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SOURCE: Email, 10 Apr 2026 Jan Shaw, Ettalong

## Five-storey Esplanade development is approved

A five-storey mixed-use development with basement parking has been approved by the Land and Environment Court for 43-46 The Esplanade, Ettalong.

The Court ratified an agreement, reached between the applicant, Parform Pty Ltd, and Central Coast Council, for a development with 37 apartments and five shops on Thursday, April 2.

The development application was lodged in 2024 and placed on public exhibition in October and November that year.

The approved plan reduces the number units, changes the mix of bedroom sizes, increases the total number of beds, decreases the number of shops, increases the number of car spaces, and reduces the gross floor area from the numbers proposed in the original application.

It also reduces the number of units with solar access.

However, the external size and appearance of the building remains substantially the same as in the original application.

The application followed a rezoning approval in 2023 to allow the height, despite a 6000-signature petition objecting.

After Central Coast Council had failed to make a decision on the development application within 40 days, the applicant lodged an appeal with the court, claiming a

“deemed refusal”.

The court arranged a “conciliation conference” on site on September 1 last year.

This was terminated on November 27 and the matter listed for hearing.

The written decision by Commissioner Danielle Dickson states that “Prior to the commencement of the hearing the parties advised the Court they had reached agreement.

“The Court arranged a further conciliation conference, which was held on March 6.

“I presided over the further conciliation conference.”

The agreed plan reduces the number units from 39 to 37.

It changes the mix of bedroom sizes, deleting two one-bed apartment, reducing the number of two-bedroom apartments from 27 to 22 two-bed, and increases the number of three-bedroom apartments from nine to 14.

A single four-bed apartment remains.

The plan increases the total number of beds from 87 to 90.

It decreases the number of shops from six to five.

It increases the number of car spaces from 57 to 59, but reduces residential parking from 40 spaces to 38 in basement parking.

It increases the number of commercial car spaces from 17 to 21 at ground level, increasing the ratio from one space for every 40

square metres of commercial floor area, to one space for every 30 square metres.

This ratio allows the commercial areas to be used as shops, rather than being restricted to use as “commercial” or office premises.

The total gross floor area is reduced by just under five per cent from 5543 square metres and a floor space ratio of 1.75:1 to 5280 square metres for a floor space ratio of 1.66:1.

Compliance with solar access requirements has been reduced from 71.8 per cent to 59.5 per cent, 22 out of 37 units.

Guidelines require 70 per cent compliance but the approved plans state that the 60 per cent compliance is acceptable due to the “unique context” of the site, where the primary outlook is toward the water to the south.

The Commissioner said she had an obligation to ratify the agreement reached by the parties as long as it was “one that the Court can make in the proper exercise of its functions”.

“As presiding Commissioner, I am satisfied that the decision is one that the Court can make in the proper exercise of its functions.”

SOURCE: Land and Environment Court, 2 Apr 2026 [2026] NSWLEC 1162, Parform Pty Ltd v Central Coast Council

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## Council to hold water and sewer stall

**Central Coast Council will hold a stall in Woy Woy on Thursday to gather feedback on customer values and priorities for its water and sewerage services.**

The stall will be held from 1:30pm to 5:30pm on Thursday, April 23, at Deepwater Plaza shopping centre.

The feedback will be used to "confirm what matters most to our community and ensures future planning, investment and water and sewer services reflect your priorities as we head into the next IPART determination period", according to the Council's consultation website, Your Voice

Our Coast.

"IPART are responsible for setting fair prices for water, sewerage and stormwater drainage and holding water authorities accountable for their services.

"As part of this price setting, we are required to be accountable and transparent about how money is spent and ensure we are putting our customers first in everything we do.

"By having your say, our report to IPART will reflect our community and customers, which will in turn impact the pricing and requirements set by IPART in the future."

The consultation, entitled

"Shaping our Future Water Services 2026", contains no details of water or sewerage infrastructure or performance measures, and does not ask about stormwater.

However, previous water and sewer engagement reports from 2022 and 2023 are provided.

Residents are asked to complete a survey to list "values" in order of priority for each of water and sewerage services.

The values are affordability, environmental focus, clean water quality, reliable services, transparency and education, and effective planning.

**SOURCE:**  
 Website, 16 Apr 2026  
 YourVoiceOurCoast

## Associate professor talks on invertebrate biodiversity

**Associate Professor Tanya Latty will speak about Invertebrate Biodiversity in Pearl Beach from 1:30pm to 3:30pm on Sunday, May 17.**

The talk will be for 40 minutes plus questions in the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall, followed by a nature walk through the Pearl Beach Arboretum cottage where afternoon tea will be served.

Associate Professor Latty is an entomologist with a special interest in insect behaviour and ecology.

She has a Bsc in Biology and Environmental Science and a PhD

in insect ecology, and describes herself as passionate about insect conservation, behaviour and ecology.

She will also talk about the use of the app iNaturalist, an online platform where people share biodiversity information to help each other learn about nature.

It serves as a crowd-sourced species identification system and a tool for recording sightings of plants, animals and fungi

**SOURCE:**  
 Social media, 18 Apr 2026  
 Pearl Beach Arboretum

## Drop off 'eligible containers'

**Woy Woy Peninsula Community Garden is calling for donations of "eligible recycling containers".**

The containers can be dropped off at the garden at 85 Moana St, Woy Woy, on the second Saturday of the month between 9:30am and 11:30am.

**SOURCE:**  
 Social media, 9 Apr 2026  
 Woy Woy Peninsula Community Garden

## April rainfall falls behind average

**Halfway through April, the Peninsula has had 38.5mm of rain, just one quarter of the average rainfall for the month of 157mm.**

This rain was recorded in the first seven days of the month.

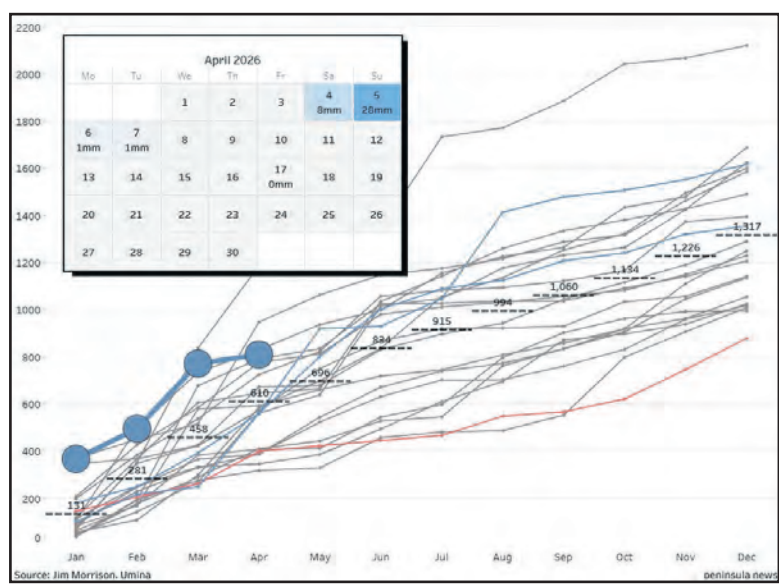
No further rain fell in the 10 days to Friday, April 17.

The cumulative total for the year is currently 807.2mm.

This is more than a third (34.5 per cent) above the average at the end of April of 600mm.

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

**SOURCE:**  
 Spreadsheet, 17 Apr 2026  
 Jim Morrison, Umina



	Mon, Apr 20	Thu, Apr 23	Sun, Apr 26	Wed, Apr 29	Sat, May 2
<b>TIDE</b>	0517 0.16	0053 1.18	0423 1.05	0119 0.26	0324 0.26
<b>TIMES</b>	1045 0.88	0835 0.20	1130 0.19	0658 0.98	0856 0.86
<b>and</b>	1633 0.19	1406 0.71	1727 0.85	1329 0.21	1448 0.25
<b>Heights</b>	2257 1.31	1923 0.31	2322 0.30	1928 1.08	2108 1.20
	Tue, Apr 21	Fri, Apr 24	Mon, Apr 27	Thu, Apr 30	Sun, May 3
<b>TIDE</b>	0618 0.17	0201 1.12	0522 1.03	0205 0.26	0400 0.26
<b>TIMES</b>	1145 0.80	0939 0.20	1215 0.19	0739 0.95	0933 0.82
<b>and</b>	1720 0.23	1523 0.72	1813 0.93	1357 0.22	1518 0.26
<b>Heights</b>	2351 1.26	2045 0.33		2001 1.14	2142 1.19
<b>ATTALONG</b>	Wed, Apr 22	Sat, Apr 25	Tue, Apr 28	Fri, May 1	Mon, May 4
<b>TIDE</b>	0726 0.19	0314 1.07	0026 0.28	0246 0.26	0436 0.26
<b>TIMES</b>	1252 0.74	1037 0.19	0613 1.01	0818 0.90	1012 0.78
<b>and</b>	1815 0.27	1631 0.78	1255 0.19	1422 0.24	1551 0.28
<b>Heights</b>		2208 0.33	1852 1.01	2035 1.18	2217 1.17

## Wright aims to have Australian flags in Umina

Cr Jared Wright has successfully moved for a review of Central Coast Council's flag and banner policy.

Cr Wright's motion noted "ongoing concerns from the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and residents of the Umina Beach area around our current flag policy, noting that the Australian flag has not been displayed on Council's street banner infrastructure around Australia Day".

"The goal is to review the policy so that the Australian flag can be flown on Council's banner infrastructure along the main street in Umina Beach," he said.

In a response to Cr Wright's notice of motion, council general manager Mr David Farmer said: "The operational purpose of flag poles and street banner

infrastructure is fundamentally different.

"Street banner infrastructure is primarily designed for temporary promotional banners rather than the ceremonial or permanent display of official flags."

"As part of a policy review, Council could . . . limit the flying of official flags to designated flag poles only, in accordance with National Flag Protocols.

"This would provide clarity that official flags, including the Australian National Flag, are to be flown only on appropriate flag pole infrastructure where dignity, visibility and protocol requirements can be consistently met."

Cr Wright's motion was passed at the March 24 Council meeting.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 13 Apr 2026  
Jared Wright, Central Coast Council



## Ocean Beach Rd intersection work starts

Central Coast Council has purchased the property at 46-48 Ocean Beach Rd, Woy Woy, on the corner of Rawson Rd, in preparation for the intersection upgrade.

It plans to demolish the building, starting with the internal office and mezzanine area next month, and to issue notices of intent to acquire to other properties in line with a 2021 design concept for the intersection.

"The design is now being refined to improve value for money and to further reduce impacts on commercial and residential properties," according to a staff report to the Council's infrastructure and assets committee last Tuesday, April 14.

"The updated concept remains largely consistent with the

design previously shared with the community, with only minor adjustments to the road alignment to improve outcomes.

"The project will require property acquisition to proceed, and a prior Council resolution was obtained for this based on the original design concept."

The completed design concept and a draft Review of Environmental Factors is expected to be completed and available for community consultation in June.

"Due to the adjusted road alignment, some amendments to previously approved property acquisitions and new partial property acquisitions will be required.

"A report outlining these proposed amended and partial acquisitions will be presented to

Council at a future Environment and Planning Committee meeting."

It is expected that notices of intent to acquire to any remaining properties will be issued in July, subject to that report.

"As part of the planning process, early design information has been provided to Transport for NSW to support the necessary review and approval process for proposed traffic signal improvements.

"This is a standard step to ensure any changes meet safety and operational requirements."

A dedicated project team has been set up and recruitment is underway for the next stages.

**SOURCE:**  
Agenda 2.4, 14 Apr 2026  
Infrastructure Assets Committee,  
Central Coast Council

## AMP chief economist to speak to Chamber

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce will host AMP chief economist Mr Shane Oliver at its April Breakfast on April 23.

"Known for explaining complex economic issues in straightforward terms, Shane connects global events with what they mean for people and businesses on the Central Coast," said Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales.

"In this presentation, he will discuss how developments in global markets, geopolitical tensions, inflation, and central bank policy influence the Australian economy and flow through to local communities.

"Attendees will gain a clearer understanding of what current conditions may mean for interest rates, investment markets, business confidence, and household finances.

"Drawing on decades of experience analysing financial markets, Shane will provide a practical perspective on the economic outlook and the key trends likely to shape the year ahead for Australia and the Central Coast."



Mr Wales said his previous appearance at a Chamber event in 2024 attracted strong interest from local business owners and professionals.

The Breakfast will be held at 7am for a 7:30am start on Thursday, April 23, at Margarita Daze, 345 Trafalgar Ave, Umina Beach.

Tickets cost \$45 for Chamber members and \$55 for non-members, plus booking fee.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 10 Apr 2026  
Matthew Wales, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

## The Bays fire brigade helps with burn

Two crews from The Bays Rural Fire Brigade assisted in a hazard reduction burn in the Empire Bay-Killcare area on Thursday, April 16.

They started at 7am and went through to 11:30pm.

The Pearl Beach brigade reported that, as the air cooled in the evening, the smoke was pushed down onto Umina and Pearl Beach.

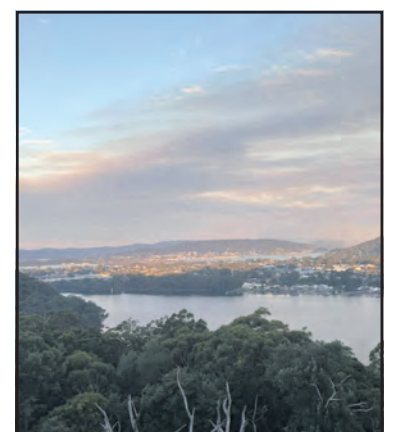
"There are no active fire incidents in our area, at this time,"

the brigade reported.

It advised residents to consult the Hazards Near Me App for information about planned hazard reduction burns as well as incidents in the area.

It said, when reporting fires to Triple Zero (000), "the more accurate the information provided - especially the exact location - the faster crews will be able to attend and investigate".

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 17 Apr 2026  
The Bays Rural Fire Brigade



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Rendering of the corner of Picnic Parade and lane behind development showing entry to residents' carpark

## Esplanade approval retains similar size and appearance

**The five-storey mixed-use development approved by the Land and Environment Court for 43-46 The Esplanade, Ettalong remains substantially the same external size and appearance as the original application.**

Other aspects of the development also remain the same.

The final plans maintain a maximum building height aligned with the 17-metre limit allowed under the rezoning.

It keeps the 12-metre separation between the two towers of the development, to preserve water views from neighbouring properties.

They retain the two-storey podium height, of 8.75m along the frontages before the building steps back for higher levels.

All vehicle access is restricted to the rear laneway with the entry for residential parking near the Picnic Parade end of the laneway and the

access for commercial traffic at the other end.

A 12-metre designated loading bay for waste vehicles is sited in the laneway between the two carpark entries.

The drawings show a total of 9013 cubic metres of soil will be removed for the basement and that its depth will take it below sea level at RL -0.13 metres.

Commissioner Danielle Dickson said she was "satisfied that the submissions have been considered in the determination of the development application by either amendment to the application or by the imposition of conditions of consent."

She went on to say any adverse impact would be avoided to various aspects including the integrity and resilience of the biophysical, hydrological (surface and groundwater) and ecological environment.

Submissions from members of the community had expressed concern with the lack of detail

provided both in the acid sulfate soil and geotechnical reports initially provided with the application.

However, the schedule of documents presented to the court shows that several new reports were produced during the conciliation conference.

The existence of these reports was publicly revealed at the time and were not provided to representatives of the community even though this had been requested.

The Commissioner stated that it was "unlikely" acid sulfate soils were present on the site.

"Notwithstanding, the annexed conditions include conditions requiring the management of such soils in a manner consistent with the ASSMP (Acid Sulfate Soil Management Plan) if they are found during construction.

**SOURCE:**  
Land and Environment Court, 2 Apr 2026  
[2026] NSWLEC 1162, Parform Pty Ltd v Central Coast Council

## Residents' association criticises process which led to approval

**The Peninsula Residents Association has criticised the process which has led to the approval of a five-storey shop-top development at 43-46 The Esplanade, Ettalong.**

Association chair Mr Peter Gillis said Central Coast Council should not have accepted the application without a full geotechnical report on the underground carpark.

He said the Council had failed to notify the developer of the additional document requirements.

This enabled the developer to commence proceedings in the Land and Environment Court based on a "deemed refusal" of the application, he said.

Mr Gillis said the Council rezoned the land from three to five storeys on the basis that there would be no underground carpark, but had failed to formalise this in the council's planning provisions.

Plans were subsequently submitted with underground parking.

The resulting Court Conciliation was resolved in favour of the developer, "with no apparent consideration of the unprecedented community objections to the proposal", he said.

"The Peninsula community is incensed by this outcome, the failure of the Council in its management of this matter, and its total lack of community consideration."

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 20 Apr 2026  
Peter Gillis, PRA

## Esplanade proposal timeline starts in 2019: a seven-year history

**The approval of DA/1283/2024 at 43-46 The Esplanade, Ettalong Beach, has had a seven-year history.**

It started with a planning proposal lodged in 2019.

Below is a timeline showing the planning processes involved.

### 2019

Planning Proposal Lodged: A Planning Proposal (Reference PP 106/2019) is lodged with Central Coast Council to rezone the land from B2 Local Centre to B2 Local Centre with increased height and floor space ratio controls.

### 2021

December 23: A Gateway Determination (Ref: PP-2021-6386) is issued by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment, allowing the planning proposal to proceed.

### 2022

June 30: The proponent makes a formal letter of offer to Council for a Voluntary Planning Agreement, proposing a monetary contribution of \$250,000 for public domain improvements.

Late 2022: The Planning Proposal and a draft site-specific Development Control Plan are placed on public exhibition. The proposal attracts 95 objections, and a petition with almost 2000 signatures.

### 2023

February 28 Council Meeting: Central Coast Council, under Administrator Mr Rik Hart, approves the rezoning of the site. Key approvals included:

1. Amending the Local Environmental Plan to increase the maximum building height from 11.5m to 17m and floor space ratio from 1:1 to 1.75:1, contingent on lot consolidation.

2. Adopting the site-specific Development Control Plan, known as Chapter 5.55 – Ettalong Beach 43-46 The Esplanade.

3. Approving the Voluntary Planning Agreement for the \$250,000 contribution.

4. The revised concept plans indicated the required 52 car parking spaces would be provided at ground level, sleeved behind commercial frontage. The staff report further specified that no basement parking was proposed.

May 24: The voluntary planning agreement is formally executed. In exchange for providing specific public infrastructure works. The applicant Parform Pty Ltd was granted significant uplift in both height and floor space ratio.

### 2024

April 4: A pre-lodgement meeting is held between the developer and Central Coast Council to discuss requirements for the upcoming Development Application, including "shop top housing" definition, flood planning, and acoustic assessments.

July: The Statement of Environmental Effects and accompanying expert reports (Traffic, Waste, Geotechnical) are finalised for the submission.

Mid-late 2024: Development Application (DA/1283/2024) is lodged for the demolition of existing structures and construction of a five-storey mixed-use development comprising 39 residential units, ground floor commercial space, and parking for 57 vehicles.

October 12: The DA is listed as being on public exhibition on the Central Coast Council planning portal. Community submissions objecting to the proposal cite issues such as height, bulk, basement parking impacts on the water table, and overshadowing.

### 2025

August 29: The Council's assessing planner advises that the application remains "substantially incomplete" with a status of "Awaiting Information - Post Lodgement". As of April 19 this year, this status has not been updated.

September 1: A Land and Environment Court Conciliation Conference is scheduled. Community submitters raise procedural fairness concerns regarding the conference proceeding while the application remains incomplete and significant requested information has not been provided by the applicant.

November 27: The conciliation was terminated due to the parties being unable to reach an agreement and the matter was listed for hearing.

### 2026

March 6: Prior to the commencement of the hearing the parties advised the Court they had reached agreement and the Court arranged a further conciliation conference under s34(1) of the LEC Act between the parties, which was held on March 6.

April 2: DA/1283/2024 was approved.

**SOURCE:**  
DA Tracker, 19 Apr 2026  
DA/1283/2024, Central Coast Council

## Employment strategy suggests Woy Woy business park

The economic development committee of Central Coast Council has recommended the adoption of the Central Coast Employment Land Strategy and Background Report following its public exhibition.

It has also recommended its submission to the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure for endorsement.

The report suggests the development of a business park at Woy Woy as an "opportunity", but does not specify where this would be situated.

The report identified seven employment precincts on the Peninsula with another 21 across the rest of the Central Coast.

However, it shows the Peninsula sites include the smallest lot sizes, the highest current development density and the least proportion of unused land.

Altogether the precincts represent 1.1 per cent of the Coast's employment land for a Peninsula population that comprises 11 per cent of the Central Coast population.

The Peninsula has 24.7Ha of land in employment precincts, just 1.1 per cent of the total 2190Ha on the Central Coast.

The Peninsula has only 1.95Ha vacant land in "employment precincts", less than 0.2 per cent of the total 714Ha vacant across the Central Coast.

Despite this, it states that Woy Woy is one of five "strategic centres" around which future

employment and population growth is to be concentrated.

This is inconsistent with the rest of the report and appears to conflict with the draft Local Strategic Planning Statement that projects just a one per cent population growth for the Peninsula over the next 20 years.

The average lot size in Alma Ave, Woy Woy, was the lowest of any employment precinct on the Coast, at just 489 square metres.

"Blackwall Rd North" and Alma Ave had the highest floor space ratios of all employment precincts, with ratios of 0.74:1 and 0.63:1 respectively, more than double the region's average of 0.3:1.

Six of the Peninsula's precincts – Ocean Beach Rd, Blackwall Rd North, Alma Ave, Blackwall, Nagari Rd and Rawson Rd - were in the smallest seven precincts in the "southern" Central Coast, none of them being greater than 4.1Ha in size.

All were categorised as local which "provide urban and other services that support the local community".

The other precinct, the mushroom farm (old abattoir) site at South Woy Woy of 14Ha was described as regional – "supply and demand pressures make it regionally significant".

The report was prepared by consultants Hill PDA, the same consultants engaged for the council's housing strategy study.

**SOURCE:**  
**Agenda 2.2, 7 Apr 2026**  
**Economic Development Committee,**  
**Central Coast Council**



## Pearl Beach Dr closed for five hours after truck accident

**Pearl Beach Dr was closed for five hours from 6pm on Friday, April 10, for the recovery of a truck which left the road and rolled at around midday.**

It was estimated that up to 80 cars waited on Patonga Dr for the road to re-open.

Crews from Fire and Rescue NSW, NSW Ambulance, police and Central Coast Council attended the accident soon after it occurred.

The driver was reported to have escaped serious injury but was taken to hospital with soft tissue damage and "some broken bones".

Traffic control was put in place until 4pm to allow crews to make the area safe, to clear debris and manage a fuel leak.

A 100-tonne crane was brought in and the road closed from 6pm to recover the truck.

The work was initially estimated

to take three hours, but extended beyond this due to "the complex nature of the recovery" despite crews "working as quickly as safety allows", according to the Pearl Beach fire brigade.

The road re-opened at 10:54pm, with emergency workers still active in the area.

Motorists were asked to follow their direction and to drive cautiously with "some oil and debris" still on the road.

Later, it was reported that the truck had experienced brake failure.

According to the Pearl Beach Progress Association: "The driver managed to avoid head-on collisions with two vehicles as he descended Pearl Beach Dr.

"He crashed into the tree at the bottom of the hill in order to stop the truck before it entered a residential area.

"By all accounts his fast thinking

and actions were exceptional and he is very lucky to have walked away from the incident."

Driver Mr Shane Ross apologised in a social media post for the inconvenience he had caused.

He thanked local residents who were at the scene before emergency services arrived.

"Thank you so much to the locals who helped me.

"Just having people there who made me comfortable was all I needed at the time.

"I don't remember much after crawling out of the truck.

"I tried my hardest to change the situation I was in, from brake failure, but nothing worked," he said.

**SOURCE:**  
**Social media, 10 Apr 2026**  
**Pearl Beach brigade, NSW RFS**  
**Social media, 12 Apr 2026**  
**Pearl Beach Progress Association**

## WHAT'S ON at ETTALONG BOWLING CLUB

Ettalong Bowling Club warmly invites the community to come together this ANZAC Day for a special Flagpole Ceremony, held on the club premises at 1:00pm on Saturday, 25th April 2026.

This is a tradition we are proud to continue, as we honour and express our gratitude to the brave souls who fought for our freedom.

### Lest We Forget

Both Alfresco Brasserie and Harry's Restaurant will be open, so you can enjoy lunch or stay on for dinner. Tickets on sale from 5pm for our Club Raffles, drawn a 6.15pm.

Entertainment is back! Starting on Mother's Day from 1.30pm with Maryanne Rex performing in the Auditorium. Check out our Club app or website for upcoming events.

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**Arts**

## Little Theatre presents David Williamson play

**Woy Woy Little Theatre will present the play Aria by David Williamson over three weekends in May.**

One afternoon, a family gathering, a special event, is taking place in the piano room of Monique's opulent home.

"The atmosphere is charged with ego and discord as long suppressed grievances find their way to the surface," said director Mr Graham Vale.

'Monique is a beacon of unremitting power whose assertive dominance is a cover for deep fault lines in her relationships.

"She sacrificed her belief of international operatic stardom for the duties of motherhood.

"Aria centres around Monique

and her three daughters-in-law, complex intelligent female roles.

"It positions them opposite her sons, deeply-flawed male characters who have enjoyed immense economic privilege."

The cast of seven is Monique played by Christine Vale, Midge played by Jessica Dawson, Charlie played by Paul Karton, Chrissie played by Kelli Ward, Liam played by Chad Davis, Judy played by Julie Black and Daniel played by Daniel Prestipino.

The play opens at Peninsula Theatre on Friday, May 8, with 10 performances over three weekends.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 8 Apr 2026  
Graham Vale, Woy Woy Little Theatre

## Local author talks about his latest thriller

**Umina author Mr Sean Richardson will hold a talk about his latest crime thriller on Friday, April 24, at Umina Beach Library.**

He will discuss "Deception under Maltese Skies" and why he sets his books on the island of Malta where Europe meets Africa.

"Malta sits at the crossroads of the Mediterranean and is renowned for its sunshine and fascinating history but in the shadows, lurks present danger and a dark past," he said.

His previous book, The Maltese Web, was released in 2023 and an author talk at the library in 2024 attracted 40 people, filling the library's space to capacity.

Deception under Maltese Skies

is a prequel to The Maltese Web and another Marica Debono thriller.

The story follows Marica who has spent her career chasing financial criminals.

"She has just helped convict one of the most powerful businessmen on Malta.

But as she is about to celebrate, she's told he has been cleared and she is under investigation.

"She realises that the only way she can clear her name is to prove he is the criminal.

"She has turned from the hunter to become the hunted.

"As she tries to clear her name, she finds out everything is not as it seems."

Places at the author talk may be reserved at the library or by phone



on 4304 7333.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 7 Apr 2026  
Sean Richardson, Umina

## Artists and volunteers wanted for The Bays Art Show

### Succulent driftwood

**A workshop about succulent driftwood arrangement will be held at Umina Beach Library from 10am to 12pm on Thursday, April 30.**

Those attending will be guided through a step-by-step process for creating their own driftwood succulent arrangement by experienced

growers and florists.

Experts will share their knowledge of growing and caring for succulents.

At the end of the class, conducted by Susan's Succulents, everyone will take home a completed succulent artwork "which will last for years".

Bookings are essential with tickets costing \$15.50.

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

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 20 Feb 2026  
Library Services, Central Coast Council

**Artists and volunteers are wanted for The Bays Art Show to be held at The Bays Community Hall from Friday to Sunday, May 29 to 31.**

The show is billed as "a celebration of local talent, the Bays Community Art Show which brings together artists from across the region in a vibrant showcase of creativity, connection, and community spirit".

Organised by The Bays Community Group, entry is now

open with artists invited to submit their forms now.

"Edit your artwork details later if needed."

They have been asked to keep in mind that smaller works priced under \$500 tend to be the best sellers.

The art show is the Community Group's biggest event of the year and "goes a long way in keeping the lights on and paying ever-increasing bills".

It has called for volunteers to operate the cafe over the weekend

and to offer food donations. Opening night will be held from 7pm on Friday, May 29, with tickets on sale soon.

The art show will be open from 10am to 4pm on both Saturday and Sunday, May 30 and 31.

Entry is by gold coin donation.

The hall is located at 19 Woy Woy Bay Rd, Woy Woy Bay

Email thebaysemail@gmail.com for further information.

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 5 Apr 2026  
The Bays Community Group

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## Swampies to run free clinic

Volunteers from the Swampies social golf group will run a free “paragolfer” clinic from 1pm to 2pm tomorrow, Tuesday, April 21, at Everglades Country Club.

They will explain a piece of equipment that allows people with a wide range of disabilities “to have the full golfing experience”.

It’s designed to be user-friendly and adaptable, making golf more inclusive and accessible for everyone.

The clinic will provide the opportunity to learn more, try the paragolfer, and see how it can make a difference.



SOURCE:

Social media, 14 Apr 2026  
Everglades Country Club

## Men’s Shed says get vaccinated

Umina Beach Men’s Shed is urging its members to organise a current influenza vaccine “without delay” and to check on their covid vaccination status.

“It would appear the current flu virus travelling around Australia is pretty savage and invasive, in terms of numbers of patients, percentage of hospitalization, and numbers of deaths,” according to the latest Men’s Shed newsletter.

“The professional medical advice is to take on a flu vaccine without delay, especially if you are over 65.

“Your doctor and most pharmacies offer a vaccination service.”

Newsletter editor Mr Vic Brown said: “Our suggestion is if you haven’t had a recent flu jab is to get onto it chop chop.

“Covid is also well alive and active around the Peninsula at the moment.

“So check up how long ago it was that you had the last covid vaccination.

“Talk with the medics and make sure your protection is fully up to date.”

Mr Brown said that, at the Shed, hand washing, keeping mugs clean and separate, food handling and hygiene practices were “top of mind”.

SOURCE:

Newsletter, 7 Apr 2026  
Vic Brown, Umina Beach Men’s Shed

## Organic food group seeks new members

A Peninsula-based organic food-buying community group is looking for new members.

The Peninsula Environment Group’s food network is a member-run, non-profit group that buys organic and chemical-free food at wholesale prices.

It is based in Woy Woy, having members from the Peninsula and surrounding areas.

“We buy food wholesale and members share the workload,” said co-ordinator Mr Elliot Stanton.

“That allows us to buy organic food at what we believe are the cheapest possible prices.

“A few members have left the area, so there’s an opportunity for new people to join,” he said.

Mr Stanton said the group, which has been running since 2008, had two categories of membership.

Active members helped sort and pack food orders, while non-active members paid a small order fee and had their food packed for them.

“Members can choose which category suits them best,” he said.

“Active membership is a bit cheaper, and you get to meet other

group members during the food-packing sessions, so it’s a bit more social.

“Non-active membership means you can just swing by and collect your food.

“It’s great if you’re working on a Monday, which is when we pack the fresh food.

“And it’s still cheaper than buying organic food anywhere else.”

Members ordered exactly what they wanted.

Orders for fresh food, such as fruit, vegetables and eggs, were taken fortnightly.

Four dry food orders were taken each year, and orders were taken occasionally for things like organic wine and toilet paper, he said.

The group bought from local producers if possible or from Sydney wholesalers if there was no local chemical-free supplier.

The Peninsula Environment Group also runs the Woytopia sustainable living festival, a nature play group and other local environmental projects.

More information is available online at [pegfoodnetwork.org](http://pegfoodnetwork.org).

SOURCE:

Media release, 16 Apr 2026  
Mark Mann, PEG

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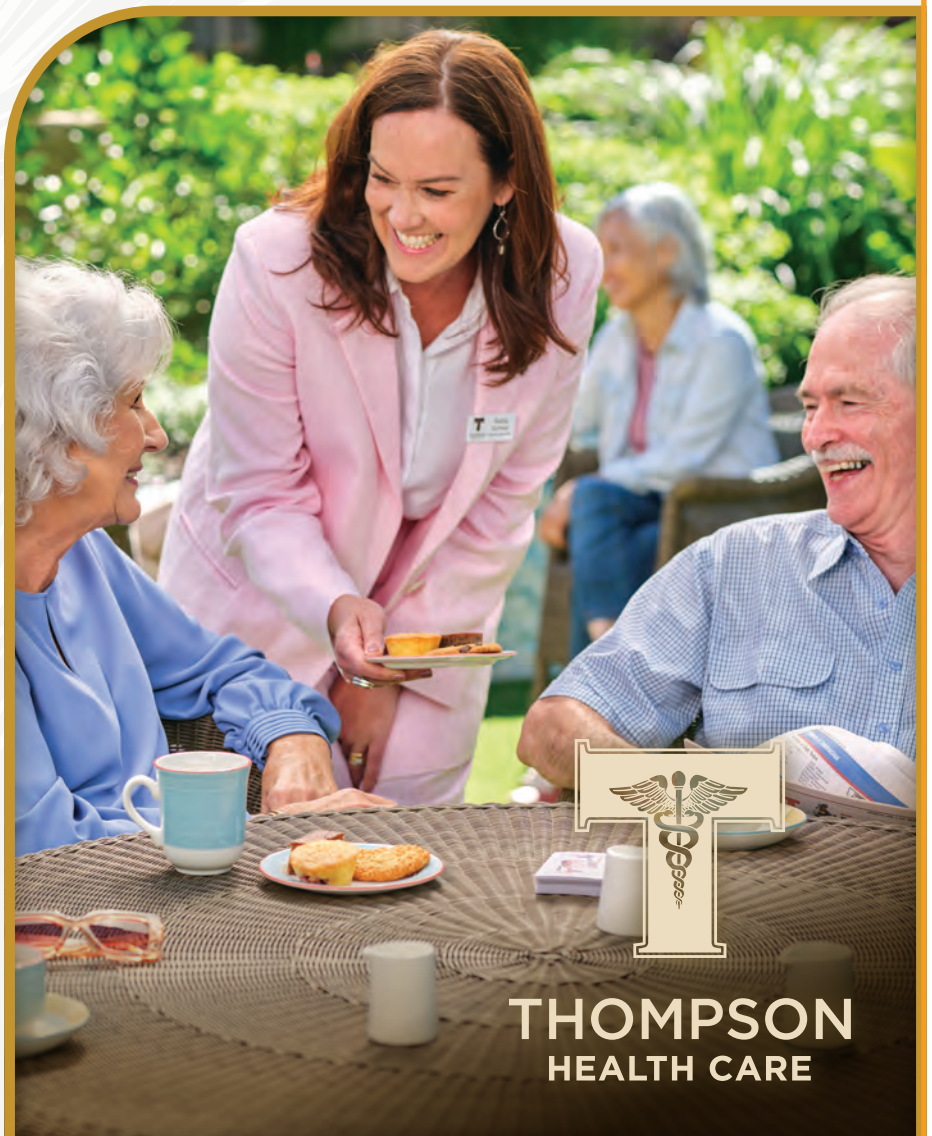
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## Anzac Day services to be held around the Peninsula

**Anzac Day will be commemorated on the Peninsula with services at Woy Woy Memorial Park and at the Vietnam Veterans memorial on Ettalong Foreshore.**

It is expected that services will also be held at Pearl Beach, at Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club, at the bowling clubs and at aged care homes.

Local Rotary clubs are expected to participate, with the Rotary Club of Woy Woy providing candles for the Woy Woy dawn service and the Rotary Club of Brisbane Water

laying a wreath at Ettalong.

The Woy Woy dawn service will start with a march from the Bayview Hotel at 5:15am followed at 5:30am by the RSL dawn service at Woy Woy Memorial Park.

A dawn service will also be held on the Pearl Beach foreshore at 6am, followed by wreath laying at the memorial hall.

The Vietnam Veterans Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association of Australia will hold a service at the memorial on the Ettalong foreshore at 8am.

A mid-morning service will start with a march from Deepwater

Plaza at 10:10am, followed at 10:30am by the RSL mid-morning service at Woy Woy Memorial Park.

Commemorative services will also be held at 10:30am at Peninsula Villages aged care facilities.

A fly-over is expected at Woy Woy at 10:35am.

A service will be held at Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club at the beachfront memorial at 11am.

A service will be held at 1:15pm at Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 16 Apr 2026  
Ettalong Diggers

## Rotary club to lay wreath at Ettalong

**The Rotary Club of Brisbane Water will lay a wreath at the Vietnam Veterans' Association Anzac Day 8am service on the Ettalong Beach foreshore.**

"With the backdrop of sparkling Brisbane Water, the ceremony is uplifting more than sombre, as the sacrifices of men and women in all wars are remembered

and commemorated," said club president Ms Cherie Simpson.

"As war rages in the Middle East, we should think about those from all countries involved.

"While Australia is not, at this stage, directly involved, the war has an impact on us all, and not only at the petrol bowser and the share market.

"Australia is made up of many

cultures and there are Australians who have loved ones in the war zone, and we should be mindful of their suffering, and comforting when we can.

"We remain a lucky country with a big heart."

**SOURCE:**  
Newsletter, 12 Apr 2026  
Cherie Simpson, Rotary  
Brisbane Water

## Night roadworks at Blackwall intersection

**Motorists are advised of changed overnight traffic conditions this week at the intersection of Memorial Ave, Maitland Bay Dr and Barrenjoey Rd in Blackwall.**

Transport for NSW has announced it is carrying out work including "minor traffic adjustments and utility relocation".

To minimise the impact to motorists, work starting Sunday 19 April

Work will be carried out from 7pm to 5am overnight until Friday, weather permitting.

Changed traffic conditions

are expected to be in place, including stop-slow operations under portable traffic signals and detours to access Gallipoli Ave and Barrenjoey Rd from Memorial Ave during night shifts.

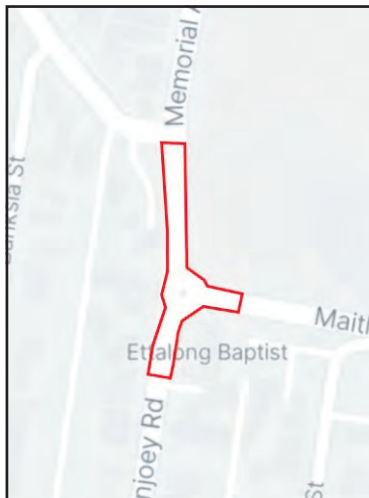
Delays are to be expected.

Temporary barriers and a 40km/hr speed zone reduction will be in place.

This will restrict lane widths at all approaches to the roundabout.

Motorists should allow additional travel time and follow the directions of traffic controllers.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 15 Apr 2026  
Rowan Barker, Transport NSW



## 'Minor' water main repair 'requires further work'

A "minor repair" to a water main in Booker Bay has turned out to be more complicated than expected, making an overnight "permanent repair" not possible, according to Central Coast Council.

Residents say the main had been leaking for a number of months.

According to them, their reports to the council did not result in any action.

In a Council media statement issued last Tuesday, April 14, it said it was "notified of a water leak on a footpath at Booker Bay on March 31.

"Water and Sewer crews attended the site the same day to assess the issue.

"At the time, the leak was assessed as a minor repair.

"A planned job was raised with no expected impact to water supply.

"When crews commenced the planned repair on April 13 April, further complications were identified that would require a temporary interruption to the water supply in order to complete the



repair safely.

"To reduce disruption to residents and local businesses, the works were rescheduled to occur overnight at 3am on April 14.

"When works commenced overnight, further complications were identified and the permanent repair did not proceed.

"The issue is now being further assessed to determine the most appropriate way to complete the repair as quickly as possible, while minimising impact to customers.

"The initial leak has been significantly reduced but further rectification works are required."

**SOURCE:**  
Media statement, 14 Apr 2026  
Central Coast Council



## Graffiti has tag 'hidden in plain sight'

**Central Coast Council is offering free graffiti paint removal kits to residents willing to help keep public places clean.**

Mayor Cr Lawrie McKinna said tackling illegal graffiti was a shared responsibility and an important part of maintaining a vibrant and safe community.

"By removing it quickly with one of Council's free graffiti removal kits, we can all help to keep the Coast looking its best," he said.

However last week, the council revealed that not all graffiti and vandalism of public property on the Peninsula is highly-visible spray painting.

It can be professional-quality sign-writing with tags placed using a "hidden in plain sight" technique.

Council's media unit confirmed last week that the letters COD in a street sign for Murray St, Booker Bay, pictured, was such a tag.

"It appears an unknown person has made unauthorised modifications to the street blade signage," it said in a media statement.

"Council crews have now removed the COD lettering to prevent any further confusion."

Cr McKinna said: "Council is also doing its part by removing illegal graffiti from Council buildings and public spaces as part of our regular maintenance.

"Anything offensive is dealt with fast because everyone should feel proud of the places they live, work and visit."

Council director Ms Melanie Smith said: "Free graffiti removal kits are available to all Central Coast residents and businesses and can be collected from any library branch.

"Each kit includes graffiti remover, protective eyewear, gloves and a scrubbing brush.

"A short form confirming your address and details will need to be completed when collecting your kit."

Graffiti in public spaces can be reported to Council via the online customer service portal or by calling 02 4306 7900.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 8 Apr 2026  
Central Coast Council



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# Education



## Cross country run to be held on Thursday

**Woy Woy South Public School will hold its cross country run this Thursday, April 23.**

Parents are welcome to attend and watch from the northern side of the oval between the hall and Balaclava Rd.

The event will only be postponed if there is "a lot of rain".

Ribbons for first, second and third places will be presented immediately after the race.

Year 2 students turning seven years of age in 2026 will run with the eight and nine year olds and are eligible to win ribbons, but not compete at Zone competition.

An average of 80 runners a week have attended Friday morning training, running two to four kilometres each week for a total of 3200km of cross country training.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 19 Apr 2026  
Woy Woy South Public School

## Sam wins two Premier awards

**Woy Woy Public School multi-class athlete Sam Rugendyke has been presented with two Premier's State Representative Awards.**

One was as Track and Field Champion and the other as Swimming Champion.

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch presented the awards.

"It was my pleasure sharing my personal sport journey with Sam.

"I could see sparks in his eyes when I shared my Paralympic stories.

"Sam has a great future ahead of him and I can't wait to see him represent Australia one day." Sam recently competed for Woy Woy Peninsula Little Athletics in the State Championships at Homebush Athletics Stadium.



His coaches said: "We love the energy and dedication he showed at 2026 State and it has paid off with some incredible results to be

so proud of."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 13 Apr 2026  
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

## First week back ends with Anzac Day events

**The first day of term for students at St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School will be tomorrow, Tuesday, April 21.**

School is back next week.

Here's what is coming up in Week 1, Term 2.

Today, Monday, April 20, is a staff development day, a pupil-free day with vacation care open.

Years 5 and 6 will have a Touch Gala Day on Friday, April 24.

An Anzac Day Liturgy will be held at 2:20pm.

The school will be participating in the annual Anzac Day March in Woy Woy on Saturday.

"We look forward to commemorating this important occasion together," said school principal Ms Nicole Davies.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 19 Apr 2026  
SJB Catholic Primary School Woy Woy

## Umina school starts term on Wednesday

**Umina Beach Public School starts term two on Wednesday, April 22.**

"Our staff are excited to engage in shared professional learning together on Monday and Tuesday with energy and commitment for the term ahead," said principal Ms Karen Wardlaw.

"We look forward to welcoming

back all our students and families on Wednesday.

"We hope the break brought rest, fun, and time to recharge for all.

"It will be wonderful to see our school truly come back to life."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 19 Apr 2026  
Umina Beach Public School



## Will sworn in to Minister's Council

**Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy campus student Will Kennedy has been officially sworn into the 2026 Minister's Student Council at NSW Parliament**

House.

He was sworn by Education Minister Ms Prue Car and Education Department deputy secretary Ms Deb Summerhayes.

"Will is going to be a fantastic advocate for his peers, helping

government to shape policies and programs for a brighter future in NSW public education," said Woy Woy campus principal Ms Rebecca Cooper.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 7 Apr 2026  
BWSC Woy Woy



## Easter bridge event attracted 16 pairs

**Brisbane Water Bridge Club's Easter Pairs red point event attracted 16 pairs.**

Steve Calcroft and Roy Cotton had a comfortable seven per cent win from regular players Karen Ody and Jim Routledge.

There was quite a battle for the other placings with Christine and Danelle sharing 3rd place with Pauline Caust and Alan Bustany.

Novices Kerry and Steve Anderson won the special event novice prize in a strong field in full flight.

The outright winners and best novice received shopping voucher prizes.

Kevin Hughes handled the organisation, keeping the session running at a good pace.

Results of the Easter Pairs event played on Monday, April 6, were: 1 Stephen Calcroft, Roy Cotton 248.0 (65.61 per cent), 0.90 red points.

2 Karen Ody, Jim Routledge



219.0 (57.94), 0.63.

3 Christine Hadaway, Donelle Foate 215.0 (56.88), 0.38.

3 Pauline Caust, Alan Bustany 215.0 (56.88), 0.38.

5 Jaan Oitmaa, Sylvia Foster 209.0 (55.29), 0.23.

6 Judy Wulff, David Adams 203.0 (53.70), 0.18.

7 Barry Foster, Jenny Buckley 200.0 (52.91), 0.15.

8 Anne Birt, Merilyn Reid 199.0 (52.65), 0.13.

9 David Bowerman, Dasha Brandt 191.0 (50.53).

10 Beryl Lowry, John Aldersley

190.0 (50.26).

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12 Steve Anderson, Kerry Anderson 163.0 (43.12).

13 Wendy Byrne, Spider Redgold 156.0 (41.27).

14 Susan Ashley, Kerry Robertson 153.0 (40.48).

14 Blair Glass, Carolynne Mucharsky 153.0 (40.48).

16 Carolyn Girdwood, Annette Clarke 128.0 (33.86).

**SOURCE:**

Social media, 6 Apr 2026  
Brisbane Water Bridge Club

## Mental health weekend for Umina surf club

**Umina Surf Life Saving Club has had a weekend focused on mental health awareness, with its final "themed patrol" for the year.**

"Our members came together for meaningful conversations, connection, and strong representation in the community," said club president Kerry Armstrong-Smith.

"We kicked things off before the flags with Pup Patrol: A walk along the dog beach which created space for natural chats while the dogs did their thing.

"They checked the tube box, practiced run-swim-runs and wave negotiation, and were ready to 'bark' people back between the flags, just like any patrol member.

"From there, we stepped into the ice baths: A shared mental challenge, focusing on breath, resilience, and supporting each other through it.

"It was a great reminder that looking after each other is just as important as looking after the beach," she said.

**SOURCE:**

Social media, 14 Apr 2026  
Umina Surf Life Saving

## Death by Chocolate women's golf event

**A Death by Chocolate women's golf event was held at the Everglades Country Club on Monday, April 13, with proceeds going to the Wyong Hospital palliative care unit.**

The unit is the charity of the Central Coast Women's Golf Association.

Participants came from clubs including Breakers, Shelly Beach, Wyong, Kooindah, Magenta, Gosford, Toukley, Mangrove and Cromer, as well as Everglades.

The day produced beautiful sunshine, a course in great condition, great company, and plenty of chocolate, according to organisers.

**SOURCE:**

Social media, 15 Apr 2026  
Everglades Country Club



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# Sport

## Junior and senior netball carnival in May

Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association is calling for registrations from other associations for its junior and senior carnival on Sunday, May 24.

Representative and development teams from Opens to 11s Development have been

invited to attend.

Entries close on Saturday, May 16.

Further information is available online at [linktr.ee/WWPNA](http://linktr.ee/WWPNA).

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 8 Apr 2026  
Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association



## Jodie Mead selected for Australian Pan Pacs team

Woy Woy Swim Club member Jodie Mead has been selected as a Junior Dolphin for the Australian Pan Pacific Swimming Championship team.

She was selected for the team

after winning three bronze medals in the Australian Age Swimming Championships at the Gold Coast Aquatic Centre over the past week.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 18 Apr 2026  
Woy Woy Swim Club



## Ettalong women's fours final played

Betty Wright, Jackie Henson, Sheena Black and Trish Eckford have won the final of Women's Fours at Ettalong Bowling Club.

They defeated Michelle Wilson, Sienna Wiblen, Corrine Meti and Tracy Wiblen, 19-18.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 12 Apr 2026  
Ettalong Womens BC



## Disability Minister attends surfing event

NSW Minister for Disability Inclusion Ms Kate Washington attended the final Central Coast Disabled Surfers Association event for the season at Umina Beach on Saturday, April 11.

"Umina Beach came alive as 188 volunteers joined forces to support 46 surfers in an unforgettable day on the water," said Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

She said the day was full of energy, joy and connection, with Ms Washington "joining in the fun".

"The events are a powerful example of true inclusion in action, led by the incredible DSA community and their unwavering spirit," said Ms Tesch.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 15 Apr 2026  
Liesl Tesch MP



## Outrigger club ends successful season

Central Coast Outrigger Canoe Club ended a successful racing season with four crews competing at the NSW State Titles in Mollmook on March 21 and 22.

Three of the Central Coast crews won medals in their categories, including the Senior Master Women who won gold in the 10km course, and the Master Women won bronze and Senior Master Men who won silver in the

16km course.

The Golden Master Women narrowly missed out, coming fourth in their category.

On day two of racing, three club members completed the 10km race on single craft, winning a silver and bronze in their categories.

The club's new carbon fibre canoe performed well, said club president Cath Day.

She said: "Racing and recreational members alike appreciate its lightweight design

for launching and storage, as well as its strong performance on the water."

She said the canoe was purchased through club fundraising and local sponsorship, and was blessed in a traditional ceremony.

The club trains regularly from Woy Woy and Patonga.

Anyone interested in trying outrigger canoeing should email [centralcoastocc@gmail.com](mailto:centralcoastocc@gmail.com).

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