browning..

"Rust Ettalong Beach is about more than just a rustic style furniture, homewares, fashion and gifts.

"It's about community and heart, and there's nothing that connects people quite like their dogs.

"They make us laugh. They ground us and they remind us to live in the moment".

SOURCE:
Media release, 30 Oct 2025
Michael Browning, Rust Ettalong Beach

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Shade trees group promotes free street tree program

The Peninsula’s Grow Urban Shade Trees community group is promoting the Central Coast Council’s free street tree program.

“Did you know that Peninsula residents can currently request free street trees from Council as part of their Pilot Planting Program?” asked group member Ms Jennifer Wilder.

“Our community successfully lobbied council for more urban greening to address the urban heat effect occurring here.

“We have a long way to go to build up from less than 10 per cent canopy cover and reach the 40 per cent state government canopy target.

“You can be a part of the solution by requesting a street tree, spreading this message to your neighbours and planting more trees in your garden.

“Together we can create a cooler, greener and more liveable Peninsula.”

SOURCE:
Social media, 26 Oct 2025
Grow Urban Shade Trees



Fishing club holds ‘learn-to-fish academy’

Ettalong Bowling Club Fishing Club hosted a Learn-to-Fish Academy for 35 juniors and novice adults for a morning of hands-on fishing education at the weekend.

The day began with hotdogs and families gathering at the shoreline, ready to cast their lines and learn the ropes.

While the fish were somewhat shy, a few lucky participants landed impressive bream and blue swimmer crabs, with their newly-acquired skills.

The event was supported by DPI NSW Fisheries, who supplied 24 rods and reels along with tackle kits to help beginners get started.

The club was able to purchase fishing tackle and supplies, thanks

to a grant from the Ettalong branch of The Bendigo Community Bank.

Woy Woy’s Empire Fishing Tackle business ran a “cast into the bucket” challenge, with prizes for every child.

Other businesses supported the initiative.

Hot Tackle Morisset prepared tackle trays for all attendees. Anaconda and BCF also donated gear, which was gifted to the kids throughout the day.

“The weather was kind, the atmosphere was lively, and we hope this inspires a lifelong love of fishing in our community,” said fishing club president Mr Glen Borg.

SOURCE:
Media release, 2 Nov 2025
Kerry Watkins, Ettalong Bowling Club

CWA holds pink morning tea

Woy Woy branch of the Country Women’s Association held a Pink Morning Tea on Wednesday, October 29.

Branch members wore pink, and offered pink cakes and nibbles to raise funds for the National

Breast Cancer Foundation between 10am and midday at its hall in The Boulevard, Woy Woy.

The tea and cakes were free in return for a donation to the Foundation.

SOURCE:
Social media, 27 Oct 2025
CWA Woy Woy Branch



Fire brigade advises residents at community breakfast

The Bays Rural Fire Service brigade attended The Bays Community Breakfast at the Bays Community Centre on Woy Woy Bay Rd, Woy Woy Bay, on Sunday, October 26.

“We are here today to join the

fun and talk about the impending fire season.”

The brigade had information for residents about preparing their properties and developing a bush fire survival plan.

The Breakfast was held between

8:30am and 10:30am.

Other attractions included the locally-produced hot sauce for sale.

SOURCE:
Social media, 26 Oct 2025
The Bays Rural Fire Brigade

Rubbish collected from Riley’s Island

The marine cleanup organisation Clean4Shore has collected a range of rubbish from Riley’s Island, situated in Brisbane Waters close to Woy Woy.

Clean4Shore co-ordinator Mr Graham Johnston said 15 small oyster baskets had been retrieved from the mangroves on Tuesday, October 28.

“Ten bags of small litter mostly food wrappings, soft and hard plastic and plenty of bait bags were collected,” he said.

He said the collection reflected gutter rubbish, poor recreational usage and some oyster growers who had been unable to retrieve lost baskets.

SOURCE:
Social media, 28 Oct 2025
Clean4shore



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The Big Bowl charity event raises \$18,000 for Mary Mac's Place

The annual Big Bowl charity event at Ettalong Bowling Club has raised \$18,000 for Mary Mac's Place in Woy Woy.

Local businesses across the Peninsula came together at the Club on Friday, October 17, with organisers from Wiseberry

Peninsula Real Estate, for the fundraising event.

Small businesses registered teams for a barefoot bowls tournament and to contribute to a charity auction, raffle, and lucky dip envelopes to raise funds for the local community kitchen.

The proceeds of the day will help Mary Mac's Place provide meals,

food hampers, laundry services, social and friendship opportunities to the socially and economically disadvantaged.

Mary Mac's project worker Ms Sally Baker said the funds were much-needed.

"The support is always very appreciated by our program and those who receive support in the

community."

She said Mary Mac's Place supported close to 20,000 people each year and people were struggling more today than ever before.

The request for food hampers had increased by more than 50 per cent over the last few years.

With no formal funding,

Mary Mac's relies solely on the generosity of volunteers, individuals, and organisations to continue operating.

SOURCE:
Media release, 30 Oct 2025
Casey Williams,
Wiseberry Peninsula



Rotary club donates cake ingredients

The Rotary Club of Brisbane Water has donated ingredients for Christmas Cakes to the Umina Beach branch of the Country Women's Association.

Rotary club vice-president Ms Jayne Mote is pictured donating the ingredients to CWA branch president Ms Celia O'Meara and cookery officer Ms Robyn Gilmore.

CWA branch members will bake the ingredients into Christmas cakes and puddings for Mary Mac's Place.

SOURCE:
Social media, 28 Oct 2025
Rotary Brisbane Water



Patonga brigade attends Bar Point fire

Patonga Volunteer Rural Bush Fire Brigade was among eight Rural Fire Service brigades to attend a fire at Bar Point on Sunday, October 26.

The brigade responded to a fire call at 2:55am on October 26 for a structure fire and bush alight at Bar Point on the Hawkesbury River.

When crews arrived, the fire was already well underway, and firefighters worked through the night to contain and extinguish the fire.

SOURCE:
Social media, 26 Oct 2025
Milsons Passage Rural Fire Brigade



Scarlett competes in BMX cruiser championship

Brisbane Water Secondary College student Scarlett Arthur-Sinderberry finished fifth in the 15-16 years Girls Cruiser category of the BMX National Championships.

The championships were held over the weekend of October 18

and 19 at Macarthur BMX Club.

Her teachers said she had shown dedication and determination, and spent countless hours of training on and off the track

SOURCE:
Social media, 21 Oct 2025
BWSC Woy Woy

Students learn of OXI Day

tudents at St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School, along with all of Greece, have acknowledged the historical significance of October 28, known as OXI Day.

Students reflected this, in their classwork, showing an understanding of the importance of the day in Greek history.

OXI Day, marks the day Greece

bravely said no (OXI) to surrender during World War II, defending its freedom and independence and changing the outcome of the war.

In Greece, OXI Day is celebrated with parades, flags, the national anthem, school assemblies, and students dressed in blue and white – the colours of the Greek flag.

SOURCE:
Social media, 29 Oct 2025
SJB Catholic Primary
School Woy Woy

Brisbane Water Secondary College is holding two "parent tours" at Woy Woy campus for the transition from Year 9 to Year 10.

The first tour was held on Thursday, October 30.

The second will be held on

Thursday, December 4.

One-on-one tours are also available.

Both a 7:30am and a 4:30pm session will be available.

The tours are described as "an opportunity for families to explore everything that makes our school exceptional".

The guided tours describe the college's academic, creative, sporting, civics and extra-curricular programs and opportunities.

Registration for the tours is taken by phone on 4341 1600.

SOURCE:
Social media, 19 Oct 2025
BWSC Woy Woy

Film festival runs in Ettalong

The Central Coast Film Festival will run until November 9 at Cinema Paradiso in Ettalong.

Festival organisers have aimed to present a bold mix of local and international cinema, alongside special events, filmmaker interviews, and classic restorations in partnership with the National Film and Sound Archive.

The Festival will host a screening of My Brilliant Career alongside a special conversation with Ms Gillian Armstrong and cinematographer Mr Donald McAlpine on November 8, celebrating the enduring impact of their collaboration.

"I'm incredibly proud of how far this festival has come," said Festival founder Mr Timothy Wilde.

"We started this festival with an aim to build a foundation for regional screen culture and

to give filmmakers a platform for recognition both here and internationally.

"Now the largest film festival on the Central Coast, this year's program features 24 documentary and narrative features, including Australian premieres of Coroner to the Stars, New Wave, The Strange Dark, Join the Club, Softshell, Room Temperature, Snowland, Big Star: The Nick Skelton Story, and Fantasy A Gets a Mattress," he said.

"The festival will also showcase 2025 Australian film festival circuit highlights Fwends, Floodland, Yurlu Country, and Iron Winter, bringing the best of Australian independent cinema to Ettalong Beach."

SOURCE:
Media release, 29 Nov 2025
Carley Edmonds, Central Coast Film Festival



Gamelan ensemble launches album

A gamelan ensemble will launch its new album at Pearl Beach Memorial Hall on Saturday, November 29.

The ensemble Suara Kupu Kupu is a new Australian gamelan groups that draws on culture of Java and Bali, using gongs, and xylophones of all shapes and sizes.

The new album Voice of

the Butterfly is "eight tracks of lyrical melodies, cross-cultural exploration and studio-designed audio", according to launch organiser Mr Andrew Alter.

"The music is easy to listen to with new melodies and rhythms that draw on folk, jazz and funk."

The launch starting at 6:30pm will include a concert and dinner.

Mr Alter said it would be

"inspired by an Indonesian-Australian collaboration that takes music and sonic experience in new directions, ones that are uniquely Australian but rooted in the sounds and traditions of Sunda (West Java)".

For further information, contact Mr Alter at flitterak2@gmail.com.

SOURCE:
Media release, 20 Oct 2025
Andrew Alter, Pearl Beach

Applications open for book launch program

The Words on the Waves writers' festival has opened applications for local writers to take part in the 2026 Book Launch Program.

Writers who are based on the Central Coast, and have recently authored a book that they would

like to launch as part of Words on the Waves are eligible.

"Words on the Waves secures suitable launch venues for authors, produces runsheets for the events, and publicises the books and launches through inclusion on social media, the printed festival

program and on the festival website," said organiser Ms Angela Bennetts.

"Being associated with Words on the Waves also helps in adding extra credibility to the launch event."

For more information on

the program and to lodge and Expression of Interest Application, head to www.wordsonthewaves.com.au

Words on the Waves 2026 will take place from Wednesday to Sunday, May 27-31, next year.

Book launches take place

across the week of the festival and during the week following, until June 6.

SOURCE:
Media release, 21 Oct 2025
Angela Bennetts, Words on the Waves



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Education

Students to represent NSW in athletics

Woy Woy student Sam Rugendyke and Ettalong student Harrison Fawcett have qualified to represent NSW in athletics at the School Sport Australia Championships in Canberra in a few weeks' time.

They competed at the NSW Primary School Sports Association Athletics Championships which were held on Wednesday and Thursday, October 22 and 23, at Sydney Olympic Park.

In his Boys 11-13 years Multi-class events, Sam came first in the long jump, second in discus, fourth in shot put and in the 200m and seventh in the 100m.

In doing so, he broke State records in the long jump, discus, 100m and 200m.

Harrison Fawcett came third in the Boys 11-13 years Multi-class long jump.

In other results, Annika Graham from Woy Woy came 15th in the Girls 11 years long jump.

Lylah Glynn from Umina came 15th in the Girls 11 Years 1500m, while Beau Wallace also from Umina came 27th in the Boys 11 years discus.

Maya Buckley from Woy Woy South came 24th in the Girls 8-10 years 1500m.

SOURCE:
Social media, 26 Oct 2025
Southern Central Coast Primary School Sports Association



Digital animation using 'Claymation'

About 60 Year Nine creative and performing arts students at Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College have experienced digital animation through two "claymation" workshops.

From concept to creation, students developed an original

story, crafted unique characters out of clay, and designed detailed props and sets.

They explored the full production process.

They started with storyboarding and character design, then filmed their animations, and finally edited their projects to bring their stories

to life.

"This hands-on experience not only showcased their creativity and storytelling abilities but also highlighted their technical skills and collaborative spirit," said teachers.

SOURCE:
Social media, 30 Oct 2025
BWSC Umina



Ava wins place in national public speaking finals

A student from Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College has won the State final in public speaking.

Ava Bury secured a place

at nationals after delivering a prepared speech and an impromptu speech at State Parliament House in Sydney on Monday, October 20.

SOURCE:
Social media, 20 Oct 2025
BWSC Umina

The Social Projects group at Umina Beach Public School has raised \$1187 through a recent cake stall.

The money raised will be used to buy personal care products for those in need, as well as Christmas hampers this year.

"We're so proud of our Social Projects team for their dedication, compassion, and initiative," said principal Ms Karen Wardlaw.

"Their work continues to make a meaningful impact."

She said families of Years K-2 students had contributed baked goods.

She said the Social Projects Group was "a special opportunity for students who show high potential in the social domain, part of our High Potential and Gifted Education program".

"These students often stand out for their empathy, leadership, and drive to make the world a better place."

"They're the ones who rally friends around a good cause,



notice when someone needs help, and care deeply about fairness and inclusion.

"Our Social Projects Group gives them a space to explore those passions and turn their ideas into real change."

The Social Projects group was now organising its Christmas Toy Drive for the We Care Connect charity.

New, unwrapped toys and gifts

were wanted for children and teenagers in need this Christmas.

The team would collect donations from students in classrooms.

Members of the wider community were also welcome to make donations to the school office before Friday, December 5.

SOURCE:
Social media, 29 Oct 2025
Karen Wardlaw, Umina Beach Public School

Open training shows off Futures Academy

An Open Training session will be held by the Futures Academy high performance athlete program on Tuesday, November 18.

The program leads and coaches will be present and athletes will be in action between 8am and 9am.

A light breakfast and coffee will be served at the by invitation event.

The Futures Academy program was started jointly by the five Peninsula primary schools and the Brisbane Water Secondary College "to support and extend high-potential students in sport and academics".

College principal Ms Marisha Blanco said at the launch of the program in May that she believed more could be done to nurture the talents of young local sportspeople.

"The Peninsula and Empire Bay boast a proud and long-standing tradition of sporting excellence."

"This program is dedicated to supporting young athletes, empowering them to carry on that legacy and reach new heights."

Coaches from the College have recruited five "high potential students" from Year 3 in each primary school.

The students "will be extended through a holistic physical and sports psychology coaching program that will continue all the way through their primary and secondary school careers".

"The students will engage in one additional two-hour training session every week of the school term."

SOURCE:
Media release, 22 Oct 2025
Gillian Martin, BWSC Umina

'Busting the myths' about the HSC

An HSC and ATAR MythBusters Seminar will be held for Year 11 students from 1:05pm to 1:55pm tomorrow, Tuesday, November 4, at Brisbane Water Secondary School Woy Woy campus

library.

The session is for senior students to learn how ATAR scaling, HSC moderation and final rankings work.

"We will deconstruct myths you hear about the HSC," organising

teachers said.

"We are helping our students get the facts, clear the confusion and step confidently into their final year of schooling."

SOURCE:
Social media, 29 Oct 2025
BWSC Woy Woy



Charity bowls raises \$630

A total of \$630 was raised at a charity bowls day held at Ettalong Bowling Club on Sunday, October 19.

This monthly event had a later start due to the club's annual general meeting.

The day attracted 26 bowlers to raise money for Central Coast Kids in Need.

After burgers and salad for lunch, an afternoon of bowls was

followed by the raffle.

The spider was won by a first time bowler Michelle Buckley.

Winning rink went to I Peters, P Crerar, V Chambers and J Rogers.

Sandra Walton won the Wednesday bowlers whisky prize.

The next event will be held on Sunday, November 16, at 9am.

All are welcome.

SOURCE:

Media release, 26 Oct 2025

John Orme, Ettalong Charity Bowls

Richard Braddish has won the over-60s category of the Australian Bodybuilding Championships on Sunday, October 19.

The championships were held by the International Fitness and Bodybuilding Federation at Canterbury leagues Club.

The title follows his third placing in the over-50s category last year.

Richard said: "Last year I thought I will be 60 at the next championships and will give the over-60s title a go.

"After three months' preparation with diet, walking and heavy lifting, I came in my best condition at 95kgs and won the over-60s category.

"Being six feet (182cm), I was one of the tallest at the championships," he said.

"I have worked out now for over 40 years and made bodybuilding a lifestyle choice and kept active .

"I am a patrolling member at Umina Surf Club and train at Peninsula Leisure Centre at Woy Woy."

SOURCE:

Media release, 27 Oct 2025

Richard Braddish, Umina



Twilight bowls starts at Pearl Beach

rl Beach Bowlers will hold twilight bowls for the summer months starting on Thursday, November 6, at the Pearl Beach Tennis and Recreational Club grounds.

The bowls sessions will be held from 4am to 6pm on Thursdays, November 6 and 20, December 4 and 18, and on January 1 and 15,

at a cost of \$5.

The bowlers play in mixed groups in a social atmosphere.

Experience not necessary, and the club has additional bowls for new players or visitors.

Partners and friends are invited to join the bowlers and share BYO refreshments.

The club also welcomes new

players to its daytime women's bowls and men's bowls.

Women's bowls is held on Tuesdays from 9am to 11am, while men's bowls is held on Fridays from 8:30am to 10:30am.

For further information, phone Robert on 0477 486 065.

SOURCE:

Media release, 28 Oct 2025

Pearl Beach Bowlers

Rugby club elects executive for coming year

Woy Woy Rugby Club has announced its new executive, following the club's annual general meeting.

Elected were president Phil Burgess, seniors vice-president

Brad Richmond and juniors vice-president Bianca Plunkett Gooley.

Secretary is Kathleen Cullen and treasurer Gary Morrison.

SOURCE:

Social media, 31 Oct 2025

Phil Burgess, Woy Woy Rugby Club

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Umina United announces perpetual award winners

Umina United Soccer Club has announced its 2025 Perpetual Award winners.

Annika Graham was recipient of the Rick Rand Memorial Trophy for junior girls.

Alex Huxley received the Aron Thomson Memorial Trophy for junior boys.

Sabrina Paton received the Dean Tetley Club and Community Spirit Award.

Jessica Balfe was named Junior Girls Player of the Year.

Kaylyn Alderson received the Aurelia Haynes Memorial Award.

Nate Young was named the Rob Goodwin Junior Boys Player of the Year.

Paul Martin was the Junior Competition Coach of the Year.

Pete Graham was named Senior Coach of the Year.

Brayden Duggan was the Mick Varley Men's U18 Player of the Year.

Hayley Fulwood was named the Women's PL First Grade Players' Player and the Young Women's PL Player of the Year.

Sarah Jones was awarded the Trevor Bleakley Shield as Women's PL Player of the Year.

Hayden Tucker was Men's First Grade Players' Player.

Corey Hubbard was named the Andrew French Young Men's Player of the Year.

Chris Payne was awarded the Gary Burgess Trophy for Senior Men's Player of the Year.

Natasha Domosi was awarded the Cenny Wagemaker Trophy as Club Person of the Year.

SOURCE:
Social media, 29 Oct 2025
Umina United



Major pairs final played at Umina

The final of the Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club's Major Pairs Championship was played on Saturday afternoon, November 1, in less than ideal conditions.

"It was wet, coolish and, as expected after all the rain, the green wasn't as quick as it has been," reported club secretary Mr Peter Springett.

"This was always going to be a great draw game with Ray Bourke and Greg Shirley against Branden 'Pud' Fraser and Jazza Bates."

Jazza and Pud skipped out to a 3-0 lead after two ends.

Ray and Shirls replied strongly by winning five of the next six ends to be 10-4 up after eight ends.

Pud and Jazza replied by winning five of the following six ends and were 13-11 up after 14 ends.

Ray and Shirls picked up one shot on each of the next two ends, to make it 13-13 after 16 ends.

With only two ends to go to decide the championship, Pud and Jazza picked up a shot on the 17th end, to go up 14-13, with one end to play.

Pud drew two close shots and Shirll had his last bowl, to take the two shot bowls out.

"Unfortunately, there was a touch in the ditch and it couldn't be determined whether it was still in play or not - an umpires nightmare.

"This delayed proceedings.

"Shirl played a weighted forehand shot, which hit the head, but didn't move Puds two shot bowls."

The final score was Pud and Jazza 16 defeating Ray and Shirll 13.

Greg Shirley had appeared in all four of this year's Major Championships finals.

SOURCE:
Social media, 1 Nov 2025
Peter Springett, UBMBC



Mixed Fours final decided

The final of the Everglades Mixed Fours was contested on Saturday, October 25.

The team of Brenda Rae, J Fiedler, Kevin Hughes and Ken Young (25) defeated Wendy Ide, Geraldine Baxter, Ross Meyers and Tony Mansour (20).

Tony's side led 12-3 after seven ends, but Ken's side won the mat and picked up a four and won the next few ends.

The contest was close midway through the match.

Ken's side picked up five on the

18th end and again on the 20th end, which gave them the lead and the match.

The Everglades Men's Major Pairs started on Saturday, November 1, and the Men's Seniors 70+ on Wednesday, November 5.

Pictured are Ken Young, J Fiedler, Brenda Rae and Kevin Hughes.

SOURCE:
Media release, 28 Oct 2025
John McInnes, Everglades Bowling Club

SEUFC executive elected

Southern and Ettalong United Football Club has announced its executive team for the coming year.

President is Stevie Skene. Vice-president is Nathan Balneaves. Secretary is Justine Wester, and treasurer: Emmanuel Vlandis.

Committee members include registrar Celeste Boonaerts, assistant registrar Kylie Brown, and football co-ordinator Luke Wester.

Non-comp and junior girls representative is Leanne Stait, non-comp representative is Justine Wester, senior women's representative is Elaine McConaghey and 35s/45s representative is Corwin Hooper.

Master gear steward is Terry McCusker, bar manager Dean Bruce, MPIO Natalie Pearson and public officer Gary Fish.

Merchandise officer is Harzl Lippl, social media manager Stevie Skene, and website manager Preston Daniel.

General committee members are Lori Prouse, Ken Gillings and Tina Hart.

The Director of Football position remains vacant and there are still several committee roles available.

SOURCE:
Social media, 24 Oct 2025
SEUFC



Golf club championships are decided

Men's Golf Foursomes Championships took place at Everglades Country Club on Saturday, October 19, on a course in immaculate condition.

Club Champions are Simon Hoyland and Shay Bennett, finishing an impressive 15 shots ahead after 27 holes, after some sensational golf.

They began with two over par for the first nine and closed with a one-under-par 66 over the final 18, finishing on 102.

B Grade was much tighter, with Julian Park and Steve Austin claiming victory with 129, winning

by just one shot.

C Grade was even closer, requiring a three-way playoff, which Glenn Pinkerton and Gerard Ryan clinched on the first extra hole after posting 97 for their 18-hole Championship.

The nett winners were: A Grade - David Grimish and Mitchell Ryan, B Grade - Kevin Porter and Joshua Leggett, and C Grade - Danny Cunningham and Matt Newman.

Pictured with club president Dick Paull and captain Stewart Wilson are Shay Bennett and Simon Hoyland.

SOURCE:
Social media, 21 Oct 2025
Everglades Country Club

Nominated as official of the year

Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club life member Robyn Carr has been nominated as NSW Official of the Year.

Nominated by Surf Life Saving NSW, she has been announced as a finalist in the 2025 NSW Sports Awards in the category of Official of the Year.

SOURCE:
Social media, 30 Oct 2025
Ocean Beach SLSC

