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CENTRAL COAST

## ENEWSLETTER



We appreciate your continued trust in Life Medical Imaging as your local community imaging provider.

Our team works hard to deliver:

- High-quality imaging
- Fast reporting
- Accessible locations
- Bulk billing for most services
- A collaborative clinical partnership with Central Coast referrers

If you require support, direct clinical discussion, or pathway advice, our radiologists and referrer liaison team are here to help.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## Christmas Dinner



Last Thursday night we enjoyed a relaxed Christmas dinner with some of our valued referring partners, including the team from the Providence Urgent Care Clinic. It was a pleasure to meet at Swells in Terrigal — a beautiful spot to reflect on the year and strengthen our collaborative working relationship. We're genuinely thankful for the support of local

doctors and healthcare professionals who continue to trust Life Medical Imaging with their patients' care.



## Medicare Billing Code Updates

We're committed to keeping our referrers informed of important MBS changes that may affect imaging referrals over the holiday period.

### CT and Ultrasound MBS Changes

No structural MBS changes to CT abdomen/pelvis or CT chest items for December, but we remind referrers that:

- Bulk billing applies to most CT and ultrasound examinations at Life Medical Imaging (LMI).
- Low-dose CT technology now supports safer radiation levels for eligible studies, particularly repeat imaging clients.

### Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Items

Reminder:

- Item 55848 (shoulder), 55840 (upper limb), and 55844 (lower limb) remain applicable when clinically indicated.
- Ensure referral notes include clinical symptoms and suspected pathology to support correct item use.

### DEXA Scan Items

- 12306, 12312, and 12315 remain unchanged.
- DEXA is bulk billed for eligible indications (osteoporosis risk assessment, chronic steroid use, menopause, and follow-up scans).

If you would like us to create a quick reference billing guide for your clinic, please let us know — we're happy to support your team.

## Service Spotlight

Ultrasound Injections



## US Injections

Ultrasound-guided injections are available at Life Medical Imaging to support referrers in managing musculoskeletal and soft-tissue conditions.

Using real-time imaging, our sonographers and radiologists can assist with accurate needle placement and improved procedural confidence, while keeping the intervention as minimally invasive as possible.

We welcome referrals for a range of musculoskeletal and soft-tissue injections, with timely appointments available across our practices. Available at our Bateau Bay, Erina, and Umina Beach clinics

## Featuring New Clinical Blog Articles

We've published a number of new clinician-focused articles designed to support best-practice imaging and streamlined patient management over the holiday season.

### [Why Our New Low-Dose CT Is Safer for You and Your Family.](#)

This article provides practical strategies to support diagnostic continuity during December–January, including best-first imaging choices and tips for managing patient surges.



### [Summer Sports Injuries – Best Imaging Choices](#)

With sports injuries increasing over summer, this article outlines optimal imaging pathways for MSK trauma, and highlights the role of walk-in X-ray, ultrasound, and our advanced CT capabilities.



If your clinic would like printed quick-reference imaging pathway guides, please contact our Referrer Support Team.

[More Blogs](#)



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### CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

Bateau Bay, Killarney Vale & Erina

- CLOSED FROM 5PM **24<sup>th</sup> December 2025**
- REOPENING 8AM **2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026**

Bateau Bay\*

- OPEN 9AM-5PM **29<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025**

Umina Remains Open

- 9AM - 2PM **25<sup>th</sup> December 2025**
- 9AM - 5PM **26<sup>th</sup> December 2025 - 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026**

Please note limited services are available during this period\*

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## Holiday Operating Hours

LMI will remain open throughout the holiday season excluding public holidays.

### Killarney Vale & Erina

- Closed from 5pm on 24/12/2025
- Reopening 8am on 2/1/2026

### Bateau Bay

- Closed from 5pm on 24/12/2025
- Open 29/12–31/12: 9am-5pm
- Closed 1/1/26 (New Year's Day)
- Reopening 8am on 2/1/2026

### Umina Remains Open

- 25/12/2025: 9am – 2pm
- 26/12/25 – 1/1/26: 9am – 5pm

## Weekend Imaging

Weekend imaging is available for:

- X-ray (walk-in)
- Ultrasound (scheduled)
- CT at Umina (walk-in)

This helps reduce Monday surges and supports urgent injury management over the holiday period.

## Urgent Imaging Pathways

We encourage referrers to note “**urgent imaging required**” on referrals where needed.

Our team prioritises urgent cases and can often accommodate same-day CT or ultrasound.

[Referrer Feedback Survey](#)

We're always looking for ways to strengthen our partnership with referrers and ensure a seamless experience for you and your patients. Your feedback plays an important role in helping us refine our processes and enhance the support we provide. If you have a moment, we'd appreciate you completing our referrer survey to help us continue delivering efficient, high-quality imaging services.

[Share your Feedback!](#)

## Get in Touch

Life Medical Imaging makes imaging simple and accessible, with bulk billing on many services, and four convenient Central Coast locations. For more information regarding referrals, contact our friendly team today.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We look forward to continue growing our partnership in 2026.

### Bateau Bay

 P4/12 Bay Village Rd,  
Bateau Bay NSW 2261


### Killarney Vale

 1/3-5 Farrar Rd,  
Killarney Vale NSW 2261

### Umina Beach

 310 West St  
Umina Beach NSW 2257

### Erina

 Shop 1, 148-158  
The Entrance Road,  
Erina NSW 2250

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