

School raises \$40,000 through splashathon



Umina Beach Public School has raised \$40,000 through its Splashathon, postponed from earlier in the year.

School principal Ms Karen Wardlaw said the school's "absolutely amazing" Parents and Citizens Association had "once again set the bar for an outstanding community event".

She said school "staff worked so hard to make the magic happen".

"Our wonderful community was such a big part of our day, from cheering on our participants and contributing to fundraising.

"We are a great village."

The parents and citizens association reported that canteen staff and helpers served more than 350 lunch orders.

SOURCE:
Social media, 17 Nov 2025
Karen Wardlaw, Umina Beach Public School

Residents complain about Ettalong foreshore process

The Peninsula Residents' Association has lodged a complaint with Central Coast Council chief executive Mr David Farmer about the Council's handling of a development application for a five-storey two-tower development at 43-46 The Esplanade, Ettalong.

The association has complained that the Council accepted the development application for lodgement despite it being substantially incomplete.

It has also complained that the Council failed to require further information before the time taken to assess the application meant it was deemed to be refused, with a consequent appeal lodged with the Land and Environment Court.

The complaint coincides with the presentation to tomorrow night's Council planning committee of a consultant's report about the Council's development assessment process.

In the report, reviewed by the Department of Planning Housing and Infrastructure, the consultant seems to identify the acceptance of incomplete applications as a systemic problem.

"Applications should be returned if incomplete and accompanied by a description of items required for a future application."

He said: "Validation should focus on applications meeting statutory lodgement requirements."

He recommended applications be reviewed for adequacy within one to three days of submission.

Together with better information

provided by the Council before lodgement, the consultant said the recommendations should result in higher-quality submissions, reduced lodgement delays and a reduced need for Requests for Further Information.

The Residents' Association said the western Sydney developer of the Ettalong proposal submitted an incomplete development application to Council, which was exhibited in November 2024 and received 40 objections from residents.

"The application was, and remains, incomplete," said association chair Mr Peter Gillis.

He said that after the time limit for "deemed refusal", the Council had requested a significant amount of information from the applicant, described by a council planner as "quite a shopping list".

"The Council's acceptance of a substantially incomplete application, followed by the significant delay in formally requesting the required materials until after key regulatory deadlines, constitutes a significant issue of procedural fairness," Mr Gillis said.

"Court proceedings and negotiations based on such an incomplete and undefined proposal is premature, and compromises the principles of transparency and public participation fundamental to the NSW planning system."

A staff report to the Council's Planning Committee, summarises the consultant's recommendations as covering eight areas.

The recommended actions in each of the area included the following:

Pre-lodgement services should be changed so that "applicants are better prepared to lodge applications that meet relevant requirements and therefore reduce future assessment times".

The Development Application Review and Triage process should be revised with a stricter "validation" approach.

The Notification and Referral Processes should be revised "to either reduce notification periods or not undertake neighbour notification for 'low risk' applications and those that are compliant with relevant policies and standards".

Assessment Practices and Teams should be restructured into geographic teams to build local expertise and stronger place-based knowledge.

Assessment Reports should be revised with "lower risk application types streamlined so that more attention and effort can be placed on resolving issues for the larger/ more complex and higher risk application types".

The Request for Further Information process should be revised to, among other things, "avoid requesting information for matters that can be conditioned".

The City of Newcastle "accelerated" model should be reviewed to "develop and implement a similar model of assessments for smaller, building-compliant applicants".

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Peninsula Residents' Association
Environment Planning Committee
item 3.2, 2 Dec 2025
Central Coast Council

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Multi-sport social day at Pearl Beach

Pearl Beach Tennis and Bowls Club held a Social Day on Sunday, November 23.

The day was open to the community and included social tennis, bowls and pickleball.

Croquet was trialed on the grassed area.

There was a selection of barbecue meats, salads and rolls for lunch, with a variety of liquid refreshments.

SOURCE:
Social media, 27 Nov 2025
Pearl Beach Tennis and Bowls



Peer award

Ms Lauren Erichsen has been named Peer of the Quarter by employees of a local registered club.

"Lauren is a true asset to the Ettalong Diggers Club," said chief executive Mr Col Murphy.

"She is reliable, helpful and experienced across all areas."

SOURCE:
Social media, 25 Nov 2025
Ettalong Diggers

Rotary golf day raises \$10,000

Rotary Brisbane Water has raised almost \$10,000 for Rotary Youth Charities following a successful charity golf day held on Monday, November 3, at Everglades Country Club in Woy Woy.

The Hawaiian-themed event was held with a three-person amrose format, in what was described as "ideal weather conditions".

Event coordinator Mr Mark Simpson praised the turnout and atmosphere.

He said a highlight of the tournament was the "Flamingo Hole".

"The novelty challenge required golfers to take their shots while balancing on one leg, creating

considerable amusement throughout the day."

The event also featured what organisers called a "party hole" complete with music, a bar, and dancing, adding a festive atmosphere to the charitable endeavour.

Prizes were awarded for best team, nearest the pin, longest drive, and best-dressed participants.

Rotary Brisbane Water uses the annual golf day as its primary fundraising event, said Mr Simpson.

All proceeds support Rotary Youth Charities, which assist young people across the local community.

SOURCE:
Media release, 26 Nov 2025
Mitchell Gordon, Rotary
Brisbane Water

November rainfall about half average

The Peninsula has received only about half of its average rainfall for November.

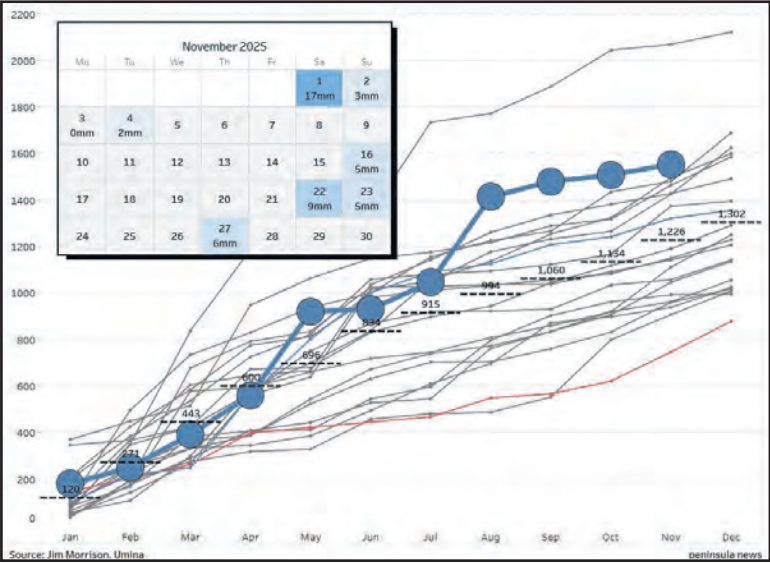
A total of 45.6mm was recorded for the month, compared to the November average of 95mm, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

Half of the rainfall came in four days over the last two weeks, with the highest fall being 8.6mm recorded on November 22 with 5.0mm recorded the following day.

The end of November total for the year was 1549.9mm, 27.8 per cent above the end-of-November average of 1213mm and 18.8 per cent above the annual average of 1305mm.

The average rainfall for December is 92mm.

More details, including daily



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

SOURCE:
Spreadsheet, 28 Nov 2025
Jim Morrison, Umina

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Woy Woy baths water quality ‘good’ after 11 ‘poor’ years

Water quality at Woy Woy baths has been described as “good” for the last two years, after 11 years of consistently “poor” results, according to the NSW Government Beachwatch report released at the end of October.

The grade of Good “indicates microbial water quality is considered suitable for swimming most of the time but may be susceptible to pollution after rain, with several potential sources of faecal contamination including stormwater and from elsewhere within Brisbane Water”.

The sanitary inspection of Moderate “identifies the likelihood of faecal contamination from potential pollution sources at a swim site”.

Moderate factors were stormwater discharge and Brisbane Water itself.

Low factors were toilet facilities and animals.

Very low factors were bathers, boats and sewer chokes.

The microbial assessment category for Woy Woy Baths was Category B.

“The microbial assessment category was calculated using 100 data points collected during the assessment period.

“The 95th percentile of the enterococci dataset was 190 colony forming units per 100 mL which corresponds to overall risk of one to five per cent for gastrointestinal illness and 0.3 to 1.9 per cent for acute fever and rash.”

Over the past six years, readings have reduced from 920 to 740 in the D category in 2020 and 2021, to 420 then 370 in the C category in 2022 and 2023, to 200 and 190 in the B category in 2024 and 2025.

Ocean Beach and Umina Beach both received a grade of Good, both “stable” from the previous year.

Ocean Beach has been stable for the last nine years, with its major sanitary factor being stormwater

discharge.

However, microbial assessment has increased from Category A scores of 45 in 2020 and 2021 to category B measurements of 100, 155, 160 and 165 since.

Umina Beach has been classified at least as Good since 2014, with Brisbane Water, Hawkesbury River and stormwater being classified as “low” sources of contamination.

Microbial assessment has been in Category B for the last five years, with the last three years recording measurements of 130, 135 and 120.

Pearl Beach was monitored for the first time this year and was graded as “very good”, with a microbial assessment in Category A with just four cfu/100 mL.

The Pearl Beach “rockpool” baths were stable with a grade of Good.

However, the microbial assessment of Category A with 34 has gradually crept up to 160 in Category B over the past six years.

Last week, Central Coast Council released its own waterways report card.

It showed “excellent” results for Brisbane Water, Booker Bay, Woy Woy Creek and Patonga Creek.

“Patonga Creek maintained its excellent overall grade, largely due to the low development in the catchment, minimal tidal inflow which protect seagrass beds and greater flushing with ocean waters compared to the upstream creeks,” it said.

“Rainfall between October 2024 and April 2025 was well below the long-term average which is likely to have assisted in the improved algae grades across many Brisbane Water sites including Booker Bay.

“Elevated rainfall in January 2025 may have contributed to the decline in seagrass depth range in the Brisbane Water basin, moving from a Very Good to Good grade.

“Seagrass grades remained stable at Woy Woy Creek.”

SOURCE:
Website, 28 Nov 2025
NSW Government Beachwatch



Surf club launches ‘defib’ program

Saturday, November 22, saw the launch by Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club of its 24/7 Community Defib project.

The launch was held at The Bays Rural Fire Service station at Phegans Bay, State Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch and Federal Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid attending.

The club plans to install defibrillators in seven locations across the Peninsula in the coming months.

Surf club life member Mr Richard Grimmond will be providing free training on how to use the defibrillators.

One of the defibrillators is installed adjacent to the Holy Apostles Anglican Church in Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, opposite Park Rd.

Members of the Anglican Church met with Mr Grimmond on Monday, November 24, for an AED Awareness session, where he spoke about the survivability from out-of-hospital cardiac arrests and how defibrillators can positively improve survival outcomes.

The group then observed the defibrillator being accessed and heard about monthly service checks.

Funding for the program has come from the Community Bank Ettalong Beach and frm Ettalong Diggers Club grants.

Information, including flyers, will be distributed to homes within a radius of one kilometre advising of the installation and offering an awareness session to local community members.

Media release, 24 Nov 2025
Penelope Catchlove,
Ocean Beach SLSC



Gallipoli Ave closure until Christmas

Gallipoli Ave will be closed between Memorial Ave and Banksia St, Blackwall, until Christmas Eve for work on the intersection of Memorial Ave and Barrenjoey Rd.

Work will take place in the area from 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday and from 8am to 1pm Saturdays, if required.

Night work will also start tonight, Monday, December 1, and continue from 7pm to 5am Sunday to Thursday for two weeks,

weather permitting, to complete slope stabilisation on the rock wall opposite Gallipoli Ave.

Transport for NSW has advised that barriers have been set up to protect the work zone.

This includes a shoulder closure, a permanent 40km/h speed limit and lane width restrictions for all approaches to the roundabout.

Portable traffic signals operating during night shifts may cause delays.

Access to local Gallipoli Ave

residents will be provided from the western side of the closure.

A pedestrian and cyclist detour may be in place during this work.

Pedestrians and cyclists will be redirected via Banksia St to avoid the shared footpath on Barrenjoey Rd. Signage will be in place to assist pedestrians and cyclists.

More information is available on the Live Traffic NSW phone app and by phone on 132 701.

SOURCE:
Media release, 28 Nov 2025
Rowan Barker, Transport NSW

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Planning

Dual occupancy proposal seeks to exceed planning limits

An application has been lodged with Central Coast Council to build an attached dual occupancy development at 38 Bangalow St, Ettalong.

The site is currently zoned R1 General Residential.

The proposal involves demolishing an existing single-storey brick dwelling and ancillary structures, which the application claims have reached the end of their economic life.

The proposed construction, designed by Gardiner Architects, consists of a two-storey attached dual occupancy, with each unit featuring four bedrooms and a two-car garage accessed from the rear laneway.

The application, prepared by Wales and Associates Urban Design Partners, requests two "variations" to exceed the development standards.

The first variation is for a floor space ratio of 0.52:1, which exceeds the maximum of 0.5:1 by four per cent.

A formal Clause 4.6 statement is included with the application.

It states that strict compliance with the standard is unreasonable and unnecessary, claiming the variation facilitates design excellence and maximises site outcomes.

It is claimed that the proposal will improve the social and economic welfare of the local community and create a better environment by substantially improving the liveability and amenity of the locality.

The second variation is for no rear setback to the laneway, where the required minimum is three metres.



The application claims this variation will have minimal impact on adjoining properties and better articulate the laneway streetscape, noting that many existing rear setbacks in the area are already non-compliant.

The application claims this will not cause adverse traffic implications.

Regarding impacts on neighbours, shadow diagrams indicate that there will be minimal change to the level of overshadowing affecting adjacent properties, and the minimum solar access requirements for adjoining land are claimed to be satisfactorily achieved.

The site will be entirely cleared of existing vegetation, including introduced plantings, to accommodate the development.

The application includes a Landscape Plan prepared by Concept Landscape Architects, which details landscaped areas.

It states that, with a site area of 585.46 square metres, the

landscape area of 257.4 square metres exceeds the required area of 146.26 square metres and the deep soil area of 102 square metres exceeds the requirement of 73.13 square metres.

Trees detailed on the landscape plan proposes two "native bottlebrushes" as street trees, two blueberry ash in the front setback and two frangipani in the rear private open space.

A floor level of 5.33m AHD provides for a one per cent flood event, with the application stating that safe evacuation routes are available along Bangalow St.

The application concludes that the development "will provide much-needed high-quality residential accommodation that will service the local community and the growing Ettalong Beach village centre".

The application will be on public exhibition until December 12.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 27 Nov 2025
DA/1695/2025, Central Coast Council

Deck extension sought at Monastir Rd

The Central Coast Council has received development application for alterations and additions to an existing dwelling on Lot 10 within DP 8421, known as 20 Monastir Rd, Phegans Bay.

"The site occupies approximately 499.5 square metres, with dimensions of 36.68 metres in length and 13.72 metres in width, forming a parallelogram-shaped allotment," according to the application.

"The site benefits from direct vehicular access from Monastir Rd, a public road reserve located along its eastern (front) boundary, while its western (rear) boundary adjoins the unformed road reserve known as Roma Close."

The application states: "The alterations and additions include a deck extension, new louvered pergola, new access stairs and new balustrades and new bi-fold doors leading to the deck."

It says that these are "strategically sited to avoid disturbance to natural landforms and bushland remnants".

"Low-impact construction techniques, such as suspended floors and stepped levels that follow the terrain, are employed to ensure minimal disruption to the site's natural slope."

"The proposed access stairs are

positioned 600mm from the side boundary, representing a 300mm departure from the prescribed 900mm setback.

"This equates to a 33 per cent variation to the control."

It argues that "While the proposal does not strictly comply with the numerical setback requirement, the reduced setback does not adversely impact the adjoining property's access to views, privacy, or solar amenity."

"The eastern outlook toward Phegans Bay remains unaffected."

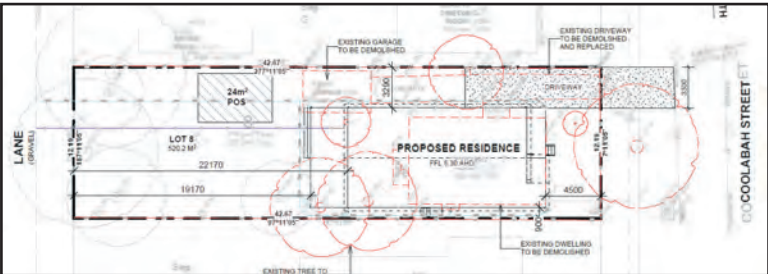
"Given the location of the existing dwelling, the position of on-site car parking, and the site's challenging topography, the proposed stair alignment represents the most practical and context-sensitive design solution."

"It should be noted that the louvered pergola post is located above the existing deck and therefore does not constitute a setback variation."

The application concludes: "Through careful design, the proposal will have a negligible environmental impact on its surrounds and will enhance the appeal of the streetscape."

It is on public exhibition until December 9.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 30 Nov 2025
DA/1668/2025, Central Coast Council



Revised application for Bourke Rd

The Central Coast Council has received a revised application for a three-unit residential multi-dwelling development at 140 Bourke Rd, Umina.

The development application was first exhibited in March and April this year (reported in Peninsula News #614).

The application includes the demolition of existing structures and removal of 13 trees.

Criticisms in submissions about the original application included a non-compliant floor space ratio, removal of trees including a street tree, poor access from the two rear units to Bourke Rd especially in the light of a proposal to "stage" construction, and lack of solar access to the private open space for Unit 1.

After the first exhibition, the council planner sent a letter to the applicant apparently requiring several changes.

The revisions are outlined in a response letter to the council planner, accompanied by revised



architectural plans and landscape plan.

The changes primarily focus on reducing the project's overall density, modifying the floor plans, and improving the site's landscaping and access arrangements to comply with planning requirements.

They include reducing the floor space ratio to less than 0.5:1, and increasing the total soft landscaped area to 264 square metres (34.2 per cent of the site), exceeding the 25 per cent minimum requirement.

The application claims the deep soil zone will now be 98 square metres, exceeding 50 per cent of the "soft" landscaping area.

Other major changes are the

deletion of Unit 1's front courtyard, and the relocation of the driveway to allow retention of the street tree.

The private open space for Unit 1 has been relocated to allow sufficient solar access.

The setback to the laneway is reduced to 5.8 metres and the bedroom one balcony to Units 2 and 3 has been removed.

Pedestrian access from Bourke Road to Units 2 and 3 was "improved", being relocated with width increased.

The revised application is currently on public exhibition on Central Coast Council's eplanning until December 5.

Source
DA tracker, 27 Nov 2025
DA/105/2025, Central Coast Council

Application proposes removal of six trees

Central Coast Council has received a development application for a manufactured home at 15 Coolabah St, Ettalong.

According to the application prepared by Manor Group: "The new single storey manufactured home will consist of two bedrooms, one bathroom, a lounge, a living-dining area, kitchen and laundry".

This application seeks approval for the "demolition of the existing asbestos dwelling and asbestos single car garage."

The removal of six "low value" trees is also proposed.

There is no landscape plan or arborist's report included in the exhibition.

The site plan indicates which trees are to be removed.

This includes one large tree at the front of the property.

The total site area is stated to be 518.5 square metres, zoned R1 General Residential.

The floor area of the proposed house, including porch and verandah, is 152 square metres, leaving 60 per cent of the site to be landscaped.

It is claimed that the proposal complies with all local controls such as height, floor space ratio, set-backs, private open space, solar access and privacy.

The application states: "The proposed split level single storey dwelling will have no adverse effects on the surrounding community development."

"The works will be consistent with the residential appearance of the surrounding dwellings and will be beneficial to the current appearance of the subject property."

The application is on public exhibition until Wednesday, December 3.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 27 Nov 2025
DA/1691/2025, Central Coast Council

Ettalong bank branch expected to re-open today

Community Bank Ettalong Beach is expected to re-open today, Monday, December 1, after a "temporary closure".

The branch announced on Thursday, November 20, that new manager Ms Emma Black had been appointed.

Customers reported that the branch was closed when they attended the following day, Friday, November 21.

Last Friday, November 28, the bank's head office issued a statement saying: "We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience."

The same day the branch advertised in social media that applications were open for two 12-month fixed-term customer service officer roles.

"If you love connecting with people, supporting your local community, and being part of a team that genuinely cares, this could be the perfect opportunity for you."

"At Community Bank Ettalong Beach, you're not just serving

customers, you're helping strengthen the place we all call home.

"As part of the Bendigo Bank network, we're proud to live the values of care, community, integrity and partnership.

"When you work with us, you're helping shape a stronger, more connected community for everyone.

"Join a supportive team, build meaningful relationships, and grow your career with a bank that puts people first."

Applications close this Wednesday, December 3.

The statement from Bendigo Bank head office said: "Customers can continue to transact as normal at any Bendigo Bank branch, automatic teller or at any time via internet banking, our mobile app or by phone on 1300 236 344."

The nearest alternative branches are at Kincumber and East Gosford.

SOURCE:

Media release, 28 Nov 2025
Simon Disney, Bendigo Bank



Christmas cakes delivered to Mary Mac's

The Umina Beach branch of the Country Women's Association has delivered a variety of Christmas cakes and puddings to Mary Mac's

Place in Woy Woy.

Mary Mac's is expected to use these for its Christmas lunch for homeless, transient and disadvantaged people in our local

community.

The cakes and puddings were made with donations of ingredients.

SOURCE:

Social media, 26 Nov 2025
CWA Umina Beach

Community bank appoints new manager

Community Bank Ettalong Beach has appointed Ms Emma Black as its new branch manager.

Co-chair of the Community Bank board Mr Michael Tame said Ms Black brought more than 14 years of banking and leadership experience to the branch.

"Emma's career spans roles across Westpac, St George, and Greater Bank, where she has developed deep expertise in home lending, mortgage broking, wealth management, risk and compliance, and branch leadership.

"Her strengths lie in providing tailored financial solutions, supporting customers through key life milestones, and building teams that thrive through collaboration and shared purpose.

"Throughout her career, Emma has been known for her commitment to responsible lending, customer-focused service, and empowering teams," said.

"She has also stepped into relief regional manager roles, demonstrating a proven ability to lead with clarity, confidence, and care."

Ms Black said: "I'm passionate



about creating genuine, holistic conversations that help people achieve their financial goals.

"Whether someone is buying a first home, refinancing, or planning for the future, I want them to feel supported, informed, and confident in their decisions.

"Community Bank Ettalong Beach has a long history of giving back to the Peninsula, and I'm proud to now be part of that mission."

SOURCE:

Media release, 20 Nov 2025
Jae Tame, Community Bank Ettalong Beach

Christmas market and tea

The Woy Woy branch of the Country Women's Association will hold its Christmas market and Devonshire tea day on Sunday, December 7.

The day will be in the CWA hall at 30 The Boulevard, Woy Woy, from 9am until 2pm.

On sale will be hand-made arts and crafts, jams and pickles, and home-made baked goods.

There will be home-made scones with tea and coffee and fresh "toasties".

SOURCE:

Media release, 17 Nov 2025
Jane Bowtell, CWA Woy Woy

Mary Mac's calls for Christmas support

Mary Mac's Place will hold its annual Christmas lunch for its "companions" on Thursday, December 11.

It is hoping to cater for up to 250 individuals and families for its this year.

"If anyone can help support us in anyway this Christmas it would be greatly appreciated," said project officer Ms Sally Baker.

For the lunch, Mary Mac's needs 12 hams, 24 cooked chickens,

24 bottles of mayonnaise, nine dozen eggs, 40 long life custards, six large tins of corn and 150 disposable cutlery sets A "limited number" of food hampers will also be distributed.

For these, Mary Mac's needs six packs of long-life milk, tinned tuna, six packs of juice, baked beans, biscuits, tinned spaghetti, pasta, noodles, sauce, long-life custard, lollies, small packets of chips and tinned fruit.

"On top of the food hampers, we are also collecting new toys for families to take home for the Christmas tree," said Ms Baker.

Donations should be dropped at Mary Mac's Place, 100 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, between 9am and 1pm Monday to Friday or by arrangement with Ms Baker on 0428 122 136.

SOURCE:

Social media, 13 Nov 2025
Sally Baker, Mary Mac's Place

Mingaletta tribute to Aunty Elaine

A service to celebrate the life of Aunty Elaine Chapman is being held today, Monday, December 1, at Greenway Chapel, Green Point.

In a statement issued by Mingaletta, Aunty Di O'Brien and the Sisters Together women's yarning circle said: "Aunty Elaine

was a well-respected and much-loved Elder in our community at Mingaletta.

"Her wisdom, kindness and gentle spirit touched the lives of so many, and her legacy will continue to guide and inspire us for generations to come.

"We hold her family, loved ones,

and all who shared in her journey close to our hearts during this difficult time.

"May her memory bring comfort, and may her spirit rest peacefully among the ancestors."

SOURCE:

Social media, 26 Nov 2025
Mingaletta ATSC

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Forum

Acting mayor's blunt admission is astonishing

The first time I read Acting Mayor Mouland's paean of praise to the Minister for his transformation of the planning legislation ("Acting mayor welcomes planning reforms", PN632), I assumed it was an effort at satirical comedy.

I had to read it a second time to realize that he was actually serious in supporting changes that greatly diminish any role for local government in the development-control process and that amount, in fact, to a complete takeover by the Minister of practically every important element of the procedure.

Nobody has criticized more than I the utterly incompetent performance of local government (read Central Coast Council) in

this area, but it is astonishing to hear, from the Acting Mayor, a blunt admission of this fact, accompanied by a docile, nay welcoming, acceptance of a new system in which the Council is reduced to being little more than a bystander.

Council's voice for its constituents has always been feeble, but this pusillanimous concession of power to the Minister leaves local communities with virtually no say in the decisions that are going to shape their neighbourhoods over the next decade.

Of course, the system needed to be changed (as I have said many times), but this is about the most retrogressive way in which it could have been done.

SOURCE:
Email, 26 Nov 2025
Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy

The Peninsula is endowed with many ambience tree locations which hide possible life and storm damage outcomes.

For some months repeated requests to have Council apply remedial actions to address trees which overhang properties, are old, tall, dangerously leaning and show decay are answered with a repeated reply quote "a determination is based on an arboricultural assessment of the trees and a risk assessment using an industry recognized methodology" without any positive action.

As we all are aware, the coming Christmas festive season and ongoing celebrations will have trees threatened when any variable weather conditions occur anywhere in particular on the Peninsula.

Recent high winds felled a tree in Kitchener Park.

Fortunately it did no harm to lives or property but could have had a domino effect to other trees, causing loss of lives to the public, property owners and most certainly property damage.

The tree attracted school excursions and the public to shelter from the sun and rain.

The tree stump is still visible to this day and shows decay as do other trees.

Several requests to Council have received a reply about a "determination based on an arboricultural assessment of the trees and a risk assessment using an industry recognized methodology" without any positive action.

This event may well be the case for other areas of the Peninsula.

Council needs to be made aware that they have a duty of

care as being responsible to address the concerns of residents when they are advised to address residents' concerns when trees are threatening.

Council's "determination based on an arboriculturally assessment of the trees and a risk assessment using an industry recognized methodology" has failed.

Most residents expect the Central Coast Council to uphold its duty of care, as danger presents itself.

Liberal-minded residents concede trees are an integral part of our way of life and add ambience to the landscape, but when nature has a hand in our survival then Council's duty of care is paramount in taking responsible action in preventing the loss of lives and property.

SOURCE:
Email, 26 Nov 2025
Robert Welch, Ettalong

Another banksia poisoned

Another beautiful mature banksia has been poisoned to add to the other eight that were killed last month.

When will this stop?
The sign the Council put up (pictured) doesn't seem to registering with the environmental vandals.

Something more must be done otherwise there will be no trees along the Ettalong dunes.

The Esplanade would be a



desolate area and not the attractive native flora that it is trying to be.

SOURCE:
Email, 29 Nov 2025
Vickie Place, Booker Bay

Member for Robertson Dr Gordon Reid has launched a Robertson Appeal to support people experiencing hardship over Christmas and the holiday season.

Dr Reid is encouraging donations of gifts for all ages, which will be placed under a Christmas tree in his office in West Gosford.

The Robertson Appeal has partnered with established

community organisations Coast Shelter and We Care Connect for distribution.

Dr Reid said: "As Christmas and the summer holiday season approach, this period can often be a difficult time for some in our community.

"We are looking for donations of brand new, unwrapped gifts for girls and boys from newborns to 18 years of age: board games, movie vouchers, beach towels, science kits, and sporting equipment like

footballs or cricket bats."

Dr Reid said the gifts must be new, the unwrapped and age-appropriate.

The appeal will run until Friday, December 19.

For more information, contact Dr Reid's office on 4322 2400 or email Gordon.Reid.MP@aph.gov.au.

SOURCE:
Media release, 17 Nov 2025
Gordon Reid, Member for Robertson

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Council confirms potential of Greening Grant

Central Coast Council has confirmed it has submitted an application under the Greening Our Cities Grant "which, if successful, will enable even more tree planting opportunities in Woy Woy, Ettalong and Umina in future years".

The announcement came in a media release inviting Peninsula residents to request street trees, either online or through the council's customer service team.

"Each tree request is carefully assessed against Council's planting specifications and the Greener Places Strategy to ensure suitability and long-term success," said council director Ms Melanie Smith.

"This includes considering factors such as canopy coverage, infrastructure impacts, and environmental needs."

Ms Smith said: "Street trees are more than just beautiful.

"They're essential for creating healthier, more sustainable communities."

Central Coast Council is continuing its commitment to creating cooler, greener and more liveable communities through its

Ms Smith said the council had

an on-going Street Tree Planting Program, which saw around 60 to 70 trees planted across the region each year.

"As a one-off initiative this financial year, Council has allocated an additional \$150,000 for a street tree pilot program focused on the Peninsula suburbs," she said.

Mayor Cr Lawrie McKinna said more trees meant more shade, cleaner air and improved community spaces for people to enjoy.

"These programs show our commitment to greener, more liveable neighbourhoods," Cr McKinna said.

"We are planting more trees to help reduce heat stress, improve air quality, and make our suburbs more enjoyable places to live, work and play.

"The Peninsula was chosen for the additional Street Tree Planting Pilot Program as it has been identified as a priority area under the Central Coast Greener Places Strategy.

"This pilot will deliver much-needed shade and support Council's liveability and sustainability goals."

SOURCE:
Media release, 24 Nov 2025
Melanie Smith, Central Coast Council



CWA life membership

A member of the Woy Woy branch of the Country Women's Association has been awarded life membership for her continued service to the association.

Ms Nancy Taylor has been a member of the NSW association for 56 years.

She joined the Bellingen branch in 1969 and was a member of that branch for 52 years.

Nancy held the position of treasurer on three occasions from 1987 to 1993, 1996 to 1999 and again in 2015 to 2018.

She was president twice, from 1987 to 1993 and again from 1998 to 2000.

Her time in Bellingen also saw her as the Group handicraft officer

and vice-president.

Shw received her 50-year membership badge in 2018.

Nancy transferred to the Woy Woy branch in November 2021 after relocating to Koolewong to be closer to family.

Since joining Woy Woy, she has entered handicraft competitions, attended monthly sewing-quilting days and has over the years made many quilts as well as hand embroidery, crochet and knitting.

She is a regular attendee at the branch's weekly Craft and Chat days as well as its monthly business meetings.

Woy Woy club president Ms Margy Ure is pictured handing Ms Taylor her certificate and life membership badge.

SOURCE:
Media release, 26 Nov 2025
Jane Bowtell, CWA Woy Woy



Governor confers honour at aged home

NSW Governor Ms Margaret Beazley has attended a local aged care home to present a resident with a Kings Birthday Honour.

She invested Dr Kingston as a Member of the Order of Australia at Blue Wave Living in Woy Woy on Monday, November 17, recognising her lifetime contribution to Australian history, education, and community service.

"Dr Kingston dedicated decades to the Australian Dictionary of

Biography, the Jessie Street National Women's Library, the Pearl Beach Progress Association, and the University of New South Wales, and is the author of a number of historical works," said Blue Wave Living chief executive Mr Matt Downie.

She has also been recognised as a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia and received the Annual History Citation from the History Council of NSW.

Dr Kingston was a long-time resident of Pearl Beach and a member of the Pearl Beach Progress Association committee and editor of its newsletter, The Gem, for many years.

Those attending the ceremony included former colleagues and collaborators from the academic fraternity and contributors to the Australian Dictionary of Biography.

SOURCE:
Social media, 17 Nov 2025
BlueWave Living
Photo: Bronwyn Thorncraft

Jayne Mote receives recognition

Rotary Brisbane Water founder Ms Jayne Mote has received one of Rotary International's most prestigious recognitions: a Paul Harris Fellow with Sapphire Pin.

District Governor Ms Michele Ellery presented the award.

The Paul Harris Fellow award, named after Rotary International's founder, acknowledges contributions of US\$1000 to The Rotary Foundation, Rotary's charitable arm that drives humanitarian projects worldwide.

Since 1957, this recognition has celebrated individuals who champion Rotary's mission to create lasting change.

The additional Sapphire Pin signifies further contributions of US\$1000 towards vital programmes addressing critical global challenges, from disease eradication to education and community development.

Ms Mote's volunteer journey spans a remarkable six decades, said club membership director Mr Mitchell Gordon.

"In the 1960s, she established youth clubs in the United Kingdom before bringing her passion for service to Australia.



"Her contributions to Rotary include founding the Central Coast Rotaract Club and founding Rotary Brisbane Water, demonstrating leadership that has shaped the organisation's local presence.

"This award isn't simply recognition.

"It's a testament to a life devoted to service above self," he said.

"Jayne exemplifies what it means to be a Rotarian, consistently going above and beyond to create meaningful change in our communities and beyond."

He said Ms Mote had opened her home to international Rotarians, led study exchange

teams, and championed causes ranging from mental health to wildlife conservation.

"Her community service includes coordinating food collections for people experiencing homelessness and inspiring young people through youth leadership initiatives.

"Her appointment as a Justice of the Peace and recognition as a Living Legend by Volunteering Central Coast further demonstrate the breadth and impact of her contributions."

SOURCE:
Media release, 26 Nov 2025
Mitchell Gordon, Rotary Brisbane Water

News

No Stopping signs removed from old ambulance site

The Central Coast's Local Traffic Forum has supported requests from the local community to remove the No Stopping restriction in front of the former ambulance station at 203 Ocean View Rd, Ettalong.

The No Stopping signage was in place to ensure vehicles did not stop or block access to the Ambulance Station, the Forum meeting was told.

Since the Ambulance Station is no longer at this location, Central Coast Council is proposing to remove the No Stopping restriction to return to unrestricted parking.

The mandatory 10m intersection No Stopping restriction at the intersection of Ocean View Rd and Whiting Rd will be retained.

No objections were received from adjacent residents.

The recommendation was supported by the Forum.

The meeting was earlier told its name had been changed from Local Traffic Committee to Local Traffic Forum, due to a "recent update to Transport for NSW's Authorisation and Delegation Instrument which delegates powers to Councils".

It was told that, for most works, referral to the Local Transport Forum was now optional at the discretion of council, provided the Forum was later given a record of any use of prescribed traffic control devices.

It was advised that prescribed traffic control devices were devices which typically had a road rule attached, such as No Stopping and No Parking signs, and line marking.

The meeting was told the Forum "provides advice, technical review, and coordination of works and events.

"It does not vote, issue approvals, or make decisions.

"The four formal members of the Forum are representatives from each of Council, TfNSW, NSW Police, and the relevant State Member of Parliament.

"Some works must be referred to the Forum for advice prior to implementation, such as those which restrict or prohibit passage for longer than six months and those which prevent or hinder safe public transport operations for more than 24 hours."

SOURCE: Local Traffic Forum minutes, 16 Oct 2025



Folk club to hold Christmas concert

The Troubadour Folk Club will hold its Christmas Concert from 7pm on Saturday, December 13, at the Everglades Country Club.

Club president Mr Michael Fine said the Christmas show followed a "successful year of solid houses at both the weekend concerts at the Everglades Country Club, club performers concerts at the Empire Bay Community Centre and Troubadour's much loved house concerts".

"The Troubadour has had some absolutely wonderful acts this past

year," he said.

"Warren Fahey and the Larrikins, Haystack Mountain Hermits, Cope Street Parade, Verve Chorus, Kejafi, the Paper Collar Pickers and the wonderful Enda Kenny are just some of the names that have graced our performance space."

Mr Fine said: "It's only \$10 per ticket.

"Everyone is welcome.

"All monies raised on the night will go to Woy Woy's Mary Macs Place.

"The show this year has the theme of international music and Christmas Around the World.

"That means artists and musicians from the Troubadour club who will be donating their time and musicianship will be busily searching out songs that have either some foreign language in the lyrics, or have some sort of international connection.

"It's going to be an fascinating collection of musical styles and taste and a highly entertaining night.

Further information is available online at www.troubadour.org.au.

SOURCE: Media release, 25 Nov 2025 Michael Fine, Troubadour Folk Club

Tree retained during building, felled afterwards

A substantial Norfolk Island pine that was noticed because it was one of a few examples of substantial trees being retained during the redevelopment of a property has been felled.

Grow Urban Shade Trees group member Ms Deb Sunartha said the group had had many messages from people being thrilled and surprised that it remained during the construction process.

"It is normal to see all trees removed by developers," she said.

"We thought this was a miracle and were ready to applaud the Hunters Hill developer.

"We were thinking that it was here to stay but, sadly, this iconic tree met its demise this week."

Ms Sunartha said she could not understand why the tree was kept, only to be cut down on completion of the project.

Her sentiment was echoed by Australian Conservation Foundation Central Coast group president Mr Mark Ellis.

"Why would you build around the tree, only to take out the whole tree after completion of the building, and not just prune the



lower limbs?

"It's not good enough."

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

New committee elected at Pearl Beach

The Pearl Beach Progress Association has elected a new committee for the coming year.

President is Ms Naseema Sparks, with vice-presidents Mr Russell Grove and Mr Nigel Tisdale.

Treasurer is Mr Matt Woolley and secretary Mr Gary Phillips with assistant secretary Ms Erica Berchtold.

Publicity officer is Ms Karina Stafford

Ordinary committee members Mr Paul Smith, Ms Cally Osmond, Mr Paul Barclaire and Ms Deirdre Page.



Pictured are (behind) Nigel Tisdale and Gary Phillips and (in front) Russell Grove, Paul Barclaire, Naseema Sparks, Karina Stafford, Erica Berchtold,

Cally Osmond and Deirdre Page.

SOURCE: Website, 17 Nov 2025 Pearl Beach Progress Association Photo: Peter Doddrell

Rugby president visits United Kingdom

Woy Woy Rugby Club president Mr Phil Burgess has spent two weeks in the United Kingdom recruiting for next season.

He described it as "a fantastic trip".

"It was great to catch up with family and friends, and connect with three players who are confirmed to join us in 2026.

"We also spoke with others considering a move in 2026 or 2027."

He said "big things" were ahead.

"After a great couple of weeks away in the UK, it's also great to come back home."

Mr Burgess said pre-season training was underway.

Women players were training weekly with coaches Iain Russell and Neil Gilsenan, focusing on key rugby skills.

The men's squad has been playing social touch twice a week as part of their pre-pre-season training.

SOURCE: Social media, 28 Nov 2025 Phil Burgess, Woy Woy Rugby Club



Hospital auxiliary holds sale of Christmas gifts

Woy Woy Hospital auxiliary held a sale of handmade goods and tasty treats and a Christmas raffle from 9am to 2pm on Saturday, November 29.

"Thanks ever so much to the

wonderful auxiliary elves who generously spent their time to create these gorgeous presents," said Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

SOURCE:
Social media, 23 Nov 2025
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

Psychotherapist speaks of benefits of journalling

Peninsula School for Seniors hosted a presentation from psychotherapist and hypnotherapist Ms Liz Macnamara on Tuesday, November 25.

She spoke about the benefits of journalling and writing about life experiences, both good and bad.

"As an exercise, we all wrote down eight foods or experiences that made us happy," said coordinator Ms Amber Golby.

"As some of the members recounted what they had written the atmosphere in the room lightened and we all started to smile and laugh thus proving Liz's point."

The presentation was re-broadcast on regional internet



radio during the week.

This week will be the school's last meeting for the year and will be followed by a Christmas lunch in Woy Woy.

SOURCE:
Social media, 25 Nov 2025
Peninsula School for Seniors



Branch gives 'dignity bags'

The Woy Woy branch of the Country Women's Association has delivered 22 "dignity bags" for Share the Dignity.

The charity aims to provide essential items to women and girls experiencing domestic violence or homelessness.

Branch members and non-members joined in filling the handbags with personal items,

including toiletries, sanitary products and other essentials

Member Ms Margaret Tabone dropped the bags off to Bunnings for their annual Share the Dignity Christmas Appeal.

Donations may still be made to help provide basic needs for vulnerable women and girls during difficult times.

SOURCE:
Social media, 20 Nov 2025
CWA Woy Woy

Toddler taken to Westmead

A toddler was airlifted to Westmead Childrens Hospital, after reportedly falling down some stairs.

The Careflight helicopter was called to assist NSW Ambulance.

It landed at Ettalong Oval where the patient was loaded on board for the flight to Westmead.

SOURCE:
Social media, 27 Nov 2025
NSW Central Coast Incident Alerts



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Education

Lockdown drill practised as part of safety procedures

Woy Woy Public School has conducted a practice lockdown drill as part of its regular safety procedures.

“Lockdown drills are an important part of ensuring that students and staff know exactly what to do in the unlikely event of an emergency,” principal Ms Sandy Knowles told parents.

“Today’s drill was completed calmly and safely, and students

were reassured both before and after the procedure.

“We regularly practise a range of safety procedures to make sure our school remains a safe, well-prepared environment for all students.”

Inquiries were directed to the school office.

SOURCE:
Social media, 20 Nov 2025
Woy Woy Public School



Children shown police car as they discover Woy Woy

Children from Booker Bay Preschool went on a “Let’s go and Discover” trip to Woy Woy last week.

They were walking to the post office, when they noticed a police car parked outside the Police Station.

As pictures were being taken of the children next to the police car, two police officers offered to talk to the children and show them the police car.

They showed the children the equipment on their uniforms and talked about the role of police in the community.

The children were invited to take turns sitting in the passenger seat of the police car.

The officers turned on the sirens, “which was a big thrill for everyone”.

SOURCE:
Social media, 26 Nov 2025
Booker Bay Preschool

Planetarium comes to primary school

Kindergarten students at St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School have had the opportunity to experience a planetarium at their school.

“This immersive experience engaged and inspired their keen minds as there were taken on a space adventure through our Solar System and onwards to the edge of our galaxy, all with a stunning 360

degree movie,” said their teachers.

“Kindergarten absolutely loved it.”

SOURCE:
Social media, 21 Nov 2025
SJB Catholic Primary School



Students represent zone in cricket

Three Peninsula students have represented the Southern Central Coast in the Central Coast Combined Zone Boys Cricket Trials.

They were Tommy Quinn from Umina Beach Public School, and

Nash Tomlin and Levi Lewis, both from Woy Woy Public School.

The trials were held on Thursday, November 13, at the Bill Sohler Park, Ourimbah.

Tommy Quinn won his way through to a place in the Combined

Central Coast side.

Woy Woy teacher Mr Dan Betts helped in convening the trials and in running the day.

SOURCE:
Social media, 17 Nov 2025
Southern Central Coast Primary School Sports Association



First Aid certificates

First Aid certificates have been awarded to 200 Year 6 students this Year as part of a project sponsored by the Rotary Club of Umina Beach.

The project began in June 2022 when Woy Woy South Public School students Mara Hatfield-Favand and Jonty Beaton approached the club for support for having every Year 6 student in their school graduate with a First Aid Certificate, said project co-ordinator Mr Wayne Dowdle.

The program now exists in all five Peninsula primary schools, funded by the club.

In its fourth year, some 800 students have gained certificates through the program so far.

SOURCE:
Social media, 13 Nov 2025
Rotary Club of Umina Beach

The Rotary Club of Umina Beach has visited the students of the Cattle Club at Brisbane Water Secondary College at their school farm at the Umina campus on Wednesday, November 19.

Year 12 student Kody Bogaert directed club members around the farm and demonstrated his knowledge of the characteristics of each of the animals: cattle, sheep, pigs, chickens.

The visit finished with a barbecue dinner.

SOURCE:
Social media, 22 Nov 2025
Rotary Club of Umina Beach



Correct name

Peninsula News wrongly identified Ettalong Public School captain Ben Hall in a picture of his presentation at the Ettalong memorial on Remembrance Day in the last issue.

Here is the picture and the correct name to set the record straight.

28 Nov 2025

Umina club farewells bowling ‘legend’

The Umina Beach Men’s Bowling Club has farewelled a “legend” of the club after the death of Mr Steve Stead on Sunday, November 23.

Club secretary Mr Peter Springett said he died in hospital after a “long cancer battle”.

He said Mr Stead had been a member for 27 years, had served as bowls secretary for 24 years and as selector for 14 years.

He was made a life member in 2019 and had a green named after him last year.

His service included managing and running club championship

competitions, club social days and special carnival events such as Kingfisher events, King and Queen, and end of month triples.

His funeral and celebration of life was held on Friday, November 28, at Palmdale.

“It was a beautiful service in the Hillside Chapel at Palmdale,” said Mr Springett.

“Steve’s sons Nathan and Nick gave a great eulogy about their father and family man.

“Steve’s grandson Jeremiah read a tear-jerking poem called ‘Grandpa’.

“I said a few words on behalf of

the bowling club.

“Steve was a true club man to the end.

“He was buried in his full pennant kit, with his club jacket and badges, placed inside the coffin.

“Steve would have loved the turn out, which included his family, and a 40-person Umina Beach Bowling Club guard of honour.

“This was a fitting Farewell for a legend that did so much for our club.”

SOURCE:
Social media, 28 Nov 2025
Peter Springett, UBMBC



Grommets seek surfboard donations

Surfboard donations are being sought by the Grommet Umina Boardriders, the Grubs.

Boards donated by the local surfing community are raffled annually at the Grubs Presentation Day

“It’s a great way to pass on

the stoke to the younger groms, who are always epically excited,” according to organisers.

Pictured is a club member riding a board donated last year.

SOURCE:
Social media, 26 Nov 2025
GRUBS Grommet Umina Boardriders

Representing Everglades

Vision-impaired bowler Scott Jones has been recognised at the recent Everglades Bowls Presentation evening for representing Everglades Bowling Club at State and National levels over the last year.

In September last year, he won gold in singles and silver in pairs in the NSW Blind Bowls championships.

In December, he was selected in Bowls Australia NSW Jackaroo Academy as a para-bowler

In February, he played against Hong Kong youth team at Cabramatta with other Academy Jackaroo players.

He played lead in two games of fours, winning both and was the only vision-impaired bowler to play.

In May, he played in his first Blind Bowls Nationals representing NSW in WA.

Following the Nationals, he was invited to the Future Green and Gold Paralympic Talent Confirmation Day at Cabramatta in June.

The same month, he played at the Australian Open on Gold Coast.

He was second in his pool in singles and won his pool in pairs as skip. He was defeated in the semi-final.

This September, he played in the NSW State Championships, winning gold in both singles and in pairs.

This month, he won gold in the Adaptive Bowls Pairs competition in Raymond Terrace.

Pictured are Scott Jones, Everglades Men’s club president Ian Richardson and Ray Benton.

SOURCE:
Media release, 17 Nov 2025
Grant Ireland, Everglades Men’s Bowls



Life saver wins running race

Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club member Will Adams has won the 400m Lancefield Gift running race, held at Lancefield Park in Victoria’s Macedon Ranges.

Will won his race clocking in a time of 47.59 seconds.

This was Will’s second win for the season having taken out the Cobden Gift recently.

SOURCE:
Social media, 17 Nov 2025
Ocean Beach SLSC

WHAT’S ON at ETTALONG BOWLING CLUB

Ho Ho Ho! The Silly Season is about to begin. We have loads of Hams to give away in the month of December.

Join us on Wednesdays for the Xmas Ham raffles with 80 hams up for grabs each night. We have also included hams to be won in our Friday and Sunday Club Raffles starting on Friday 5th December.

Due to the raffles being held on these nights, Trivia will be moved the Tuesday’s 2nd, 9th and 16th December. Come along and test your knowledge and win some great prizes. Free to play, register your team at 6pm for a 6.30pm start.

Rock & Roll Dance Party – Xmas Themed is back and bigger than ever! Saturday 13th December, hosted by George Galea Hounddog along with ROCKIN EXPRESS live band. A night not be missed for all those Rockin & Rollin party people. Free Event in Club auditorium.

Download our Club app or checkout our website for all information and upcoming December entertainment. A fantastic line up of artists booked to finish off the year. We look forward to your visit soon.



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Sport



Shay wins district championship

Everglades Golf Club member Shay Bennett has fired a six-under-par 64 at Gosford to win the Central Coast District Championship on Sunday, November 16. He is the first Everglades player to claim the title since Brian Carmichael in 2004.

The round, his best score ever, also secured Shay both the District Junior Championship and the District Junior Champion of Champions.

SOURCE: Social media, 19 Nov 2025
Everglades Country Club
Photo: Scott Bennett



Father and son have 85-run partnership

Father and son Don and Heston Yeo delivered an 85-run partnership for their eighth grade Southern Spirit Cricket Club team in its win against Narara on Saturday, November 22.

Heston opened with a classy 84 not out for the Phoenix team. Don was last man to the crease adding a composed 47.

SOURCE: Social media, 25 Nov 2025
Southern Spirit Cricket Club

Southern-Ettalong hold presentations

Southern and Ettalong United Football Club recently held its Senior Presentations. The night celebrated the senior season and recognised the outstanding individuals who made a lasting impact both on and off the field.

Club president Stevie Skene (pictured) was named Club person of the Year.

Joe Ferguson Memorial Award for Senior Player of the Year went to Todd Balneaves.

Senior Female Player of the Year was Libby Jamieson.

The Keith Gumbs Golden Boot Award went to Jacob Lepre for MPL and to Brooke Hardie for WPL.



Coaches Players of the Year were Matt Jacobsen for MPL and Hannah Davidson for WPL. The Reserve Grade award went

to Brock Van Aalderen and, for Under 23s, to Leith van Aalderen. Players Player of the Year went to Jacob Lepre for MPL and Hannah Davidson for WPL.

The Reserve Grade award went to Sam McDougall and the Under 23s award to Dylan Todhunter.

Rookies of the Year were James Clarke for MPL and Millie Dorman and WPL.

The Mickey Dean Inspirational Player Award went to Corwin Hooper.

The Pelayo 'Spud' Ballester Inspirational Player Award went to Preston Daniel.

SOURCE: Social media, 21 Nov 2025
Southern and Ettalong United Football Club

Eagles form bowls development squad

The Ettalong Bowling Club is forming a development squad for players to improve their bowls in the lead-up to the coming Open Pennant season.

"We will provide the squad with some coaching sessions including circuit training to especially assist some of the several newer players, those pennant players with limited experience or any player who may

feel they would benefit," said bowls co-ordinator John Roberts.

"Nobody will be precluded from being part of the training group or further training sessions that we have planned as we try and build a platform for a strong and successful coming season and future.

"We will commence with sessions starting at 5 p.m on Wednesday evenings, the first on

December 10. "Depending on the interest shown, we may have to limit the numbers to a manageable level to start with.

"If so, we will add some extra sessions to provide the opportunity for everyone to be involved."

Anyone interested should register at the men's bowls office.

SOURCE: Social media, 28 Nov 2025
John Roberts, Ettalong Eagles



Mixed fours final played in sunshine

Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club held its Mixed Fours Championship final in sunshine on Sunday, November 16.

The team of Deborah Moore, Kerrie Richens, Glenn Simington and Tony Potter played the team of Barbara Schultz, Meena Kelso, Lindsay Hicks and Kevin Bettridge.

"Kevvy's side burst out to an early lead and were 14-1 up after

10 ends," said bowls club secretary Mr Peter Springett.

"This included a four and a three.

"Tony's side mounted a big comeback and won six of the next seven ends, to make it 15-13 down after 17 ends.

"Deborah and Kerrie drew four beautiful shots on the next end, but Meena got a metre and a half trail and Lindsay and Kevvy were able

to add the extras, to pick up four shots on the 18th end, and go 19-13 up.

"Tony's side picked up one shot on the 19th end, to make it 19-14 down.

"Then Kevvy's side picked up another four shots on the 20th end, to claim the championship."

SOURCE: Social media, 16 Nov 2025
Peter Springett, UBMBC

Four swimmers in nation's top 25

Four members of the Woy Woy Swim Club have been ranked by Swimming Australia in the top 25 nationally in the 2025 Short Course Season.

Levi Sinclair was ranked

17th in the 14-year Boys 800m Freestyle.

Haylie Green was ranked 15th in the 18-year Girls 400m Freestyle.

Alexandra Hall was ranked 22nd in the 14-year Girls 200m Butterfly.

Jodie Mead was ranked first in

the 16-year Girls 50m Freestyle and the 100m Freestyle.

She was ranked second in the 200m Freestyle and fifth in the 400m freestyle.

SOURCE: Social media, 24 Nov 2025
Woy Woy Swim Club