



Woy Woy Park Run was cancelled on Saturday, March 28, after 25.5mm rain fell on Friday, March 27.

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Council draft plan sets 20-year growth at one per cent

A Council draft Local Strategic Planning Statement estimates that the Peninsula population will grow by less than one per cent over the next 20 years.

Growth in the number of households is expected to be around seven per cent.

The draft will be considered by Central Coast Council's environment and planning committee tomorrow evening, Tuesday, April 7.

The staff recommendation is that the committee asks the council to endorse the draft for community consultation.

If adopted, this would reduce the growth rate currently implied by the Council's adopted Community Strategic plan from 60 per cent population growth in 10 years.

The draft Local Strategic Planning Statement relies on population forecasts from "spatial intelligence" specialists, ID Consulting Pty Ltd.

According to the draft, the Peninsula will grow less than one per cent (0.92 per cent) from a 2025 population of 38,705 to a population of 39,060 in 2046, just 355 more people.

Despite the low growth in population, the number of households is expected to grow by 976, about seven per cent.

This is put down to a contracting household size, "marked by an ageing population, and an increase in lone person households".

The household growth figure is less than a low end estimate by consultants Hill PDA, providing background for the council's

housing strategy in 2021.

Hill PDA projected take-up rates as being between 1663 dwellings and 2352 dwellings.

Last year, around 75 development applications for additional dwellings were approved for the Peninsula.

The low figure is predicted despite changes to planning controls in the meantime allowing higher dwelling densities.

Since 2021, the Council has introduced new planning controls that allow higher dwelling densities and the State Government has introduced its own provisions for higher dwelling densities including Transport-Oriented Development, Low and Mid-Rise Housing, and dual occupancy policies all of which also allow increased densities.

The draft Local Strategic Planning Statement shows the expected housing mix, using icons for which there is no key.

They appear to show 67 per cent low density residential, 29 per cent medium density residential and one per cent multi-storey residential flats.

The Hill PDA study put the medium density percentage in 2021 at 29 per cent, suggesting the mix is expected remain the same.

In what is called a "Peninsula Place Vision", the draft states: "The Peninsula continues its strong relationship to natural features like the National Parks, natural trails, and Brisbane Water.

"Woy Woy and Ettalong provide more housing options to local communities supported by increased public amenity and connectivity, including cycle

connections.

"Transport-oriented development is located near Woy Woy station and is the focus for higher density in the planning area.

"Lions Park and other green spaces are retained and enhanced for the local community.

"Commuter parking in Woy Woy contributes to the public amenity of Woy Woy centre, and a shuttle bus service links the train station and centre to surrounding residential neighbourhoods.

"The night-time economy provides a greater number of options for night-time dining and activities, supported by increased commercial visitor accommodation.

"Flood prone areas at Woy Woy, Booker Bay and Ettalong Beach foreshores are appropriately managed to ensure community safety."

The draft lists "place pressures" on the Peninsula as flooding from Brisbane Water, urban heat, limited road access, environmental protection, infill development, social disadvantage and foreshore connectivity.

It also lists 19 actions that would be taken under the Statement.

If the council endorses the draft, it will be open for "community consultation" and comment for 42 days.

SOURCE:
Agenda, 7 Apr 2026
Environment-Planning Committee,
Central Coast Council

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Woy Woy Sea Scouts have had their last day of sailing for the term.
 Sailing will return next summer

with more regattas and more members keen to sail. They are now gearing up for cold weather activities including

camping, hiking and bike-riding. **SOURCE: Social media, 28 Mar 2026 1st Woy Woy Sea Scouts**

JP desks

The NSW Justices Association offers desks at Umina and Woy Woy libraries to witness documents every Monday.

The desk at Woy Woy library is available from 9am to 12pm, while the desk at Umina library runs from 10am to 1pm.

The Umina library desk is also available on Thursdays.

The association is currently recruiting member volunteers for the JP desks.

For further information, phone 0404 094 776 or email nswja@nswja.org.au.

SOURCE: Media release, 2 Apr 2026 Kevin O'Donnell, NSW Justices Association

Lions Club to hold annual Tea Cosy Expo

The Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club will hold its annual Tea Cosy Expo over the June long weekend at Umina Beach Surf Club.

The Expo will run from 9am to 4pm on Saturday and Sunday, June 5 and 6.

This year's themes are Countries around the World, and General.

Tea cosies may be knitted, crocheted or made from fabric. Cash prizes will be awarded to

the winners. Some will be available for purchase.

Stalls and a raffle will also be held.

Devonshire Teas and coffee will be available.

Entry is by gold coin donation.

For more details, phone Ms Lin Griffiths on 0422 419 699 or email griffiths061@gmail.com.

SOURCE: Social media, 30 Mar 2026 Denise Taylor, Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club

March was fourth wettest in 22 years

Last month was the fourth wettest March in 22 years, with a total of 275.8mm recorded.

This was 60 per cent higher than the March average of 172mm, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

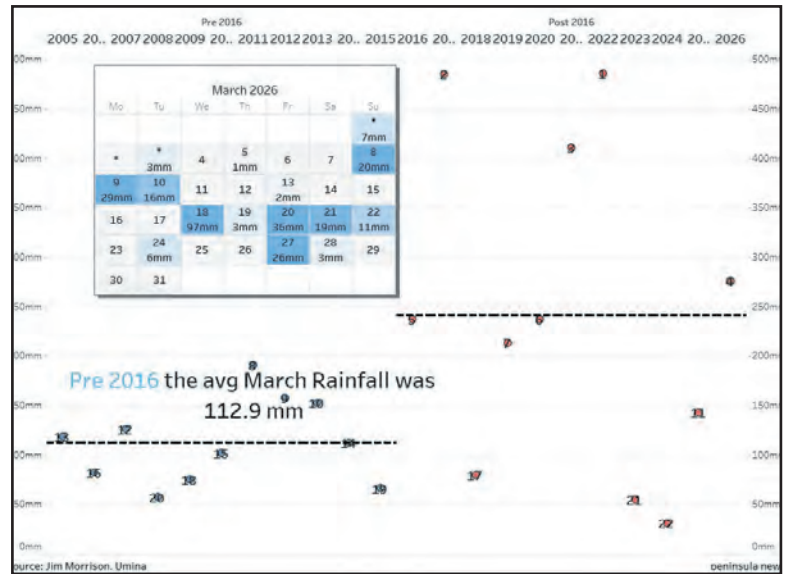
However, the month's total is much closer to the average for the last 11 years of 241.3mm, being 14 per cent higher.

The March average for the previous 11 years was 112.9mm, with this year's rainfall being more than twice that - 244 per cent higher.

The highest daily rainfall was 97mm recorded on Wednesday, March 18, with another four days recording more than 20mm.

These were 20mm on March 8, 29mm on March 9, 36mm on March 20 and 26mm on March 27.

Total rainfall for the year at the end of March was 768.7mm, 73.5 per cent above the average of



443mm. This figure is second only to 2022, the wettest year in 22 years, when the total was 834mm at the end of March.

April has started with weekend rain, totalling 36.4mm by 9am

Sunday morning. The April average is 157mm. More details, including daily rainfall figures, are available online at <http://penne.ws/Rain>.

SOURCE: Spreadsheet, 3 Apr 2026 Jim Morrison, Umina

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'High-level masterplan' prepared for the Peninsula

Central Coast Council staff have prepared a "draft high-level masterplan" for "The Peninsula - Woy Woy, Ettalong and Umina", council strategic planners have revealed.

The draft masterplan is expected to be presented to Council for consideration, with a view to placing it on exhibition next financial year (2026-27), along with plans for The Entrance Peninsula, Narara District, Lake Haven and Gosford City Centre.

"Feedback received from the community consultation will be used to guide the development of detailed precinct plans and infrastructure improvements for key centres over the coming years," the planners have said in a report to the Council's environment and planning committee.

Masterplans and precinct plans will be prepared to "focus on priority centres".

A plan for Woy Woy town centre is expected to be developed in the next financial year, under the "Town Centres Planning and Improvement Program".

The preparation of the plans was described in a report about the draft Local Strategic Planning Statement.

The planners' reports said the Statement was "place-focused, promoting housing and development within existing and emerging centres, supported by services, infrastructure and public

transport options".

"The place statements in the draft Local Strategic Planning Statement will be supported through the proposed Town Centres Planning and Improvement Program."

The report said that the masterplans would "provide opportunities for increased housing and jobs, enhanced public domain, safe and well-connected green pedestrian links and coordinated transport and infrastructure improvements".

The Central Coast's Local Planning Panel recommended in December 2022 that the Council review planning provisions for the Peninsula..

The Panel recommended "Central Coast Council consider conducting a strategic planning review of the planning controls, development provisions and character statements for Umina, Woy Woy and Ettalong."

It stated the review should "ensure there is consistency between the relevant controls, provisions and character statements applicable to each locality, and a clear direction and expectation on the desired future character of these suburbs".

The recommendation was made as part of its decision to refuse two applications for multiple dwelling developments at 16 and 34 Warrah St, Ettalong.

SOURCE:
Agenda 3.3, 7 April 2026
Environment-Planning Committee,
Central Coast Council

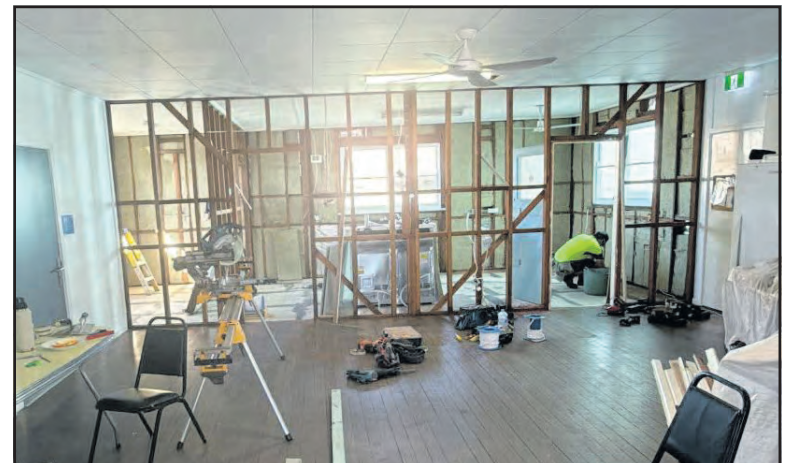


Dementia cafe finds temporary home

The Rotary Club of Brisbane Water has found a new temporary home for its Dementia Cafe while its usual venue at CWA Hall in Umina undergoes kitchen renovations.

The cafe will operate at Peninsula Village in Umina from Sunday, April 13, to Monday, June 22.

Club president Ms Cherie Simpson said: "The Decaf is a warm, welcoming morning for people living with dementia and their carers, a place to share a cuppa, enjoy some light exercise and, most importantly, feel part of a community.



For further information, phone Cherie on 0425 222 778 or Di on 0404 147 743.

SOURCE:
Social media, 3 Apr 2026
Rotary Brisbane Water

Car boot sale cancelled for Anzac Day long weekend

The Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club has decided to cancel its car boot sale on Sunday, April 26, due to the Anzac Day long weekend.

The monthly car boot sale will resume on Sunday, May 31.

"We look forward to seeing you then," said club secretary Mr Greg Head.

The sale is held at Rogers Park in the Dunban Rd car park from

7am to 1pm and includes a variety of stalls, he said.

A barbecue, tea and coffee are available.

New vendors were welcome at \$25 per car, with sites opening at 6:30am.

For further information, phone 0478 959 895.

SOURCE:
Media release, 1 Apr 2026
Greg Head, Woy Woy
Peninsula Lions Club

The People's Pantry re-opens

The People's Pantry in Woy Woy has re-opened after the repair of storm damage on January 17.

Project officer Ms Fiona MacPhail said the closure had a significant impact on their patrons.

She said the pantry was "a vital service for those experiencing financial hardship and food insecurity".

She said the service also had to suspend "face-to-face access" and

other services such as emergency relief, financial counselling, and assistance with energy bills.

"The Pantry provides free and low-cost grocery items to help households make ends meet," she said.

"The service is open to everyone, with new patrons asked to complete a brief customer consent form on their first visit."

It operates 12pm to 2:30pm Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at Yaringaa, next to

Meals on Wheels at the Peninsula Community Centre.

The service also offers a No Interest Loan Scheme, personal counselling, as well as a referral service.

"We are looking forward to being able to have the face-to-face interactions with our community members again."

SOURCE:
Media release, 23 Mar 2026
Fiona MacPhail, The
People's Pantry

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‘Zombie’ amendment sought to add second storey

An application has been made for a “zombie” amendment to plans approved in 1995 to add a second storey to an unfinished dual occupancy at 70 Murray St, Booker Bay.

It asks for assessment under 1995 rules.

A building was constructed following the original approval but never officially completed.

The application seeks to increase the floor space ratio of the development by about 60 per cent by adding a second storey to both units.

It claims that, because the building wasn’t completed and the resulting development is “instinctively ... substantially the same” as the original approval, it can be considered as an amendment to that application and assessed under planning provisions applying at that time.

However, it asks that legal principles established in 2013 and 2023, well after the development was approved, be applied to accept the new plans as “substantially the same”.

It says that, while the second storey has been added, the building footprint would remain “generally the same and is consistent with the approved plans”.

Citing the principles of 2013

“Coorey” case, it says the amendment should be considered “substantially the same” because it was still a “Proposed Attached Dual Occupancy”, in the same location, and “substantially the same dimensions” as originally approved.

Citing the 2023 “Realize Architecture” case, it says: “The task of determining whether a development is ‘substantially the same’ as the original approval does not need to follow any complicated formulas (ie: qualitative and quantitative differences) despite these having been traditionally used in the past.”

“Instead, the ruling took the view that the approach can be an ‘instinctive’ decision based on the ‘balancing of’ or ‘weighting of’ the relevant facts.”

The modification, which adds a second storey to each unit, increases the floor space ratio from 0.31:1 to 0.49:1, and raises the height of the building to 7.55 metres, both of which are permissible under the original and current rules.

One difference may be that the building has a rear setback of 1.3m, where the current minimum rear setback is 4.5m.

As well as the addition of a second storey the applicant proposes alterations to the ground

floor plans, new private space areas and front fencing 1.5m in height.

Shadow diagrams show overshadowing on the southern side at the winter solstice.

No floor plans are provided among those on exhibition, and no statement is made of the specific uses proposed for the upper and lower storeys.

The application states that only two off street car parks need to be provided which suggests that the number of bedrooms per unit is remaining at three.

The original floor plans and development approval are not available on the Council’s planning portal, nor are the planning provisions applicable at the time provided on the Council website, such as the Development Control Plans cited in the application.

In conclusion, the application states that: “It is our view that Central Coast Council may modify DA/20159/1995, because the proposal represents substantially the same development for which the consent was granted by the Council and suitably mitigates environmental impacts.”

It is currently on public exhibition until Friday, April 17.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 5 May 2026
DA/20159/1995, Central Coast Council



Statement includes student proposal for shopping centre

A suggestion by Brisbane Water Secondary College students to build residential towers on Deepwater Plaza has been taken up as one of 19 projects listed for the Peninsula in the draft Local Strategic Planning Statement.

A proposal to build 10 apartment towers on top of Deepwater Plaza won a group of Woy Woy campus students first prize in October 2024 for in an industry-sponsored competition to address the Central Coast’s housing shortage.

The project under the Local Strategic Planning Statement would “encourage mixed use development in proximity to Woy Woy station and above Deepwater Plaza”.

The draft Statement is being considered by Central Coast Council’s environment and planning committee tomorrow night, Tuesday, April 7.

Other projects include improving the public domain along Woy Woy foreshore and Woy Woy centre, as well as connecting the coastal public domain with James Brown Oval, Rogers Park and the Everglades wetland.

The Statement would retain green and recreation space at Lions Park, Woy Woy, and maintain the viability of the Woy Woy health precinct by encouraging appropriate ancillary uses within the precinct.

Cycle connections between Woy Woy centre and nearby local centres would be enhanced and upgraded.

Connections to natural trails and areas would be improved.

Tree canopy cover would be increased to reduce urban heat island effects.

More housing types and densities would be provided in Woy Woy, Ettalong and Umina.

Traffic and parking within Woy Woy centre and at Woy Woy station would be improved.

Opportunities for a shuttle bus loop service in and around Woy Woy would be identified.

The council would “advocate for improvements to the Rawson Rd railway level crossing and intersection in Woy Woy”.

It would also “assist the state government in improving key north-south cycle corridors”.

In Woy Woy town centre, it would investigate opportunities for a town plaza and connecting pedestrian laneways.

Pedestrian and cycle paths would be prioritised along Ocean Beach Rd and Blackwall Rd to connect Woy Woy, Ettalong and Umina and to reduce local traffic.

Public domain and landscape upgrades would be undertaken to Woy Woy foreshore swim area, Pelican Park and Lions Park.

Opportunities to extend the commercial zone of Woy Woy centre south along Blackwall Rd would be investigated.

Intersection upgrades at strategic locations along Railway St, Victoria Rd and Ocean Beach Rd would be undertaken.

SOURCE:
Agenda 3.3, 7 Apr 2026
Environment-Planning Subcommittee, Central Coast Council

Stakeholder plan proposed for Statement exhibition

A “stakeholder engagement” plan has been proposed for the public exhibition of the draft Local Strategic Planning Statement.

Planning staff have recommended a minimum 42-day “consultation period”, four online sessions, five ward information sessions, an online map and online media.

The 42-day community consultation would be conducted through the Your Voice Our Coast website.

Four online sessions of three hours each would be held at various times.

Five ward-based information sessions would be held for

community members to drop in and provide feedback.

An online map would allow community members to provide feedback on Town Centre Improvement Program priorities.

The Statement would be publicised through a social media “campaign” and a media release to raise awareness of the project.

Council would also consult with the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure and other relevant agencies during the public exhibition phase.

SOURCE:
Agenda 3.3, 7 Apr 2026
Environment-Planning Subcommittee, Central Coast Council

Aged care home project nears completion

The final stage of building work at a Woy Woy aged care home is close to completion.

Blue Wave Living chief executive Mr Matt Downie said: "Our final stage of works in the original Shores building continues to progress well.

"We are now in the final fit off and painting stages.

"The spaces are coming together nicely and continue to be a little ahead of our programmed timeline."

He said it was expected to be completed in early May, "with the certification process then taking a few weeks following practical completion".

"We should be in a position to

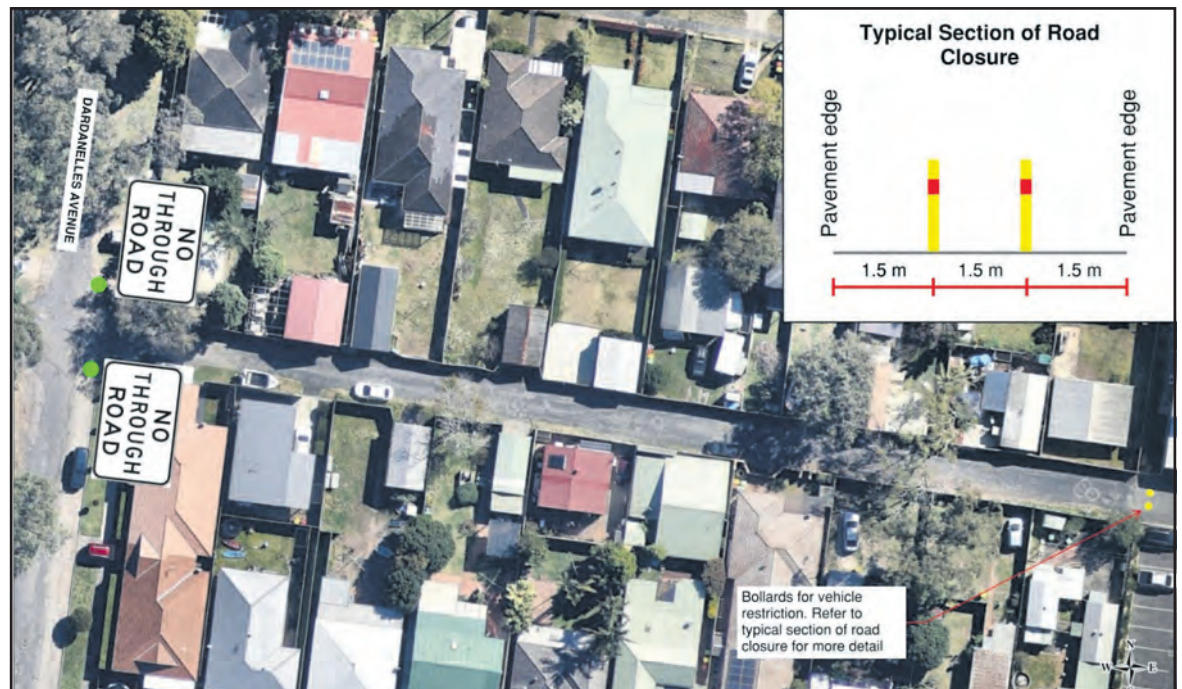
open up the space by early June.

"I anticipate being able to open up the rear entry again sometime in May, which allows family to potentially park at the rear of our facility and enter via The Shores.

"This final stage will see us being able to deliver an additional 10 newly-rebuilt bedrooms and other spaces, completing the 'Beachside House'.

"We will also be delivering a private lounge-dining area, which will be available for families to book for extended family gatherings in private with loved ones here at BlueWave."

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 1 Apr 2026
Matt Downie, Blue Wave Living



Bollards proposed for lane to shops

Central Coast Council is seeking comment about the proposed installation of bollards in a laneway between Dardanelles Ave and Lone Pine Plaza shopping centre, Umina.

The laneway comes off Dardanelles Ave between Lone Pine Ave and Pozieres Ave.

"This laneway is not designed to service the shopping centre, and the proposed bollards will restrict vehicular traffic," said traffic engineer Mr Jeremy Pether.

The bollards would "assist with traffic, speed and dust associated with vehicles accessing the shopping centre".

"The proposed bollards will be removable to facilitate any

emergency services or via prior approval to facilitate residents' access."

Comments should be submitted to Council with the reference number D17185409 to trafficcontrol@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au by Friday, May 1.

SOURCE:
Media release, 24 Mar 2026
Tony Winch, Umina Community Group

Aged care building work to resume after a year

A Woy Woy aged care home is expected to take a break of a year from building work before it resumes refurbishment with work on its "front building".

"It will likely not commence until mid-2027," said Blue Wave Living chief executive Mr Matt Downie.

"There will be a reprieve for our residents from on-going building works for a while."

Mr Downie said: "While we do have plans to continue works through our front building, and particularly the Anzac, Carinya and Cove wings, this will be undertaken in small stages over time as funding and operations allow.

"We are committed to transforming the facility throughout towards the 'household model' as much as we can.

"The first stage of works in the front building will focus on the Village Square area, plus reception."

It will extend along the corridor behind reception "to create some administration offices to enable us to relocate staff out of offices in the Anzac-Carinya wing".

This would "make way for additional resident spaces in that area".

SOURCE:
Newsletter, 1 Apr 2026
Blue Wave Living



Presentation at St Patrick's Day celebration

The Rotary Club of Umina Beach has held a St Patrick's Day celebration, with a presentation by its past president Mr Pat Lewis.

Green was the colour of the evening as the presentation featured some of the magnificent scenery of Ireland and its music,

language and culture, he said.

Mr Lewis said the "craic was 90" at the meeting this week, with "even our exchange students enjoying the night learning about another new country and featuring in the presentation".

SOURCE:
Social media, 23 Mar 2026
Rotary Club of Umina Beach

CWA branches attend 'three-in-one' day

Members of both Woy Woy and Umina Beach branches of the Country Women's Association attended a "three-in-one day" at the Hornsby branch on Monday, March 27.

The day included a "country of study", an agriculture and environment session, and a cultural-historical tribute.

"Members were treated to this year's County of Study, Fiji, with lovely food and cultural information," said Woy Woy branch publicity officer Ms Jane Bowtell.

"They also learnt about this year's beautiful bird of study, the black cockatoo and our native she-oak (casuarina) that has quite a few varieties, as does the black



cockatoo."

A cultural tribute was also made to Dame Enid Lyons.

"Not only is CWA about giving to community and forming friendships, it is also about learning from other countries and their cultures, and the similarities and

the differences between us," said Ms Bowtell.

"Hornsby branch is one of 13 branches that make up the Northumberland group which starts at Hornsby and ends at Morisset."

SOURCE:
Social media, 28 Mar 2026
CWA Woy Woy

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Guides hall grounds tidied by Rotary

Six members of the Rotary Club of Woy Woy held a working-bee to tidy up the grounds around the Blackwall Girl Guides Hall on Saturday, March 21.

They "emu-bobbed", mowed, trimmed and edged lawns, shrubs and fences, "while chatting, laughing and enjoying great fellowship" between 7am and 10:30am.

The Rotary club built the Girl Guides hall over a two-year period culminating in its official opening on February 2, 1964.

They have continued their support for the local Girl Guides in the 62 years since with working bees to keep the grounds tidy and maintained.

SOURCE:
Social media, 22 Mar 2026
Rotary Club of Woy Woy



Contributions sought for Kariong anniversary

The Kariong Progress Association is inviting people to contribute to its 80th anniversary on Sunday, May 24.

The association is collecting photos and stories for a commemorative booklet.

The event will focus on "Kariong then and now", bringing together stories, photographs and memories that reflect how the suburb has grown and changed over time.

Contributions close on Friday, May 1, and should be sent to kariongpa@gmail.com.

The association's project aims to cover Kariong's history, from well before the progress association was formed in 1946.

Among significant events to be noted is when early settler Henry Parry selected land in the area in 1901, on what is now Woy Woy Rd,

for a native plant nursery, which became the famous Florilands.

SOURCE:
Media release, 30 Mar 2026
Kariong Progress Association

Rock Star

A Rock Star Guitar workshop will be held on Thursday, April 9, at Umina Beach Library as part of its school holiday program for children aged five to nine years.

Those attending the workshop from 10:30am to 11:30am will be encouraged to dress up as a rock star.

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

SOURCE:
Website, 6 Mar 2026
Library Services, Central Coast Council

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Stall wanted for Biggest Morning Tea

The Rotary Club of Brisbane Water is looking for stall holders for its Biggest Morning Tea on Wednesday, May 27.

The club is seeking local creators, boutique businesses, jewellery makers, fashion labels, giftware designers and artisan producers for the event which will

be held from 9.30am – 12.00pm 2026 Ettalong Diggers Club.

No stall fee will be charged, but stallholders are asked to donate a prize for the raffle or lucky door prize pool.

“This is your opportunity to showcase your products, connect with 250 local guests and support an incredible cause,” said

organiser Ms Kim Cole.

She said all proceeds from the day would go to the Cancer Council NSW Central Coast Division.

Spaces are limited to 10 stalls. For further information, email kim.cole@ettalongdiggers.com.au or phone 4343 0140.

SOURCE:
Social media, 23 Mar 2026
Kim Cole, Rotary Brisbane Water



Seniors hear talk from clown

Peninsula School for Seniors has heard a talk from Alicia Gonzalez from the Clown Institute.

“She showed us how to be a bit more laid back, take life a little less seriously and communicate with each other,” said School co-ordinator Ms Amber Golby.

“We forgot the problems of the world and had a laugh.

“We had a cake at morning tea to farewell Joy Langdon, who is moving to Queensland.

“We are on holiday for two weeks now.”

The school’s rummicub group meets each Tuesday, as well as going to BlueWave on the third Wednesday of the month.

SOURCE:
Social media, 31 Mar 2026
Peninsula School for Seniors



Woman airlifted after injury

A woman was airlifted from Woy Woy to John Hunter Hospital after she was injured in a fall of about two metres on Saturday, April 4.

A helicopter ambulance was

called to assist NSW Ambulance. The Westpac helicopter ambulance collected the patient Austin Butler Oval.

SOURCE:
Social media, 4 Apr 2026
NSW Central Coast Incident Alerts

Older women raise \$2000 through Easter raffle

The Deepwater Woy Woy branch of the Older Women’s Network has drawn its Easter raffle.

The winning tickets were drawn by Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch at 4pm on Thursday, April 2.

“We were able to raise just under \$2000 to help our various projects,” said network secretary Ms Jennifer Brown.

“All funds raised will go to our three local food pantries; Mary Mac’s Place, the SDA Community Food Pantry run out of the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Woy Woy, and Community SOS which is located next door to Meals on Wheels at the Peninsula

Community Centre.” Ms Brown said: “We also support Meals-on-Wheels with funds to provide petrol vouchers to their volunteers.

“Recently we have added The SDA Community Table, which runs from 5pm to 7pm every Friday to feed those who are experiencing homelessness or who are struggling to keep up with our ever rising cost of living.

Pictured at the drawing of the raffle were Ms Joyce Williams, Ms Vicki Spain, Ms Liesl Tesch, Ms Jennifer Brown and Ms Karen Smith.

SOURCE:
Media release, 4 Apr 2026
Jennifer Brown, Deepwater OWN

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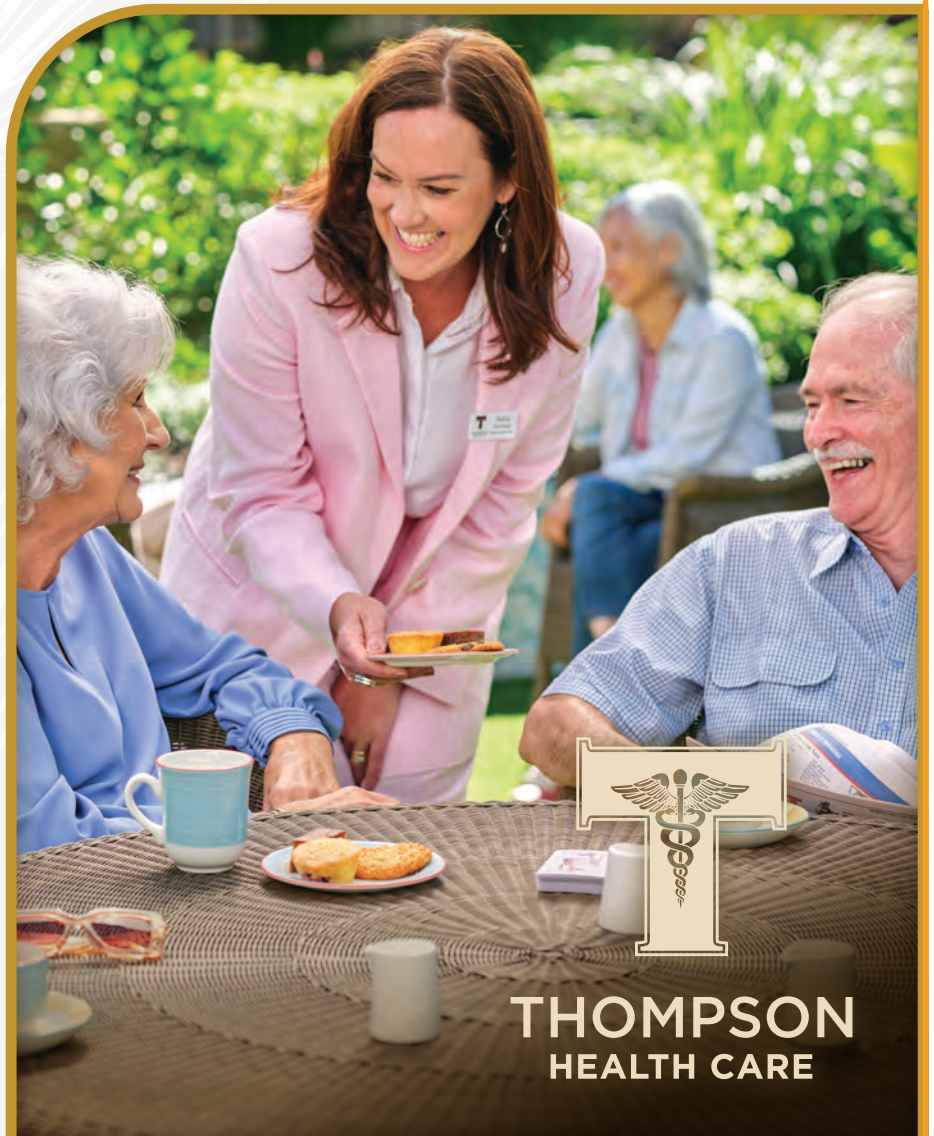
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News



Pilot program sees 180 trees planted

A large number of newly-planted trees appearing on street verges in recent months.

"These are as a result of the Pilot Street Tree Program that our Central Coast Council supported for the Peninsula," said Grow Urban Shade Trees member Ms Deb Sunartha.

On the motion of Cr Belinda Neal, the Council spent \$150,000 to plant 180 to 200 native trees, she said.

"The Council public tree team has done well to coordinate a large number of tree requests along 50 streets around the whole of the Peninsula from Woy Woy to Umina, Ettalong, Blackwall and Booker Bay.

"Consideration has been given

to a wide range of tree species to support biodiversity, increased canopy and corridors for our local birds."

The species have included coastal banksia, prickly paperbark, bottlebrush, yellow bloodwood, weeping lilly pilly, brushbox and watergum.

"This cost for planting trees is a normal part of the budget for any council so it is vital that our Council staff apply for grants when these become available and be successful in these applications.

"The contractors for this planting, Plateau Trees, has done a fine job, planting and staking the healthy trees with a watering program to follow over three months.

"In time, with good care from

residents, these trees will help to increase canopy cover in an area that is recognised as a heat bowl.

"The recommended minimum canopy cover for heat reduction and health benefits is 40 per cent.

"The Peninsula currently sits at less than seven per cent."

Another Grow Urban Shade Trees member Ms Jan Deighton said: "This pilot program is potentially a testing ground for the roll out of any future funding for canopy increase throughout the whole Central Coast region.

"To ensure its success, we ask that Peninsula residents care for their new trees with regular watering until well established."

SOURCE:
Media release, 2 Apr 2026
Debbie Sunartha, Grow Urban Shade Trees

Community cafe held on fourth Thursday

The Rotary Club of Brisbane Water held its Community Connections Cafe in Ettalong last Thursday, March 26.

The cafe aims to encourage new friendships and is held in Hatters Tea House.

Sponsored by Rotary Brisbane Water, it is free to attend for coffee or tea and cake, and companionship.

It opens from 9:15am on the fourth Thursday of each month.

SOURCE:
Social media, 26 Mar 2026
Rotary Brisbane Water



CWA branch ends its weekly recipes

The Woy Woy branch of the Country Women's Association has published the last of its six-year series of Recipes of the Week on social media.

"Our first ever recipe was published on March 27, 2020, when I was the president," said branch publicity officer Ms Jane Bowtell.

"It was a way of trying to stay connected to branch members and the wider community we served at the beginning of Covid lockdowns.

"Every recipe I have made and tested before it was put on our page.

"In the early days, my daughter was the publicity officer and she did the posting.

"When she had a baby, I took



over publicity after resigning as president, so I could have much-needed quality time with my new grandson.

"In the last two years as

publicity officer, I have maintained the dedication and almost every week tested and published another recipe.

"After six years and just over 300 recipes, the time has come to retire it.

"You will also see a new publicity officer as of October this year, because I now have two grandsons who are growing up way too fast and have become my priority."

The last Recipe of the Week, Weet-Bix Biscuits, was published last week, on Monday, March 27.

"All recipes can be accessed by clicking on Photos then scrolling through them."

SOURCE:
Social media, 26 Mar 2026
Jane Bowtell, CWA Woy Woy Branch

Forum

How long does it take to fix a lift?

I do not know exactly how long the lift has not worked at Aldi, but it was before Christmas, so at least three months.

I emailed them at the beginning of March, as I spoke to the man who collects trolleys and some people have abused him as if it was his fault.

I wanted to express my dismay at it taking so long as it has caused people distress.

Today, I watched a very elderly lady, walk slowly down the ramp with her small nanna basket on wheels.

Several people offered to help her, but she politely refused.

Then I watched a man with two leg prostheses negotiate the steps and then the ramp. He was exhausted.

He was very unhappy with the lift being out and he shops there regularly.

With the cost of living and fuel so expensive, Aldi is the only place many can afford to shop.

I asked another shopper who was elderly how he was going and he had bad arthritis and the ramp is very hard with a trolley.

A 90 year old lady approached me.

She was very upset that she has to get a trolley down that ramp. She has to take a small basket on wheels and it is still hard for her.

Another man told me that the whole lift has to be replaced and that is why it is taking so long.

Why it does take so long?

SOURCE:
Email, 2 Apr 2026
Carol Richardson, Umina

The fortunes of democracy

Author John Keane says the task of discussing the changing contemporary fortunes of democracy is "formidable".

I am still dealing with the puzzle of candidates at the last Local Government election, purporting to represent a ward then "jumping ship" to vote as a block post-election.

All the advertisements claimed they would comply with representative democracy.

What do voters see at election-time apart from plenty of placards advertising political parties and how-to-vote handouts?

Representative democracy has been lost in the purpose of an election.

Claims of governing for the future are an outright fallacy.

Decisions made for the future rest in the hands of local residents and local community organisations, not in the chamber in Wyong in the hands of self-interest councillors.

How many councillors genuinely represent West Ward?

Volunteers from community organisations should stand beside candidate volunteers at all elections to ensure councillor involvement in local democracy.

The emphasis should be on representative democracy, with the involvement of the Electoral Commission and the power to enforce non-compliance.

SOURCE:
Letter, 27 Mar 2026
Norm Harris, Umina

Have lifeguards all year

Soon our swimming season will come to an end.

That is to say, the Council lifeguards will no longer patrol the beaches, leaving swimmers the choice of staying out of the water until next spring, or going in the water and feeling unsafe.

"So what?" you may say.

"We are lucky to have red and yellow flags at our beaches for half the year."

But what about the tourists?

More and more people are choosing to holiday on the Central Coast, and not just at Christmas.

Statistically tourists are the biggest losers in beach safety outcomes, the ones who most need the help of our lifeguards.

"Ah. But the cost.

"Who's going to pay for all these off-season lifeguards?"

The answer of course is that they are already paid year-round.

Not to take a five month vacation, heaven forbid.

No, they are gainfully employed

as unskilled labourers, sent out on work teams.

In what world is this allowed to happen?

The topsy-turvy world of Central Coast Council, where ratepayers are asked to dig ever deeper in our pockets in exchange for the bare minimum.

While we, the Central Coast beachgoers, get ready to farewell our lifeguards, we can't help but feel a sense of loss.

Yes, we will continue to come down to the beach because winter is the best season for walking on the sand, but most of us won't swim.

I for one don't want to end up as a statistic.

Finally, as a Peninsula resident, I have often wondered why Pearl Beach, with its heaps of tourists and often treacherous surf, has no lifeguard? At all?.

SOURCE:
Email, 3 Apr 2026
Jane Hendy, Blackwall



Exhibition of print and fibre works at Ettalong gallery

An exhibition of print and fibre works by Marty Nuku, inspired by coastal life and fleeting memory, will be held at the Bay Gallery, Ettalong, during April.

"Drawing on shoreline, weather, and time, the works explore how moments are softened, leaving quiet traces rather than fixed

narratives," said Ms Nuku.

"Earthy, tactile processes, stitched, layered, and worn, echo the rhythms of tide and touch.

"Grounded and contemplative, the exhibition invites viewers to pause and reflect."

SOURCE:
Media release, 1 Apr 2026
Marty Nuku, Bay Gallery

Sustainable living festival planned for October

The Woytopia sustainable living festival will be held this year on Sunday, October 11.

Applications have opened for stalls, to perform music, to facilitate a talk and to help organise the festival.

"Woytopia celebrates sustainable living on the Woy Woy Peninsula with green and gardening talks and presentations," said organiser Mr Julian Bowker from the Peninsula Environment Group.

He said there will be an "ecomarket", expected to have more than 50 stalls including organic produce, clothes and bodycare, and solar panels.

There would also be music and children's entertainment.

The festival is run by volunteers, with most musicians, speakers and stallholders being local residents.

Anyone interested in being part of the event should contact Julian at info@woytopia.org.

SOURCE:
Social media, 20 Mar 2026
Julian Bowker, Peninsula Environment Group



Scottish-born Canadian to play at folk club

Scottish-born Canadian Tony McManus will play at the Troubadour Folk Club at the Everglades Country Club at 2pm on Sunday, April 19.

"Having first tried his hand at the fiddle, whistle and mandolin, he took up the guitar aged 10, although subsequent academic inclinations got him halfway through a PhD in maths before the music finally won out," said folk club president Mr Michael Fine.

"His playing draws on traditions from the entire Celtic diaspora – Scotland, Ireland, Brittany, Galicia, Asturias, Cape Breton, Quebec – along with still further-ranging flavours, such as jazz and east European music."

Tony will share the afternoon with the Australian guitarist Marcus Sturrock.

"As one of the known pioneers of intricate guitar body percussion, Marcus occasionally incorporates percussive beats on the guitar's body while playing.

"He's also an awesome, guitarist, studio musician and recording studio manager."

Bookings can be made through the club's website, www.troubadour.org.au.

For further information, phone 02 4342 6716.

SOURCE:
Media release, 1 Apr 2026
Michael Fine, Troubadour Central Coast



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Education



Five boys and five girls progress in soccer

Five boys and five girls from Peninsula schools have been selected at soccer trials held by the Southern Central Coast Primary School Sports Association to go on to combined zone trials next term.

The girls were Maeve Watson, Rae Gallagher and Maya Buckley from Woy Woy South, and Georgie Dean and Everlie Battley from Umina Beach.

The boys were Talis Rainbow

Scott, Rory Gallagher and Alfie Oxenham from Woy Woy South, Johnny-Ray Brown from Umina Beach and Alfons West from Ettalong.

"The skill, behaviour and fair play of both the boys and girls was outstanding, making it a really hard selection process," said zone football convenor teacher Mr Dave Jackson from Umina Beach.

SOURCE:
Social media, 3 Mar 2026
Southern Central Coast Primary School Sports Association



Christmas wreath winners announced

A Woy Woy shopping centre has announced the winners of its Christmas wreath decorating competition.

Deepwater Plaza centre manager Mr Paul Savelberg said the competition celebrated the creativity and talent of local school students across the Peninsula.

Ettalong Public School was awarded the top prize of \$1000, after "their wreath captured the hearts of shoppers and visitors throughout December and January".

The school received the highest number of votes from the community for its wreath's originality and execution.

Woy Woy South Public School

received second prize of \$500 for their wreath, which also resonated with the public during the voting period.

The competition attracted entries from six local schools: Woy Woy Public School, Woy Woy South Public School, St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School and Ettalong Public School, as well as from Kincumber Public School, and Pretty Beach Public School.

Mr Savelberg said the competition exemplified the centre's ongoing commitment to supporting local schools and the community.

SOURCE:
Media release, 9 Mar 2026
Paul Savelberg, Deepwater Plaza

Apply for student exchange program

The Rotary Club of Umina Beach is encouraging young people to apply to be part of next year's Rotary Youth Exchange program.

"This is a life changing opportunity," said club president Mr Dave Tanare.

"Would you like to spend the whole of 2027 in another country going to school, living with a local family, exploring a new country, making international friends for life?"

An online information session will be held on Thursday, May 7, with applications closing on May 15.

Registration for the session is required.

SOURCE:
Social media, 30 Mar 2026
Rotary Umina Beach



Bus safety lesson at Woy Woy

Woy Woy Public School students had a bus safety lesson last week.

Students from Years K-2 were taught about bus safety by school bus operator Busways.

The lesson included both a classroom presentation and experience on the bus, including a

ride around the Peninsula.

"It was a fun and valuable experience for everyone involved," said school principal Ms Sandy Knowles.

"The students loved the little excursion."

SOURCE:
Social media, 25 Mar 2026
Woy Woy Public School

Puzzle club started on student suggestion

Woy Woy South Public School will introduce a puzzle club with number and word puzzles, following a student's suggestion to principal Mr Matt Barr.

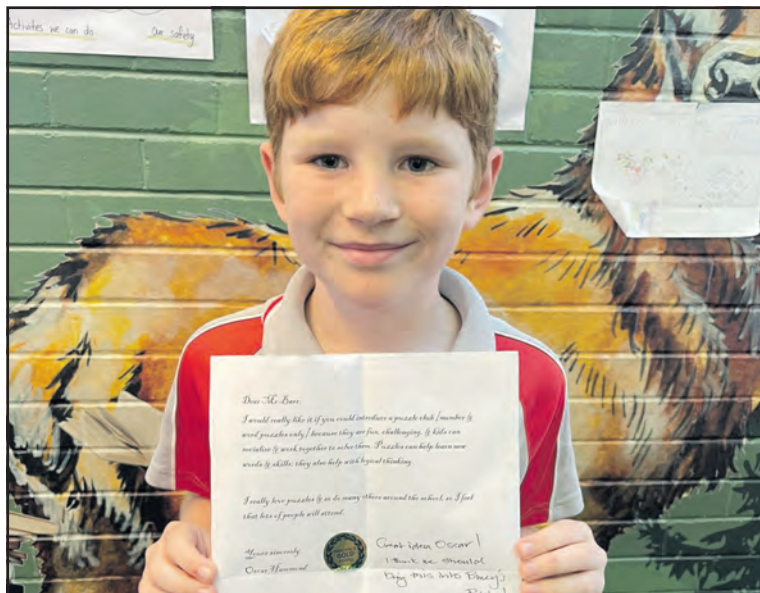
Oscar Hammond wrote a letter to Mr Barr expressing his idea to have a puzzle club at school.

"I would really like it if you could introduce a puzzle club (number and word puzzles only) because they are fun, challenging and kids can socialise and work together to solve them.

"Puzzles can help learn word and skills.

"They also help with logical thinking.

"I really love puzzles and so do many others around the school, so I feel that lots of people will attend." Mr Barr responded: "Great idea Oscar." Puzzles have now been



made available in the school's lunch-time play area known as Bluey's Patch.

SOURCE:
Social media, 27 Mar 2026
Woy Woy South Public School

Year 11 students visit parliament trials

A group of Year 11 students from Woy Woy campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College has visited Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch in State Parliament.

The visit was part of the Legal Studies and the Legislature program.

Ms Tesch said: "It is always inspiring to see young people engaging with our democracy and learning firsthand how Parliament works."

SOURCE:
Social media, 25 Mar 2026
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford



Volunteers wanted for junior rugby union

Volunteers are wanted for Woy Woy Junior Rugby Union as assistant referees, ground marshalls, First Aid officers and for the canteen.

"We need as many volunteers as possible to make it easier for all parents each week," said club vice-president Ms Bianca Plunkett Gooley.

"We need one to two volunteers for the canteen for half an hour before home games." Registered volunteers were also wanted as assistant referee, ground marshall and First Aid officer.

"A quick course needs to be done for accreditation," she said.

The First Aid officer was required for home game days only, with a current First Aid certificate was required but also "knowledge of concussion protocols" which

was part of the online accreditation course.

"We cannot take to the field without these roles filled every week.

"It would be great for managers and coaches not to have to beg every week, plus it allows all parents the opportunity to watch their kids play on most weeks during the season." The season starts next weekend, April 11 and 12.

The club was advised that there was a delay in some sizes of socks and polo shirts due to the war in the Middle East.

For further information, phone 0402 651 780.

SOURCE:
Social media, 31 Mar 2026
Bianca Plunkett Gooley, Woy Woy Junior Rugby Union



Tennis cancelled with forecast for rain

Social tennis was cancelled at Woy Woy Tennis Club on Saturday afternoon, April 4.

"The courts are pretty damp. The forecast is for increasing showers."

SOURCE:
Social media, 4 Apr 2026
Woy Woy Tennis Club



Championship for novice and rookie bridge pairs

The Brisbane Water Bridge Club Championship for Novice and Rookie Pairs attracted 16 pairs, who fought it out over two Wednesdays, March 25 and April 1.

Carolynne Mucharsky and Tracey Dillon had a good win with a two per cent buffer at the close of play.

Their results were very consistent with scores of 59 per cent and 60 per cent.

Second were Anne Birt and Merilyn Reid and third were Bob Lowry and Dieter Mucharsky.

The Rookie Championship was also part of this event and was taken out by Phoebe Tang and Brian Poon.

Kevin Hughes officiated over the event.

Club Novice and Rookie Pairs overall results were:

1 Tracey Dillon, Carolynne Mucharsky 58.93 (session one), 60.46 (session two), (119.39 total), 0.76 green points.

2 Anne Birt, Merilyn Reid 58.33, 59.18 (117.52), 0.53.

3 Bob Lowry, Dieter Mucharsky 58.33, 48.98 (107.31), 0.38.

4 John Adams, Merran Adams 49.70, 56.89 (106.59), 0.25.

5 John Drew, Denyse Stephens 54.17, 51.79 (105.95), 0.19.

6 Wendy Byrne, Spider Redgold 51.79, 52.30 (104.08), 0.15.

7 Caroline Nichols, Connie Lewis 52.08, 51.28 (103.36), 0.13.

8 Philip Harper, Meryl Duke 44.64, 55.36 (100.00), 0.11.

9 Brian Poon, Phoebe TangR 42.26, 56.12 (98.38).

10 Carolyn Girdwood, Annette ClarkeR 52.98, 45.15 (98.13).

11 Carolyn Harper, Roz Laws 50.00, 47.70 (97.70).

12 Michael Hall, Jude HallR 50.89, 41.33 (92.22).

13 Jenni Murray, Julie BarkerR 48.51, 43.37 (91.88).

14 Roz Harvey, Vickie BettsR 41.67, 46.68 (88.35).

15 Susan Ashley, Karen Jamieson 49.11, 35.97 (85.08).

16 Ros Lunday, Margaret HockleyR 36.61, 47.45 (84.06).

SOURCE:
Social media, 2 Apr 2026
Brisbane Water Bridge Club

AGM for little aths

Woy Woy Peninsula Little Athletics will hold its annual general meeting at 11am on Sunday, May 17, at its McEvoy Oval clubhouse.

It will be followed by presentations.

The club is looking to fill its committee for the 2026-27 season.

Everyone, "new and old", is welcome to apply, with nominations required for each position.

SOURCE:
Social media, 31 Mar 2026
Woy Woy Peninsula Little Athletics

Ettalong Bowling Club's monthly charity bowls day will held at the Everglades Country Club while renovations are under way at the Ettalong club.

The charity bowls day is held on the third Sunday of each month, with proceeds going to Central Coast Kids In Need.

With the refurbishment of the Springwood Ave club well underway, a decision was made to move the event to Everglades Country Club while the work proceeds.

"Approved by the Everglades board, the monthly event will continue to run at Everglades from Sunday, April 19," said Everglades Men's Bowls secretary Mr Grant Ireland.

"The registration time has moved to 9am for a 9:30am start.

"Everyone is welcome, regardless of experience and equipment and instruction can be provided.

"The cost is \$10 to play, which may include a light lunch when the marquee at Everglades is



available.

"All proceeds will go to the charity."

Mr Ireland said the Everglades County Club would supply the green space and waive playing fees.

Everglades Men's Bowls would also be donating to the charity, he said.

Entry sheets are available both in the old bowls office at Everglades

and at the Ettalong Bowling Club.

With queries, contact Grant Ireland, event organiser John Orme or leave a message on the Everglades Bowls Office answering machine on 4341 1089.

Pictured are Grant Ireland and John Orme.

SOURCE:
Media release, 2 Apr 2026
Grant Ireland, Everglades Men's Bowls

Bowling arm tournament held at Umina

The Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club held its Open Graded Pairs Bowling Arm Tournament on Saturday, April 4.

Bowlers from across the Coast competed in the event.

Despite the forecast rain, the tournament was completed as scheduled.

The event winners were: First were a composite team of L Johnston and W Brooks, 3W +42.

Second were another composite team of D Lawrence

and A Capararo, 3W +40.

Third was an Everglades team of G Clarke and K Hughes, 3W +19.

Fourth was an Entrance team of D Winton and P Hain, 2W +17.

A consolation prize went to the Bateau Bay team of S Tonkin and A Hemming.

Pictured with the winning team was Mr Bruce Croft of the Ettalong Bendigo Bank branch.

SOURCE:
Social media, 4 Apr 2026
Peter Springett, UBMC



Sport

Life savers receive medals for 15 years' service

A total of 16 members of Umina and Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Clubs have received National Medals for 15 years' service.

Umina surf club recipients were Christine Bishop, David Bishop, Richard Braddish, Simon Darwin, Ashlee Dean, Carl Krucler, Karen Murphy, Steven Murphy, Robert Paterson, Brett Whyte, Gary Wilson and Shelley Smith.

Ocean Beach surf club members were Aaron Camp, Mary Grimmond, Louise Lambeth and

Shane Oakes.

They were among 357 surf lifesavers recognised with National Medals in Surf Life Saving Australia National Medal Batch 55 and 56.

The National Medal was described as "a prestigious part of the Australian honours system, which celebrates individuals who have shown sustained and diligent service while protecting the community during emergencies and natural disasters".

SOURCE:
Social media, 1 Apr 2026
Umina Surf Life Saving Club



Bridge played in three quarter Howell movement

A total of 15 pairs signed up for the Brisbane Water Bridge Club Autumn Red Point event, played in a three-quarter Howell movement.

Sue McCall and Pam Joseph took the honours with a comfortable three per cent win.

Second were Judy Wulff and David Adams, with Felicity Fane and Elaine Hume third.

The winners received a shopping voucher.

The club also provided a prize for the best novice duo with less than 50 MPs, which was won by Fiona Galea and Maureen Lockwood.

Results of Autumn Pairs played on March 17 were:

1 Susan McCall, Pamela Joseph 212.6 (65.62 per cent), 0.90 red points.

2 Judy Wulff, David Adams 201.4 (62.15), 0.63.

3 Felicity Fane, Elaine Hume 191.3 (59.03), 0.45.

4 Barry Foster, Sylvia Foster 176.6 (54.51), 0.30.

5 Christine Hadaway, Donelle Foate 169.9 (52.43), 0.23.

6 Lynne Rainford, Hilary Owen 167.0 (51.54), 0.18.

7 Meg McGregor, Robyn Serra 164.0 (50.62), 0.15.

8 Qi Hasemore, Edith Marshall 162.0 (50.00).

9 Margaret Driscoll, Stephen Calcroft 156.4 (48.26).

10 Gai Mylne, Helen White 150.8 (46.53).

11 Jim Routledge, Chris Hasemore 150.0 (46.30).

12 Janice Donohoe, Philip Harper 148.5 (45.83).

13 Joan Walsh, Deborah Guthrie 142.0 (43.83).

14 Marilyn Jarrett, Jenny Buckley 137.0 (42.28).

15 Maureen Lockwood, Fiona Galea 113.0 (34.88).

SOURCE:
Social media, 18 Mar 2026
Brisbane Water Bridge Club

Turn Around Triples held at Umina

Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club held its Turn Around Triples event on Monday, March 30, with 28 teams from around the Central Coast and one from The Hills.

Winners were the Everglades

team of Rita Farkash, Bev McFarlane and Maureen Carlyle, with three wins, 23 ends, and a margin of 29.

Second was the Umina Team of Lynne Gordon, Judy Brown and Judith Moroney with three wins, 18 ends, and a margin of 17.

Third was the Ettalong Team of

Sheena Black, Rhonda Keenan and Trisha Eckford with three wins, 16 ends, and a margin of 14.

Mystery prize winners were the Ettalong Team of Suzanne Wailes, Fran Scarera and Jennifer Rogers.

SOURCE:
Social media, 30 Mar 2026
Lesley Swales

Kai wins medals at State age champs

Woy Woy Swim Club member Kai Evans has won three medals and recorded a fourth placing in the NSW Youth State Age Championships in Sydney recently.

He won silver medals in the 12 Years Boys 400m and 200m freestyle events, and a bronze in the 100m.

He was fourth in the 50m freestyle.

Two other club members were first time youth state qualifiers.

The club also entered a 11-12 Years Girls freestyle relay team.

Coach Michelle Whyte said she could not be happier, with the hard work and training they had put in.

SOURCE:
Social media, 24 Mar 2026
Woy Woy Swim Club



Bowlers hold day for Family of League

A day has been held at Ettalong Bowling Club to raise funds for the Family of League Foundation.

Despite the uncertain weather, the rain held off and the bowlers held a friendly game.

Many contributed to the funds raised and volunteers prepared "a delicious lunch and helped make the day so memorable".

SOURCE:
Social media, 24 Mar 2026
Ettalong Bowling Club



Final disabled surfing event for season

The Central Coast Disabled Surfers Association will hold their final "Smiles on Dials" event of the season at Umina Beach on Saturday, April 11.

More than 200 volunteers attended the March event.

Large numbers of volunteers are needed to make this surfing experience safe and enjoyable.

Interested volunteers should

register prior to the event at <https://bit.ly/11thApril2026> Volunteering consists of helping participants in and out of the water, and setting up and cleaning up.

They do not need to know how to surf although water skills are highly valued.

SOURCE:
Social media, 23 Mar 2026
Ocean Beach SLSC