



AND THEY'RE OFF: The Bay-to-Bay half marathon started at Woy Woy Wharf at 8:30am yesterday. The run took the back streets of Woy Woy before taking the waterfront path back to Lions Park and Woy Woy, then on to Gosford. Winner was Boris Blanc with a time of 1:09:45. Fastest woman was Natalea Smith with a time of 1:20:01.

Council proposes 4.1 hectare expansion of Woy Woy tip

Central Coast Council has submitted its own development application for a staged expansion of the Woy Woy tip on Nagari Rd.

The proposal seeks to establish a new 4.1-hectare "Eastern Storage Platform" to stockpile material on-site.

Because of its scale and nature, the project has been classified as both a "designated development" and a "regionally-significant development".

Council recently received approval for a new "south cell", which is where "operational materials" are currently stockpiled.

Once the South Cell begins accepting waste that storage area will be lost.

Council proposes to clear four hectares of bushland, construct access tracks, drainage paths and a sediment basin in the first stage of the expansion.

The second stage excavates a total of 650,000 cubic metres of "natural material" over 10 years.

The platform would serve as an operational pad to generate daily waste cover, to construct landfill cell walls, and as a temporary store for "minor recyclables" like mattresses for shredding.

An Environmental Impact Statement says that purchasing the same material off-site would cost \$5 million a year, including a \$174.20 per tonne NSW Government Waste Levy.

It would also substantially increase heavy vehicle traffic on Peninsula roads.

The project would secure the continuation of landfill operations, retaining 15 permanent jobs at the tip.

Of the 4.1-hectare project footprint, a total of 3.92 hectares of native vegetation will be completely cleared.

Because of this, Council would have to purchase biodiversity offsets and ecosystem credits under the NSW Biodiversity Offsets Scheme.

The statement identifies potential water quality risks to Woy Woy Creek.

The application states that this would be managed with a Soils and Water Management Plan and a progressively-expanded sediment basin.

An Air Quality Impact Assessment says that dust is the primary emission of concern, rather than offensive odours

Council would adopt dust suppression measures and would monitor air quality visually without a dedicated air quality monitoring station physically located at the tip.

Ambient air quality tracking would rely on data captured by the Wyong Air Quality Monitoring Station.

As a regionally-significant development, the Hunter and Central Coast Regional Planning Panel would determine the

application.

The application states that an "organisational firewall" separates the council's waste operational arm from its development assessment unit, which prevent conflicts of interest.

On its Your Voice Our Coast website, the Council has claimed the project is not an expansion of the tip.

"It is not a proposal for a new landfill in this location, and this area is not proposed to be used as future landfill," the website states.

During previous public consultations, residents from nearby areas like Umina and Ettalong raised objections about foul odours, heavy traffic, and falling property values.

The Council website stated that these issues stem from the approved South Cell landfill expansion and are "outside the scope" of this application.

The exhibition period for the application closes on Wednesday, July 8, giving residents just a little over three weeks from today to review 12 documents with a total of more than 720 pages of text before making a formal submission.

A "drop-in session" will be held at the tip in Nagari Rd from 12pm to 3:30pm on Wednesday, July 1, just a week before submissions close.

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Nicho Hynes pays visit to the Peninsula

Cronulla Sharks half back Nicho Hynes has paid a visit to the Peninsula with "my mate" former Melbourne Storm and Sea Eagles player Cooper Johns.

He dropped in to see his former teacher, Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch.

She described it as a "proud teacher moment".

"The amazing Nicho Hynes popped in to say hello yesterday," she said.

"As Nicho's former teacher, I know I join our community in being incredibly proud of Nicho and all that he has achieved." Umina Beach Public School principal Ms Karen Wardlaw said he also paid the school a surprise visit.



"We had a very special visitor come to our school, Umina Beach alumnus Nicho Hynes," she said.

"Nicho spoke the whole school, and stayed for a game of touch with our senior touch teams." Aboriginal students also met with him.



"Cooper Johns was also a special guest who we loved having visit for the afternoon," said Ms Wardlaw.

SOURCE:
 Social media, 10 Jun 2026
 Liesl Tesch MP

Government services staff to answer questions

Mingaletta has announced the availability on the Peninsula of Government services staff to answer residents' questions.

Services Australia will be visiting its Sydney Ave hall in Umina once a month until the end of the year.

Its next visit will be from 10am to 12pm on Wednesday, July 1.

The team will answer questions about Federal Government services, including Centrelink, concessions, Medicare and MyGov account navigation.

No appointments are needed. Mingaletta has also said that both Services Australia and Services NSW, as well as Revenue NSW, and Births Deaths and Marriages NSW, will be available tomorrow, Tuesday, June 16, to answer questions about State and Federal Government services.

Tomorrow they will be at Mary Mac's Place in Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, from 9am to 1pm.

The morning is promoted as a "one-stop shop for essential government services and support". Service NSW will be available

with assistance with ID and license support, rebates, vouchers, Fair Trading inquiries, and Opal cards.

Revenue NSW will be available to help with fines management, CentrePay arrangements, and resolving license suspensions.

Births, Deaths and Marriages NSW will be available to provide support for ordering birth certificates, registering children, and providing ID support.

SOURCE:
 Social media, 9 Jun 2026
 Mingaletta Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation

Third driest start to June in 22 years

Only 2.8mm of rain has fallen on the Peninsula in the first 12 days of June, according to figures supplied by Mr Jim Morrison of Umina.

The rainfall is just two per cent of the June average of 137 millimetres.

This is the third lowest rainfall for the first 12 days of June since 2005, when no rain fell.

In 2022, 2.4mm fell in the first 12 days.

Last year was the fourth driest, with 4.7mm falling in the first 12 days of the month.

The total rainfall to date this year is 997.6mm, which 42.9 per cent more than the end of May average of 696mm and 19.8 per cent more than the end of June average of 833mm.



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

SOURCE:
 Spreadsheet, 12 Jun 2026
 Jim Morrison, Umina

TIDE TIMES and Heights	Mon, Jun 15	Thu, Jun 18	Sun, Jun 21	Wed, Jun 24	Sat, Jun 27
	0316 0.18	0608 0.15	0113 1.12	0409 0.81	0131 0.31
	0833 0.88	1124 0.85	0825 0.21	1025 0.28	0700 0.73
	1416 0.20	1702 0.24	1415 0.89	1701 1.02	1227 0.29
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	0416 0.16	0657 0.16	0208 1.00	0513 0.76	0212 0.29
	0930 0.87	1220 0.86	0904 0.23	1105 0.29	0744 0.74
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Shade standards needed for pathways, says tree group

The Peninsula's Grow Urban Shade Trees group has called on Central Coast Council to adopt minimum shade and canopy cover standards for its "active transport corridors".

In a submission to the Council's Draft Walking, Wheeling and Cycling Strategy, it has called for a dedicated budget allocation for both installation and ongoing maintenance of trees and associated infrastructure.

"The absence of a clearly-funded urban forest strategy, measurable canopy targets and transparent implementation pathways makes it difficult for the community to feel confident that shade and greening objectives will ultimately be prioritised alongside transport delivery," the submission said.

"The final strategy should include stronger commitments and clearer mechanisms to ensure green infrastructure is embedded into every stage of project delivery

— not added later as an optional enhancement."

The submission called for heat-vulnerable and highly exposed routes to be given priority for early greening investment.

It asked the Council to engage urban forestry expertise in project planning and design.

"Canopy outcomes" associated with active transport projects should be monitored and reported publicly, it said.

Group member Ms Mim McInnes said the Council should look to the \$57 million Greenway project in Sydney's Inner West as an example.

"It provides a six kilometre continuous, separated active corridor connecting the Cooks River at Earlwood to the Parramatta River at Iron Cove.

"The green-shaded route features upgraded parks, tree-planting, shaded walkways and accessible bike paths."

SOURCE:
Social media, 1 Jun 2026
GUST Grow Urban Shade Trees

Tea Cosy Expo was well-attended

The Lions Club of Woy Woy Peninsula held its annual Tea Cosy Expo at the Umina Surf Life Saving Club on Saturday and Sunday of the long weekend, June 6 and 7.

Club president Mr Tony Griffith said the Expo was well-attended, with more than 400 Devonshire teas served over the weekend.

This year's exhibition theme was "Around the World", with 211 tea cosy entries submitted, many available for purchase.

The event included lucky dips, a bric-a-brac stall, a vintage doll display, and a variety of other stallholders and exhibitors.

Communal knitting and crocheting baskets were provided, where people could pick up a piece and add their own stitches where the last person left off.

Mr Griffith said the imaginative and inspiring tea cosies captured the hearts of young and old alike.

"Our annual event showcases a true labour of love, with beautiful



creations crafted by talented people from both our local community and further afield," he said.

"The community response was incredible and without the crowds who came along, we would not be able to continue making the Tea



Cosy Expo such a successful and enjoyable event year after year."

The club has announced that next year's Theme will be "Down on the Farm".

SOURCE:
Social media, 7 Jun 2026
Lions Club of Woy Woy Peninsula

Porridge festival planned for Pearl Beach

The inaugural Pearly Spurtle Festival of Porridge will be held in the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall on Saturday, August 8.

Inspired by the Golden Spurtle, Scotland's World Porridge-Making Championship, will include its own porridge-making competition.

The winner will receive a return trip to Scotland to represent Australia at the prestigious Golden Spurtle championships in Carrbridge in October.

The day will also include specialty porridge competitions, children's decorating events, pipe bands, Scottish dancing, rum tasting, hot-buttered rum cocktails, and traditional British bacon butties.

Organised by the Pearl Beach Progress Association, every bowl of porridge sold and every ticket purchased will help support the ongoing maintenance and preservation of the Pearl Beach Memorial Hall.

"Whether you're a porridge purist who swears by oats, water and salt, or simply fancy yourself as Australia's next porridge champion, organisers are encouraging people



of all ages and abilities to enter." Entries and event information is available online at www.pearlyspurtle.com.

SOURCE:
Media release, 11 Jun 2026
Karina Stafford, Pearl Beach Progress Association

EXTRA news
<https://penne.ws/extra>

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY
Chamber and Tesch welcome pedestrian safety funding

RENOVATED HALL
CWA branch resumes meetings in renovated hall

MONSTER GARAGE SALE
Pearl Beach's garage sale saw a steady stream of visitors

CLEAN4SHORE
Woy Woy divers help with marine clean-up

Trivia night to raise money for PNG youth education

A trivia night will be held on Saturday, June 27, by the Rotary Club of Brisbane Water in aid of youth education in Papua New Guinea.

The event will be held from 7pm at Everglades Country Club and will include "an evening of entertainment, raffles, and a silent auction".

With tickets at \$25, the money will go to the Gilgil Resource Centre in East New Britain, Papua New Guinea, which provides vocational and educational opportunities to young people.

Rotary club Youth Co-Chair Mr Mitchell Gordon said the event reflected the club's belief that every young person deserved the opportunity to learn and grow regardless of where they were born.

"The young people of East New Britain have the talent and the drive," he said.

"The Gilgil Resource Centre gives them the tools.

"Nights like this are how we help make that possible."

Prizes including a Samsung Z Flip 7 mobile phone, a Sydney Harbour Bridge Climb, and weekend accommodation for two are among a \$3000 pool for the raffles and silent auction. Major

Tickets are available in advance or at the door.

To book a seat, phone 0475 922 166 or 0432 420 179.

Drinks will be available at bar prices.

Guests will be encouraged to dress in Pasifika style.

SOURCE:
Media release, 9 Jun 2026
Mitchell Gordon, Rotary Brisbane Water

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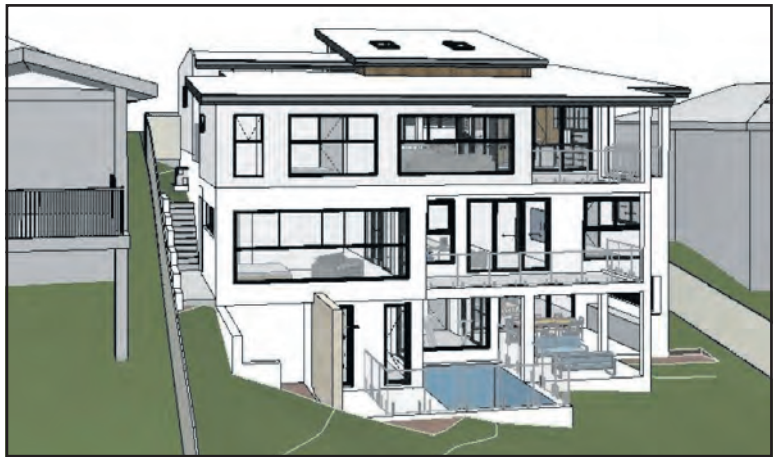
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Planning



Three-level house proposed for site with 12-metre fall

An application has been lodged for a three-level house at 35 The Palisade, Umina, an 886 square metre site which falls 12 metres from the street to the rear boundary.

The building's roofline will reach a maximum height of 9.029 metres, exceeding the 8.5-metre maximum permitted building height by an estimated 0.529 metres, according to architectural plans prepared by ArchiRoom.

No written "clause 4.6" request to allow this has been included in the exhibited documents.

The proposal includes the removal of eight mature native trees.

"All of these trees are located in a position which is in direct conflict with proposed features of the design," according to an arborist's report.

These areas include the footprint of the house, areas with earthworks and soil levelling, the driveway and "other proposed

features".

Two mature trees, a smooth-barked apple and a Sydney peppermint, will experience minor root zone encroachment and are to be protected during building work.

The site is scattered with sandstone boulders.

"Construction of the lower ground floor and ground floor will require excavating to depths of two to three metres below the existing ground surface," according to a geotechnical investigation by Green Geotechnics.

"Hydraulic breakers mounted on an excavator or jack hammers will be required to break up the majority of the rock before it can be removed using an excavator."

The geotechnical report assessed the risk to property as low to moderate, identifying potential hazards of soil creep and cut-slope failure.

The application is on public exhibition until June 24.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 12 Jun 2026
DA/836/2026, Central Coast Council

Four units to have two street frontages

An application has been received to replace two homes with a four-unit multi-dwelling development on a 754.4 square metre site at 81 Cambridge St, Umina Beach.

Two units will share a common wall fronting Cambridge St, each having three bedrooms, a master bedroom with an ensuite, a single car garage with a second off-street parking space allowance, an alfresco area and a combined lounge, dining, and kitchen area with a laundry and butler's pantry.

The remaining two dwellings and garages will be accessed from Priestman Ave.

They will share a common wall with each having a single car garage with an internal laundry area at the rear, an alfresco area, two bedrooms and a master bedroom with an ensuite.

The development will provide seven off-street parking spaces, including an allocated visitor space, which exceeds the council requirement of six.

The application includes a formal "Clause 4.6" request to increase the floor space ratio beyond the permitted 0.5:1 ratio by 16 per cent, to 0.58:1.

Oddly, while the local environmental plan assessment table acknowledges this, the development control plan compliance table later in the same document states the proposed floor space ratio is 0.50:1 and that it complies.



The notification plans for the development also contain an incorrect north point.

The official survey prepared by ACE Surveyors has a correct true north arrow but indicates that the side boundaries of the lot run almost perfectly north-south, with a bearing of 359 degrees, 58 minutes, and 20 seconds, meaning they are in relation to the Magnetic Meridian not true north.

Despite the statement of environmental effects claiming the development complies with sunlight access requirements due to its north-south orientation, the architectural plans indicate the rear units will face severe shading.

The private open space for Unit 3, located on the eastern side of the property, will be shaded by a large existing tree.

The official survey details this tree on the eastern boundary

as being 16 metres high with a canopy spread of eight metres, sitting directly over the designated outdoor area.

The private open space for Unit 4 faces similar solar access constraints.

The alfresco and drying area for this dwelling is situated on the southern side of the proposed structure, effectively sandwiching the outdoor space between the two-storey high wall of Unit 4 to the north and the rear wall of Unit 2 to the south.

The site is identified as flood-affected land and mapped as having class four acid sulphate soils.

The application is on public exhibition until June 24.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 13 Jun 2026
DA/811/2026, Central Coast Council

Four units proposed for Bream Rd

A four-unit multi-dwelling housing development has been proposed for a 975.5 square metre site at 22 and 22a Bream Rd, Ettalong.

Two existing homes on the site will be demolished.

The front dwelling will face Bream Rd and have three bedrooms, a master bedroom with an en-suite, a double car garage, and a combined lounge, dining and kitchen with a butler's pantry.

The remaining three dwellings will share a common wall and have laneway garage access.

Each dwelling will have its own single car garage with an internal laundry, as well as an alfresco area.

A single-width driveway is "designed to maintain kerbside parking and tree within the nature strip," according to the application prepared by Red Apple Design.

Planning provisions require that driveways for dual occupancy and multi-dwelling housing: must be offset from any side boundary by two metres at the front boundary", tapering to a 500mm side set-back "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 development will provide seven off-street parking spaces,



including an allocated visitor space, exceeding the council requirement of six.

The private open space for one of the units does not comply with the required minimum of 45 square metres, instead providing 41.46

square metres.

"The variation is considered minor in nature, results in a better overall design outcome, and is consistent with contemporary planning controls under the Housing SEPP," the application states.

The site is mapped as having class 3 and 4 acid sulphate soils.

"Should acid sulphate soils be encountered during construction works, Council would be notified immediately and an Acid Sulphate Soils Management Plan, written in accordance with the NSW Acid Sulphate Soil Manual 1998 would be to be submitted to Council," the application said.

The application is currently on public exhibition until July 1.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 12 Jun 2026
DA/804/2026, Central Coast Council

Developments approved

A number of development applications have been approved for the Peninsula in the last two weeks.

These include four dual occupancies: at 34 Wallaby St, Blackwall; 46 Karingi St, Ettalong; 103 Bourke Rd, Umina; and 9 Osborne Avenue, Umina, and a new dwelling at 55 Adelaide Ave,

Umina.

Alterations and additions were approved for 85 Bay St, Patonga; 160 Bourke Rd, Umina; 79 The Esplanade, Ettalong, and for 126 Brisbane Ave, Umina.

A swimming pool was approved for 15 Britannia St, Umina.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 14 Jun 2026
Central Coast Council

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Aged care visit to Vivid festival

Residents of an aged care facility in Umina had an excursion to the Vivid Festival in Sydney on Tuesday, June 9.

The residents of Peninsula

Village spent their night out seeing the light displays around Sydney Harbour.

SOURCE:
Social media, 9 Jun 2026
Peninsula Villages

Reports reveal contamination issues for foreshore plan

New reports released by Central Coast Council have revealed significant contamination at the site of the approved five-storey shop-top residential development at 46 The Esplanade, Ettalong.

The issues were not identified in the preliminary reports placed on public exhibition with the development application.

They include a hotspot of asbestos-contaminated fill material, impacted groundwater, and a previously-undocumented underground fuel storage tank estimated to be of up to 5000 litres.

Soil quality under an oil-water separator as well as under the current buildings on the site remains unknown and warrants investigation, according to a remediation report.

Six reports were produced after the developer appealed to the Land and Environment Court.

They were presented to a court-moderated conciliation conference, but their existence was not revealed until the judgement was published and they were not accessible to the public until now.

Their release on the Council's planning portal is believed to be the result of a request from the Peninsula Residents Association.

The reports, which the Commissioner said she "relied on" in her judgement, were a detailed site investigation, an acid sulphate soils assessment, a geotechnical report, interim audit advice about the site investigation, interim audit advice about a remediation plan, and a remedial action plan.

The reports were produced in September and November last year.

In her judgement, the Commissioner stated "she was

satisfied that the decision is one that the Court can make in the proper exercise of its functions".

"In reaching this satisfaction I am assisted by the Statement of Environmental Effects, the geotechnical reports, acid sulphate soil assessment and management reports, the flood study and the civil design plans that accompany the amended development application."

As part of the judgement, Central Coast Council was awarded \$15,000 for "costs thrown away".

Conditions of consent contained a "data gap" provision which mandates the collection and analysis of data for the area underneath the current hotel building once demolition is complete.

The investigation must capture the previously inaccessible areas under the structures and confirm the exact extent of remediation required for groundwater and soil.

The report must be submitted to the Council's Environment Protection Officer for approval and the new investigation must be accompanied by a formal Section B Site Audit Statement or Letter of Interim Advice from the NSW EPA Accredited Contaminated Site Auditor, legally endorsing that the contamination has been fully delineated before the basement excavation can begin.

The Peninsula Residents' Association had previously argued that the original reports were inadequate for the application to have been accepted by the council, and that the new reports should have been placed on public exhibition for comment before a decision was made.

SOURCE:
DA Tracker, 13 Jun 2026
DA/1283/2024, Central Coast Council

Police hold knife-scanning operation

Brisbane Water Police conducted a high-visibility knife scanning operation in Woy Woy on Thursday, June 4.

It was held with the Police Transport Command at Woy Woy Railway Station and at Deepwater Plaza Shopping Centre between 1pm and 8pm.

"Officers engaged with the community and carried out handheld scanner checks as part of ongoing efforts to enhance public safety and deter weapon-related offences," Brisbane Water Police said in a social media post.

Over 170 people were scanned three knives were detected and removed.

One person was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

Drug cautions were issued and "matters dealt with for retail theft".

The statement said: "Community feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with locals showing strong support for the police presence and



these proactive safety measures.

"Operations like this are part of our ongoing commitment to keeping public spaces safe and ensuring our community feels

secure when going about their daily lives."

SOURCE:
Social media, 5 Jun 2026
Brisbane Water Police District



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Forum

The resident owner's dilemma

I refer to the article in Peninsula News Forum, January 26, titled "The developer's dilemma: a fascinating case study".

Firstly I will say, I concur with your correspondent and generally agree with the underlying message in his piece.

There is also a "resident owner's dilemma" or, indeed, "the community's dilemma".

I am a resident, owner and occupier.

There is a recently completed, and occupied, dual townhouse development, just down the street from me.

From a loose discussion with the builder-developer's site representative, just at completion, I was informed their intention was to lease the properties rather than offer them for sale, as the market did not seem to support their need to service their debt.

The two separate, but attached, dwellings seem to be occupied by a common family, who also seem to operate a business from the same address.

I have no problem with these people.

They seem to be clean, quiet, respectful and responsible towards the community, for which I am thankful.

My problem, for want of a better term, is that two attached four bedroom residences, each with a single car garage does not seem to be suitable to the needs of either

the community, or the residents.

Every evening, there are eight to 10 vehicles parked on the properties, the verge, and the street, in various locations.

If this is part of planning I will eat my hat.

What I think is likely to compound this for the remainder of the residents in the block is the matter that there is another similar, perhaps larger, dual townhouse development on the adjoining block, both with single garages, about to be completed and presumably offered to the market.

With the apparent local real estate market, it is difficult to believe the same, or similar won't occur.

There is a plethora of these dual townhouse, mid-market, single garage developments springing up all over the Peninsula.

If you take a closer look at current local real estate market trends it appears there is regular sales up to \$1.2 million, then there is similar for new, or quality stand alone properties at or above \$2 million.

But in between, where these developments seem to fit, there is much less demand.

So, that leads an outsider to conclude the market considers this sector not to be value for money, not a good buy, or not what the market is calling for.

SOURCE:
Email, 2 Jun 2026
Darron Shaw, Ettalong Beach

Not even an idea for a strategy

The Central Coast's Local Strategic Planning Statement 2026 is now on exhibition for comments.

The document, as a whole, is largely pretentious waffle or tedious repetition of much that has already been said in other publications, so it doesn't repay much study.

However, for those particularly interested in what it means for the Peninsula, there is a "Peninsula Planning Area" section, although it should be noted that the section actually covers the West Ward which, of course, is a political subdivision, having no rational boundaries and extending as far north as Kariong and Point Clare.

Accordingly, it doesn't offer much in the way of specific guidance to the future of the Peninsula, and most of what it does say is so vague and nebulous that it could mean almost anything (or nothing).

There are 13 bullet points, spelling out priorities for the area.

Somebody was obviously scraping the bottom of the barrel to put together 13 points, since they include such gems as "assist the state government in improving key north-south cycle corridors", "maintain the viability of the Woy Woy health precinct by encouraging appropriate ancillary uses" and "advocate for improvements to the Rawson Road railway level crossing", all thought bubbles which involve the Council in doing nothing but seek to take credit for what others might decide to do about these elements.

At the other end of the futility spectrum, we have "providing

more housing types and densities" which the Council is no more capable of doing than of flying to the moon but which sounds good, as long as it's somebody else's area of responsibility.

Of the things that the Council might actually tackle, we have "improve the ... Woy Woy foreshore and Woy Woy centre" (but how?), "retain ... Lions Park, Woy Woy" (but doesn't that go without saying?), "upgrade cycle connections between Woy Woy centre and nearby local centres" (but are there any to upgrade?), "improve traffic and parking within Woy Woy centre and at Woy Woy station" (but hasn't this been an objective for years with no noticeable change?), "identify opportunities for a shuttle bus service" (but aren't the opportunities already there, except that the Council has no idea of how to realize them?) and "connecting the coastal public domain with James Brown Oval, Rogers Park and the Everglades wetland" (but what can this possibly mean?).

All in all, there doesn't seem to be anything too promising for Peninsula residents.

The one thing that could make a difference and that most residents would appreciate is "increase tree canopy cover to reduce urban heat island effects", but this is an area where Council has been utterly inept to date and where there is no indication that implementation is going to get any better.

The Urban Shade group has been lobbying the Council for years to pay some attention to this need, and the best the Council

has been able to come up with is a proposal to let property owners apply for permission to undertake some kind of planting on street verges which many streets don't have to start with and which are, in many cases, sterilized by the festoons of overhead wiring that can't be interfered with.

It's all very well to bandy about this kind of off-hand comment, but it would be reassuring to know that the Council has actually inventoried the potential sites for tree planting and has some idea of what impact can be made by the process.

This document isn't a strategy in any meaningful sense of the word.

It isn't even the idea for developing a strategy.

It doesn't amount to much more than the compilation of a few random ideas of not much consequence in a glossy format where presentation is all and substance is sadly lacking.

Will there be a 2027 iteration of this exercise that we can look forward to?

SOURCE:
Email, 7 Jun 2026
Bruce Hyland, Woy Woy

What's going on?

After all the public outcry, our council still refuses to meet at Gosford every second month? What on earth is going on?

SOURCE:
Email, 14 Jun 2026
Michelle Shoemark, Woy Woy

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Three men recognised in King's Birthday Honours

Three men who have made significant contributions to Peninsula community groups have been recognised in the King's Birthday Honours.

Two were awarded Medals of the Order of Australia (OAM) and one was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM).

Mr Peter Romey of Pearl Beach received an OAM for service to conservation and the environment.

Mr Steven Cattley of Bensville received an OAM for service to cricket.

Mr Brett Harrod of Terrigal received an AM for significant service to surf life saving and to the community.

Pearl Beach Progress Association president Ms Naseema Sparks said: "A resident of Pearl Beach for the past 10 years and current secretary of the Pearl Beach Environment Group, Peter Romey has devoted much of his professional life to protecting and preserving some of Australia's most significant heritage places.

"His work has included helping introduce some of Sydney's first heritage protection legislation, conserving the internationally significant Port Arthur Historic Site, and providing advice on World Heritage sites through UNESCO and the International Council on Monuments and Sites.

"In recent years, he has



become a passionate advocate for protecting the unique environment and character of Pearl Beach and the wider Central Coast."

Southern Spirit Cricket Club president Mr Anthony Clarke said: "This recognition of Steve Cattley reflects decades of dedication, leadership, mentoring, and tireless contribution to cricket across our community.

"From player and coach, to committee member, mentor, life member, and Club Person of the Year, Steve's impact on generations of cricketers is truly remarkable.

"We are incredibly proud to call Steve a Life Member of Southern Spirit Cricket Club and thank him



for his outstanding service to the game and our cricket community."

Umina Surf Life Saving Club president Ms Kerry Armstrong-Smith said: "Brett Harrod has dedicated decades of service to Surf Life Saving, leading at club, branch, state and national levels.

"Throughout his distinguished career, he served as president of Umina SLSC, Central Coast Branch and Surf Life Saving NSW, as well as a director of Surf Life Saving Australia.

"Among his many achievements, Brett secured funding to build eight new Surf Life Saving Clubs across NSW, helped establish state-wide emergency response systems and operating



procedures that became national best practice, led the growth of Surf Life Saving NSW's lifeguard services and commercial training operations, was instrumental in the introduction of the 13SURF rescue call-out service, and helped develop national event venue selection and hosting criteria.

"While Brett's impact has been felt across not just Umina SLSC, but Surf Life Saving Australia, his leadership, vision and commitment have helped shape not only our club, but the future of Surf Life Saving nationwide."

SOURCE:
Media release, 4 Jun 2026
Honours Media, Office of Secretary
to the Governor-General

Service clubs seek prize donations

The Rotary Club of Brisbane Water and the Lions Club of Woy Woy Peninsula are calling for prize donations for an Australiana Cocktail Party fundraiser.

The event will be held on Saturday, August 15, at Umina Surf Club to raise funds for domestic violence and bullying prevention programs in local schools.

It will feature raffles and prize draws throughout the evening.

"The clubs are seeking donations of goods, services, vouchers, experiences, or products from local businesses and individuals who would like to show their support," said Rotary club Youth Co-Chair Mr Mitchell Gordon.

"Every prize donated helps us create a better night and a better outcome for the young people in our community who benefit from these programs."

Donors will be acknowledged at the event.

For further information, phone Rotary Brisbane Water on 0475 922 166 or 0432 420 179.

SOURCE:
Media release, 10 Jun 2026
Mitchell Gordon, Rotary
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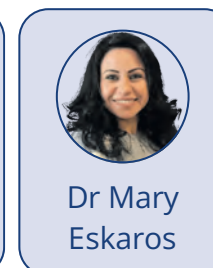
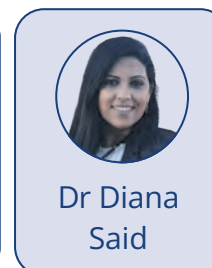
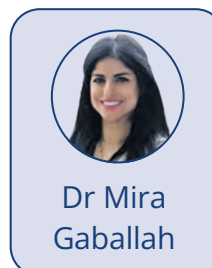
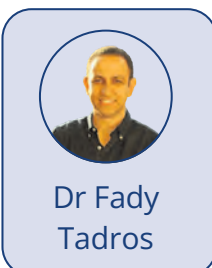
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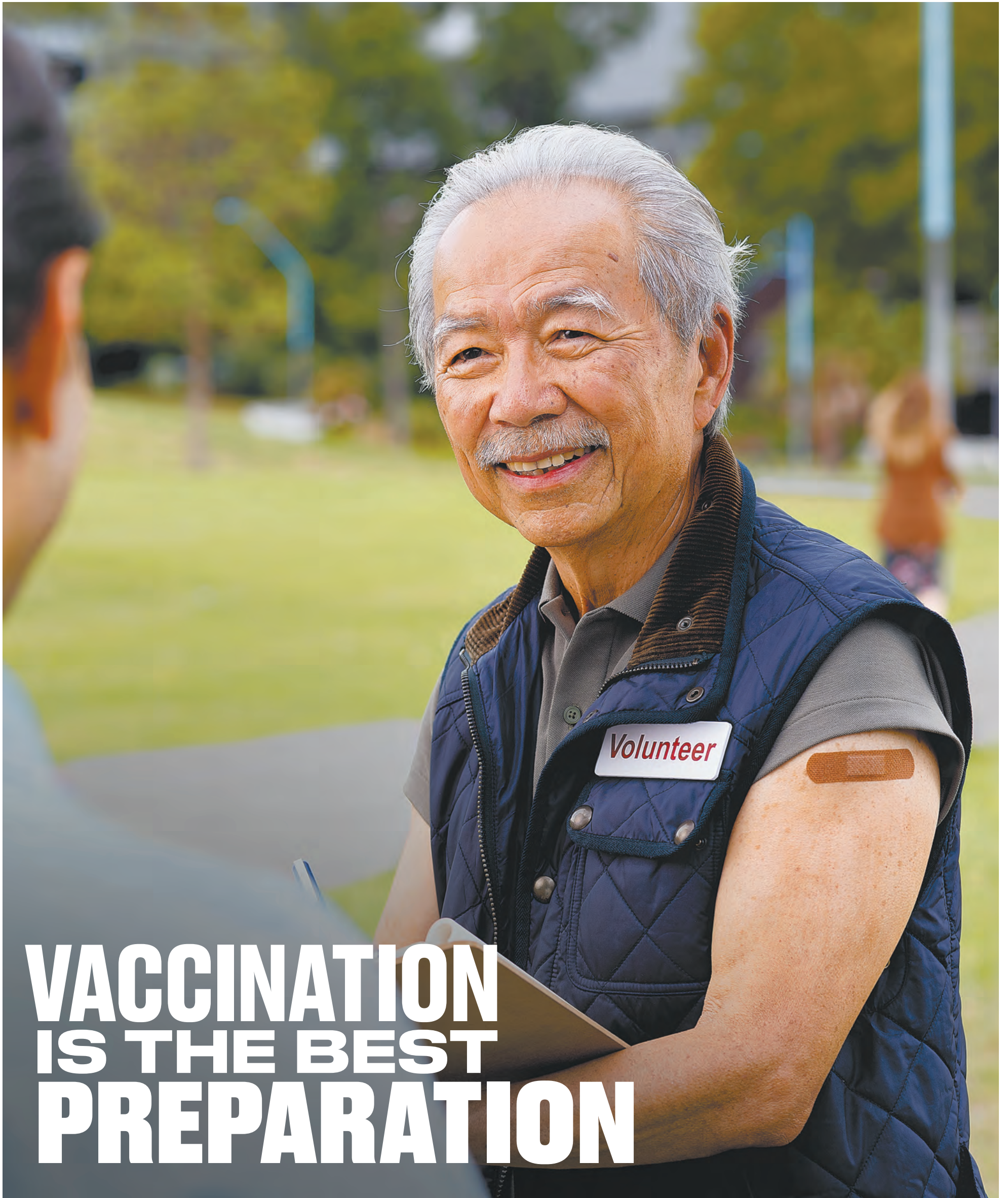


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Winter appeal for Mary Mac's Place

The annual winter appeal for Mary Mac's Place is running for the month of June.

The appeal seeks donations of non-perishable items, including microwaveable pastas and noodles, school snacks, long-life milk and canned protein products such as tuna, ham, and soups.

The food will be used by Mary Mac's Place to provide meals, support, and care to those who need it most.

Wiseberry Peninsula is conducting the appeal in partnership with Mary Mac's Place, said Wiseberry sales and marketing team member Ms Casey Williams.

"Mary Mac's Place supports close to 20,000 people each year

and people are struggling more today than ever before," she said.

"The request for food hampers has increased by over 50 per cent over the last few years.

"Winter can be an especially difficult time for many people in our community.

"Even a small donation can bring comfort, dignity, and hope to someone facing tough circumstances."

Donations can be dropped off at the Wiseberry Peninsula office at 264 West St in Umina Beach throughout June.

For more information, phone their office on 4344 1122.

SOURCE:
Media release, 1 Jun 2026
Casey Williams,
Wiseberry Peninsula

Prostate cancer charity day

Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club will hold its Ron Pursehouse Prostate Cancer Charity Day from 12:30pm on Wednesday, June 24.

The three-bowl triples event will be open gender, with mixed, men's and women's teams accepted.

With a \$10 entry fee and \$2 and \$5 raffles, the day will raise funds for Central Coast Health, enabling the purchase of urological

equipment for Gosford and Wyong hospitals.

Raffle tickets will be sold from 11am.

Raffles and mystery prizes will be drawn at 4:15pm.

The day is held in memory of Ron Pursehouse who was a Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club life member.

SOURCE:
Social media, 9 Jun 2026
Peter Springett

Buddhist tools for clarity and steadiness

Central Coast Meditation Centre will hold a free talk at Woy Woy Sea Scout Hall at 7pm on Friday, June 19.

Entitled Ancient Wisdom, Modern Sanity: A Clearer Way to be Human, the evening features teacher Lama Choedak Rinpoche.

He will talk about practical Buddhist tools for clarity, steadiness and compassion, "simple approaches that can help people meet modern pressures with more ease".

Centre co-ordinator Ms Donna Nelson said: "The talk focuses on real-life, accessible ways of

responding to everyday challenges, including digital overload, work and family demands, and the general sense of busyness many experience.

"Small shifts can support personal wellbeing while also strengthening a calmer, more connected local community."

The evening includes questions and discussion.

All are welcome to attend.

Further information is available online via <https://penne.ws/>

SOURCE:
Media release, 5 Jun 2026
Donna Nelson, Central Coast Meditation Centre



Collecting for The Man's Bag

Member for Gosford Ms Liesl Tesch is promoting her Woy Woy office as a collection point for donations for The Man's Bag.

Ms Tesch said this was a local initiative, run by Carole and Kelly McConnel, providing hygiene packs to homeless men and youth across the Coast.

Donations may be dropped off at 71 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, weekdays from 9am to 12:30pm or 1:30pm to 5pm.

SOURCE:
Social media, 4 Jun 2026
Liesl Tesch, Member for Gosford



E-bike collision

The Careflight helicopter was called to assist NSW Ambulance with a man who has been injured after a collision between a car and an ebike on Priestman Ave, Umina.

The helicopter landed at McEvoy Oval.

The patient was transported by road to Royal North Shore Hospital with the medical team from Careflight on board.

The helicopter departed separately.

SOURCE:
Social media, 4 Jun 2026
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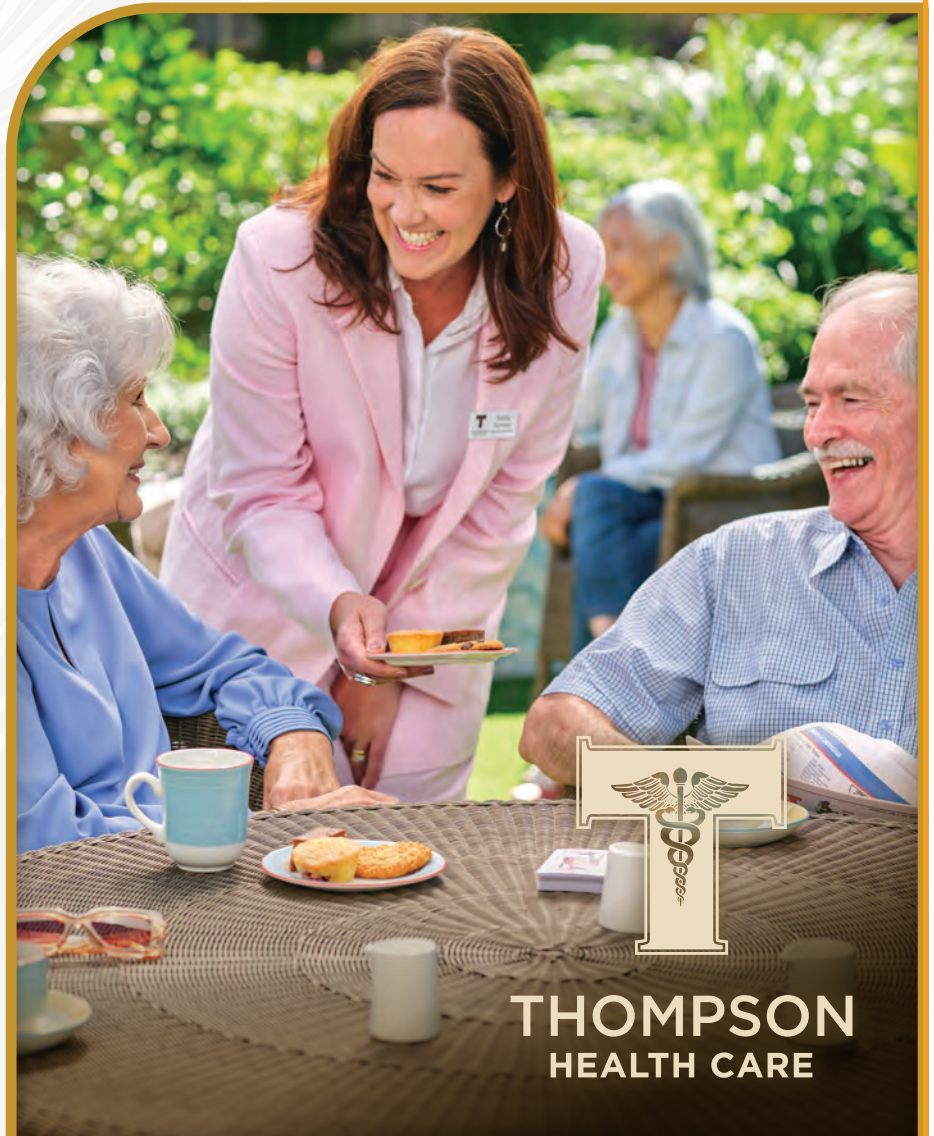
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Industrial folk and Ukrainian melodies at folk club

A band playing “ragtime industrial folk” and another playing Ukrainian melodies will play at the June concert of the Troubadour Folk Club at 2pm on Sunday, June 28.

The bands are Steel City Sue Trio and the Mar’ yana Jaga Band. The afternoon opens at Everglades Country Club with the Steel City Sue Trio, an award-winning band specialising in “ragtime industrial folk” music about Newcastle.

Steel City Sue is Su Morley who writes story-songs about Newcastle and the Hunter Valley.

She is joined in the trio by multi-instrumentalists Naomi Jones of Midnight Chicken and Tim Merrikin of Coomba All-Stars.

All of them swap out twin fiddles, banjo, Cajun accordion,

double bass and guitar.

After the interval, the Mar’ yana Jaga Band will take to the stage with their Ukrainian music.

The band performed a sell-out concert for the Troubadour in 2024.

“Playing a fusion of Ukrainian melodies and contemporary electronic dance rhythms, they bring music that is both deeply rooted and strikingly modern,” said folk club president Mr Michael Fine.

Mr Fine said the concert expected to be popular and early bookings were advised to secure a seat.

Further information and bookings are available online at troubadour.org.au.

SOURCE:
Media release, 12 Jun 2026
Michael Fine, Troubadour Central Coast

Author talk about Hamlet’s hereditary queen

Author Ms Kerrie Roberts will hold a talk about “Hamlet’s Hereditary Queen” at Umina Beach Library from 11am to 12pm on Friday, June 19..

Drawing on her book “Hamlet’s Hereditary Queen: Performing Shakespeare’s Silent Female Power”, Ms Roberts will offer an interpretation of Gertrude, not as a passive consort, but as a politically-astute and influential ruler.

Blending theatre practice and scholarship, Roberts will talk of

performance choices and examine the concept of “queenship” in early modern England, and its implications for Hamlet.

The talk is described as “perfect for Shakespeare enthusiasts, lovers of classic literature and anyone with a passion for drama”.

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

SOURCE:
Website, 1 Jun 2026
Library Services, Central Coast Council



Centre’s craft work on display

The Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre put on a display of student work to be part of the Creative Journey Art Trail over the King’s Birthday long weekend.

The display included jewellery, watercolour painting, pottery and patchwork creations, both for viewing and for sale.

SOURCE:
Social media, 7 Jun 2026
Ettalong Beach Arts and Craft Centre

Evening of spoken word at festival

An evening of spoken word, readings and open mic performances brought a large crowd to Bar Toto in Ettalong as part of the recent Words on the Waves Festival.

“Late Night Lit” was described as “a much-loved mainstay in the Words on the Waves festival”.

This year it featured Lebanese-Australian journalist Antoun Issa and African American writer and member of Sweatshop, Tyree Barnette, along with a number of local authors.

SOURCE:
Social media, 4 Jun 2026
Words on the Waves Writers Festival



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Lost lunch orders cause canteen to change app

Lost lunch orders, repeated outages and system crashes have caused Umina Beach Public School's canteen to change its lunch order software.

The school's parents' and citizens' association has announced its canteen, Salty's Snack Shack, will be transitioning from My School Connect to Spriggy Schools as its canteen ordering platform from Term 3.

"This change is being made because My School Connect has been experiencing repeated outages, causing the system to crash and some orders to go missing.

"Spriggy Schools is also more affordable for both families and the canteen, with lower fees across

the board.

"We know this may be a disruptive change, but we're doing all we can to help you make it as smooth as possible."

Spriggy Schools will be used from Monday, July 20, with My School Connect being available during the ensuing week.

My School Connect will not be available after Friday, July 25.

The parents' association has advised users to turn off auto top-up "to avoid excess credit building up".

"Use up your existing My School Connect credit or request a refund before the transition ends."

With questions, email pandc2257@gmail.com.

SOURCE:
Social media, 9 Jun 2026
Umina Beach Public School

Humanities teachers win trivia night

Teachers from the Human Society and Its Environment Faculty at Brisbane Water Secondary College has won the Year 12 Trivia Night held in the Woy Woy campus library on Wednesday, June 10.

The night was held to raise money, from table fees and a raffle, for the Year 12 Formal to be held later this year.

"The night was filled with friendly competition, plenty of laughs and a shared commitment to supporting our Year 12 students as they create lasting memories in their final year of school," said campus principal Ms Rebecca Cooper.

"What a fantastic evening of fun, laughter and community



spirit as students, families, staff and community members came together for our fundraiser."

SOURCE:
Social media, 10 Jun 2026
BWSC Woy Woy

Students 'overjoyed with excitement'

Students in class 3/4M at Woy Woy South Public School were "were overjoyed with excitement" on Friday, June 5.

Not only were they looking forward to the long weekend, they helped school principal Mr Matt Barr celebrate ahead of his birthday on Sunday, June 7.

SOURCE:
Social media, 5 Jun 2026
Woy Woy South Public School



St John's chosen for innovative teacher training

St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School has been chosen by the University of Newcastle to participate in an innovative teacher training program.

The "Super Prac" model, which places large cohorts of pre-service teachers in single schools simultaneously, will see 21 pre-service teachers at the school during weeks eight to 11 of the term as part of their professional placements.

The model aims to ease isolation, reduce anxiety, and build

strong peer-to-peer collaboration.

"We are thrilled to be taking part in this fantastic initiative and know our school community will make the Super Prac team of teachers feel very welcome in the weeks

ahead," said principal Mr Todd Vane-Tempest.

SOURCE:
Social media, 9 Jun 2026
SJB Catholic Primary School Woy Woy

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<https://penne.ws/extra>

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College takes first and second place in HASS Challenge.

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Social Projects Group launches winter appeal.

CANBERRA

Students return from Canberra excursion.

WHAT'S ON at ETTALONG BOWLING CLUB

Affordable Weekday Dining Arrives at Ettalong Bowling Club

Ettalong Bowling Club is giving locals more reasons to enjoy lunch at the Club this June, with the launch of **The \$15 Lunch Fix** at The Springwood Brasserie.

Available Monday to Friday from 11.30am to 2pm, members can enjoy a range of quality weekday lunch options for just \$15, with non-members welcome to dine for \$18.

The offer is part of a broader focus on providing great value, quality food and a welcoming place for the local community to connect.

Throughout June, Ettalong Bowling Club is also offering new and existing members the opportunity to join or renew by **30 June 2026** and receive three years of membership for just \$7.50, plus a \$15 dining voucher to use at The Springwood Brasserie.

"Ettalong Bowling Club has always been about community, connection and bringing locals together. The \$15 Lunch Fix gives members an affordable way to enjoy quality weekday dining, while our June membership offer makes it even easier for locals to join, renew and be part of their Club."

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Bridge charity day raises \$800 in two divisions

Brisbane Water Bridge Club held its annual Jean Pelham Charity Day on Monday, June 8, raising around \$800.

The competition was held at the usual time and place with the table fees of \$15 going to the club charity fund.

A team of volunteers arrived early to prepare a lunch which included four varieties of soup, bread rolls, and quiche.

They also prepared an afternoon tea.

The day was a red point event, with 23 pairs competing in two divisions.

Judy Wulff and David Adams won the Open division, while Carolyn Girdwood and Annette Clarke took out the Rookie division.

Results for the Open Restricted Novice Charity Day division were:

1 Judy Wulff, David Adams 220.0 (67.90 per cent), 0.79 red points.

2 Gary Heyting, Stephanie Mathews 211.0 (65.12), 0.55.

3 Barry Foster, Chris Hasemore 187.0 (57.72), 0.40.

4 Jaan Oitmaa, Sylvia Foster 171.0 (52.78), 0.26.

5 Donelle Foate, Caroline Nichols 165.0 (50.93), 0.20.

6 Felicity Fane, Tracey Dillon 163.0 (50.31), 0.16.

7 Dasha Brandt, David Bowerman 160.0 (49.38), 0.13.

8 Carol Long, Pamela Lumby 153.0 (47.22).

9 Linda Dowling, Jenny Buckley 148.0 (45.68).

9 Beryl Lowry, Bob Lowry 148.0 (45.68).

11 Elaine Hume, Peter Hume 142.0 (43.83).

12 Spider Redgold, Edith Marshall 141.0 (43.52).

13 Meryl Duke, Philip Harper 132.0 (40.74).

14 Qi Hasemore, Meg McGregor 127.0 (39.20).

Results for the Rookies Charity Day division were:

1 Carolyn Girdwood, Annette Clarke 100.0 (69.44 per cent), 0.20 red points.

2 Mona Maher, Sarah Salt 83.0 (57.64), 0.14.

3 Steve Anderson, Kerry Anderson 82.0 (56.94), 0.10.

4 Susan Ashley, Marilyn Reid 74.0 (51.39), 0.07.

5 Maureen Lockwood, Fiona Galea 69.0 (47.92).

6 Michael Hall, Jude Hall 68.0 (47.22).

7 Thuy Chapman, Denise Edwards 62.0 (43.06).

8 Mark Mannion, Debra Coulson 60.0 (41.67).

9 Annette Bonnici, Jan Livingstone 50.0 (34.72).

SOURCE:
Social media, 8 Jun 2026
Brisbane Water Bridge Club



Men win Halcyon Cup for fifth year

The King's Birthday Halcyon Cup, the annual game between the Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club and the Umina Beach Women's Bowling Club, was held on the King's Birthday Monday,

June 8.

"The atmosphere and anticipation from both sides was very high," said men's secretary Mr Peter Springett.

"The Men had won the event for the past four years, but the Women were determined to win this year.

"The men were very confident, by indicating another win, making it five wins on the trot.

"The final result was the men won six rinks, 161, and the women won one rink, 90."

SOURCE:
Social media, 8 Jun 2026
Peter Springett, UBMBC

Finalists in Community Sports awards

Two Peninsula sports people are among 62 finalists for this year's NSW Community Sports Awards.

They are Robyn Carr from Umina nominated for Community Official of the Year for surf life saving, and volleyball coach Jessica Hunter of Woy Woy for Young Coach of the Year.

Sport NSW chief executive Mr Stuart Hodge said: "The NSW

Community Sports Awards are an opportunity to recognise the volunteers, clubs and sporting leaders who work tirelessly behind the scenes to make sport accessible and enjoyable for everyone.

"These finalists represent the very best of community sport in New South Wales.

"The magnitude of this volunteer workforce never ceases to amaze me.

"Their commitment, leadership and passion continue to inspire and promote participation and create stronger, healthier and more connected communities," he said.

The Awards will be presented at the Bankstown Sports Club on Monday, June 29.

SOURCE:
Media release, 4 Jun 2026
Greg Campbell, Prism Communications

Basketball club expands to the Peninsula

A privately - operated basketball club which has grown to more than 35 teams since starting last year is expanding to the Peninsula.

Iron Tigers Basketball offers four competitions on the Central Coast, qualified coaches and "academies, camps and athlete development programs".

It will launch its program at the Peninsula Leisure Centre from 4pm Wednesdays for players aged 9 to 15 in Term 3.

Fees will be \$250 for the term. Lachie Hervey has been appointed Head Coach of Woy Woy Operations.

Iron Tigers director Mr Matt Shorrock said: "He is passionate about helping young athletes improve, build confidence and enjoy the game.

"We are excited to see him lead our first Peninsula-based program."

SOURCE:
Media release, 5 Jun 2026
Iron Tigers Basketball

Wrong picture or wrong story?

We published the wrong picture with Everglades Bowling Club story in the June 1 issue of Peninsula News or, alternatively, the wrong story with the Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club picture.

"Thanks for the support, but unfortunately the wrong image has been used in the 1 June issue," said Everglades secretary Mr Grant Ireland.

Umina Beach secretary Mr Peter Springett said: "Well done on another great edition.

"I just wanted to thank you for printing my picture of Brandon

Fraser and Phillip Sillick, the finalists of the Umina Beach Men's Bowling Club 2026 Minor Singles Championship.

"Unfortunately, the commentary associated with the picture was for a rival club (Everglades Country Club)."

Both articles with the correct pictures are available online:

Umina:
<https://penne.ws/De5CEd>.

Everglades:
<https://penne.ws/6KjWUE>.

SOURCE:
Email, 3 Jun 2026
Grant Ireland, Everglades Bowling Club
Peter Springett, UBMBC



Damo plays 50th game

Woy Woy Rugby player Damien Fleming played his 50th game with the Woy Woy Lions on Saturday, July 13.

"A proud Woy Woy junior, Damien rose through the ranks before heading to West Harbour—where he even captained their Shute Shield side," said club president Mr Phil Burgess.

"Returning to the Lions last year, he's been an outstanding ambassador for the club and a role model to players of all ages."

SOURCE:
Social media, 12 Jun 2026
Phil Burgess, Woy Woy Rugby Club

Cycle Gosford Peninsula loop

The Central Coast Bicycle User Group will hold a Gosford-Peninsula Loop ride from 7am on Thursday, June 18.

The ride will start in the Gosford RSL carpark in Yallabee Ave, West Gosford.

The 2.5 hour ride will "mostly" follow the shared path from Gosford to Woy Woy, and then take a route via Orange Grove to Ettalong and Umina for coffee.

It will return to Gosford from there.

For further information, phone ride leader Gary on 0419 800 557.

SOURCE:
Social media, 1 Jun 2026
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<https://penne.ws/extra>

CRICKET VOLUNTEERS
Volunteers are wanted to take cricket coordinator roles..

OFFICIALLY OPENED
A canteen area at Rogers Park has been officially opened.

SCROUNGERS BOWLSS
Scroungers' bowls starts on Tuesdays at Ettalong.

MINOR PAIRS FINAL
The Men's Minor Pairs final has been played at Umina.