



The weather was ideal for the launch of Tangle Bins at Pearl Beach on Saturday, May 16 - See Page 3.

Council lists Peninsula as 'key growth area'

The Woy Woy Peninsula has been listed as one of three "key growth areas" on the Central Coast in a document issued last week by Central Coast Council.

Releasing the "Key Enabling Projects" document last Thursday, May 28, mayor Cr Lawrie McKinna called on the government to "invest in the infrastructure needed to support the Coast's future growth".

On the same day, the NSW Government announced the latest round of its Low-Cost Loan program for infrastructure projects.

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch, who has been critical of the Council's failure to take advantage of government grant opportunities in the past, has urged the Council to apply under this program for infrastructure for the Peninsula.

The council document describes Woy Woy as a strategic centre in the Central Coast Regional Plan and included in the NSW Government's Transport- Oriented Development Program.

Supporting the description, the Council decided, its meeting last Tuesday, May 26, to write to the Department of Planning calling for Woy Woy to be considered as an "Accelerated Transport Oriented Development Precinct".

The other two key growth areas listed are Gosford and "Central Lakes District".

The document was released the week after another key council

document, the draft Local Strategic Planning Statement was placed on exhibition for public comment.

It projects minimal population growth for the Peninsula over the next 20 years

The "Key Enabling Projects" were previously included as a section within the Local Strategic Planning Statement, but are not included in the new draft.

The section previously implied a population growth of 60 per cent over 20 years, citing the Woy Woy as having a potential for 14,500 new dwellings, and referring only to Woy Woy and not the Peninsula as a whole.

The description of the Key Enabling Projects no longer includes the number of expected new dwellings for Woy Woy, although a figure of 10,000 is retained for Warnervale and 3500 is given for Lake Munmorah.

Woy Woy is described as "a key housing delivery location for the southern Central Coast".

"To realise this potential, enabling infrastructure must keep pace," it states.

Despite this, the draft Local Strategic Planning Statement projects just 0.92 per cent population growth on the Peninsula over the next 20 years.

For the Peninsula, the Key Projects document says: "Council's advocacy focuses on an integrated transport network that improves accessibility and safety, reduces congestion and unlocks well-

located homes close to rail lines, jobs and services.

"Priority transport upgrades such as the Rawson Rd railway level crossing and intersection upgrade at Railway St, alongside broader road renewal and active transport investment, are critical to supporting housing growth and sustaining a thriving, well-connected Peninsula community."

However, the only infrastructure project listed for the Peninsula is the Rawson Rd intersection upgrade.

It does not appear to have any other Peninsula infrastructure projects in mind.

For example, it does not include an "active transport" project to which "investment" could be directed.

The council also issued a draft "Walking, Wheeling and Cycling Strategy" last Wednesday, May 27.

The strategy acknowledges the need to "develop strategic cycleway corridors to improve and close gaps in the existing cycling network to destinations including ... Woy Woy".

However, it provides no plan for an active transport network for the Peninsula nor specific projects to implement it.

SOURCE:
Media release, 28 May 2026
Lawrie McKinna, Central Coast Council

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Digital workshop attracts 'huge group'

Digital Connect Central Coast saw a "huge group" of people attend its session in Ettalong on the topic of "apps" last week.

The session was the latest in its series of workshops held at

Ettalong Diggers for seniors, aged over 50 years, in using digital technology in daily life.

The workshops are supported with Digital Mentors who work side-by-side with those attending to help them improve

their digital skills and promote confidence and independence.

Later this month, the topic will be "photos and storage".

SOURCE:
 Social media, 28 May 2026
 Digital Connect Central Coast

Four weeks of science for pre-schoolers

A four-week hands-on science program will be held for children aged four to five years at Umina Beach Library starting at 11am this Thursday, June 4.

The Little Bang Discovery Club will run from 11am to 11:45am over the four Thursdays in June.

They will aim to be fun-filled

sessions "that use real scientific enquiry methods".

This Thursday's session will cover "Collecting and Classifying". "Measuring and Recording" will be the topic for June 11.

The third session on June 18 will be about "Experimenting".

A "Science Fair and Graduation" will be held on Thursday, June 25.

The cost is \$24.50 for all four sessions for each child and their caregiver "who will be their lab assistant".

Bookings are essential and may be made at the library or by phone on 4350 5724.

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

Almost twice May's average rainfall

May has had almost twice its average rainfall with a total of 182.3mm being recorded by 9am on Friday, May 29.

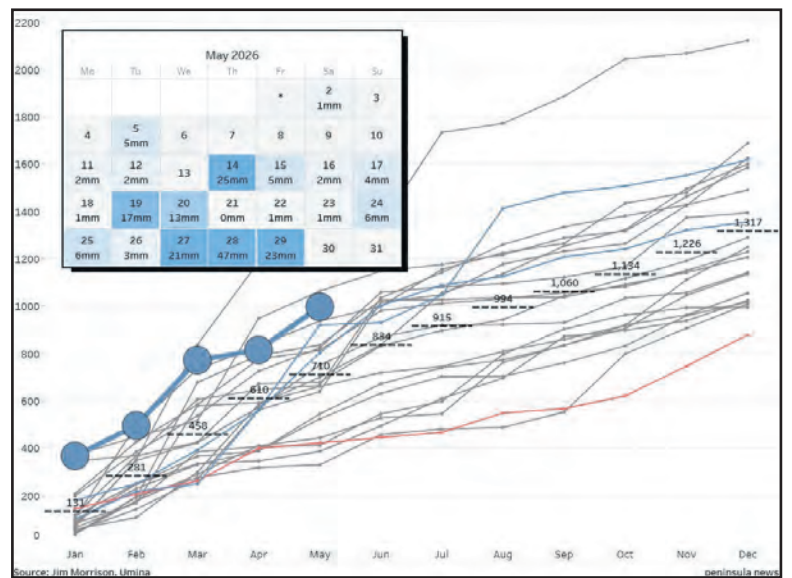
This was 89.9 per cent more than the May average rainfall of 96mm, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

Rainfall recorded in the previous week totalled 105.8mm.

The month's rainfall was the third highest in 22 years, with only last year with 360mm and the previous year with 241.7mm recording more rain for May.

The cumulative total for the year stood at 994.8mm, which was 42.9 per cent more than the cumulative average at the end of May of 696mm.

On average, the Peninsula has not recorded this much rain before



the end of August.

More details, including daily rainfall figures, are available online

at <https://penne.ws/Rain>.

SOURCE:
 Spreadsheet, 29 May 2026
 Jim Morrison, Umina

TIDE TIMES and Heights	Mon, Jun 1	Thu, Jun 4	Sun, Jun 7	Wed, Jun 10	Sat, Jun 13
	0342 0.28	0546 0.28	0044 1.09	0336 0.99	0112 0.26
	0916 0.79	1116 0.76	0756 0.28	1007 0.25	0637 0.92
	1449 0.29	1647 0.33	1349 0.80	1631 1.04	1236 0.22
	2119 1.23	2314 1.16	1920 0.41	2257 0.37	1900 1.36
AT ETTALONG	Tue, Jun 2	Fri, Jun 5	Mon, Jun 8	Thu, Jun 11	Sun, Jun 14
	0421 0.28	0630 0.29	0136 1.05	0438 0.96	0215 0.21
	0954 0.78	1203 0.76	0838 0.28	1056 0.24	0735 0.89
	1527 0.30	1731 0.36	1445 0.86	1721 1.16	1326 0.21
	2156 1.21	2357 1.12	2026 0.42		1951 1.42
AT ETTALONG	Wed, Jun 3	Sat, Jun 6	Tue, Jun 9	Fri, Jun 12	Mon, Jun 15
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	1034 0.77	1254 0.77	0921 0.26	0538 0.94	0833 0.88
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Slower speeds for Umina and Ettalong town centres

The Peninsula will receive more than a quarter of \$20 million awarded for the whole of NSW for “high pedestrian activity areas”.

Central Coast Council has been awarded more than \$5.5 for two projects on the Peninsula.

A project for traffic calming and safety improvements in West St, Umina, has been awarded \$3.72 million.

A safety improvements project in Ocean View Rd, Ettalong, has been awarded \$1.85 million.

“The \$20 million investment will fund 19 projects across the State,” said Transport for NSW deputy secretary Ms Sally Webb.

She said the “high pedestrian activity areas sub-program” was part of a \$2 billion Towards Zero Safer Roads Program.

The sub-program aimed to reduce fatalities and serious injuries from crashes in busy urban areas by lowering speed limits to 40 km/h or 30 km/h, she said.

“The funding will support improvements such as wider footpaths, upgraded pedestrian crossings, improved lighting and traffic calming measures.”

Ms Webb said: “Research shows that permanent 40 km/h speed limits in high pedestrian areas can reduce the likelihood and the severity of crashes that cause injuries to pedestrians by up to 40 per cent.”

She said the projects would make it safer and more enjoyable for people to get around on foot and support local businesses.

SOURCE:
Media release, 22 May 2026
Sally Webb, Transport NSW



Tangle Bins launched at Pearl Beach

Tangle Bins, designed to make it easy to dispose of unwanted tackle, have been installed at Pearl Beach.

They were launched on Saturday, May 16, by OzFish Unlimited, which provided a free sausage sizzle and fishing lessons for all.

SOURCE:
Social media, 15 May 2026
Pearl Beach Progress Association

Ferry services resume today

Ferry services from Ettalong to Palm Beach will resume today, Monday, June 1, after completion last week of the dredging of the Ettalong Channel.

to identify trends and continue to build understanding of sand movements in the area.”

Ms Tesch said the channel was re-opened following seabed level testing and hydrographic survey by Transport for NSW.

Ms Tesch said ferry services were temporarily diverted on May 2, following sand shoaling in the channel.

“The Port Frederick dredge commenced dredging work in the channel on May 12, removing around 30 thousand cubic metres of sand over three sites.”

“The swift timeline of this campaign is a clear sign of how important this issue is to the NSW Government.

“Community members would be all too familiar with the lengthy delays previously experienced when dredging was needed.”

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has thanked Transport for NSW for acting quickly once shoaling occurred.

“I continue to work closely with the Minister for Regional Transport as the NSW Government works on environmental approvals and licences for a 10-year dredging plan for Ettalong Channel.”

Information about the Ettalong Channel dredging can be found via <https://penne.ws/iFtkNT>.

SOURCE:
Media release, 28 May 2026
Joely Langmaid, Office of the Member for Gosford

Council announces approval of car boot sale

Central Coast Council has issued a statement, saying that the car boot sale run by the Lions Club of the Woy Woy Peninsula has received council approval.

The statement came after club organisers told patrons that their May and June sales had been threatened with closure.

“Council confirms that the event has been approved, and the

customer notified,” the statement said.

“Given the event is in the carpark of Rogers Park, and to ensure the safety of the exhibitors and also pedestrians in the area, the Lions Club have been asked to submit a traffic management plan to mitigate risk of future events.”

SOURCE:
Media statement, 28 May 2026
Central Coast Council

Community garden session

Woy Woy Peninsula Community Garden will hold a volunteer orientation session from 10am to 11:30am on Saturday, June 13, at the garden at 83 Moana St.

Volunteering applications are now open, with applications being received by email, including name and contact details, at membership@wwpcg.org.au.

“Previous gardening experience is not a requirement as we all learn from each other,” said treasurer Ms Julie Gilbody.

Applicants are encouraged to say if they have particular skills they can bring to the garden, such as horticulture, carpentry, teaching or general gardening knowledge.

SOURCE:
Media release, 21 May 2026
Julie Gilbody, Woy Woy Peninsula Community Garden

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Multi-dwelling proposal seeks planning exemptions

A development application for a three-unit multi dwelling housing development at 177 West St, Umina, is proposing non-compliant setbacks and private open space less than the minimum specified in the planning provisions.

The application proposes a two-storey residential complex on the 730.4 square metre site, replacing the existing "clad dwelling", metal carport and associated sheds.

The site is zoned R1 General Residential.

The proposal appears to be for one three-bedroom unit and two units with up to four bedrooms each, all with attached garage parking.

The application produced by Red Apple Design requests two exemptions local planning provisions and contains a number of discrepancies with the architectural drawings.

It asks for exemption from the requirement for a front setback to be the average of the setback of the two adjoining properties.

The neighbouring brick unit building at 179 West St is set back six metres, while the two-storey dwelling at 175 West St is set back



more than 16 metres.

The application argues that an 11-metre setback would "unnecessarily compress the rear portions of the site" and "materially compromise the functionality and amenity of the proposed dwellings".

It proposes a six-metre setback.

The second exemption request is to reduce the private open space provided for the new units

to less than the required 45 square metres.

However, conflicting figures are provided.

The application states that "Unit 3 has a total private open space of 35 square metres" and "Unit 2 does not achieve the minimum 45 square metre private open space requirement".

The submitted site plans show

Unit 1 with 32.83 square metres, Unit 2 with 35.00 square metres, and Unit 3 with a compliant 52.38 square metres of private open space.

The application says the change is justified due to "the constraints of the site and the overall design response".

It states: "The 45 square metre requirement is significantly higher than comparable provisions under the State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing), which adopts a minimum of 16 square metres" and claims "that the local control is unnecessarily onerous in this context".

In a discrepancy with the plans, the application claims a "landscaped area" of 279.92 square metres (a 38.3 per cent site coverage).

However, the Landscape Plan states the total landscaped area is 250.48 square metres (34.3 per cent coverage).

In another discrepancy, the site plans show that the property fronts West St and that the driveway access is directly from this main road.

However, the application says the front dwelling is "noted as addressing Bream Rd" and that

the development "provides access for the rear dwellings off Priestman Ave".

This appears to be the result of the application being a duplicate of that for a different project.

The plans show six off-street parking spaces, featuring single and double garages as well as a "visitor's parking" space.

All are accessed via a shared central driveway leading directly from West St.

Planning provisions require that driveways for dual occupancies and multi-dwelling housing: must be offset from any side boundary by two metres at the front boundary", tapering to a 500mm side setback "once it reaches the front building line".

According to the landscape plan, the driveway for this proposal has no setback from the side boundary beyond the front setback.

The application states that the development complies with sunlight access requirements, but no shadow diagrams are provided.

The application is on public exhibition for comment until June 25.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 29 May 2026
DA/772/2026, Central Coast Council

Impact of Woy Woy foreshore projects reviewed

Central Coast Council has received a Review of Environmental Factors by Coast Ecology EIA for its Woy Woy foreshore projects at Anderson Park and on Pelican Park and the Woy Woy swimming enclosure.

The Review concluded that the impact of the proposed work would not be significant, and that an environmental impact statement was not required.

It noted that, as detailed design plans were not available, the assessment for Anderson Park was based on concept design plans.

These included sculptural composite timber decking for formal and informal seating, with the retention of most trees for shade along with the extension of the existing art walk depicting local Darkingung and Kuringai art.

A sculpture is also proposed in this area.

Detailed design for Pelican Park and the swimming enclosure included an upgrade of the amenities, paving, seating, fencing, light poles at the Woy Woy swimming enclosure and Pelican Park.

The existing trees and the playground at Pelican Park would be retained as would the existing swimming enclosure piers and netting.

The boardwalk would be replaced over the piers and an area adjoining the swimming enclosure to the south would be reclaimed.

A tidal terrace area was also proposed to the west of the



swimming enclosure.

The project would include removal of existing paving, benches, light poles and fencing at Pelican Park.

It would also include removal of timber decking, timber substructures and balustrades around the existing swimming enclosure.

The amenity building, the retaining wall in front of it and stairs from it to the swimming enclosure would also be removed.

A new amenity building, concrete retaining walls and pavement would be installed.

Amenity trees, mulched garden beds, benches, seating platforms,

picnic settings, bike racks, outdoor shower and water bubbler behind the reclaimed area would also be installed.

The Review found that areas of potential environmental impact were predominately related to the aquatic environment, including direct impacts to protected marine vegetation (seagrass) and indirect impacts to water quality.

Mitigation measures were provided to reduce the risk to the environment for the duration of works and to minimise potential impacts on water quality.

Impacts were identified to potential habitat for two threatened species, the Pied Oystercatcher

(Haematopus longirostris) and the Grey-headed Flying-fox (Pteropus poliocephalus).

"While these two species were identified during surveys, the Pied Oystercatcher was recorded on the roof of the adjoining Fishermen's Wharf restaurant, and the subject site has sub-optimal foraging and nesting habitat.

"The Grey-headed Flying-fox was observed flying overhead during nocturnal surveys.

"This species does not roost on or near the subject site."

SOURCE:
Website, 26 May 2026
Woy Woy Foreshore Improvements REF, Central Coast Council

Council exhibits draft strategies

Central Coast Council has a number of policy and strategy documents on exhibition and open for comment.

The Council is running information sessions on the Peninsula.

Submissions for the draft Local Strategic Planning Statement close on Friday, July 24.

An information session will be held from 3pm to 6pm on Saturday, June 13, at the Peninsula Community Centre, starting with a 30-minute presentation by council staff.

Submissions for the draft Central Coast Libraries Strategy close on Thursday, June 25.

The strategy covers Woy Woy and Umina Beach libraries, as well as library services to Pearl Beach and Patonga.

An information session will be held from 9am to 12pm on Monday, June 15, at Woy Woy Library.

Submissions for the draft Cycling, Wheeling and Walking Strategy close on Wednesday, June 24.

The Council's draft Closed Circuit Television Policy is open for comment until June 25.

Exhibition period for the Hawkesbury-Nepean River System Coastal Management Program closed yesterday, Sunday, May 31.

SOURCE:
Website, 30 May 2026
Your Voice Our Coast, Central Coast Council

Residents support Council submission on participation plan

The Peninsula Residents' Association has supported a submission by Central Coast Council about a proposed State-wide "Community Participation Plan" for the council planning assessment process.

"We strongly endorse and echo the concerns raised in the Central Coast Council's submission, particularly regarding the unrealistic expectations placed on council staff and the concerning exemption of high-impact developments from public view," the association said in its own submission about the draft plan.

"We wish to express our strong concerns regarding the removal of public notification for compliant developments and the potential impact this may have on democratic accountability and transparency."

The association said the Department assumed compliance could be easily determined at lodgement.

"As Council has noted, verifying technical details requires a comprehensive assessment by multiple staff members, which cannot be achieved at the time of lodgement."

The association also supported the Council's objection to including residential flat buildings in the list of potential exemptions public exhibition.

"Residential flat buildings can range from two storeys to 70 or more storeys."

"The visual, physical, transport, and waste management impacts of these developments on the

Peninsula could be immense.

"Exempting such land uses from consultation is unacceptable."

"As Council highlighted, it is an absurd anomaly that multi-dwelling housing (such as townhouses) is not on the exempt list and would therefore be exhibited for 14 days, while massive residential flat buildings would receive no public consultation at all."

The association said that the proposal for extensive consultation at the strategic planning stage was unlikely to work.

"The general public struggles to engage with technical, abstract strategic planning and typically only shows significant interest when there is a tangible proposal that will directly impact their street or suburb."

The association agreed with the Council that the proposal was based on a "flawed premise".

"Councils must retain the discretionary right to notify the public about development applications that have high public interest, unique environmental impacts, or a complex local history."

The association said it supported "the modernisation of the digital-first system via the NSW Planning Portal".

However, it said the system required "critical improvements".

"Currently, the application tracker provides limited metadata and lacks public access to the actual plans, documents, and technical reports necessary for informed community understanding."

SOURCE:
Submission, 30 May 2026
Peninsula Residents Association



Exchange students describe their 'safari'

The Rotary Club of Umina Beach has had presentations from its two exchange students about their just finished "safari" to Uluru and

the Daintree.

Ana Luisa Rocha described the majesty of Uluru and Kings Canyon, the walk around the rock, and their first experience of sleeping in swag.

Ella Burk described the beauty of Cairns and the Daintree forests, and sighting a cassowary.

SOURCE:
Social media, 26 May 2026
Rotary Club of Umina Beach



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Council should apply for low-cost loan, says Tesch

Central Coast Council should take advantage of a NSW Government "Low-Cost Loans Initiative" to provide infrastructure for the Peninsula, according to Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

The \$12 million program provides "financial support for crucial infrastructure projects such as roads, intersections, water and sewer upgrades to help regional communities accelerate housing delivery".

The program "covers up to 50 per cent of interest costs on eligible loans, helping councils bring forward projects that unlock

new homes sooner".

Central Coast Council is one of 95 regional councils which may apply for the support before August 31.

Planning and Public Spaces Minister Mr Paul Scully said: "I encourage councils to apply so they can deliver the infrastructure they need to deliver more well-located housing where it's needed most."

Minister for Regional NSW Ms Tara Moriarty said: "By partnering with councils on infrastructure delivery, we're creating more opportunities for people to live and work in our regional communities."

SOURCE:
Media release, 28 May 2026
Jenny Archdall, Office of Minister Scully

Forum

Important that many people speak up

May I endorse Frank Whitten's scepticism about the proposed changes to planning law being promoted by the Minister ("No attention being paid to anti-democratic planning law", PN644).

Developers might welcome these changes which seem to be designed to bypass all the current safeguards (weak as they are), but the community at large will be greatly disadvantaged by the amendments.

The intent is to remove, almost entirely, public scrutiny of development proposals and, in fact, make it almost impossible for affected residents even to know that there is a development proposal in the works.

Given the feebleness of the standards in the Development Control Plan, the idea that Complying Developments will be

simply waved through, without the community's being able to comment in any way, is very disturbing.

The notion that community interests can be protected by inputs at the strategic level, rather than at the individual project level, has been put forward before but it is basically hocus pocus.

In my younger days of practice, I even believed this myself, but experience has made me wiser in the matter, and, as far back as 2013, I wrote a letter, pointing out the absurdity of the idea.

Nothing has changed since then, but that doesn't prevent politicians fastening onto this rationale for altering the balance of interests between developers and communities..

Planning is a complicated technical discipline, and no layman is going to have the faintest understanding of what combination

of regulatory standards will produce which result, so a meaningful community input at the strategic level is impossible.

As I pointed out back then, experienced professionals misjudge the outcomes of changes to development controls, so how can a non-professional express any worthwhile opinion about the fundamentals of a control system.

With only a few days left to make representations on the draft Community Participation Plan, it is important that as many people speak up as possible.

Otherwise, the Minister will be justifiably able to say that there was no significant opposition to the measures.

Once the law is in place, it will be too late to bemoan the fact that communities have been shut out of the planning process.

SOURCE:
Email, 25 May 2026
Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy



Serving as temporary cafe

A Umina aged care facility has hosted Brisbane Water Rotary Club's DCaf cafe over past weeks.

The temporary arrangement for the cafe for dementia sufferers and their carers has been put in place while the regular venue at the Country Women's Association hall at Umina is undergoing

renovations. The cafe was hosted by Peninsula Village at its Don Leggett House.

It included games and exercises run by Roxy from 6S Physio Ettalong Beach.

SOURCE:
Social media, 26 May 2026
Peninsula Villages

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Planning statement for Peninsula on exhibition

A planning statement for the Peninsula Planning District, which describes the character, profile and Central Coast Council's "vision" for its future and 19 actions arising from them, is included in a draft currently on public exhibition.

The draft Local Strategic Planning Statement includes all planning districts under Central Coast Council.

The Peninsula's planning district extends as far as Kariong and Pt Clare.

The population of the Peninsula itself is expected to grow from 38,705 in 2025 to 39,060 in 2046, an increase of 0.92 per cent.

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

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

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

"Lions Park and other green spaces are retained and enhanced

for the local community.

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

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

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

Mayor Cr Lawrie McKinna said: "The Statement identifies priorities for land use planning over the next 20 years, helping to inform Council's strategic plans and guide key activities.

"Renewing our town centres, ensuring we have good housing choices, protecting our natural areas, enriching cultural spaces, and advocating for efficient public transport continue to be key considerations."

The Statement is on exhibition until Friday, July 24, and is available on the Council's Your Voice Our Coast website.

SOURCE:
Media release, 19 May 2026
Central Coast Council



Tea cosy expo to be held on long weekend

Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club will hold its Tea Cosy Expo 2026 over the June long weekend at Umina Beach Surf Club.

It will be open from 9am to 4pm on Saturday and Sunday, June 6 and 7.

As well as the display and sale of tea cosies, Devonshire tea and coffee will be served at the expo, with other stalls also supporting the event.

Raffle tickets will also be on sale.

Entry is by gold coin donation

and EFT payment will be available. Pictured are some of the entries. For more details, phone Ms Lin Griffiths on 0422 419 669.

SOURCE:
Media release, 25 May 2026
Greg Head, Woy Woy Peninsula Lions Club



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Biggest Morning Tea raises \$12,000

More than \$12,000 was raised at the "Biggest Morning Tea" event held at Ettalong Diggers in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Brisbane Water on Wednesday, May 27.

All money raised, through ticket sales, raffles and stall-holders who donated money back, will go to the Cancer Council.

"It was a successful day by any measure, with the more than 260 happy customers enjoying the scrumptious morning tea, the top-notch entertainment from premier club singer Shane Edwards, the raffles with great prizes and the fun trivia," said club president Ms

Cherie Simpson.

"We all needed to remember why we were there, why it is necessary to have fund-raisers for cancer treatment research.

"Almost everyone has been touched in some way by this insidious disease.

"Events like the Biggest Morning Tea are vital for cancer research.

"Rotary Brisbane Water is always happy to partner with Ettalong Diggers for the annual event.

"Our members sell raffle tickets on the day, help publicise it in the weeks leading up to it, and guide attendees to their seats."

SOURCE: Newsletter, 31 May 2026 Rotary Brisbane Water

Two novels launched in two months

An author who grew up in Umina and works in Woy Woy has launched her first two novels in two months.

Using the pen name Kylie Marie, Ms Kylie Scott published *Too Young to Know* in April, followed by *The Weight of Him* in May.

After spending more than 20 years writing across different industries, Kylie said she released her debut novels, which exploring emotionally-charged themes including first love, heartbreak, manipulation, family dynamics, and the complexities of relationships.

Now living in Kincumber, she said she balanced writing with family life, her work in aged care, and the everyday moments that inspire many of her stories.

She said *Too Young to Know* follows the intensity and heartbreak of first love in a coastal coming-of-age story, "loosely based on growing up on the Peninsula".



She said *The Weight of Him* is a deeply emotional domestic suspense novel that explores the quiet erosion of identity within a relationship and the subtle ways

love and control can become intertwined over time.

SOURCE: Media release, 19 May 2026 Kylie Scott, Kincumber

Police appeal for dashcam footage

Police are appealing for dashcam footage for any vehicles who were travelling along Woy Woy Rd, Kariong, in the vicinity of Geoffrey Joseph Close, between 10:30am and 11am on Tuesday, May 5.

Their appeal is part of a continuing search for missing person, Ms Rita Collin, who was last seen walking south on Woy Woy Rd at 10:47am on that day.

She is described as 60 years old with mid length blonde hair and was last seen wearing denim jeans, a denim style jacket with a black T-shirt underneath carrying a white bag.

Anyone with information is asked to contact detectives on 02 4323 5599 or Crimestoppers.

SOURCE: Social media, 27 May 2026 NSW Central Coast Incident Alerts



Tesch encourages use of the People's Pantry

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch is encouraging low-income earners and community members experiencing hardship to make use of the People's Pantry following its recent re-opening.

"The Pantry was closed early this year after being significantly damaged in the January 17 storms and after substantial repairs reopened on March 30," she said.

Ms Tesch said the People's Pantry operating adjacent to the Peninsula Community Centre offered vital services including affordable food, as well as face-to-face support for emergency relief, financial counselling, and help with energy bills.

"The People's Pantry is about dignity and has become a beacon of hope for those facing strained circumstances.

"The People's Pantry continues to be a backbone of support for thousands of vulnerable locals,

with more than 5000 visits last year from those in need.

"At the same time it filled its shelves with more than 47,000 kilograms of groceries that otherwise would have been destined for landfill."

The pantry is operated by Community Support and Outreach Services Central Coast.

Chief executive Ms Vivian Muraahi said the project's aim was simple: "To make healthy, affordable food accessible to everyone."

"We offer free and low-cost groceries for low-income earners." Membership of the People's Pantry is free and open to all, with just a simple consent form for first-time visitors.

Ms Tesch said residents looking for cost-of-living assistance could also find support through the NSW Government Cost of Living Hub via <https://penne.ws/Dqknhh>.

SOURCE: Media release, 26 May 2026 Joely Langmaid, Office of the Member for Gosford

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Rotary club appoints homelessness chair

The Rotary Club of Brisbane Water has created a dedicated position of Homelessness Program Chair to focus on “this growing area of community need”.

Past president Mr Mitchell Gordon has taken the role, following an invitation from District Governor Ms Michele Ellery for clubs to appoint a member to the role.

Following correspondence with Ms Ellery, Mr Gordon was confirmed as the club’s point of contact for quarterly District homelessness updates.

“Rotary Brisbane Water looks forward to working alongside District partners and local



organisations to make a tangible difference to those doing it tough on the Central Coast,” he said.

SOURCE:
Media release, 25 May 2026
Mitchell Gordon, Rotary Brisbane Water

Bowling club visits Wyong cancer unit

Members of the Umina Beach Bowling Club have paid a visit to Central Coast Health’s new cancer centre at Wyong Hospital on Friday, May 15, to view the results of the club’s donations.

Mr Ian Jarratt, Ms Gwen Jarrett, Ms Joan Murphy and Mr Peter Springett attended a morning tea where they were shown the

new centre and the new bladder scanner, which the hospital has purchased.

Central Coast Health said in a social media post; “They’ve been quietly rolling up for the Central Coast for nearly two decades, raising an incredible \$87,000 for cancer services since 2009.

“The club’s latest donations from the Ron Pursehouse Prostate

Cancer Charity Day of \$8600 in 2024 and \$6500 in 2025 have helped fund the new bladder scanner for the Wyong Cancer Day Unit, supporting local patients through their treatment.” Pictured are Ian Jarrett, Gwen Jarrett, Joan Murphy and Peter Springett with the cancer unit team.

SOURCE:
Social media, 17 May 2026
Peter Springett, UBMBC

Morning tea to be held at Pearl Beach arboretum

An “Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea” event will be held at Pearl Beach Arboretum on Tuesday, June 9, to raise funds for the Cancer Council.

The morning tea will be hosted by Pearl Beach resident Ms Bev

Lapacek from 10:30am to 12pm at the arboretum at 69 Crystal Ave.

Further details and bookings are available online at <https://wix.to/sGFaNh9>.

SOURCE:
Social media, 26 May 2026
Pearl Beach Arboretum

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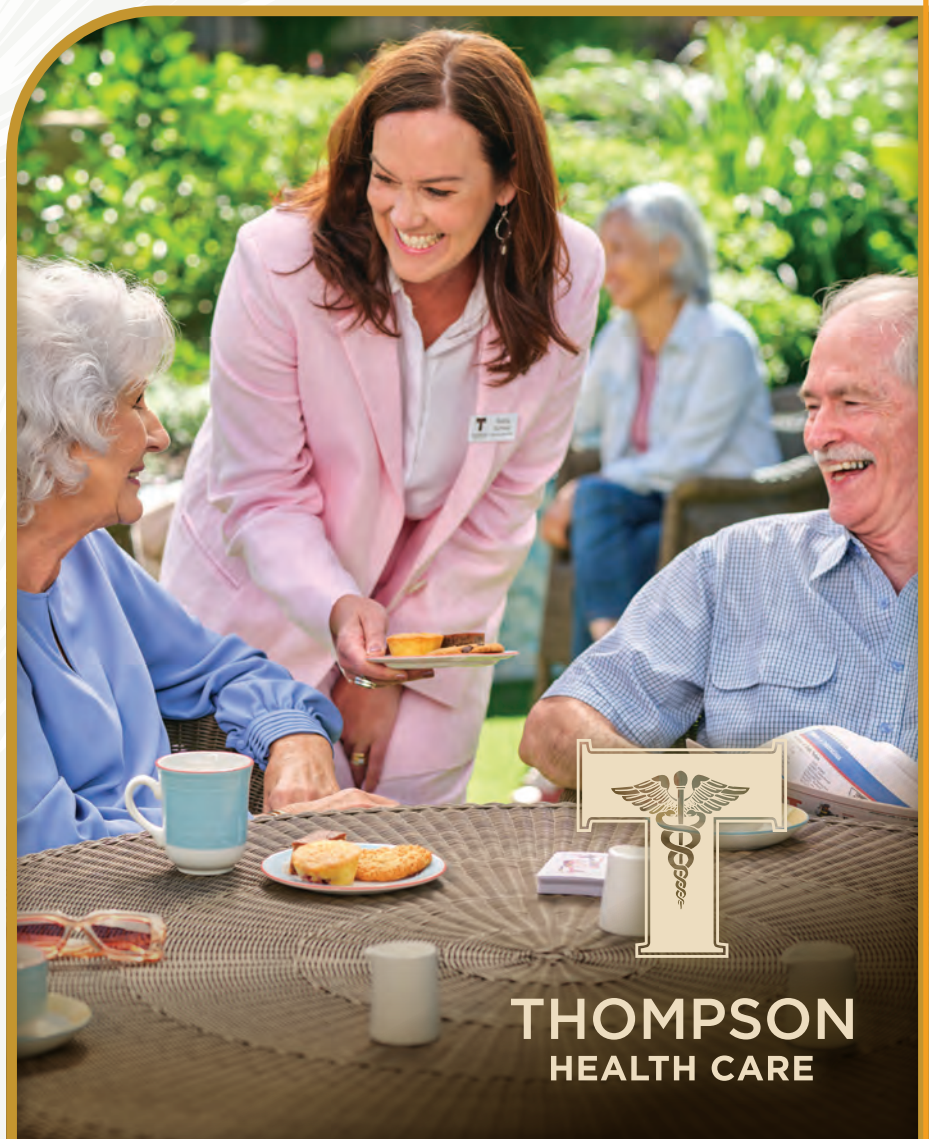
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Arts

Ettalong arts centre opens its doors

Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre will open its doors on the June long weekend as part of Central Coast Council's "Creative Journey".

Art and pottery will be on show from 9am to 4pm on Saturday, June 6.

Patchwork, Jewellery and

watercolour from 9am to 4pm on Sunday, June 7.

The Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre is located in Kitchener Park, Ettalong.

Arts and crafts will be on display and for sale.

SOURCE:
Social media, 25 May 2026
Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre



Umina artist is part of Open Studio Trail

Umina artist Ms Christine Burge will open the doors of her studio, Gwendolen Craft Cottage, over the June long weekend.

The studio will be open as part of Central Coast Council's Creative Journey Open Studio Trail, running from Saturday to Monday, June 6 to 8.

Visitors are invited to wander through the studio and garden, where Christine says she will have a collection of sketchbooks, journals, junk journals, hand made

books, mixed-media works and other creations on display.

Christine has extended a special welcome to sketching enthusiasts of all levels.

Visitors are encouraged to bring their sketchbooks and capture the garden's character across all three days.

A dedicated sketching afternoon will be held in the garden from 1pm on Sunday, June 7, for Central Coast Urban Sketchers.

"Whether you're an experienced urban sketcher or simply curious,

all are welcome to set up and sketch in this garden setting," she said.

"The garden itself is full of interesting nooks, stories, and details just waiting to be explored and sketch."

The studio is located at 33 Gwendolen Ave, Umina.

Entry is free and open to all. With inquiries, email craftychris57@hotmail.com

SOURCE:
Media release, 19 May 2026
Christine Burge, Umina

Places open in art class

Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre has places available in its 12.30pm-3.30pm art class on Wednesday.

The centre aims to offers affordable art

The classes for adults are promoted as affordable.

They are tutored by Ms Amanda

Brierley, an artist, educator and "multidisciplinary creative".

She will be at the Centre for the open weekend on Saturday, June 6.

SOURCE:
Social media, 26 May 2026
Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre

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Pearl Beach concerts celebrate 21 years

A packed Pearl Beach Memorial Hall celebrated the 21st anniversary of the Pearl Beach Music Scholarship and Irvine Family Piano Scholarship concerts on Saturday, May 23.

Presented jointly by the Pearl Beach Progress Association, the Irvine Family and the Central Coast Conservatorium of Music, the annual event aims to provide talented young musicians with

valuable performance opportunities and scholarship support.

Seventeen students performed in the two concerts on the day, with performances on flute, piano, violin, guitar, trombone, french horn and voice.

Major scholarship winners included Emma Deed (flute), who received both the \$2000 first prize and the People's Choice Award, and Mathias Way (piano), recipient of the Irvine Family Piano Scholarship.

Adjudicator Mr Benjamin Kopp praised the high standard of performances, noting the "diversity, style and skill" displayed by the students.

Central Coast Conservatorium artistic director Mr Patrick Brennan said that the "ongoing support continues to nurture young musicians and help further their studies".

SOURCE:
Media release, 29 May 2026
Karina Stafford, Pearl Beach Progress Association



Artie wins medal for competition artwork

Artie Higgins of Class 2-4C at Woy Woy Public School has been awarded an Anzac Medal of Excellence for his entry in the Koorie Kids 2026 Anzac School Initiative Poster Design Competition.

The medal was presented to Artie by Mr Ken Janson, who served for 20 years in the Australian Army and is currently the secretary of the Gosford RSL Sub-Branch.

Artie has been learning about

the Battle of Lone Pine, which took place from August 6-9, 1915, and the significance of the battle.

“Our school is fortunate to have a connection to this history, as one of our families was gifted a tree grown in Australia that descends from the original Lone Pine tree,” said principal Ms Jodie Campbell.

The students have also read the book Lone Pine by Susie Brown and Margaret Warner, which inspired Artie to create his artwork.

SOURCE:
Social media, 20 May 2026
Woy Woy Public School

Kitten visits Umina kindergarten students

Kindergarten students have had a visit from a kitten to accompany their reading of the book Floop by Heidi McKinnon.

Students were able to meet the kitten and to see how it behaved.

They asked questions and were encouraged to use verbs and adjectives to describe the kitten and its antics.

SOURCE:
Social media, 21 May 2026
Umina Beach Public School



Fundraising trivia night for Year 12 Formal

Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy campus will hold a fundraising trivia night for its Year 12 Formal.

It will be held from 6pm on Wednesday, June 10, in the school library.

Teams may be of up to eight people, with tickets \$10 each

which may be booked online or at the front office.

Food will be available to purchase from 5:30pm.

A raffle with a number of prizes. Students and families are welcome.

SOURCE:
Social media, 22 May 2026
BWSC Woy Woy

Knockout soccer competition

Woy Woy South Public School girls soccer team have been successful in their knockout soccer competition.

The team has had two wins and now progresses to the next level.

SOURCE:
Social media, 21 May 2026
Woy Woy South Public School



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Education



School staff receive First Aid training

Staff at Woy Woy South Public School have attended a resuscitation and EpiPen training afternoon.

The training was designed to provide gain vital skills to respond quickly in medical emergencies.

“Ensuring the safety and well-being of students is a top priority for our school,” said principal Mr Matt Barr.

SOURCE:
Social media, 19 May 2026
Woy Woy South Public School

Comedy Club runs for 18th consecutive year

Umina Beach Public School’s Comedy Club has returned for its 18th consecutive year at the school.

More than 50 students from Years 3-6 attended the opening session of the club which meets on Friday mornings.

“The atmosphere in the hall was energetic, inclusive and highly engaging, with students displaying outstanding behaviour, teamwork and confidence throughout the session,” said teacher Mr Greg Buist.

“Comedy Club provides students with opportunities to extend their creativity,

communication, collaboration and performance skills through a wide range of drama and improvisation activities.”

Activities included games such as Cat and Mouse, Evolution and Cross the Circle, and performance activities including “Artist, Model Clay” and “Mr Hit”.

Improvisation, voice projection, quick thinking and stage presence will be involved in activities in coming weeks such as Umina Whispers, Primal Voice, Vampire and Nuclear Bomb Chicken.

SOURCE:
Media release, 21 May 2026
Greg Buist, Umina Beach Public School

SRC inducted at breakfast

The Student Representative Council at Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College was inducted on Wednesday, May 27.

The induction was conducted by college principal Ms Marisha Blanco at a breakfast to which the student’s families were invited.

“We are fortunate to have so many exemplary students with strong voices, committed to advocating for themselves, their peers and our school,” she said.

SOURCE:
Social media, 27 May 2026
BWSC Umina



New principal for St John the Baptist

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary Woy Woy has appointed Mr Todd Vane-Tempest as new principal of the school.

This follows the resignation of Ms Nicole Davies as principal “to prioritise her wellbeing and family”, according to a social media post by the school.

It said she had served as principal at the school for the last 11 years, and had given “many years of dedicated, faith-filled service in Catholic education across a number of schools”.

Mr Vane-Tempest moves from a role as principal at St Patrick’s Catholic Primary School at Asquith.

He returns to St John’s having taught at the school earlier in his career.

He was described as having “extensive educational leadership experience, a strong commitment to Catholic education and a deep passion for student wellbeing and learning growth”.

SOURCE:
Social media, 21 May 2026
SJB Catholic Primary School Woy Woy



School observes National Sorry Day

Woy Woy Public School acknowledged National Sorry Day on Wednesday, May 26, reflecting on the experiences of members of the Stolen Generations, their families, and communities.

Students at the school were

involved in discussions about the significance of the date and what it means for survivors of the Stolen Generations, their descendants and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples more broadly.

“As a school community, we stand together in listening, learning, and showing respect for Aboriginal

and Torres Strait Islander peoples and cultures,” said school principal Ms Sandy Knowles.

“We recognise the importance of truth-telling, healing, and reconciliation for all Australians.”

SOURCE:
Social media, 26 May 2026
Woy Woy Public School



Six Umina students win places in zone cross country

Six Umina Beach Public School students have run in the first three places in their age groups Cross Country Championships held by the Southern Central Coast Primary School Sports on Friday, May 22.

Two other Peninsula students were also in the top three places in their event.

The championship was held at

Rogers Park, Woy Woy, in wet and windy conditions.

Umina Beach took all top three places in the 11 Years Boys, with Joaquim Peacock Cardoso first, Jake Pittman second and Django Mak third.

Chase Taylor ran fourth in the same race.

Alyssa Steel was first among 8-9 Years Girls and Ella O’Keefe was first in 10 Years Girls.

Elise Abel came third in 12-13

Years Girls.

Maya Buckley from Woy Woy South won the 11 Years Girls event, with Alice Clarke from Ettalong Public School coming third in the same event.

Woy Woy South Public School came third in Overall Champion School, behind Avoca Beach and Copacabana Public Schools.

SOURCE:
Social media, 23 May 2026
Southern Central Coast Primary School Sports Association

Junior Touch announces leadership team

The Peninsula Junior Touch Association has announced its leadership team for the coming year following elections at its recent annual meeting.

President is Sharon Nelson and vice-president Stacey Jackson.

Secretary is Nicole Steed and treasurer Tina Jackson.

The position of representative co-ordinator is vacant.

The club said that it only existed "because of people who generously give their time behind the scenes to support our players, families and community".

"Planning is already underway and we're looking forward to another great summer of touch ahead."

SOURCE:
Social media, 19 May 2026
Peninsula Junior Touch



Brisbane Water pair wins

Three pairs of players from the Brisbane Water Bridge Club attended the annual Maitland Bridge Club Swiss Pairs Congress.

The Congress drew a capacity field of 48 pairs.

Brisbane Water pair David Bowerman and Dasha Brandt won the event with five wins, no draws and one loss.

With some great play in bidding, defence and declarer play they led

the competition for most of the day.

Reigning Brisbane Water novice club champions, Tracey Dillon and Carolynne Mucharsky, were also reported to have acquitted themselves well.

The club's third pair Roy Cotton and Stephen Calcroft placed in the top half of the field.

Alan Bustany directed the event.

SOURCE:
Social media, 25 May 2026
Brisbane Water Bridge Club



Minor singles final played

Rex Parker defeated Mal Hughes 25-18 over 26 ends in the final of the Everglades Minor Singles Championship was contested on Saturday, May 23.

Conditions were challenging, with light rain falling for most of the match.

Some spectators braved the outdoor seating, while others enjoyed the comfort of the club's new garden lounge.

Mal Hughes took the opening five ends to lead 9-0.

After 14 ends, he still held the advantage at 14-9.

Rex Parker then claimed the next six consecutive ends to surge ahead 22-14.

Mal managed singles over the following four ends, but Rex responded strongly, picking up another four shots to secure the championship.

Having only recently taken up competitive bowls, Rex showed tremendous determination throughout the entire tournament.

Pictured are Rex Parker and Mal Hughes.

SOURCE:
Social media, 25 May 2026
Everglades Country Club



Minor Pairs final played at Ettalong

The Ettalong Eagles Bowling Club has held its Minor Pairs Final on Sunday, May 24.

S Sundstrom and D Casey won 17-15 on an extra end over A Aked and D Boeking.

SOURCE:
Social media, 24 May 2026
Ettalong Eagles



Umina Eagles receive sporting grant

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch has announced a \$9859 Local Sporting Grant to the Umina United Soccer Club.

The grant will be used to create opportunities for inclusive participation in football and to provide neurodivergent awareness and mental health training for volunteers and the wider club community.

"It is admirable what the club is doing both for neurodivergent kids and awareness in the community," Ms Tesch said.

"This program marks an important milestone in inclusive sport for our community, which is the first of its kind on the Peninsula.

"As a Paralympian I know all too well the barriers to meaningful inclusion in sport for people with disability.

"The confidence, connection

and skills learnt from sport cannot be underestimated and sport should be for everyone in our community."

Ms Tesch thanked the club for ensuring that every child has the opportunity to experience the joy of sport.

Club community engagement manager Ms Jessica Schumann said the support would help build greater understanding of hidden disabilities at the club.

It would strengthen a culture of inclusion, acceptance and belonging, ensuring more families felt safe, supported and connected on and off the field, she said.

"For many families, finding a sporting environment where their child feels safe, understood and included can be incredibly difficult, especially on the Peninsula," Jessica said.

Umina Eagles president Mr Danny Nelson said receiving the

Local Sport Grant was incredibly important for the club and its inclusive soccer program.

"This support allows us to continue providing opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to participate in a safe welcoming and supportive environment."

The Umina United Rise and Soar Inclusive Soccer Program is open to individuals born between 2008 and 2021.

Interested families can find out more by emailing secretary@uminaeagles.com.au for more information.

The Local Sports Grant program provides up to \$20,000 to individual clubs and associations, with \$50,000 available in each electorate to increase participation in community sport.

SOURCE:
Media release, 19 May 2026
Joely Langmaid, Office of the Member for Gosford

Sport



Flawless round played in national qualifying round

The winning team in Brisbane Water Bridge Club's Grand National Open Teams qualifying round played a flawless game, racking up a perfect six out of six wins.

The team of Judy Wulff, Sue McCall, Chris Hasemore, and Barry Foster were of seven teams playing for gold masterpoints.

A team of Pauline Caust, Alan Bustany, Anne Grayden and Julie Sadler clinched second place with three wins, one draw and two losses.

The team of Sylvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa, Karen Ody and Jim Routledge finished third with two wins, two draws and two losses.

Tournament secretary was Peter Hume and Kevin Hughes director.

The next qualifying round will be held at Gosford on Tuesday, June 16.

Results of the Grand National Open Teams club heat played on Saturday, May 23, after six of

six matches were: 1 Judy Wulff, Susan McCall, Barry Foster, Chris Hasemore 89 international match points (89.26 victory points), 6-0-0 wins-draws-losses, 2.16 gold points.

2 Pauline Caust, Alan Bustany, Anne Grayden, Julie Sadler 59 (75.34), 3-1-2, 1.26.

3 Sylvia Foster, Jaan Oitmaa, Karen Ody, Jim Routledge 56 (70.93), 2-2-2, 1.08.

4 Dasha Brandt, David Bowerman, Frankie Craven, David Adams 46 (69.59), 3-1-2, 1.26.

5 Peter Hume, Elaine Hume, Matt Raj Mal, Felicity Fane -24 (53.50), 3-0-3, 1.08.

6 Edith Marshall, Spider Redgold, Christine Hadaway, Qi Hasemore -92 (35.09), 1-0-5, 0.36.

7 Steve Anderson, Kerry Anderson, Susan Ashley, Kerry Robertson -134 (26.29), 1-0-5, 0.36.

SOURCE:
Social media, 23 May 2026
Brisbane Water Bridge Club



Fours final held in 'ideal conditions'

The final of the Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club 2026 Fours was played in "ideal conditions" on Saturday, May 30.

Meena Kelso, Joan Murphy, Barbara Schultz and Jan Ellery came through to the final after receiving a forfeit from Judy Brown, Lesley O'Sullivan, Cheryl Catchpool and Cheryl Ryan.

Terry Mack, Kaye Cavanagh,

Nicole Dargan and Katie Brown won their place in the final, having defeated Patricia Neal, Lorraine Field (sub for Stephanie Heard), Lynette Kennedy and Natasha McDowall in the semi-final played on Sunday, May 24.

In the final, Katie's team took an early lead but then Jan's team got going and took the lead for six ends.

Katie's team won the next

couple of ends which brought them back into the game.

Spectators witnessed some great bowling by both teams and after 18 ends the match was won by one shot by Jan's team.

Pictured is the winning team of Meena Kelso, Joan Murphy, Barbara Schultz and Jan Ellery.

SOURCE:
Social media, 30 May 2026
Lesley Swales, UBWBC



Rain holds off for charity bowls

The rain held off for 36 bowlers and guests who attended the charity bowls on Sunday, May 17, at the Everglades Country Club.

The new number one green, though slow, produced some good bowls, said organiser Mr John Orme.

The spider was won by Tony Manson for the first time and the winning rink prize was won by Darren Blocking, Ron McAllif and John Greentree.Big.

Cold meat and salad rolls were served for lunch and the raffle

produced some multiple winners including Brian Dolan and Tony Manson with Col Nicholls winning the Wednesday bowlers cash prize.

Mick Redrup took home the hardware voucher.

The day raised \$800 for Central Coast Kids in Need.

The next event will be held at 9am on Sunday, June 21, the third Sunday of the month.

All are welcome.

SOURCE:
Media release, 25 May 2026
John Orme, Kids in Need
Charity Bowls

Ella receives National C netball badge

Umina Beach Netball Club member Ella Mills has received her National C Badge.

"This milestone is a reflection of the countless hours, dedication, commitment and passion she has shown for netball," said president Ms Tiffany Brooks.

"Her willingness to learn, lead and give her best every single time she steps onto the court as a player, coach or umpire has not gone unnoticed, and this recognition is so incredibly well deserved.

"Achieving a National C Badge is no small feat, and it speaks volumes about the knowledge, professionalism and effort she brings to the game," she said.

SOURCE:
Social media, 16 May 2026
Umina Beach Netball



President and Officers' Day planned

Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club will hold its President and Officers' Day on Saturday, June 20.

The President and Officers Day is held to thank the current

president and committee for their work over the past year.

Lunch and presentations at 12:30pm are followed by bowls at 1pm.

The cost is \$15 for both players

and non-players and includes a hot dog, two drink tickets and a game of bowls.

SOURCE:
Social media, 30 May 2026
Peter Springett