



## Dawn service from Woy Woy channel

A Marine Rescue crew from the Brisbane Water unit at Point Clare was stationed in Woy Woy Channel for the Anzac Day dawn service on

**Saturday, April 25.**  
The unit attends the ceremony each year to provide lighting for the memorial service.  
This picture was taken from its

rescue vessel.  
**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 25 Apr 2026  
Marine Rescue Brisbane Water  
Anzac pictures – Page 8

# Ferries diverted as sand builds up in channel

**Sand build-up in the Ettalong Channel has caused the Palm Beach ferry to be diverted to Patonga from last Saturday, May 2.**

The diversion will remain in place until after dredging takes place, which is expected to be completed "mid-May".

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch announced: "Replacement shuttle buses will run on a loop service between Ettalong and Patonga to meet the Palm Beach to Patonga ferries."

"The shuttle bus will leave about 30 minutes prior to the Palm Beach ferry departure from Patonga Wharf."

"A ferry shuttle will service passengers between Wagstaffe and Ettalong wharves."

Ms Tesch said: "I will continue to work with Transport for NSW and the Minister to ensure that our community can get back to normal as soon as possible."

She said passenger safety was being prioritised as sand shoaling disrupted safe entry to the channel for ferry services.

"The Ettalong Channel was last dredged in May 2025 and since then sand shoaling has returned to the channel much sooner than forecast," she said.

"Transport for NSW is working with the ferry operator to keep the community informed as planning for dredging works in mid-May (weather permitting) to restore adequate depth to the channel are finalised."

"Customers are advised to allow

for extra travel time and use the Trip Planner or check travel alerts." Ms Tesch said: "This is no doubt disappointing for regular users of the ferry services at Ettalong but with sand shoaling obstructing navigation in the channel this is a necessary safety measure."

"The Government is committed to maintaining safe and reliable waterways for the Central Coast," said Ms Tesch.

NSW Maritime executive director Mr Mark Hutchings said: "Having only dredged the channel a year ago, the sand shoaling we have identified in the waterway has returned much sooner than forecast."

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 1 May 2026  
Joely Langmaid, Office of the Member for Gosford

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**Mark Snell, 2 Nov 2025**

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It welcomes and relies on the contributions provided voluntarily and at no cost by local organisations, groups and residents.

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The following policies and guidelines are designed to support the aims and standards of the newspaper.

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Peninsula News aims to be inclusive of as much of the Peninsula community as possible.

#### Readability

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Forum contributions may be: **Email** if sent electronically and **Letter** if written on paper.



## Riding for Disabled runs simulated ride

**The Rotary Club of Woy Woy has had a presentation from Riding for the Disabled at Somersby.**

Coach Ms Merelynn Southall and secretary Ms Linda Bower organised a simulation of the client experience using willing Rotary Club members.

One member was the "horse", dressed in brightly coloured livery, led by an "experienced handler" while the "client", wearing the riding helmet and safety harness, is supported by "support staff" who hold onto the harness from either side of the horse to ensure the client stays securely in place on the saddle.

The horse ride is not complete without cleaning up after the horse,

with the "environmental control officer" carrying a bucket and spade bringing up the rear.

Rotary Club president Mr John Hardin said: "Not only was this demonstration fun and informative, it was also a great illustration of the effort that Riding for the Disabled staff and volunteers go to, to ensure clients have a safe and memorable experience from."

He said: "Riding for the Disabled is a non-profit organisation which enables children and adults with disabilities to enjoy and achieve physical, social, psychological and educational progress through therapeutic horse-riding programs and horse related activities."

**SOURCE:**  
 Social media, 24 Apr 2026  
 Rotary Club of Woy Woy

## School for Seniors announces program for May

**Peninsula School for Seniors has announced its speakers for May at its weekly meetings at the Peninsula Community Centre.**

The topic for tomorrow, Tuesday, May 5, will be Gambler's Addiction.

"We will hear a personal story and signs to look out for," said school co-ordinator Ms Amber Golby.

On May 12, the topic will be Heroines of the Second World War, presented by a tutor from the University of the Third Age.

Chinese Health will be the topic on Tuesday, May 19, with Ms Anni Ni giving a guide to the benefits of Chinese Health as an addition to traditional medicine.

On May 26, the topic will be Elder Mediation, which endeavours to "empower older people to have a voice and a choice to ensure their rights are upheld".

The School for Seniors meets every Tuesday from 10am, with speakers starting as 11am.

**SOURCE:**  
 Media release, 30 Apr 2026  
 Amber Golby, Peninsula School for Seniors

## April rainfall was one quarter average

**Only one quarter of the average monthly rainfall was recorded for the Peninsula during April.**

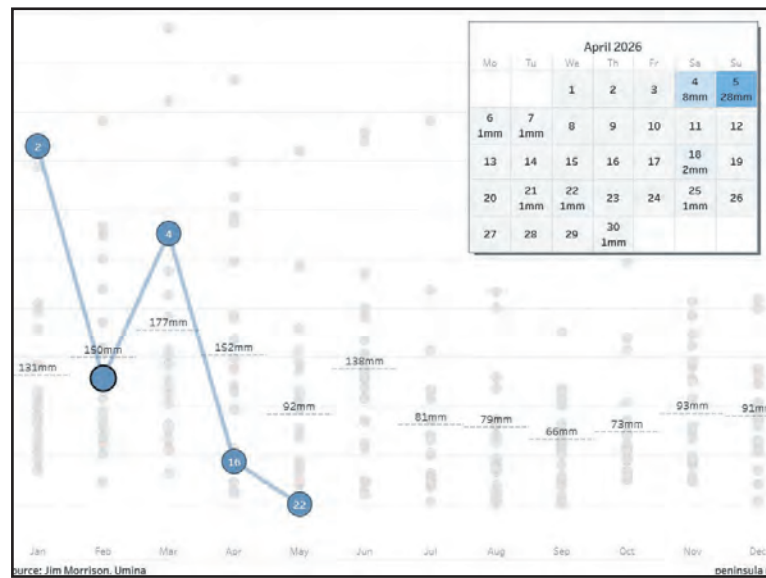
A total of 43.8mm was recorded, compared to the month's average of 157mm, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

This was 27.9 per cent of the average.

Most of the month's rain was recorded on just one day.

A total of 28.4mm was recorded in the 24 hours to 9am on Sunday, April 5.

Despite the low figure for the month, the year-to-date total remained above average, with the first four months total of 812.5mm being 35.4 per cent above the average of 600mm.



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

**SOURCE:**  
 Spreadsheet, 1 May 2026  
 Jim Morrison, Umina

TIDE TIMES and Heights	Mon, May 4	Thu, May 7	Sun, May 10	Wed, May 13	Sat, May 16
	0436 0.26	0651 0.29	0223 1.00	0516 1.04	0224 0.21
	1012 0.78	1226 0.69	0935 0.29	1151 0.23	0750 1.00
	1551 0.28	1750 0.36	1533 0.76	1759 1.08	1357 0.20
	2217 1.17		2100 0.42		2011 1.38
TIDE TIMES and Heights	Tue, May 5	Fri, May 8	Mon, May 11	Thu, May 14	Sun, May 17
	0515 0.26	0024 1.04	0326 1.01	0027 0.30	0320 0.18
	1051 0.75	0746 0.30	1024 0.27	0607 1.05	0844 0.95
	1627 0.30	1325 0.69	1628 0.85	1233 0.21	1441 0.20
	2255 1.13	1844 0.39	2213 0.39	1841 1.20	2059 1.42
TIDE TIMES and Heights	Wed, May 6	Sat, May 9	Tue, May 12	Fri, May 15	Mon, May 18
	0600 0.28	0120 1.01	0423 1.03	0126 0.25	0418 0.17
	1135 0.72	0843 0.30	1108 0.25	0658 1.03	0941 0.90
	1706 0.33	1431 0.71	1715 0.96	1315 0.21	1526 0.21
	2336 1.09	1948 0.42	2322 0.35	1925 1.30	2149 1.42

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## Mary Mac's makes urgent call for food

**The Mary Mac's Place community kitchen has called for urgent donations of food.**

"We are in desperate need of a number of items," said project worker Ms Sally Baker.

The items included tinned tuna, Big Eat cans, tinned ham and corned beef, and three-minute noodles.

"If anyone can help it would be

much appreciated," Ms Baker said.

Items can be dropped to 100 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, between 8am and 1pm Monday to Friday.

Mary Mac's provides hot lunches, showers, laundry facilities, and companionship to people who are homeless, transient, socially-isolated, or experiencing financial hardship.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 1 May 2026  
Mary Mac's Place

## Aerial baiting to take place in national park

**NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service is conducting an aerial baiting program in Brisbane Water National Parks.**

The baiting will take place between May 2 and 16t.

The operation will use sodium fluoroacetate poison, known as 1080, for the control of wild dogs and foxes.

The poison is lethal to dogs and cats.

"The program is designed to minimise predator impacts on wildlife, especially threatened species, and to minimise the impact

of wild dogs on neighbouring stock," said ranger Mr Laurie Pasco.

Signs will be placed at all authorised entry points to the baiting location.

Pets and working dogs must be restrained or muzzled in the vicinity and must not enter the baiting location.

Domestic pets are not permitted in National Parks and Wildlife-managed lands.

For further information, phone 4320 4200.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 28 Apr 2026  
Pearl Beach Arboretum



## Poppy display for Anzac Day

**Local artist Ms Carmel Schulz has put a display of hand made poppies and stories of Australian war heroes for Anzac Day.**

This is the sixth year she has mounted the display on the waterfront at the end of the

walking path at Blackwall near the McMasters Rd car park.

Ms Schulz said she did the display for the community to enjoy on the special day.

"The mass of poppies swinging in the breeze are a lovely sight in good weather," she said.

"Anzac Day brings the mind to

reflect on those who have fought to protect the freedom of others."

Among the display are the stories of Australians who showed courage during war time and other conflicts.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 26 Apr 2026  
Carmel Schulz, Blackwall

## High-rise proposal to be resubmitted to committee

**A proposal, which could see high rise apartments built in Woy Woy, will get a second chance tomorrow night.**

Central Coast Council planning staff have resubmitted a recommendation to investigate the possibility to the council's planning committee tomorrow night, Tuesday, May 5.

The staff report recommends that the Council write to the Department of Planning expressing interest in Woy Woy becoming an Accelerated Transport-Oriented Development Precinct.

The recommendation was considered and defeated at the March 3 meeting of the committee in a 3-2 vote.

At that meeting, the

recommendation was moved by Cr Doug Eaton and seconded by Cr John Moulant, while Cr Jane Smith, Cr Margot Castles and Cr Sharon Walsh voted against it.

The report to tomorrow's meeting makes no direct reference to this.

However, it states: "The report has been recommitted for the consideration of the committee as no recommendation was made to Council and no Council resolution was made."

If the Department accepted the proposal, Woy Woy would become Sydney's ninth "accelerated" precinct, with the same designation as Bankstown, Bays West, Bella Vista, Crows Nest, Homebush, Hornsby, Kellyville and Macquarie Park.

The designation would allow high-rise development of greater than six storeys within 1200 metres of Woy Woy station, the report stated.

The report was prepared following a request from the Business NSW Integrated Chamber for Council to seek to upgrade Woy Woy's current Transport Oriented Development program.

The report stated: "The NSW Government is investing \$520 million in the Accelerated Precincts for community infrastructure, such as critical road upgrades, active transport links and good quality public open spaces.

"Such funding would be welcomed by the Central Coast precincts including Woy Woy where

lack of infrastructure (eg roads, drainage) restricts development potential."

However, despite making the recommendation, the report stated: "Potential for any of the Central Coast precincts to be reclassified is likely to be low.

"While Council staff can initiate discussions as to the potential for Woy Woy to be reclassified, it is likely that the other centres on the Central Coast (Gosford, Tuggerah and Wyong) exhibit less constraints and are also suitable for reclassification to accelerate their growth."

Reclassification was unlikely because the master-planning and rezoning for the accelerated precincts had been completed, and the associated policy

changes were only applicable until November 30 next year, it said.

"It is uncertain as to whether any of the Central Coast Precincts are capable and/or suitable to deliver the high-rise housing anticipated for the Accelerated Precincts, and a State-Led Rezoning is currently underway for Gosford."

The report stated: "Woy Woy was not originally chosen as one of the 31 well-located transport stations included as a Transport-Oriented Development precinct.

"Woy Woy was added to the program after local business advocacy and Departmental consultation with Council."

**SOURCE:**  
Environment-Planning Committee agenda 4.2, 5 May 2026  
Central Coast Council

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# Planning



## Service centre re-opens with new layout

**A refurbished Woy Woy Service NSW Centre has been officially opened by Minister for Customer Service Mr Jihad Dib on Wednesday, April 22.**

The centre re-opened its doors on Tuesday, March 31, after being closed for the upgrade.

The refurbishment included a new layout with an additional "concierge" counter, new seating and flooring, and updated customer meeting room, self-service and check-in areas.

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch said: "I encourage everyone to pop down to the new and improved Woy Woy Service NSW Centre."

"More than 35,000 customers visited Woy Woy Service Centre in the past year and provided the team with a satisfaction rating of 98.4 per cent."

Mr Dib said: "Service NSW regularly assesses the condition, safety and accessibility of Service NSW Centres to ensure they are compliant with modern

requirements, to ensure they are welcoming and inclusive spaces and to identify opportunities to optimise the customer experience and respond to community needs.

"Service NSW centres are vital. Whether you need a driver licence, Seniors Card or cost of living support, Service NSW is the front-door to more than 1300 NSW Government transactions and services.

"We are investing in our Service NSW Centres and providing modern and accessible face-to-face services for communities across the Central Coast and NSW."

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 22 Apr 2026  
Jihad Dib, Minister for Customer Service

## 'Minor' changes proposed to planning provisions

**Proposed changes to Central Coast Council's planning provisions are on public exhibition with submissions received until Friday, May 15.**

The changes are described as "minor amendments to Central Coast Development Control Plan 2022".

The Council's Your Voice Our Coast consultation website says the proposed amendments are intended to provide clarification, reduce uncertainty and result in simplification.

They would remove typographical errors and remove superfluous and outdated information.

They aim to provide clearer guidance, provide greater consistency and assist with reducing assessment times.

Among the significant changes are removal of public notification requirements and a reliance on subjective assessments by planning staff.

The mandatory 14-day public notification period is removed for dwelling houses with proposed "minor" variations to development standards.

Notification would only occur if, in the opinion of Council staff, the proposal may have an "undue impact on the amenity of surrounding properties".

Under current rules, a breach of a building height, setback, or site coverage rule triggers a public exhibition.

Under the proposed changes, the assessing officer holds power to decide whether a variation is "minor" and a neighbour's amenity

is threatened and may approve a proposal without notification.

Likewise, developments falling under a category of "any other use" may not be notified, if not required by the council planner.

Another significant change appears to inhibit the likelihood of redevelopment of industrial areas of the Peninsula.

Industrial developments with dual frontages will have their secondary street frontages, such as rear lanes, treated as a front setback rather than a rear setback.

This seems likely to increase the rear setbacks from none to 10 metres for new developments.

In areas, such as Alma Ave and Mutu St, Woy Woy, this is expected to severely limit redevelopment potential.

On the other hand, the changes relax some provision for "adaptive reuse" of industrial buildings, where no increase in floor area is proposed.

In other changes, residential development controls are "refined" to improve interpretation and consistency for setbacks, side setback diagrams, fencing references, and swimming pool provisions.

Other changes delete redundant, completed, lapsed, or rarely used site-specific chapters of the planning document.

Ambiguity about subdivision and lot size would be removed.

Submissions may be made online, by email to engagement@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au or by post to PO Box 20, Wyong NSW 2259.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 18 Apr 2026  
DCP changes, Your Voice Our Coast

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## Resident participation limited under proposed State plan

**Residents will have no opportunity to comment on multi-storey flats and top-shop housing proposals being built next door to them under a proposed Statewide Community Participation Plan.**

The first they would hear of them is a notification of the building work seven days before it starts.

The standardised plan would apply across New South Wales, including on the Peninsula.

The draft plan is currently on exhibition for comment until Wednesday, June 3.

The plan includes a list of development types that would be exempt from public exhibition and notification.

This will apply if the development is permissible in the relevant

zone, compliant with relevant planning controls and does not rely on a "variation" to the Local Environment Plan.

The list includes developments such as dwellings and attached dwellings and group homes, as well as residential flat buildings and shop top housing, and smaller projects and temporary structures.

It includes take-away food premises, industrial retail outlets, and bed-and-breakfast accommodation.

Some larger applications will still require public exhibition which will have standard timeframes.

Planning proposals, draft development control plans, and contributions plans would be exhibited for 28 days.

Draft regional or district strategic plans would be exhibited for 45 days.

The standard exhibition time for non-complying development applications would be 14 days.

State significant, designated, and "threatened species" development would be exhibited for 28 days and significant state-level strategic planning initiatives would be exhibited for 60 days.

Under the new rules, local councils would still implement a community engagement strategy under section 402 of the Local Government Act 1993, these strategies must be consistent with the Statewide Plan and may not specify their own exhibition timeframes for planning functions.

The draft Plan is currently open for public comment until June 3.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 2 May 2026  
Have Your Say, Planning NSW

# Call for submissions to increase street tree budget

**The Grow Urban Shade Trees group has called on Peninsula residents to make submissions to Central Coast Council to increase its street tree budget for the coming financial year.**

The group has described the proposed allocation of \$100,000 as “woefully inadequate”.

“For reference, many surrounding and smaller councils spend a few million per year on their urban forest programs, which isn’t unreasonable with the Central Coast Council’s \$850m annual (operating) budget,” said group member Ms Jen Wilder in a social media post.

“Group members were disheartened and frankly appalled by the behaviour of a group of councillors at a recent open Council

meeting at Gosford Library.

“Cr Neal had proposed a humble \$200,000 annual street tree budget to start addressing the urban heat crisis, but it was cut by 50 per cent without just cause.

“And that’s not mentioning all the other shocking things we witnessed at that meeting.”

She said residents should “take notice of what’s happening within our Council”.

“It’s quite unsettling.”

A video recording of the meeting is available on the council’s website.

Submissions about the “draft delivery program” which includes the street tree budget should be made before 11:59pm tomorrow night, Tuesday, May 5.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 29 Apr 2026  
Grow Urban Shade Trees



# Historic plaque replaced at Staples Lookout

**A historic plaque at Staples Lookout has been replaced and new fencing has been installed around the lookout.**

The original plaque was stolen in April two years ago.

The lookout was established by the Rotary Club of Woy Woy in 1955 to commemorate the golden anniversary of Rotary International.

It was unveiled by Cr JA Brown on July 2, 1955.

Club member Mr Don Tee had

followed up the work.

President Mr John Hardin said: “We are so pleased to report that Central Coast Council has come to the rescue and provided a new plaque at no cost.

“They used the original wording to keep the history alive and have also replaced the fencing around the lookout.”

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 24 Apr 2026  
Rotary Club of Woy Woy

# Italian festival to be held in Ettalong

**Central Coast Italian Festival will be held in Ettalong on Saturday and Sunday, May 16 and 17.**

Galleria Ettalong Beach has presented the annual festival every April since 2010.

The festival aims to provide a taste of Italy’s culture and diversity to local residents and guests.

It promises: Vino, birra, caffe, cannoli, cannelloni, crostini, pizza, pasta, piadina, folk dancing, classical dance, musica, song, comedy, cars, fashion, film, puppetry, merchandise, travel, language and sport.

Activities will include pasta-eating and gelato-licking competitions, grape crushing and tomato puree making and Mama Maria “spaghetti reading”.

A puppet box, 16th century Italian style, will feature Punch (or Mr Pulcinella) and Judy, and Pinocchio.

Ballet, having originated in the Italian courts of the Renaissance, will feature on stage with classical ballerinas.

Traditional folk dancers will perform the Tarantella in swirling brightly coloured costumes.



Italian singers and musicians will also entertain.

Italian cars will display their sleek metallic style, and fashion

models will parade clothes from the catwalk in Milan.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 29 Apr 2026  
Galleria Ettalong Beach

# Arboretum plans series of science talks

**The Pearl Beach Arboretum is planning a series of talks, called “Science in the Arboretum, as part of its 50th birthday celebrations**

The talks are being organised by Arboretum secretary Associate Professor Robyn McConchie.

The first will be on Sunday, May 17, on the topic of Invertebrate Biodiversity.

Associate Professor Tanya Latty will address the questions: “Where have all the insects gone? Why insect declines matter and how we can help”.

Included in her talk will be the use of the iNaturalist website to contribute to citizen science.

The talk will start at 1:30pm at Pearl Beach Memorial Hall with a presentation for 30-40 minutes

plus questions.

This will be followed by a nature walk through the arboretum to the Arboretum Cottage where afternoon tea will be served.

The session will end at 3:30pm. Associated Professor Latty is an entomologist with an interest in insect behaviour and ecology.

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

Tickets cost \$20 each, or \$15 for members and free to students and those under 18.

Proceeds will go to Invertebrates Australia.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 30 Apr 2026  
Mary Knaggs, Pearl Beach Arboretum

# Grant interest closes

**Expressions of interest in the 2026 Community Building Partnership grants program close on Friday, May 8.**

The program aims to “kickstart” community infrastructure projects.

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch said: “Whether it’s a new access ramp, equipment shed or car park upgrade, the Community Building Partnership program is ready to fund infrastructure projects that put locals first.

“If you have a project that needs funding, visit [nsw.gov.au/cbp](http://nsw.gov.au/cbp) for more information,” she said.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 20 Apr 2026  
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford

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Arts

# Literary agent to talk about the publishing world

**A literary agent will talk about the publishing world at Umina Beach Library from 10:30am to 11:30am on Friday, May 8.**

Literary agent Ms Nerrilee Weir of Bold Type Agency will describe how an Australian novel ends up on bookshelves in France, Korea or the US and how a book becomes a film or TV series.

During her 24 years at Penguin Random House and now three years at her own agency, Nerrilee has worked with authors including Benjamin Stevenson, Madeleine Gray, Chris Hammer and Candice Fox, helping their stories reach

readers and audiences around the world.

She will share behind-the-scenes insights into how stories find global audiences, what's trending right now in international publishing and what really happens at a book fair.

Her talk will be for readers, writers, and anyone curious about what happens beyond the library and bookstore shelves.

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

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 27 Mar 2026  
Library Services, Central Coast Council



# Flash festival script submissions close today

**Scripts submissions for Woy Woy Little Theatre's Flash Festival close today, Monday, May 4.**

Flash is a themed competitive short play festival, open to residents of the Central Coast and Hunter regions to encourage increased participation and opportunities for live theatre for writers and creatives.

This year's theme is Time.

The Little Theatre presented writing workshops in April and has planned an acting and directing workshop in June.

Directors are now being sought and will be finalised after the close of script submissions.

Actors are also sought for the workshop and for auditions on July 22.

Rehearsals will start on August 12.

Flash Festival performances will be held on the weekend of September 18 to 20.

For further information, email [wiltflash@woywoylt.com.au](mailto:wiltflash@woywoylt.com.au).

**SOURCE:**  
Email, 30 Apr 2026  
Christine Vale, Woy Woy Little Theatre

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# Little Theatre holds play readings

Woy Woy Little Theatre held its monthly play reading last week with a reading of *Murder on the Orient Express*, adapted by Ken Ludwig from the book by Agatha Christie.

The play readings are free events held at Peninsula Theatre at 7pm on the last Wednesday of the month.

No membership is required, no experience is necessary and everyone is welcome.

Those attending may read a role or simply sit back and listen.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 27 Apr 2026  
Woy Woy Little Theatre

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# State champs

Ettalong Public School student Cooper Guttenbeil will play for the Sydney North team in the primary school rugby league state championships in June.

The Sydney North Rugby League trials were held at EDSAAC oval at Bateau Bay on Wednesday, April 22.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 22 Apr 2026  
SCC PSSA

## Session about support for carers

**An information session for carers will be held at Woy Woy Library from 10am to 11am on Thursday, May 14.**

The session will provide information about the Australian Government Carer Gateway and the support that it offers to carers.

The Gateway provides support for people who care for someone with a disability, mental illness, a medical condition or is frail due to age.

It offers help with education, the carer's health and well-being, finances and getting a break.

The information session aims to provide an opportunity for a chat and to learn about the detail of support that is available for carers.

Bookings are essential, and may be made at the library or by phone on 4304 7555.

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 27 Mar 2026  
Library Services, Central Coast Council



## Breast screening bus resumes in Woy Woy

**Breastscreen NSW has parked its van in the grounds of the Country Women's Association hall in Woy Woy.**

It will operate at the hall at 30 The Boulevard, Woy Woy, from today, Monday, May 4, until Thursday, July 30, with opening hours from 8am to 4pm Monday to Friday.

"We are so proud to host the bus again for the seventh year," said the association Woy Woy

branch president Ms Margy Ure.

"It is a valued service for all women on the Peninsula.

"It only takes 20 minutes and could save your life." Bookings for the service may be made on 13 20 50.

The branch has a display of decorated bras at its hall to coincide with the service.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 30 Apr 2026  
CWA Woy Woy Branch

## Auxiliary donates \$21,000 to Woy Woy Hospital

**Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary has donated more than \$21,000 to fund several items for the hospital, including a cardiac workstation, a wheelchair and a ramp.**

They have also funded ongoing therapy dog visits to three different areas of the hospital, with the aim of bringing comfort and joy to both

patients and staff.

The funds were raised through the kiosk at the hospital, sales of food, handmade goods and craft.

The Auxiliary is keen to welcome new members.

For further information, phone Lynda on 0431 650 306.

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Social media, 28 Apr 2026  
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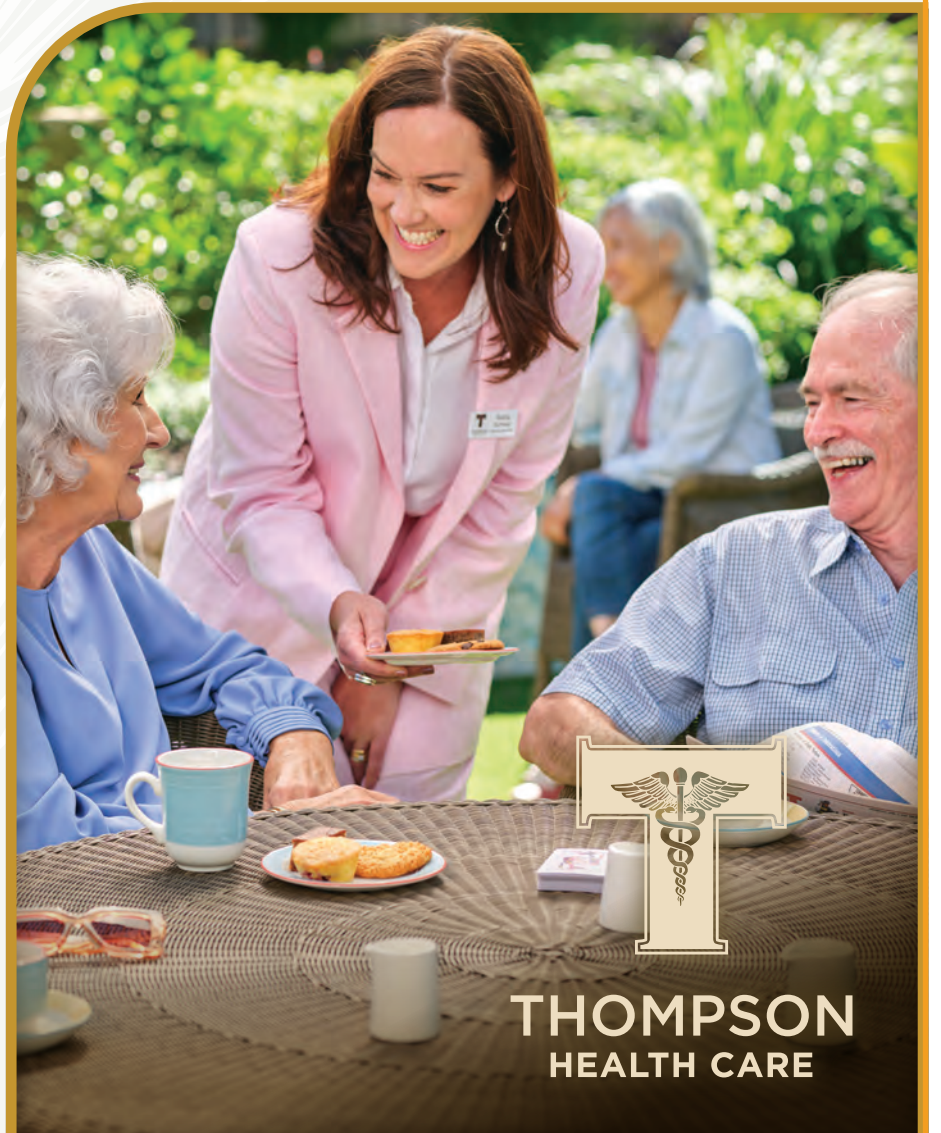
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## Ettalong service attracts record crowd

The Vietnam Veterans' Anzac Day commemoration service was held at the Vietnam Memorial, Ettalong commencing at 8am on Saturday, April 25.

A crowd of around 450 attended, the largest attendance recorded at the Ettalong memorial.

Brisbane Water Secondary College provided three speakers: Ava Bury from Umina Campus, and Aurora White and Milena Alex from Woy Woy Campus.

The catafalque party was provided by the 25th Army Cadet Unit Erina.

The Central Coast branch of Vietnam Veterans, Peacekeepers and Peacemakers Association of Australia thanked the participants and attendees.

Pictured above are speakers Ava Bury, Aurora White and Milena Alex.

The school leaders spoke at the Woy Woy dawn service, as well as at the Ettalong Memorial Service, said Woy Woy campus principal Ms Rebecca Cooper.

"They reflected on the sacrifices and courage of our Anzacs and emphasised the vital importance of remembering our history and values.

"Our students spoke thoughtfully and respectfully, embodying the spirit of remembrance with dignity.

"It was a proud moment for our community to come together and honour those who served."

SOURCE:  
Media release, 25 Apr 2026  
Larry Searle, VVPPAACC



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## Mother's Day stall to use 'Umina Bucks'

**Mothers' Day celebrations will be held at Umina Beach Public School from 8:45am to 9:15am on Friday, May 8.**

"We welcome our mums and the special women in our community who help to raise our children, to come and enjoy a special moment with their child in their classroom," said school principal Ms Karen Wardlaw.

The school parents' and citizens' association will hold its annual Mother's Day Stall.

The stall provides an opportunity for each child to select gifts for their mum, grandma, aunt, step mum, or mother figure in their life.

Gifts are priced at \$5 and \$10, with a \$2 bargain table available at recess.

Gifts are purchased using "Umina Beach Bucks", which are purchased through the association's website.

The "Umina Beach Bucks" will be handed out to students when they arrive at the stall. Students

may bring cash on the day which will be converted to "Umina Beach Bucks".

Coins are needed for the \$2 bargain table.

Students have been asked to bring a reusable bag to safely transport gifts home.

Volunteers are needed to help run the Mother's Day stall.

Anyone available should email [pandc2257@gmail.com](mailto:pandc2257@gmail.com).

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 28 Apr 2026  
Umina Beach Public School



## William attends Education Minister's student council

**Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy campus student William Kennedy has attended the Education Minister's Student Council during the holiday break.**

"This is the peak forum for student input into NSW education policy," said campus principal Ms

Rebecca Cooper.

"Professional photos were taken at the Parliament House visit, including group shots and moments with Education Minister Ms Prue Car, and with Department Secretary Mr Murat Dizdar."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 21 Apr 2026  
BWSC Woy Woy



## St John's plans school athletics carnival

**St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School will hold its school athletics carnival on Friday 15 May 2026! Event details have been finalised and the school is seeking child permission forms.**

It is also calling for volunteers "to make this great day possible".

Support for any portion of the day will be welcome.

A range of field events was held on Friday, May 1, in preparation for the carnival.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 30 Apr 2026  
SJB Catholic Primary School

## Cross country event held at Woy Woy South

**Woy Woy South Public School held its cross country event on the morning of Thursday, April 23.**

"Students showed incredible spirit, determination, and sportsmanship as they conquered the course," said school principal

Mr Matt Barr.

"We are proud of every participant for giving their best and making it a memorable day of fun and fitness."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 23 Apr 2026  
Woy Woy South Public School



## Maverick is in the running

**Brisbane Water Secondary College Year 12 Woy Woy student Maverick Leslie-Fitch is in the running to be "featured artist" in the 2026 Schools Spectacular featured artist category.**

He recently had a successful audition for the category and has progressed to the next round of auditions.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 23 Apr 2026  
BWSC Woy Woy

## Volcanoes the topic at book club

**Volcanoes will be the topic of the Storyquest after-school book club for children aged eight to 12 years at Umina Beach Library from 3:30pm to 4:15pm on Wednesday, May 6.**

Those attending will be led on a "journey to fiery mountains and bubbling lava as we enjoy volcanic stories inspired by the power and mystery of volcanoes as well as books like":

The books will include I Survived the Destruction of Pompeii by Lauren Tarshis, Cats in the Crater by Mo O'Hara, Jurassic World - Fallen Kingdom by David Newman, and Into the Volcano by Jess Butterworth.

The club is promoted as a "new after-school club for book adventurers".

"Each month we will explore themes based on junior novels, stories, topical interests or genres."

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

**SOURCE:**  
Website, 27 Mar 2026  
Library Services, Central Coast Council



## Development days focus on inclusive education

**Woy Woy South Public School held its staff development days on Monday and Tuesday, April 20 and 21.**

Staff members participated in five professional learning sessions focused on disability, neurodiversity and inclusive education, presented by teachers at the school.

"By deepening our understanding of conditions such as autism, ADHD, and other

diverse learning needs, we are better equipped to support and enrich the educational experiences of all our learners," said principal Mr Matt Barr.

"Together, we continue to build a more inclusive and supportive learning environment where every student can thrive."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 22 Apr 2026  
Woy Woy South Public School

## Ocean Beach launches new rescue boat

The Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club recently christened its new inflatable rescue boat.

It was officially launched with a celebratory champagne splash.

It was attended by representatives of the Community Bank Ettalong Beach, which has now funded all three surf life rescue boats at the club.

"It's a great reminder that when you bank locally, profits go straight back into projects that protect and strengthen our community," said bank representative Ms Jae Tame.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 24 Apr 2026  
Jae Tame, Community Bank Ettalong



## Two long-term surf club members die

Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club has announced the death of two of its long-term members, Mr Peter Lambeth OAM and Mr Keith Pope.

Peter Lambeth joined Ocean Beach SLSC on September 30, 1969, attaining his Bronze in December of that year.

"Peter dedicated his life to the club and surf lifesaving and was passionate about rescue and resuscitation, both competing and training," said club president Mr Mick Cairns.

"Many of the lifesavers at Ocean Beach today were both mentored and taught by Peter as he was committed to education and ensuring the surf safe message was spread as far as possible.

"He had a strong passion for educating the community both locally, through the SLS NSW Beach to Bush education programs and by co-creating three water safety books for children with his wife, Louise.

"Although gaining life membership in the 1989-90 season, Peter's influence continued to significantly contribute to the fabric of what Ocean Beach SLSC is today, patrolling continuously since gaining his bronze in 1969.

"Peter was awarded an OAM

for Services to Surf Lifesaving in 2025 and remained a mentor and role model to all."

Keith Pope joined the club at about the same time as Mr Lambeth, during the 1968-69 season, when he immediately gained his Bronze Medallion.

"Keith was a committed and dedicated lifesaver and club member serving on numerous club committees including the Executive for many years," said Mr Cairns.

"Keith was also a member of the Offshore Rescue Boat Team SR7, that undertook a lifesaving rescue in 1974 off Barrenjoey Head in huge seas and fierce winds of up to 160km/h.

"Keith and the team were awarded a meritorious award for bravery for the rescue.

"Keith was a larger-than-life character, committed to Ocean Beach SLSC and the surf lifesaving movement and he was always willing to pass on knowledge and experience to younger generations.

"Keith always put others before himself and with his infectious smile and great sense of humour he ensured everyday was a great one."

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 30 Apr 2026  
Ocean Beach SLSC

## Grant of \$3000 for women's cricket

Southern Spirit Cricket Club has received \$3000 from the Local Sport Grant Program to further fund its women's cricket program.

Southern Spirit's club treasurer Mr Sean Dickson said: "At Southern Spirit, we aim to promote the great game of cricket while reducing financial barriers to participation within our community.

"Grant programs like this enable sporting clubs to offer their members meaningful opportunities to participate in community-based

sport."

Announcing the grant, Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch congratulated Southern Spirit, adding that eight projects in the electorate were awarded total funding of \$41,888 for new equipment, programs and facilities.

She said the program provided up to up to \$20,000 to individual clubs and associations with \$50,000 available in each electorate to increase participation in community sport.

Ms Tesch, a Paralympian, said:

"This funding will help our local clubs and their army of volunteers to provide more opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to enjoy the benefits of sport and active recreation.

"Sport is such a way of life on the Central Coast," she said.

Pictured are Mr Dickson, Ms Tesch and club committee member Ms Bec Tomlinson, an under-17s coach.

**SOURCE:**  
Media release, 1 May 2026  
Joely Langmaid, Member for Gosford



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# Sport

## Southern and Ettalong wins first two matches

**Southern and Ettalong United FC made it two wins from two Premier League soccer matches with a confident 3-0 away victory over Gosford City FC at Gavenlock Oval on Sunday, April 19.**

Jayke Browne opened the scoring in the 19th minute, volleying home from a pinpoint Noah Ajala cross after Gosford failed to clear a corner.

Sam Webb doubled the advantage in the 28th minute, lashing a first-time shot from outside the box into the bottom corner with a clinical finish.

Browne then sealed the result early in the second half, calmly side-footing in a well-weighted pass from Keith Gumbs after a sweeping run out of defence by Billy Auton.

The Lions controlled possession for large periods, kept their shape defensively, and limited Gosford to few clear chances despite them fielding two ex-A-League players.

The backline, led by captain Todd Balneaves, stayed compact and communicative, helping secure another clean sheet.

A professional, well-rounded performance that showcased squad depth and composure, with strong support from travelling SEUFC fans.

The Reserves won their match 2-1, while the under-23s won theirs 5-2.

Southern and Ettalong United's Women's Premier League team won its match, 3-0, against The Entrance Bateau Bay on Sunday, April 26.

The game was described as "a strong contest between two quality sides, played in great spirit with excellent sportsmanship throughout".

The Entrance struck first, putting SEU on the back foot early, but the response was outstanding.

The team showed real character to fight back and take control of the game, scoring three unanswered goals.

Macca was the standout, bagging a brilliant hat-trick: The first came from a well-worked throw-in, with Bella finding Macca who finished calmly into the bottom left corner.

The second was pure quality, linking up with Jemma for a one-two before taking on three players and burying it into the top corner.

The third came from a superb delivery by Shelby from a corner, with Macca finishing to seal her hat-trick.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 28 Apr 2026  
Southern and Ettalong United Football Club



## Umina United wins Derby Day game

**Umina United Soccer Club first grade team has won the Derby Day event against Southern and Ettalong United Football Club, 2-0, on Sunday, April 26.**

Central Coast mayor Cr Lawrie McKinna presented the shield to Umina United on the day.

In other round three games of

Central Coast Football competition between the two teams, Southern and Ettalong won in Reserves 2-0 and in Under-23s 2-0.

The Women's Premier League side came away with a 2-2 draw against Kanwal.

**SOURCE:**  
Social media, 28 Apr 2026  
Umina United



## Triples final held at Everglades

**The Everglades Women's Triples Championship final was held on Thursday, April 23.**

Geraldine Baxter, Karen Eagleson and Vicki Redrup defeated Helen Cooper, Sue

O'Connor and Elaine Vincent, 21-13.

The green was unpredictable making it difficult for everyone to get the right line for the shot bowl.

The game was close until the last few ends.

Warrick Forrest was umpire and

Dianne Elsom was the "controlling body".

Pictured are Geraldine Baxter, Vicki Redrup and Karen Eagleson.

**SOURCE:**

Media release, 23 Apr 2026  
Vicki Redrup, Everglades Bowling Club

## Charity bowls played at Everglades

**Fine autumn weather greeted over 30 bowlers and guests for charity bowls at Everglades Bowling Club on Sunday, April 19.**

The monthly charity bowls for Central Coast Kids in Need has moved to Everglades while Ettalong Bowling Club is undergoing renovations.

"Everglades is our new venue and bowlers from all the Peninsula bowling clubs were in attendance," said organiser Mr John Orme.

Bowls started 9:30am, followed by a cold meat and salad lunch.

The spider winner was won by

John Cardwell.

Winning rink went to Anne Dixon, Anne Ceiselski and Rita Farkash.

Terry Abbott and Anne Dixon cleaned up in the raffle with Dolly winning the Bunnings voucher and Rhonda Keenan scored the Wednesday bowlers bourbon.

The day raised \$755 for the charity.

The next event will be held on May 17 at Everglades, with Grant Ireland being the main contact there and John Orme at Ettalong.

**SOURCE:**

Media release, 21 Apr 2026  
John Orme, Charity Bowls



## Anzac bridge attracts 12 pairs

**Twelve duos contested the Anzac Pairs red point event at Brisbane Water Bridge Club on Anzac Day, Saturday, April 25.**

There were many testing hands and seeing winning card combinations was essential during this difficult session.

Pauline Caust and Alan Bustany took the honours scoring a 66 per cent win and the winners' wine prize: five per cent above the nearest challengers.

Club stalwarts Karen Ody and Jim Routledge picked up second spot with Judy Wulff and Sue McCall taking third edging out Deb Guthrie and David Adams.

Dasha Brandt supplied homemade Anzac biscuits, and a number of people wore the knitted poppies that were made by Linda Brown many years ago.

Results of Anzac Day Pairs



played on Saturday, April 26, were:  
Place Result % Pair Name Green  
pts 1 Pauline Caust, Alan Bustany  
180.0 (66.67 per cent), 0.54 red  
points.

2 Karen Ody, Jim Routledge  
167.0 (61.85), 0.38.

3 Judy Wulff, Susan McCall  
148.0 (54.81), 0.27.

4 David Adams, Deborah  
Guthrie 143.0 (52.96), 0.18.

5 Donelle Foate, Christine  
Hadaway 142.0 (52.59), 0.14.

6 Edith Marshall, Hilary Owen  
133.0 (49.26), 0.11.

7 Anne Grayden, Julie Sadler  
132.0 (48.89).

8 Felicity Fane, Frankie Craven  
123.0 (45.56).

9 Dasha Brandt, David  
Bowerman 118.0 (43.70).

10 Carol Long, Faith Ross 117.0  
(43.33).

11 Jaan Oitmaa, Sylvia Foster  
111.0 (41.11).

12 Robyn Serra, Helen  
Cashman 106.0 (39.26).

**SOURCE:**

Social media, 26 Apr 2026  
Brisbane Water Bridge Club