



Pam Pritchard hands over the flame to Tracey Millar in front of Ettalong Public School students

Residents turn out

Peninsula residents turned out in thousands on Monday, October 16, to cheer for the Sydney 2000 Paralympic Torchbearers.

School children and teachers from every school on the Peninsula cheered and waved, with many having taken a great deal of trouble to prepare handwavers, flags, green and gold balloons and masks to add to the occasion.

Residents, hospital patients, pre-schoolers and business people joined the students to create a virtual line of people, in some places two or three deep, on both sides of the street for the entire route through the Peninsula to Mt. Ettalong Road.

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews said: "It was wonderful for the Peninsula to be given this opportunity to be a part of this momentous and historic event.

"To have the Paralympic Torch pass through our local area was a great honour and one which people from all walks of life could enjoy," she said.

The relay entered the Peninsula from Kincumber along Empire Bay Drive passing through Empire Bay and Daleys Point then crossing the Rip Bridge.

It then travelled through Ettalong CBD, on to Woy Woy CBD via Blackwall, along Blackwall Rd and then on to Umina along Ocean Beach Rd.

Torchbearer Pam Pritchard ran the leg which ended outside Ettalong Public School.

A member of Rotary Turramurra, Pam was selected as a torchbearer because of her long involvement promoting the Paralympic Games.

When asked how she enjoyed the run, Pam said, "It was fantastic. The school kids at Ettalong made it really special."

Pam passed on the flame to Tracey Millar who had been keeping large numbers of Ettalong students entertained as she showed them her torch while she waited for her turn to participate in the relay.

Tracy was selected because of her work with SOCOG where she had been working on the organisation of the games from the outset four years ago.

Waiting for his turn to receive and run with the flame on Blackwall Rd was Aaron Hamstra.

Aaron lives in Umina and attends Woy Woy High School which nominated him to represent the region.

Aaron is the school athletics champion, has competed in Combined High School Athletics for the past four years and, in 1999, competed at State level in the under-14 discus events.

Surrounded by students from Woy Woy High and Public Schools, Aaron was clearly excited about the run and his new found fame as he showed the students the torch and how it worked.

Aaron received the flame from John Pakarinen who was running as a representative of the Finnish Community.

The torch relay was held over a

14-day period with its route through the Peninsula being on day 12.

There were a total of 920 torchbearers in the relay which travelled between eight and 10 hours each day.

The final part of the torch relay on the Peninsula saw it travel from Mt. Ettalong to Patonga where a large crowd was waiting on land and on sea.

The final Peninsula runner was Sydney Swan Brad Seymour.

The relay passed through the small town and then onto the wharf and aboard The Spirit, where the cauldron was lit to the cheers of many spectators.

The Gosford City Rural Fire Services' Fire Boat led a flotilla of water craft in a procession which saw the Paralympic flame transferred to Palm Beach.

The procession included boats from NSW Waterways, Water Police, Royal Volunteer Coastal Patrol, Coast Guard vessels, Warringah/Pittwater Rural Fire Services' Fire Boats, ferries and spectator craft.

The three fire boats had all water cannons firing setting up a brilliant water display in bright sunshine as a fitting farewell to the relay from the Central Coast.

The Patonga community arranged a sausage sizzle and entertainment for the large crowd.

"A very joyous occasion, a great farewell," said Gosford resident, Mrs Dorothy Hanney, who travelled with many other people to Patonga especially for the occasion.

Cec Bucello, October 17

New Year fireworks planning starts

The Rotary Club of Umina Beach is again organising Peninsula Fireworks for New Year's Eve at the Umina Beach Oval, Melbourne Ave, Umina. The event last year created great interest on the Peninsula with approximately 8000 people attending. The firework display was by far the best on the Coast, catered for families and had a starting time of 10pm.

Some of the beneficiaries of the night were Ocean Beach Surf Club, Umina Beach Surf Club, Umina Sports Council encompassing the football and soccer clubs of the area, as well as Rotary distributing finances to youth programs on the Peninsula. The event this year will have amusements, rides, entertainment, stalls and demonstrations by community groups, according to event organiser, Mrs Emma Ledingham.

"Some activities this year include Vicki's Party Ponies who will take children for a ride in a sulky.

"There will be all the land

equipment from Ocean Beach Outdoor Sports hire, or you can buy glow lights, show bags, or grab a sausage sandwich from Ocean beach Surf Club." Entry to the event is by gold coin donation collected on the night by Rotary.

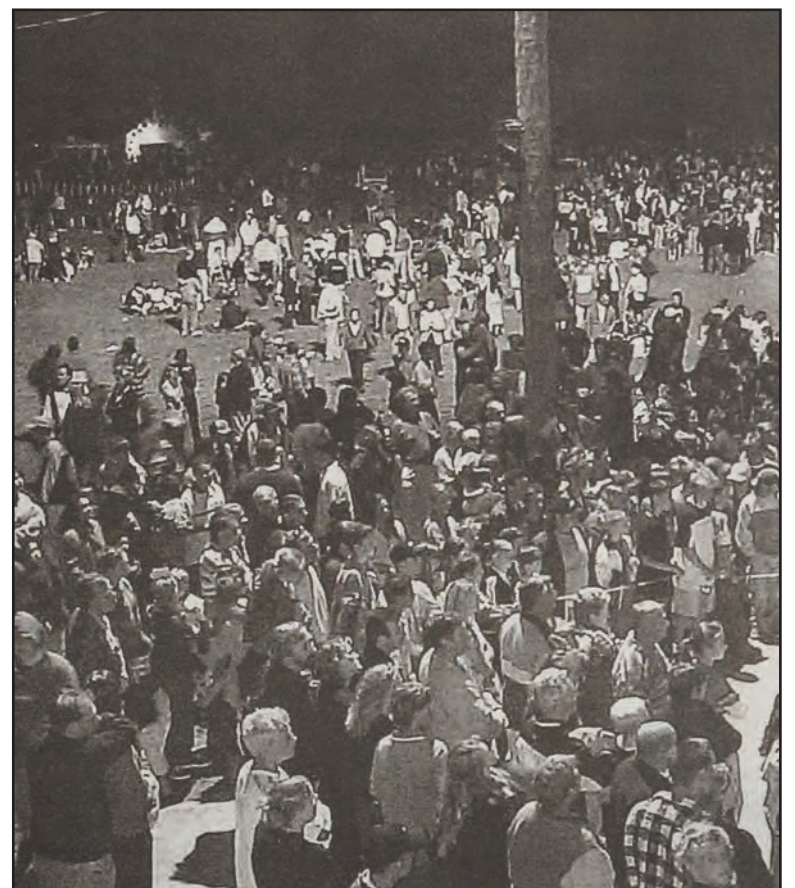
"We are looking for stall holders and expressions of interest from entertainment groups, duos, clowns, buskers, face painters and bands to join in the fun and create a great fun atmosphere," said Mrs Ledingham.

"We thank our sponsors so far who have enabled this event to happen.

"We are of course looking for some more sponsors to help finance the community event." Sponsors include East's Ocean Beach Holiday Park, Way Woy Leagues Club, Gosford City Council, Woy Woy Printing, RoseLen Flowers, Ledingham Events, Coopers of Umina and Mitre 10 at Umina.

For information, contact Mrs Ledingham on 4369 1008 or by post at PO Box 5080, Empire Bay 2257 or email to ledinghamevents@optusnet.com.au.

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Some of the action at last year's New Year Fireworks



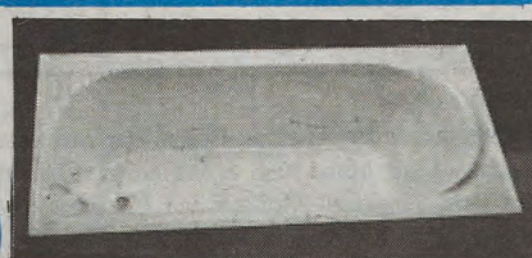
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Welcome to edition 20 of Peninsula News.

Wasn't it great to see Peninsula residents turn out in such huge numbers for the Paralympic Torch Relay?

It goes to show what strong community spirit exists here and what could have been done for the Olympic Torch Relay as well, had it included the Peninsula in its thousands of kilometres travelled.

Unfortunately, at this stage, it appears that three major events that normally take place on the Peninsula at Christmas will not go ahead this year.

The Oysters Birthday celebration, the Umina Christmas Street Parade and the Follow the Star combined churches Christmas pageant have all been shelved for this year at least, unless some motivated individuals come forward to take these popular projects on.

On the bright side though, the Peninsula Carols at Woy Woy Oval and the New Years Eve Fireworks at Umina beach are both going ahead with plans to make them even bigger and better than ever.

The Peninsula News is sponsoring the New Year's Eve Family Fireworks Celebration this year and will keep you informed of the exciting activities planned for the night. A major music festival expected to bring hundreds of people to the area is also planned for late next year.

Watch this space for more detail in future editions

Cec Bucello Manager

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The road entry to Pearl Beach has 50 kmh signs as part of the new speed limits

Andrews welcomes speed limit

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews has welcomed the formal introduction of a 50km/h urban speed limit on local streets across the region.

Ms Andrews said the initiative would make a real contribution towards improved safety for all road users.

She said other local Labor state members Paul Crittenden, Grant McBride and Milton Orkopoulos, mayors Cr Faye Brennan and Cr Chris Holstein, as well as local road safety officers have supported the introduction of the new zone.

A three-tiered signposting system will advise of the limit.

Major entry signs are in place on all main roads accessing the region reading: You are entering the Central Coast - all streets are 50 km/h unless shown otherwise.

Sign locations include the Pacific Highway at Kariong.

Large reminder signs will also be strategically placed on major arterial roads, with smaller reminder speed limit signs, with a black 50 inside a red circle,

placed on selected local streets, "Reducing the speed limit by even 10 km/h has the potential to reduce the number and severity of accidents on Central Coast roads," Ms Andrews said.

"For example, in 22 local government areas over a 21-month period, there were approximately 260 fewer road accidents on those roads zoned at 50km/h than would otherwise have been expected, with cost savings to the community estimated at \$6.5 million.

"Compelling research also shows that reduced vehicle speeds can mean the difference between life and death in the event of a crash.

"If a car hits a pedestrian at 60km/h, there is an 85 per cent chance that the pedestrian will be killed.

At 50km/h, the chance of a pedestrian being killed is reduced to 45 per cent," Ms Andrews said.

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The bus only area at Woy Woy interchange that taxis use to set down disabled and elderly passengers

Andrews requests better taxi access

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews has asked Council to investigate the possibility of providing better access for taxis setting down disabled and elderly passengers at the Woy Woy bus and rail interchange.

Ms Andrews told Council that a number of taxis have been issued infringement notices for setting down disabled and elderly passengers near the lifts within the interchange.

This section is currently buses only.

The existing head of the taxi rank is located about 20 metres away from the lifts and according to Ms Andrews, taxis with disabled

passengers are often forced to use the rear of the rank during peak periods.

Council's traffic committee has recommended that a disabled set-down area be provided at the head of the taxi rank.

The committee said the buses-only section was necessary due to the restricted manoeuvring area and potential for collisions with other types of vehicles.

In other traffic matters, Council will consider improving safety features for the intersection of Horsfield Bay and Woy Woy Rds after receiving a request from resident Mrs J Simpson.

Mrs Simpson complained that heavy vehicles travelling south on

Woy Woy Rd could not negotiate the bend at the intersection without crossing the double unbroken centreline.

She said drivers heading north and turning right from Woy Woy Rd into Horsfield Bay Rd had limited sight distance and there was potential for head-on collisions.

Council's traffic committee recommended that vegetation on Woy Woy Rd be trimmed to improve sight distance, larger warning signs and possible flashing lights should be installed to warn southbound traffic of the severity of the bend, and a detailed survey be carried out with concept plans to upgrade the intersection.

Carl Spears, October 20

Luke and Casey open fifth business

Luke and Casey Cousins, at 22 and 20 respectively, are about to open their fifth business enterprise.

Already they run the STS The Board Centre at Umina, the surf shop at Avoca, the STS Surfboard manufacturing plant and the Central Coast Surf School which provides surfboard and bodyboard lessons at Terrigal, Avoca and Umina Beaches.

Now they plan to open a new surf and skate shop in George Street, Woy Woy, in November.

Umina born and bred, Luke and Casey are close in age to most of their customers, know most of them from school or the beaches and speak the same language.

The beach-side shops carry surf clothing and equipment as their main lines, while the Woy Woy shop will concentrate more on skateboards than surfboards.

They said that because their target market is brand conscious, they carry more than 20 of the most popular brands of boards and clothing at all times.

Their shops are open seven days a week and they believe this has encouraged other shops nearby to do likewise returning life

to shopping centres on weekends.

The opening of their Umina store in September last year saw hundreds of people waiting outside for the doors to open.

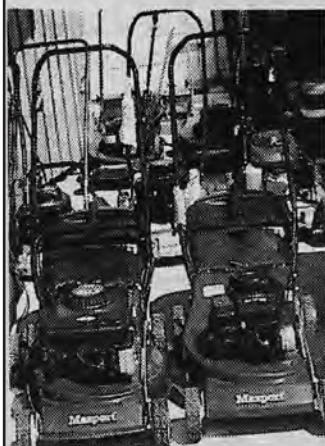
They are hoping to repeat this

in Woy Woy with an opening sale, with free showbags and prizes worth \$2000 to be won on the day.

All purchasers' details will go in the barrel for a prize draw which will take place at 5pm on November 4.

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Rail commuters who have left their book at home will be able to borrow one from Gosford City Library at Woy Woy station.

The library has been successful in receiving a \$7435 grant from the Library Council of NSW to pay for a two month trial.

The service will offer commuters paperback books between the hours of 5.30am to 8am, two days

a week at the station.

The grant covers the initial set-up costs including a hand-scanner, trolley and salary.

Books from the present collection will be offered.

Council's director of corporate and community services, Mr Chris Gallagher, said if the trial was successful, the service would be continued beyond the trial period.

Carl Spears, October 4

Businesses counted

Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has identified 1308 businesses operating on the Peninsula.

The Chamber has compiled a database of 1538 businesses in the 2256 and 2257 postcode areas, which extends as far as Bensville and Killcare.

The database is thought to be the first extensive list compiled for the Peninsula.

Woy Woy has the highest number of businesses with 549.

Umina has 474, Ettalong 235, Pearl Beach and Patonga together have 26 and The Bays have 24.

"These figures highlight the large number of home-based businesses on the Peninsula," said Chamber secretary Mr Mark Snell.

With about 600 commercial premises on the Peninsula, as many as half the businesses were home-based, he said.

Many of these were tradesmen. Mr Snell estimated that as many as one in 20 homes on the Peninsula hosted a business.

The listings in the database fell into 450 business categories and included some non-commercial listings, such as churches, council services and community organisations.

The largest category was building contractors with 61 businesses.

The next largest was medical practitioners with 38.

Plumbers and gasfitters came

next with 32, followed by electrical contractors with 31.

The rest of the top 10 was real estate agents 30, hairdressers 28, mechanics 22, take-away food shops 22, accountants 19 and painters and decorators 18.

The next 10 most highly ranked categories were boat and yacht services, landscapers, restaurants, child-care centres, churches, food and general stores, organisations, air-conditioning services, chemists and massage therapists.

The figures confirmed the importance of the building, health and leisure industries to the local economy, said Mr Snell.

He said the database was made possible through the Work for the Dole program.


The Chamber used the services of Work for the Dole participant Juliet Williams to put more than 2000 business telephone listings onto computer.

These were then filtered to remove multiple listings and aggregated to produce the statistics.

"We are very appreciative of Juliet's work for us and are pleased to see that she has now secured a job for herself in Sydney," said Mr Snell.

The Chamber planned to use the database as a business directory on the Peninsula's community web site, www.thePeninsulaR.net, as well as a research tool.

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Forum

The question of development

On the Peninsula, there are conflicting opinions as to whether the development that we are seeing is environmentally sustainable or desirable.

I would be pretty confident the majority of people think that the Peninsula probably has had enough.

If that is the case, what can we do?

Council has a residential strategy in place that, at the behest of the State Government, dictates higher density developments that sometimes take up almost the entire block removing with it all the trees that might be on there.

The State Government basically said some years ago that council had to put in a strategy for urban consolidation or they would do it, taking away the planning powers of council, and so we have what we have.

The question remains what can we do?

A suggestion was made at a meeting I attended that we could make developer contributions to infrastructure so high that it would be unfinancial for anyone to develop.

There is probably some scope for looking at developer

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contributions but there is a mechanism where what is being asked for as a contribution has to be targeted to infrastructure projects.

In other words, you can't just up the fees to try to stop development.

Rezoning land back from the higher density to lower density is possible.

It would need State Government approval to do.

We could perhaps make requirements for developers to have consolidated a number of blocks before the higher density developments could go in, and then there would be scope for at least better forms of development rather than the gunbarrel type that seem so ugly and socially negative.

This wouldn't change the density, just the possible quality.

I agree with the majority that the Peninsula is developed enough.

The bigger question is what

happens to the people that need housing if they can't come to our area.

They of course have to go somewhere.

Damage to environment, social problems, infrastructure are just as important to me if they occur in distant places, so just making people go somewhere else as long as it isn't here, is also not the solution.

The big picture, in my opinion, shows a worse situation for the future of Australia.

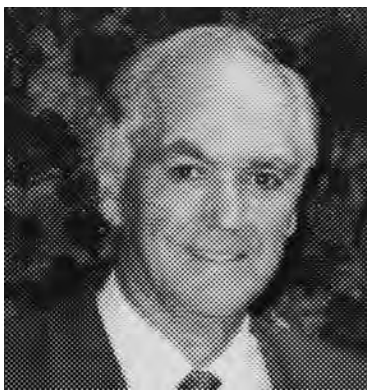
The Federal politicians seem to think that human populations can grow endlessly and thus they have dictated an immigration program that leads to endless population growth, and now Kim Beazley, the leader of the Labor Party, wants Australians to have more children.

He wants a baby boom.

Where are they going to live?

Cr Geoff Preece

Land may fund library

Council Matters
with John Oakley

Library Complex

Council land on the Peninsula could be sold to subsidise a new regional library complex, a meeting of Gosford Council has been told.

At a projected cost of \$27 million, the proposal for a new Regional Library Complex caused vigorous discussion.

Cr Brooks pointed out that the proposed complex was "much more than a library".

"It will have office space and be a one-stop shop for Council.

"We can't wait until other projects are completed".

He also indicated that there was a significant demand for rental of the office space.

Cr Sansom disagreed with the proposal, saying "If we make a commitment to this we would be fiscally irresponsible.

It is lunacy.

"We would like to see all existing projects completed".

Cr Bockholt expressed her total opposition to a part of the proposal that suggested that some funds be obtained from the sale of Council land.

She stated that Council land on the Peninsula that had been suggested for sale was one of the few remaining areas of vegetation and that she would never support its sale.

Water Pricing

Considerable discussion on water pricing took place at the Gosford Council meeting held on September 26.

Concern was expressed about the effects of the "user-pays" charges for water on low-income and large families.

Cr Bockholt expressed the view that Council should consider all disadvantaged groups.

Cr Sansom agreed with Cr Bockholt on the impact of water charges on those who can least afford it.

He, along with Cr Preece, also identified the related issue of using water better than we do, water being "a finite resource".

Cr Brooks raised the question of "How do you define a large, low-income family?"

He questioned how water

usage might be handled with rental properties.

Council confirmed that it would attempt to handle hardship cases sympathetically.

Minor Business

Zone A proposal is currently before Council to rezone all land on which there is a minor business (e.g. "corner" store) to "Neighbourhood Business 3(d)".

A Draft Local Environment Plan will be put on public display.

Council is anxious for comment on this proposal which will effect the type of development that can occur under the proposed zoning.

Wagstaffe proposal

At a Council inspection of the site of a proposed commercial building in Wagstaffe, members of the community put forward their views on the proposed development, particularly with respect to the roofline.

When this DA was discussed in Council, Cr Wales commented that "if we change the roofline we'll finish up with a shed.

Rooflines in Wagstaffe are all different.

She went on to accuse some community members of trying to "bully" councillors into rejecting the development application and to remark that Council should be prepared to accept "architectural flair".

Cr Brooks replied that uNo-one on inspection bullies me.

"I consider not only the points raised (by the developer and the community) but also the ambience of the area.

"Wagstaffe has a lot of character and we have to protect it.

"Compare this Council's restrictions with the restrictions in an English village.

"Why does the office in the proposed building have a 4.2 metre ceiling?" Cr Doyle commented: "I too will not be bullied on site inspections.

"I don't think that was the mood of the community.

"They weren't antagonistic.

"They were proactive.

"I don't think the changes (proposed) will affect the development.

"It looks like a barn on paper.

"You have to be aware of the constraints of the area you're building in".

The development was approved subject to a 600 mm lowering of the roof.

Workcover parking

Car parking requirements for the building proposed to be built as the new Workcover offices in Gosford were at issue in consideration of the proposal's development application.

The application asked for a "shortfall in car parking by 129 spaces, or 48% variation" to Council's car parking policy.

The developer proposed to lease the building to Workcover for 15 years when it relocated to the Central Coast.

Council had to resolve whether to require \$2 million cash contribution in lieu of the car park shortfall or levy an alternative amount of \$773,760 with an additional contribution at the end of the Workcover tenancy. The immediate contribution was calculated on a 48-car park deficit, with the further contribution for 81 car spaces at the end of the tenancy.

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Good job

I am one of the stall-holders at the arts and crafts stalls at the Ettalong Post Office.

Recently we noticed the footpaths being cleaned by two or three men, one on a machine and another with a trolley full of cleaning equipment.

They were doing a great job and told us they also cleaned at Umina.

I believe they came from the Peninsula cleaning and security program under the sponsorship of the Chamber of Commerce.

Congratulations on a job well done. Keep up the good work.

Elsie Salway, Umin

Slow ferry?

I was just wondering if there has been any news on the Fast Ferry.

I personally think that it will be many years away if ever at all, as the company has been promising the ferry for so long and has delivered nothing.

The last I heard was that they needed to secure funding for the project. If this is the case why didn't they say this earlier on?

People have been misled into believing that the service would start last April.

I am one of the fools who bought property in Ettalong in the belief of a resort and a ferry but it all seems a shambles to me.

Matthew Chapman

Appalling trend

The proposal to pass part of Anderson Park to the Bayview Hotel would seem to be yet another example of the appalling trend towards the alienation of public land for the exclusive benefit of private commercial interests.

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An aerial view of Pearl Beach

Preece asks for Pearl Beach DCP

Cr Geoff Preece has asked fellow councillors to agree to the preparation of a development control plan (DCP) based on a draft prepared by the Pearl Beach Progress Association.

"The association has spent many hours and dollars developing a draft DCP for their area," Cr Preece said.

"There appears to be great support through the Pearl Beach community for advancing the draft to full implementation."

Cr Preece said the association was aware of the usual process but felt "it may take a great deal of time until it comes to fruition".

"They feel they have done enough work and consultation with the community to justify the

furthering of their draft in a much shorter time frame," he said.

"They also feel they have the support of a large majority of the community and are willing to put their draft to the final test.

"There is an expectation that there will be objections from sections of the Pearl Beach community."

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Heather leads Living Skills course

The Woy Woy Older Women's Network will hold a session of its Living Skills course led by dedicated community worker, Ms Heather McKenzie.

The meeting will be held on November 3 at the Woy Woy Leagues Club at 10.15am and everyone is welcome.

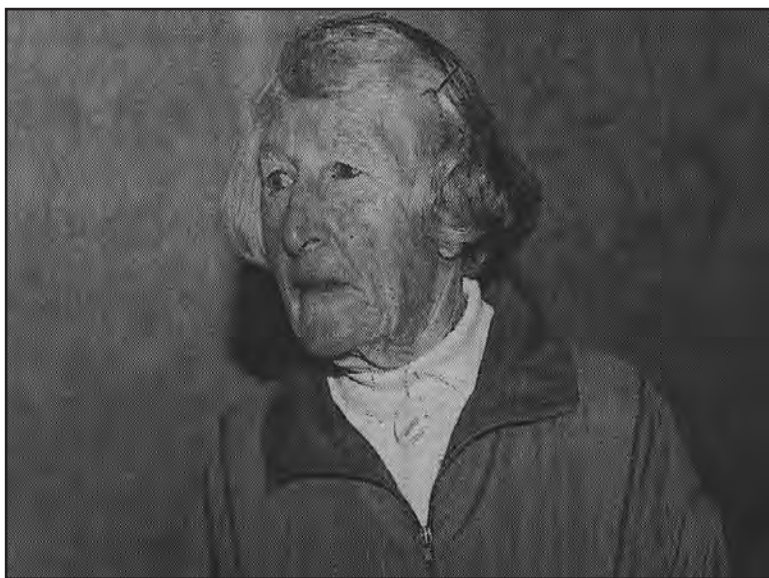
The subject will be Public Utilities and the Environment and convenor, Ms Enid Harrison, said she encouraged women to ask questions of Heather, who had the subject "at her fingertips".

In her 80s, Heather has been involved in community work on the Peninsula for many years.

She is a member of the South Woy Woy Progress Association, the Combined Progress Association, Brisbane Water Water Testing Committee, Woy Woy CBD Committee, Correa Bay Water Committee, Coastlink and the Peninsula Safer Towns Committee.

She also works voluntarily with the Royal Blind Society.

Heather opened the St Vincent de Paul shop in Brickwharf Rd and



Heather McKenzie

managed the shop for three years.

During the 1970s, Heather was instrumental in the establishment of the Peninsula Village Aged Care facility and the Woy Woy Community Nursing Home.

Heather's community work has led her to receive an Australia Day Community Service Award in 1998.

She said she did not see her

age as a time for relaxation, but for becoming active in the community.

"Older people aren't helpless," she said.

Morning tea will be provided at the session and a gold coin donation would be appreciated.

For more information telephone 4343 1079.

Carl Spears, October 16

Disability awards for accessible business

Gosford Council will contribute \$1500 towards the Accessible Business Awards as part of the International Day of People with Disabilities on December 3.

Disability Awareness Week runs from November 27 to December 3.

Awareness Week is designed to educate the public about disability issues, challenge negative stereotypes and create positive images of disability.

Local businesses working to achieve access for people with

disabilities to their premises, will be eligible for nomination for prizes recognising their contribution.

Prizes will be awarded for service and access.

The judging panel will consist of Cr Judith Penton, a person with a disability, an occupational therapist and a community development representative.

The awards will be presented in the Council chambers on December 1 by the mayor, Cr Chris Holstein.

Carl Spears, October 4

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The Ettalong foreshore - Gosford Council is seeking State Government funds

Council seeks foreshore funds

Gosford Council is seeking funds through the Department of Urban Affairs and Planning (DUAP) to help manage Ettalong foreshore.

The funding would go towards the foreshore and CBD area.

Council's coastal planning committee report said that works associated with the Ettalong Fast Ferry, War Memorial Club, CBD and foreshore proposed works would be "holistically managed by Council".

Council had verbal confirmation from DUAP that the application

has been short-listed for possible funding.

The report said that Council's environmental section had received a draft Ettalong Fast Ferry terminal environmental monitoring plan, which was required from the ferry proponents as part of Council's conditions of consent.

According to the report, Council was viewing the plan and the Department of Land and Water Conservation had been invited to comment.

Council's manager of the environment, Mr Mike Alsop, had

received a request from St Huberts Island residents to look into the possibility of building a retaining wall at the end of an entrance to an inlet on the Island to halt erosion.

Mr Alsop told the committee of a possible long-term strategy for all the inlet entrances on the island.

Mr Alsop's plan has been forwarded to the planning section of Council.

The Department of Land and Water Conservation, NSW Fisheries and NSW Waterways would also consider the plan.

Carl Spears, October 12

Fast ferry lease to be finalised

Gosford Council is expected to finalise the leasing arrangement for the fast ferry terminal at Ettalong at its meeting tonight, October 24.

Two allotments of crown land are to be leased to Fast Ships Pty Ltd, under an arrangement terminating on 22 August 2048.

One allotment covers the water for the water-based part of the facility. The other allotment covers the land-based part of the facility in the existing waterfront reserve.

Following feedback from the Department of Land and Water Conservation, it is now proposed that council purchase reserve land from the department for \$100,000 as "operational land" and lease it to Fast Ships for the land-based component of the facility.

Council currently leases the water-based allotment and would sub-let it to Fast Ships.

Under the proposal, council would also acquire part of the reserve required for road-widening at no cost.

The costs of road-widening as well as the infrastructure are to be met by the licensee.

All infrastructure would become the property of the council at the end of the lease period.

An annual rental fee for both lots will be set at 25 per cent more than council's costs, an expected initial annual figure of more than \$16,000.

The acquisition costs are to be reimbursed from rent so that there is no financial impact on the council.

Performance-based milestones have been set by council to ensure that the construction of the facility occurs within an agreed time period.

The agreement would provide that the ferry operations commence within 18 months of the granting of development consent for the terminal building or 12 months after the issue of a construction certificate, whichever is the later date.

Fast Ships has asked for a longer period.

A development proposal for the terminal has been on public exhibition for the past month.

It consists of an application, site plan and statement of environmental effects. It provides for a ferry terminal building and transport interchange to be constructed on reserve no. 82759 adjacent to the Bangalow Street intersection with The Esplanade at Ettalong Beach.

With the close of the exhibition period, council is expected to consider the application in November.

Fast Ships has indicated that its financing and construction schedule would be finalised after it had received approval from the council.

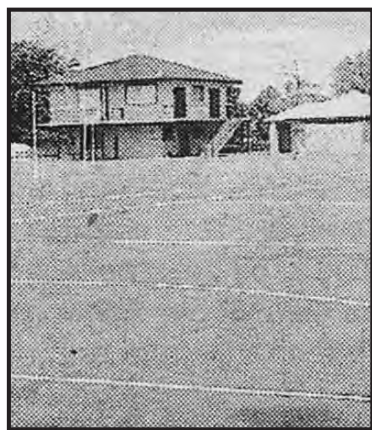
Cec Bucello, October 20

Unfinished works get new funding

A number of Peninsula Council works which had not been started by the end of last financial year have received funding in this year's budget.

Some of the works are:

- Woy Woy performing arts feasibility study at a cost of \$14,000
- Correa Bay water quality monitoring (\$15,000)
- Lemon Grove netball court awning (\$10,173)
- an upgrade for lighting at Umina Beach Reserve (50,000)
- work on the Patonga tidal pool (\$32,500), kerb and guttering on Kingsley Avenue, Woy Woy (\$5000)
- Our Road Our Responsibility program for Woy Woy Rd (\$5000)
- a pedestrian refuge in Ocean



Lemon Grove netball courts

Beach Rd (\$3366)

- work on Charlton St, Woy Woy (\$10,000), and
- a median strip in Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, near the pool (10,000)

Carl Spears, October 12

BULK WASTE PICK-UP

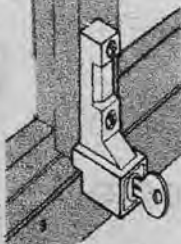
Residents receiving a domestic garbage service are reminded that they are entitled to four (4) Bulk Waste Pick-ups per financial year.

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\$8.3 million to be spent

Gosford Council's traffic program will spend \$8.3 million on Peninsula works over the next three financial years.

The amount includes State and Federal Government funds.

Bourke Rd between Barrenjoey Rd and Memorial Ave will receive \$200,000 worth of works this financial year and a further \$177,000 in 2002/03.

Dunban Rd in Woy Woy will receive \$300,000 worth of funding next financial year, followed by \$150,000 the following year. Ryans Rd in Umina will receive \$150,000 worth of work next financial year with Federal Government funds.

Brisbane Avenue will receive \$230,000 in Federal funding this financial year.

Stage one of work on

Springwood St, Umina, between West St and Bourke St, will receive \$200,000 in 2002/3.

Also in Umina, Melbourne Ave, between Carawa St and Hobart Ave, will receive \$80,000 worth of works this year, South St will receive \$200,000 worth of works this year and Berith St, between the beach and West St, will receive \$100,000 worth of works next financial year.

The unsealed sections of Burrawang St and Onslow Ave in Umina will receive \$105,000 worth of works between them this financial year.

Bapaume Ave in Umina will receive \$60,000 worth of works next financial year.

The roundabout at the Charlton St and Victoria Rd, Woy Woy,

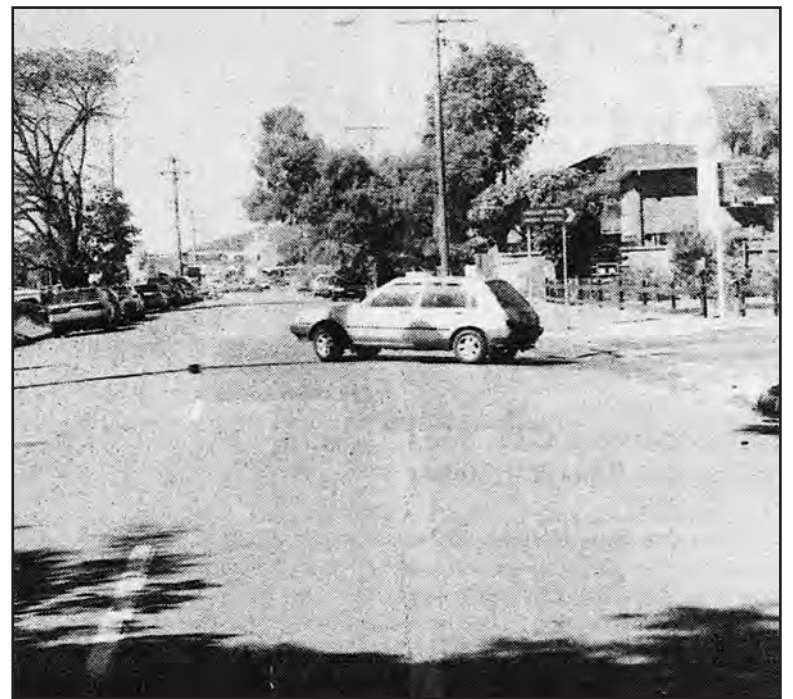
will receive \$300,000 worth of works from the Roads and Traffic Authority this financial year.

The intersection of Railway St and Ocean Beach Rd in Woy Woy will receive \$300,000 worth of funding, with half coming from the RTA and half from Federal Government funds in 2002/3.

A Dunban Rd roundabout on Ocean Beach Rd will receive \$500,000 worth of funding this financial year with half funded through the RTA and half through section 94 contributions.

Also, \$600,000 will be spent on cycleway projects on the Peninsula over the next three years with a further \$100,000 being spent in subsequent years.

Carl Spears, October 1



The intersection of Railway St and Ocean Beach Rd

Calls for more community, less regionalism

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has called for formal recognition of the Peninsula as a "community" in Gosford Council's Community Plan.

It has also described "regionalism" as being "the biggest single threat to community development" on the Peninsula.

In a submission to the council, the chamber said it believed it was important that the council paid attention to the definition of "community" and supported the development of identified communities.

The Chamber submitted:

- The Peninsula should be identified as a geographically defined community.

- Integrated planning at the level of local area profiles within the council's corporate management plan should reflect this.

- More attention should be paid and support given by council to social infrastructure which facilitates communication and community involvement, such as the Peninsula Community Access Newspaper and the Peninsula community web site, www.thePeninsulaR.net.

- Opportunities need to be maximised for community self-determination.

encouraging the community to take responsibility for its own future.

- The council should view community development more in terms of social dynamics rather than just community facilities (buildings) and social welfare (picking up the pieces) "The Chamber would like the council to give emphasis in its community planning to the geographic nature of community on the Peninsula, and how this may be supported," said Chamber secretary Mr Mark Snell.

He said the Chamber had suggested some characteristics of a healthy community.

- Interaction between community members and involvement of individuals in community affairs.

- Identification of residents Within their own community.

- Self-determination - ability of the community to make collective decisions to determine its own

future.

- Self-sufficiency - adequate employment offered in a buoyant local economy provides a means for this.

- External recognition and support from all levels of government

- Ability to meet personal needs of group members

"The Chamber believes it is appropriate for most residents to work on or close to the Peninsula," said Mr Snell.

"The community should have a good demographic mix."

He said that ideally, the community would value diversity and welcome the involvement of all its members in its activities.

It would value the individual, irrespective of politics, age or ability.

It would take maximum responsibility for determining its own future.

It would be vibrant with a range of activities for all community members and have an economy which enabled people to afford to be involved.

It would be a community that placed an emphasis on providing social infrastructure to create (preventative) community health.

rather than taking a social welfare (curative) approach to community health.

It would be a community with a

sense of purpose and vision for its collective future.

The community would fiercely defend itself against external pressures that threatened its quality of life.

It would be a community where people had emotional connection with each other, where they had a generally positive attitude to their lives.

It would be an environment where people did not feel alienated, where crime did not flourish and where financial status had minimum social implications.

The Chamber of Commerce said that an emphasis on regionalism was the biggest single threat to community development.

"Increasingly, both government and commerce operate at a regional level," said Mr Snell.

"There are good practical reasons for this.

It has also been encouraged in recent years by a number of fashionable ideologies." "However, it has come at a cost to our communities.

"Where people once met and acknowledged each other at the local shops, this social infrastructure has not been replaced.

"Regional shopping centres provide economies of scale, but do not provide social opportunities

which reinforce the fabric of the community.

"Even within the Peninsula community, a sense of neighbourhood needs to be developed.

"This traditionally has been at a township level.

"Now, with the population increase,

this needs to be even more local, defined perhaps by walking or easy cycling distance and supported with neighbourhood shops and other facilities."

One effect of regionalism was that information was often no longer available at a local level.

"Population profiles and other measures are often published at a regional level rather than a community level.

"Increasingly, census and other survey information is not available to the public, is only available at a charge or in a form which requires substantial work to collate and interpret.

"Community development decisions are only as good as the information upon which they are based." The Chamber suggested a number of steps the council could take to help.

These included:

- Implement its corporate plan in a coordinated fashion at a Local

Area level, eg the capital works and other council programs should be coordinated at a community level.

- Provide financial and other support for social infrastructure such as Peninsula Community Access News and the community web site, thePeninsulaR.net, and for events and activities which encourage community participation and identity.

- Better communication with the community.

- Regard community groups as potential allies and Partners, rather than threats. Regard businesses as being part of the community, not separate from it or in opposition to it. Encourage community initiatives.

- Monitor quality of life statistically at a community level.

The Chamber also suggested that members of the community both individually and as groups also needed to be willing to take responsibility for their collective future.

They needed to show that the community was willing to solve its own problems and not expect others (particularly government) to do everything for it.

Community initiatives designed to help improve the Peninsula's quality of life needed recognition and support.

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Rotary hold auction

The Rotary Club of Umina Beach will be conducting a Trivial Pursuit Night and Charity Auction at Everglades Country Club from 7.15pm on Friday, October 27.

The fundraising activities will be hosted by Dr John Irvine, local child psychologist, TV and radio presenter and author.

At about 9pm on the evening a number of items related to sport and the Olympic Games will be auctioned.

Proceeds will go to Woy Woy High School and towards the cost of religious education on the Peninsula.

The items will include a Telstra Dolphins Team Swim Shirt autographed by the medal winning Australian Olympic swimming team and an Olympic athlete's singlet autographed by Cathy Freeman, Melinda Gainsford-Taylor, Nova Peris-Kneebone, Andrew Gaze and Australian basketball wonder-boy Luc Longley as well as others.

The autographed outfit worn by Nicole Hackett when she won the World Triathlon Championship will also be auctioned.

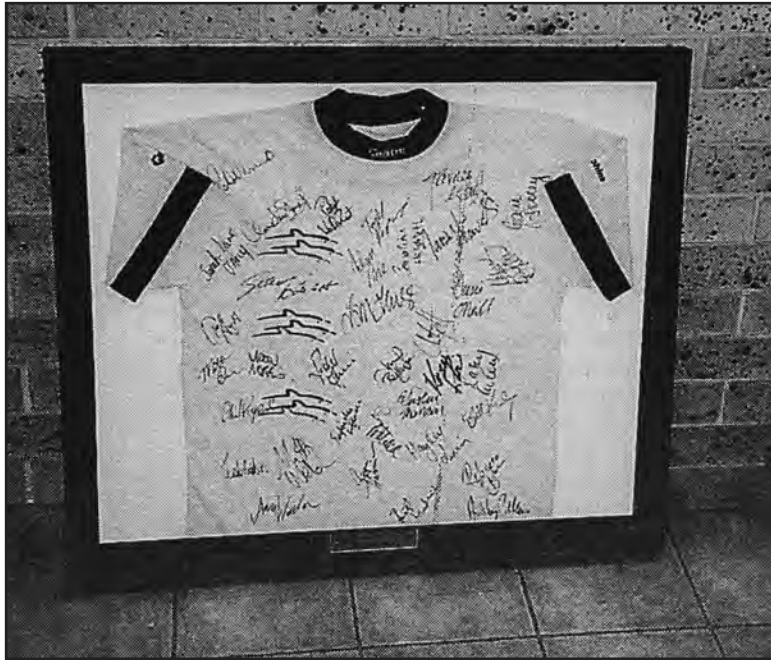
Other items to be auctioned will include a signed, framed photograph of Olivia Newton-John and two one-week holidays at the Calypso Holiday Park at Yamba NSW.

Absentee or telephone bids can be arranged.

Tables of eight may be booked with tickets at \$5 per person.

To make arrangements, telephone Rotarian Geoff Melville on 4369 2275 during business hours.

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Some of the items for auction include an autographed Australian swim team top and a signed framed Olivia Newton-John photograph. (below).

Mayor reminds of new litter laws

Gosford Mayor Cr Chris Holstein has reminded people that new litter laws have come into effect.

The laws include a range of on-the-spot fines instead of the previous single \$200 fine. These are:

\$60 for small litter items such as bottle tops and stubbed-out cigarette butts;

\$200 for general littering, lit cigarette butts and for any item littered from a vehicle, and;

\$375 for dangerous littering, such as smashing glass bottles in a public place.

"These litter fines are now more flexible. They'll allow enforcement officers to match the fine to the severity of the offence," Cr Holstein said.

A number of government agencies are authorised to issue litter fines including local councils, National Parks and Wildlife

Service, Waterways Authority and the Environment Protection Authority.

"Littering ranks highly with the community as an environmental issue and recent advertising campaigns have been designed to make us all stop and think about our own habits and the impact of littering on our environment.

"People litter in everyday situations like at the bus stop or on their lunch break, as well as littering with cigarette butts, which accounts for close to half of the litter items.

"Gosford City Council Rangers are starting a program of patrols of main business districts to educate the public about the new litter laws and to detect offenders.

"We're reminding people to think about what they're throwing away before they litter," Cr Holstein said.

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Trivia night to raise funds

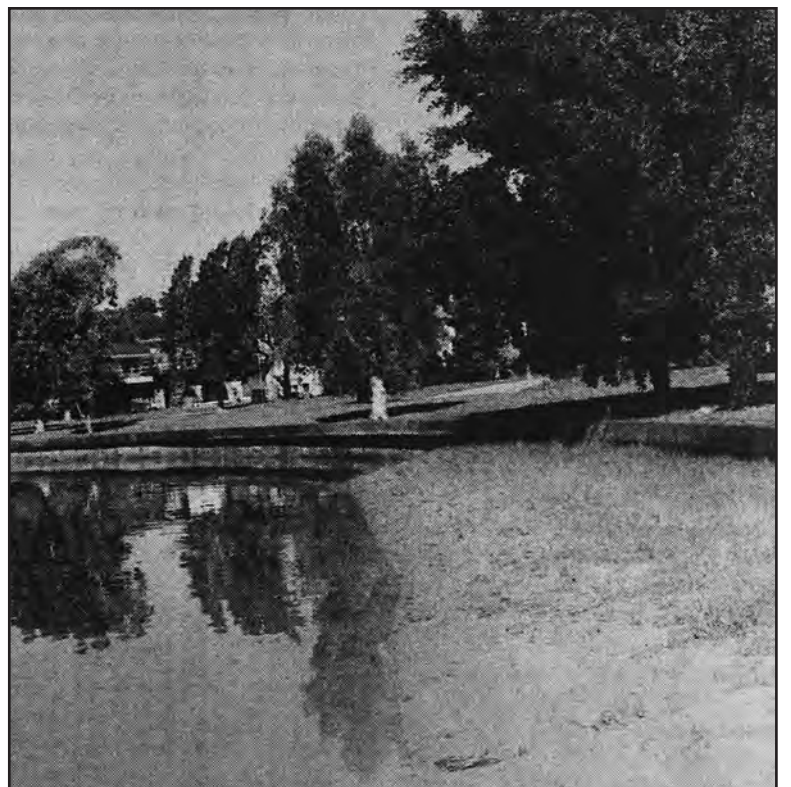
Woy Woy Peninsula Child Care Centre will be holding a trivia night at the Ettalong Memorial Club on October 27 at 7.30pm to raise money for charity.

Proceeds will go to Child Flight and the child care centre.

The cost is \$5 a head for tables of eight.

To book call 4341 9666.

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Long Arm Reserve will host a community barbecue next month

St Huberts hold family barbecue

The St Hubert's Island Residents' Association will host the St Hubert's Day Family Barbecue on November 5.

The Island News, newsletter of the Association, said: "Join your fellow Islanders for this popular free sausage sizzle from 11.30am at Long Arm Reserve.

"There will be the annual Island Quiz for the coveted St Hubert's

Island plaque as well as raffles for a large hamper and a meal for two at Holiday Inn Resort, Terrigal.

"We would also welcome donations to a stall to raise funds for the publication of our Island history book.

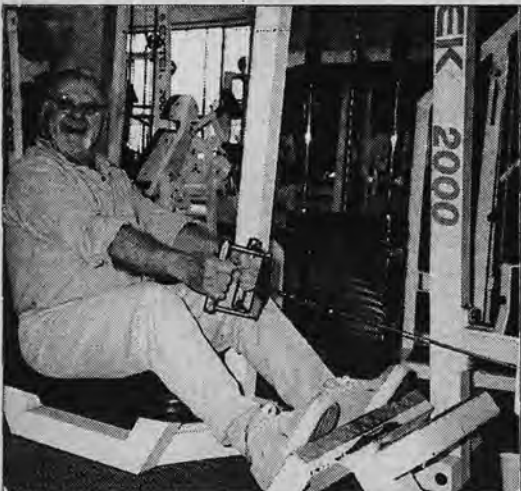
Craft items, cakes, preserves, plants and as-new books proved to be very popular last year.

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Water charge waived

Gosford Council has agreed to waive a \$963.30 water charge from the Crommelin Native Arboretum in Pearl Beach.

Council waived a similar fee in 1993.

However since 1993, the arboretum has remained within the minimum usage of 200 kilolitres a year.

When the arboretum went over the minimum limit earlier this year, the arboretum association president Mr Phillip Westlake referred to Council's 1993 decision

and sought the waiving of the current fee and all future water consumption accounts.

Council's director of corporate and community services, Mr Chris Gallagher, said: "To accede to the request would be to some extent against Council's philosophy of ensuring that users are conscious of the need to conserve water."

However, Mr Gallagher recommended that Council waive the current fee and any future water accounts while requesting that arboretum management conserve water whenever possible.

Carl Spears, October 12

Rotary asks for funding

Gosford Council is considering a request for a \$5000 donation towards this year's New Year's Eve's Peninsula Fireworks.

The request, by event coordinator Ledingham Events, was made on behalf of the Rotary Club of Umina Beach which is holding the event.

Council donated the same amount last year.

Rotary applied for funding for

the event earlier this year under Council's Community Development Grants, but "Was unsuccessful."

Council had deemed the project a low priority under that particular scheme as the proceeds of the fireworks went to local sports and scout groups.

The event has already attracted a \$5000 donation from East's Ocean Beach Holiday Park of Umina.

Mayor Cr Chris Holstein said no current allocation was available for

the type of donation asked for.

He recommended councillors agree to donate the money.

He said Rotary should be encouraged to keep some of the funds raised from the event to enable it to be self-sustaining and to seek more funding from local businesses that benefit from tourist trade over New Year.

Council will also ask for suitable publicity to be given to their contribution.

Carl Spears, October 19

Guides come and go

Ettalong Guides have had a new girl, Elizabeth, join the unit and another, Amanda Morrell, leave the unit.

Amanda has just turned 15 and must now leave the unit.

She intends to return to Ettalong as a junior leader next year.

A farewell for Amanda was held on the first week back this term.

The second week this month, the unit walked along the reserve to Woy Woy.

In the third week, craft, games and badge work were held at the hall.

On October 25, Ettalong Guides join with Guides from all over the Central Coast for a night of roller-skating.

The night is planned as a fancy dress birthday party to celebrate 80 years of Guiding.

On Saturday, October 28, the annual "Brownie Revels" will be held at Ettalong Beach, with girls from Pt Clare and Kariong joining Ettalong Brownie Guides.

Ettalong guide unit is looking for a leader.

Ring Phyllis on 4341 2264 for more information.

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Umina Regional Park (above) will receive \$600,000 worth of works

Council spends \$700,000 on recreation

The recreation department of Gosford Council will spend \$700,000 on Peninsula works over the next two financial years.

Of this, \$600,000 will come from section 94 contributions, which are

compulsory developer fees.

The section 94 money will be spent on Umina Regional Park with \$500,000 earmarked for this financial year and a further \$100,000 next financial year.

The Patonga Caravan Park will receive \$50,000 a year over the

next two financial years for work on the park's amenities building.

A further \$250,000 will be needed to complete the work.

The Peninsula works are part of \$2,057,200 that will be spent city-wide over the next two years.

Carl Spears, October 17

Meningococcal Foundation holds session

The Central Coast Branch of the Meningococcal Foundation is inviting the public to an information session on November 1 at Woy Woy Leagues Club auditorium.

The session starts at 7.30pm.

As supper will be provided, bookings are essential.

For more information or to book telephone 4368 1524 or 43686298.

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What's on in and 'around the Peninsula

Compiled by Cec Bucello

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Contact details and deadline date are shown on page two.

All inserts for community groups and not for profit organisations are published free of charge.

Commercial organisations are also invited to include their information but a small charge will apply.

Commercial inserts are single column only and will be boxed.

The minimum size is 3cms and are charged at \$7.80 per em.

DAILY EVENTS

Woy Woy Pelican Feeding at 3pm Pelican Park in front of Fishermans Wharf.

Brisbane Water Bridge Club meets Monday and Friday at 12.30pm and on Wednesday from 9.30am till 7.30pm at Ocean beach Surf Club, Umina.

Also on Saturday at 12.30pm, Woy Woy Leagues Club.

Players welcome, partners arranged.

Phone: 4341 0721

WEEKIY EVENTS

EVERY SATURDAY

Free bike tours every Saturday. leave 2pm from Ettalong Bike Shop, your bike or hire a bike. All fitness levels catered for. Phone 4341 3906

Cash Housie St Mary's Hall, Ocean View Rd Ettalong 7.30pm. Free Tea and Coffee. Cash Prizes. Proceeds Woy Woy Catholic Parish Community Fund. Enquiries: Rob 4369 0626.

Social Bingo at Progress Hall,

Woy Woy Rd at 12pm.

Cabaret at Everglades Country Club, Dunban Road, Woy Woy

EVERY SUNDAY

Children's entertainment at the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club 11.30am - 3.30pm - Clowns, jumping castle, disco, cost \$2. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

EVERY MONDAY

Ettalong/Umina Lions Bingo 10.30-12.30pm Ettalong War Memorial Club Entertainment Centre. Cash Prizes. All Welcome. Phone: 43421352.

Outreach Crisis Recovery Group meets from 7.30pm Rear Hall, Anglican Church 151 Blackwall Rd Woy Woy.

Addiction, dependency & crisis help. Enquiries: Bill 4368 357.

Fairhaven Services Cash Housie 7.30pm Umina Bowling Club.

All proceeds Intellectually Disabled Adult Services. Phone: 4325 3608.

Free Race Game, Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club, 1 pm Free bingo Woy Woy Leagues Club. 11am.

Mah Jong at Pearl Beach Progress Hall, 3pm Enq: 4341 1243

EVERY TUESDAY

Free bingo, Woy Woy Leagues Club. 11am.

Ettalong Pelicans Masters Swimming Club meet at Woy Woy Indoor Heated Pool, 7.45pm Enq: 4360 1220

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Social Bingo at Progress Hall, Woy Woy Rd at 12pm.

Peninsula Choir meet & rehearse 7.30pm at St Andrews Hall Umina.

Pearl Beach Play Group (except school hols.) 10am-12pm Pearl Beach Progress Hall

Enq: 43427182 Brisbane Waters Scrabble Club, CWA Hall, Woy Woy. Enq: 4344 8734

EVERY THURSDAY

Scrabble at Progress Hall, Woy Woy Rd 12.30pm.

Old Time & New Vogue Dance Umina Community Hall, 1.30pm \$2 Gala Day Everglades Country club, Dunban Rd Woy Woy Tai Chi, Pearl Beach Progress hall, 9.30-10.30am Enq: 4341 1243 Ettalong Pelicans Masters Swimming Club meet at Woy Woy Indoor Heated Pool, 7.45pm Enq: 4360 1220

EVENT CALENDAR

Monday October 23

Woy Woy Deepwater View Club luncheon meeting (4th Monday of month). 11am Woy Woy Leagues CLUB. All welcome. Enquiries: Jan 4341 0272.

Tuesday October 24

Ettalong Beach Toastmasters meet 7.30pm (every 2nd & 4th Tuesday). Ettalong Beach War Memorial club. Enquiries: Jan 4341 6842.

Pearl Beach Craft Group, 1.30-4.30pm, Progress Hall (2nd & 4th Tues) Enq: 4342 1459

Wednesday October 25

Umina Beach Bowling Club and Umina Bunnies Race Day, Gasford Race Course. \$10 incl. BI fast, bus to and from course and entry.

Umina Progress Association, Umina Community Hall, 1.30pm (last Wednesday of each month).

Friday October 27

Trivia Night at Ettalong Beach memorial club, 7.30pm for Child Flight and the Peinsula Child care Centre \$5 Bookings: 4341 9666 Woy Woy Civilian Widows meet at 1 pm Ettalong Senior Citizens Building. New members welcome (last Friday of month).

Saturday October 28

Book Launch-Celebration: Fifty Years of the Pearl Beach Hall- 5.30pm \$6 at the hall Enquiries: 4341 5053 Garage sale, garden stall and sausage sizzle, combined Woy Woy Aged Care Centre Aux.

And Uons Club, 9.30am-2.30pm, Cnr McMasters Rd, Woy Woy.

Melaleuca Wetland Regeneration Group - help with regeneration of one of the last wetlands on the Peninsula, meet 8am at end of Boronia Ave, Woy Woy (2nd & 4th Saturday of month). Enquiries: Norah 4341 13960.

Sunday October 29

Masonic Lodge, Woy Woy 381 meet Umina Community Hall, 11 am (2nd & 4th Sunday of month).

Monday October 30

Parents Breakfast, topic-Those embarrassing Moments-304 on West, Umina, \$10 Bookings: 4341 3655 Woy Woy Branch of Business & Professional Women - dinner meeting (last Monday of month). New members welcome. Enquiries: Jill 4341 1844.

Tuesday October 31

Department of Fair Trading information session, Meals on Wheels Centre, Ocean beach road, Woy Woy, 1.30 - 4pm.

Wednesday November 1

Meningococcal Foundation information seSSion, Woy Woy leagues Club Auditorium 7.30pm Supper provided.

Bookings: 43681524

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Friday November 3

Woy Woy Older Women's Network meet 10.15am (1 st Friday of month), Woy Woy Leagues Club. Topic is "Public Utilities and the Environment" with Heather McKenzie Morning tea will be provided. Enquiries: Coral 4343 1079.

Saturday November 4

National Malaysia Bomeo Veterans Association meet at 2.30pm, Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club (1st Saturday of month). Phone 43421216.

Ettalong Beach Arts & Crafts Market, Ettalong 9am (1st Saturday of month).

Sunday November 5

Ettalong P&C Giant Xmas Stocking Raffle, Tickets available at Ettalong Markets Blackwall Mountain Bushcare Group.

9am at the banner at the base of the mountain.

Working to protect the remaining 'Superb Lyrebirds' in the area and regenerate the vegetation. All welcome. Gloves provided (1 st Sunday of month). Enquiries: Tony 43427849.

Tuesday November 7

Melbourne Cup on the big screen at Ettalong Beach memorial Club piau a spring buffet luncheon, fashion parade, jazz, special guest and sweeps. 12pm \$28.

Also free entertainment on club ground floor level all day Enq: 43411166.

Melbourne Cup sweeps, entertainment and big screen viewing. 11am Everglades Country Club, Dunban Rd Woy Woy

Thursday November 9

South Woy Woy Progress Assoc. Meet (1st Thursday) 7pm All Welcome. South Woy Woy Progress Hall, Woy Woy Road.

Friday November 10

The Troubadour Acoustic Music and Folk Club presents Us Not Them. CWA Hall, Woy Woy (opposite Fishermans Wharf) at 7.30pm. \$7 incl. supper. All welcome. (2nd Friday of month). Enquiries: Frank 4341 4060 or 0417456 929.

Saturday November 11

Melaleuca Wetland Regeneration Group - help with regeneration of one of the last wetlands on the Peninsula, meet 8am at end of Boronia Ave, Woy Woy (2nd & 4th Saturday of month).

Sunday November 12

National Parks Discovery Walk,

North Bouddi Panoramas, 9.50am.

Carpark Daley Ave Daleys Point \$5.50 Masonic Lodge, Woy Woy 381 meet at Umina Community Hall, 11 am (2nd & 4th Sunday of month).

Monday November 13

Peaen Beach Women's Club 12pm, Progress Hall, (2nd Monday) Enq: Ruth 4341 8817

Tuesday November 14

Ettalong Beach Toastmasters meet 7.30pm (every 2nd & 4th Tuesday). Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club. Enquiries: Jan 4341 6842.

Department of Fair Trading information session, Meals on Wheels Centre, Ocean beach road, Woy Woy, 1.30 - 4pm.

Peart Beach Craft Group, 1.30-4.30pm, Progress Hall (2nd & 4th Tues) Enq: 4342 1459

Wednesday November 15

Endeavour View Club meet at Woy Woy Leagues Club, 10.30am (3rd Wednesday of month). Enquiries: Patricia 4344 5043.

Ettalong Umina Lions Club meets 6.30pm Woy Woy Leagues Club (3rd Wednesday of month).

Ettalong Beach Arts & Crafts market, Ettalong 9am (3rd Wednesday of month).

Bays Progress Assoc., Bays Hall, Woy Woy Bay Rd.

7.30pm (3rd Wed) Enq: 4341 1070

Saturday November 18

Kamah, Ettalong Beach Memorial Club, 8pm \$14 Enq: 4341 1166 National Parks Discovery Walk, Back of & Beyond the Ramparts 9.20am Cor Lone Pine Ave & Ocean Beach Road, Umina, \$11 Bookings: 4320 4205

Sunday November 19

National Parks Discovery Walk, North Bouddi Panoramas, 9.20am Maitland Bay Visitor Centre, The Scenic Rd, Killcare Heights. \$11 Bookings: 4320 4205 Brisbane Water Caged Bird Society, 10am (3rd Sunday of month), Umina CWA Hall. Enquiries: Jan 4341 6842.

Monday November 20

War Widows Guild, Ettalong Branch meet 1 pm at Ettalong Beach Club (3rd Monday not Dec). Enquiries: 4341 6435.

Tuesday November 21

Arthritis Foundation, Woy Woy Branch meets 10am (every 3rd Tuesday), Meals On Wheels Hall, al/welcome.

Enquiries: Gladys 43421790.



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Employment site may have answers

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The organisation whose mission statement is "... to provide and develop products and services to enable individuals to achieve their full potential." certainly provides a website that keeps the mission statement alive.

The ET Australia home page

is very quick to download and contains internal links to further information about the organisation, some of the organisation's employment programs and a page that has job vacancies.

Other internal pages allow employers to register job vacancies, and information about the Helping Early Leavers Program aimed at 15-24-year-old either still at school or unemployed.

If the local information is not enough, the site provides a multitude of external links to government sites and employment agencies.

Sites such as checking your employment award details at the Department of Industrial Relations or building a resume online are just two of the many external links that are provided.

ET Australia scores a rating of eight out of 10.

If your community organisation is on the Internet and would like your site reviewed, send the information including contact details to stephenmcnamara@start.com.au or mail to PO Box 532, Woy Woy 2256 or fax 4342 2071.

Stephen McNamara, October 16

Road funding

The Peninsula will receive \$29,000 worth of road work from Council's \$100,000 traffic facilities program for this financial year.

The program is in addition to Council's recurrent budget of \$200,000.

Brick Wharf Road in Woy Woy will get two traffic calming devices at an estimated cost of \$20,000.

Dunmore Avenue, also in Woy Woy, will get kerb blisters at the intersection with Wyalong Road at an estimated cost of \$4000.

Rosella Road in Empire Bay will be permanently closed at Greenfield Road at an estimated cost of \$5000.



Part of Woy Woy tip

Tip funding

Gosford Council has set aside \$135,000 for works at the Woy Woy Tip for this financial year.

Funding will come from Council's waste fund reserve.

An amount of \$35,000 will be spent on a water tank and \$100,000 on capping of the tip.

October 17

Council defends court challenge

Council will defend itself in the Land and Environment Court at an approximate cost of \$25,000 in an appeal against its refusal of a three-unit flat building development application in Umina Beach.

Council refused the application for an Esplanade residential development earlier this year saying the proposal was an overdevelopment of the site.

Council officers said the proposed development failed to comply with Council requirements and would result in development inconsistent in scale, density and height with nearby residences.

Council also refused the application on the grounds that the development would cause a loss of privacy for neighbours.

Carl Spears, October 4



Bowen's Photographics in Deepwater Plaza in Woy Woy is looking for the owner of this photograph.

The photograph was left for

enlargement in the name of Wetenhol and not collected. If you recognise yourself in the photo or know who the couple are, please contact the Peninsula News office

on the corner of Blackwall Rd and Victoria Rds, Woy Woy, telephone 4342 2070.

Bowen's have quite a collection of unclaimed photos.



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Steve Owens, Meat Department Manager

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Steve has been a butcher for 22 years, mainly with A.J Bush & Sons where he rose to area manager in the Manly area. Now living on the Central Coast he is keen to provide the best service possible.

By combining his buying with the Berowra IGA store, he has been pleasantly surprised at the good deals he can obtain.

Steve's staff consist of Neil, Marek and Emma and they will be able to answer any of your inquiries.

There are great meat specials on this week, so pop in and see Steve and his team, and do yourselves a favour.

Good shopping.

News



Former president, Faye Bold (left), and current president, Clare Wren, of the Umina Country Women's Association.

Exhibition well attended

The Country Women's Association at Umina Beach held a well-attended art exhibition at the CWA hall last week.

Publicity officer Mrs Clare Wren said about 130 people turned up on the day with quite a number of paintings selling.

The paintings on display were created by students at the Amber Arts studio, Umina Beach, which is run by Peninsula artist Judy Hoste.

The exhibition raised funds for Meals on Wheels, the Salvation Army and CareFlight.

Mrs Wren said the exhibition was "a very happy afternoon" and

she thanked all of those involved.

"The Country Women ladies did the handicrafts and the floral art was done by the Umina Beach Garden Club," Mrs Wren said.

"Champagne was provided at cost price by Jeremy Cusack at the Ocean Beach Hotel."

A raffle was drawn at the end of the day with Mrs P Egan picking up first prize of a painting donated by Judy Hoste.

Mrs Webber won second prize of a hair-pack donated by Umina Beach's Hair Anew.

The exhibition was opened by Ms Margaret Christie, the editor of the Country Woman Journal.

Carl Spears, October 19

Needle bin draws petition

Gosford Council has received five petitions with a total of 116 signatures from Peninsula residents.

The largest petition, with 68 signatures, was regarding the needle bin in Pelican Park, Woy Woy.

The petitioners asked that the free-standing bin be relocated to the wall of the nearby public toilet block or removed completely.

Sixteen petitioners from around Umina sent Council a petition saying they supported certain principles in the floodplain maintenance of Kahibah Creek to keep it in a natural healthy state.

The petitioners said surrounding bushland should be maintained using established regeneration methods, maintenance should be done frequently and on a small scale instead of "irregularly and invasively".

They said typha reed should be cut by hand or removed by cutting and painting and not the spraying of herbicide and Council should allocate resources within its annual budget.

Eight petitioners in Wentworth South Ave, Woy Woy, have asked Council for more lighting in the street.

The petitioners said their street was very dark and they had experienced "countless break and enters, theft of garden statues and vandalism to letterboxes".



The needle bin in Pelican Park draws 68 signatures in objection

In the remaining petitions, 16 petitioners complained about safety and damage to the environment on a new estate at The Sanctuary, Umina, and eight

petitioners complained about incessant barking from a dog in Winifred Ave, Umina.

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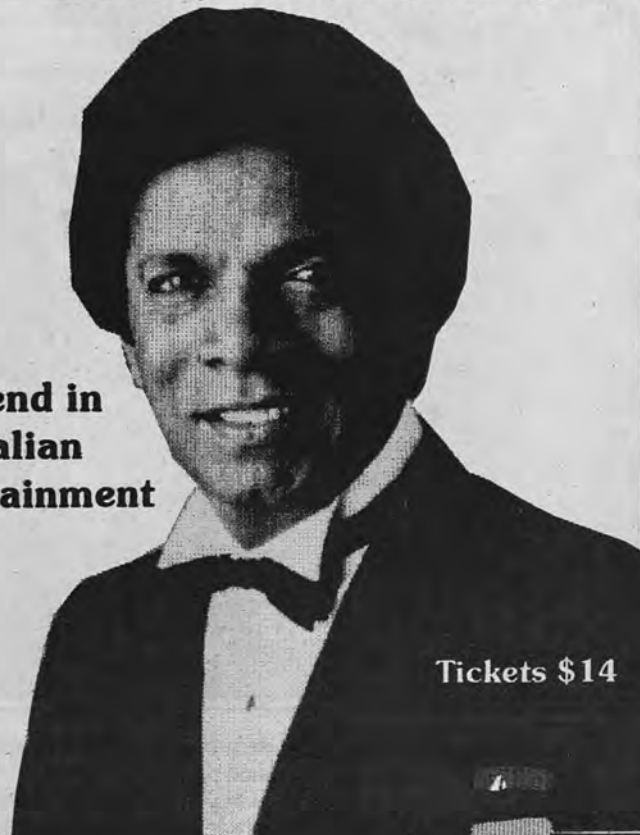
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"With summer and Christmas fast approaching, many businesses are looking at increasing their staffing," said ET marketing coordinator Melinda Santer.

ET Australia had many job-ready job seekers on their books.

Participants from courses on Medical Terminology, Construction and Hospitality were also keen to find employment, she said.

ET Australia is a branch of BWAC New Apprenticeship Centre and a Registered Training Organisation, and can help with new apprentice or trainee employment.

It also offered services to students who would be graduating from school soon.

Anyone interested should contact Debbie and the staff at ET Australia on 4344 2074.

October 17

Us Not Them

The band "Us Not Them" will return to the Troubadour Folk and Acoustic Music Club at the CWA Hall, Woy Woy, on November 10.

The duo will perform a variety of songs including some from their earlier CDs, along with their new CD "Sleepers", featuring Australian music and songs learned from traditional singer, Carrie Milner.

Tickets will be \$7, which includes the cost of supper.

For further information, contact Frank on 43414060 or Mobile:0417 456 929

October 19

Volunteer need

Woy Woy Environment Centre, a local environmental resource library developed during the 1988 Bicentenary, is in need of volunteers.

Contained within historical St Lukes Church, the centre offers a place of information and guidance with extensive environmental publications. It is accessible to schoolchildren, tertiary students, keen environmentalists and the general public.

It also provides a valuable site for local environmental organizations to conduct meetings and forums.

Unfortunately, due to lack of volunteers the centre is only able to open intermittently.

With further relief staff it would ideally be open most days.

To register your interest or for further information, contact Woy Woy Environment Centre on 4360 1024.

October 16

Flood works for Middle Creek

Gosford Council has budgeted \$531,000 for flood mitigation works for Middle Creek at Pearl Beach over the next three years.

Of that figure, \$354,000 will come from the Department of Water and Land Conservation.

This financial year \$150,000 will be spent with \$50,000 coming from Council coffers.

Next financial year \$189,000 will be spent with \$63,000 from Council and the following year will see Council spend \$64,000 of the \$192,000 put towards works on the creek.

Also on the Peninsula, Council will spend \$215,300 over the next two financial years on trunk drainage works in Railway St and Rawson Rd.

The funding coming from section 94s, which are enforced develop contributions, will total \$100,000 this financial year with the remainder of \$115,300 being spent next financial year.

Patonga will receive \$125,000 worth of drainage works in the 2002/03 financial year for Nalya Ave, with the funds being raised through Council's drainage levy.



A part of Middle Creek in Pearl Beach - \$500,000 to be spent over the next three years

Cowper Rd in Umina will receive \$35,000 of channel works this financial year with money being raised through Council's drainage levy.

Council will also purchase land

this financial year with drainage levy funds to enable them to do work at Garnet Rd and Diamond Rd, Pearl Beach and Veron Rd and Dulkara Rd, Woy Woy at a cost of \$40,000 and \$50,000 respectively.

In the following two financial years, Council will spend \$150,000 per year on drainage construction at Veron and Dulkara Rds.

Carl Spears, October 17

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Paralympic Torch brings out crowds



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Ettalong students made special flags for the occasion



Local school children get into the spirit



Pam Pritchard on her leg of the relay



John Pakarinen acknowledges the crowds



Aaron Hamstra (right) receives the Paralympic flame for his leg of the relay from John Pakarinen

Aaron carries flame

Woy Woy High "A1" students, Special Education students and two Year 8 classes watched the Paralympic Torch Relay as it went along Blackwall Rd from Bowden Rd to Woy Woy last week.

They reported a great deal

of pride and excitement as they watched their fellow student Aaron Hamstra run a leg of the relay.

Another proud moment for the students was during the opening ceremony of the Paralympics, when Year 11 student Luke McTackett took part in the raising of the flag.

Luke is currently on volunteer duties at the Games with the Australian Air Cadets.

The school's SRC, Special Education students and students who participated in the closing ceremony of the Olympic Games will be attending the Paralympics.

October 1

Anti-bullying measures start

New anti-bullying procedures will be introduced at Woy Woy High School from this week.

Students will have the opportunity to place the names of any bullies or victims of bullies into boxes, one in the front office and one in the library.

These will be cleared each day by one of the school's welfare teachers.

Teachers are also expected to be vigilant and to take quick action to nip in the bud any bullying

behaviour that occurs in the classroom and the playground.

They will also be expected to report this to head welfare teacher Ms Murphy.

Students will be interviewed and follow-up action will take place.

The emphasis will be on mediation and supporting students to learn not to use bullying behaviour.

Records of instances will be kept so that follow-up action can be co-ordinated effectively.

October 17

Archery program attracts funds

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews has announced funding for Umina High School's archery program.

"The funding is part of the School Sports 2000 Foundation Trust Fund, which provides schools with the opportunity to support a variety of sport and healthy lifestyle initiatives at the local school level," she said.

Umina High School will receive

\$2000 for its archery program.

This funding is in addition to regular State Government funding.

"I am certain that Umina High School's archery program will be a great success, and we shall hope to see local representation at future archery competitions and perhaps even at the Athens Summer Games in 2004," Ms Andrews said.

October 16

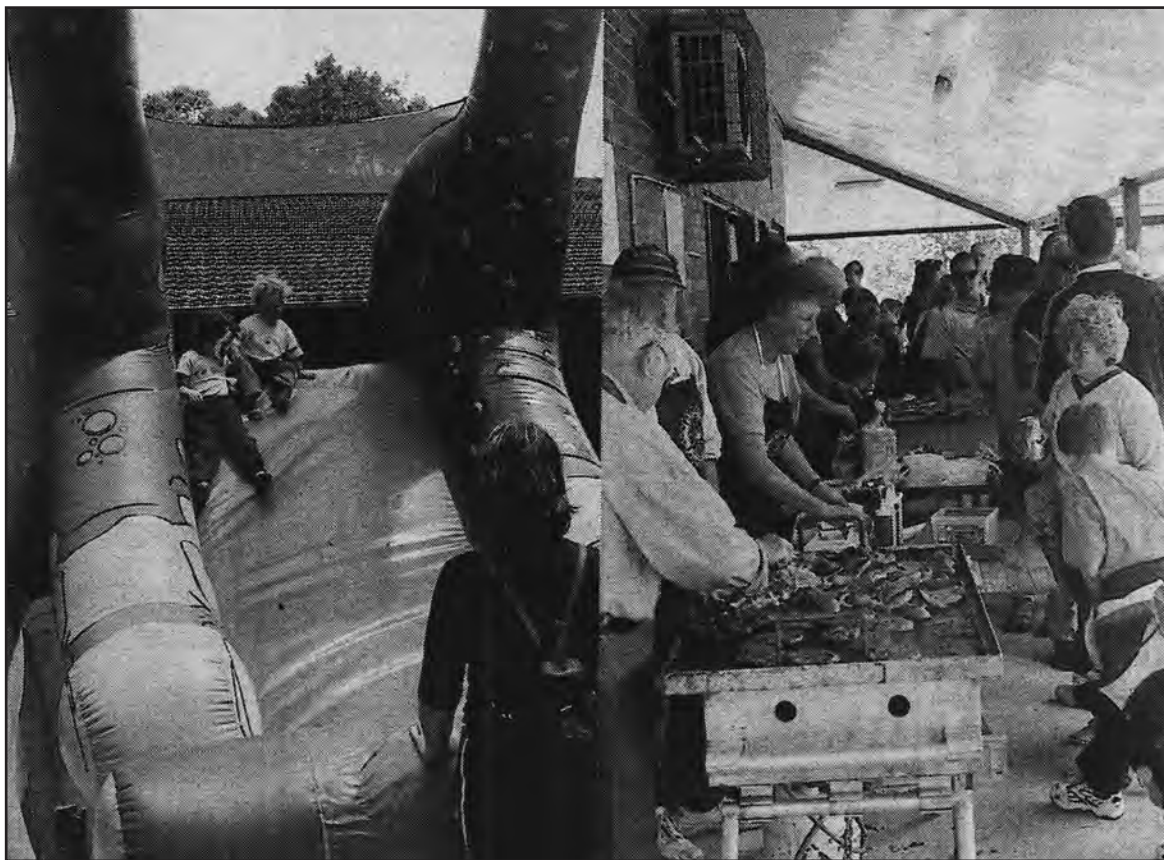
League stars sign

Rugby League players Brett Kimmorley of the Northern Eagles and Matthew Gidley of the Newcastle Knights attended Woy Woy South Public School's fete on Saturday, October 14.

They donated their time to have photographs taken and to sign autographs for some of their younger fans.

The money raised from their stall and many other stalls on the day will be put towards installing ramps and other utilities for a spina bifida student who will be attending the school in 2001

October 19



Dinosaur rides were part of the fun at Woy Woy South's School fete

Empire Bay raises money from Pokemon

Empire Bay Public School raised \$236.50 towards P&C projects from a Pokemon 2000 movie night.

School principal, Mr Gordon Fraser, thanked those who supported the night.

"Also, thanks very much to the wonderful staff at Avoca Beach Theatre, Lynda and Peter," he said.

October 17

Vandals attack school

Woy Woy Public School principal, Mr Warwick Hannon, has voiced his concern over recent vandalism at the school.

"Unfortunately, I write once more of vandalism in our school," he wrote in the school's newsletter, Namalata.

"This time intruders had the aid of bolt cutters and cut a number of

padlocks throughout the school.

"They then broke into the school canteen, bolt cutting an entire security grill and stole a large amount of stock while generally ransacking the canteen.

"Other than the damage caused by these acts of vandalism, the frustration, inconvenience and extra work caused is significant."

October 16

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War tale told

Snow Dickers' story, "Croc with no tears" (Peninsula News, September), reminds me of some stories my eldest brother Charles Whitfield told me about his experiences in New Guinea.

Charlie Whitfield was in the 35th Battalion, part of the 8th Brigade AIF.

They were involved in the fortification of North Sydney beaches, then over to the Western Australian coastline for 12 months, then to Finhafen, Madang and Wewak.

A soldier went troppo and dived into the bay intending to swim back to Sydney.

Charles and another soldier swam after him.

After a long and tough struggle, they persuaded the man to come back to shore.

The soldier got his wish because, after a medical examination, the army sent him back to Sydney.

Now getting to the croc story: The unit was camped between two rivers.

In the early hours of the morning, the croes from one river decided to

migrate to the other river.

Naturally the path they chose was right across the soldiers camp.

When they hit the camp, there was pandemonium as you can imagine.

My brother Charlie grabbed his rifle and said to the other soldier: "What's up? Japs?" "No, only bloody crocodiles" was the lackadaisical reply.

One of Charlie's mates, Stow Humphries, was not amused when he turned over in his tent and rolled over onto a crocodile.

Normally a slow-moving man, Stow moved faster than ever seen and also had the presence of mind to zig-zag as the locals had shown him.

"You move straight," they told him, "and 'snap' the croc gets you, but if you zig-zag you escape them, because the croes can't negotiate turns."

However, this croc wasn't interested in Stow, so the boys prodded it with bayonets till it headed off to its mates in the other river.

No great hann was done only upset tents and shattered nerves.

Keith Whitfield



Charles Whitfield manning a Vickers machine gun

Win money; prizes at Cash Housie

Fairhaven Services runs cash housie every Monday Night at Umina Beach Bowling Club at 7.30pm and is looking for the Peninsula community to get involved and help raise money for its services.

Supervisor Ms Susan Chidgey said cash housie was an enjoyable night out.

"Players have the chance of winning good cash and raffle prizes while supporting a worthwhile local charity," she said.

All proceeds from the night are used to provide services for over 70 intellectually disabled adults who live on the Central Coast.

Fairhaven Services runs supported employment programs at Point Clare and Woy Woy, a residential unit at Kincumber, independent living cottages and a service to assist disabled adults to obtain wif skills for open employment.

For more information, telephone 4325 3608.

Carl Spears, October 16



Caesar and Glenn Bulmer married at St Davids Church in Woy Woy earlier this month. The reception was held at Woy Woy Bowling Club

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Poem: The Uncle's House

It was our Christmas holiday house, a fisherman's shack, built to lock-up stage, home-finished by an uncle, nails laboriously hammered in during short hours stolen from the city. The furniture was fourth-hand - crippled wicker chairs, tattered mats, beds that tortured. The stove was unfriendly, so children were allowed pies. Renters, we used to spend long hours talking about what we'd do if we owned it. In the meantime toddlers became teenagers and no one cared if half the beach was dropped on the dull and roughened floors.

Our street, like all the streets, was a sandy track, barbecue hot in summer, and like all the streets, led to the beach.

When we bought it we pulled down inside walls pushed outside ones further out, covered the old fibro

with cladding, brought up passable furniture, hid the floors, commissioned a passable bathroom, bought a kinder stove.

The family still came, but one remarked with sadness

"What you've done is turn the house into a home."

And our street was no longer sand, but bitumen.

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Farewell to Woy Woy High's Class of 2000

Woy Woy High farewelled its class of 2000 in a special assembly a fortnight ago.

Woy Woy High principal, Ms Carolyn Carter, said the farewell went well.

"This year's Year 12 should all have excellent memories of their last day of school," she said.

"Mr Angles organised the assembly.

"Mr Donald, the year 12 year adviser, gave a very moving heartfelt address and other teachers worked behind the scenes to make everything run

smoothly.

"We even had a school band to play the national anthem."

Awards were given out to students who excelled during the year.

The recipients were Danielle Starkey, David Butler, Megan McGreal, Haley Oliver, Craig Bleakney, Nathan Dunn, Shannon Male, Thomas Newlands, Michael Roberts, Matthew Arrua, Aaron Hamstra, Andrew Howard and Susan Sobczak.

The school captains for next year have also been voted in.

The captains for next year are

Holly Robertson and Michael Roberts with Lisa Francis and Marty Webster as vice-captains.

Ms Carter said: "All students and staff had the right to vote for our captains at a secret ballot.

"This lets our students actively take part in the democratic process."

The new captains and vice-captains started their duties immediately as this year's captains had relinquished their responsibilities due to HSC examinations.

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Sport



12 year old Blake Vanderwoude runs in the 1500m
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Support keeps Blake going

Umina's leading 12-year-old athlete, Blake Vanderwoude, has said that without the support of sponsors and the community he may not have stayed in representative competition.

Blake, who attends Umina Public School, has done well in the past year, placing first in the 2000m at the Little Athletics State Cross Country and 3000m at the Sydney North Regional Cross Country, where he was named NRMA athlete of the meet.

At the recent Pacific School Games, he came eighth in the 1500m. The Pacific Games had 41 Pacific Rim countries competing, including the states of Australia as well as countries including Argentina, Brunei, Canada, Tonga and New Zealand.

Other results this year include a second place in the 3000m at the NSW PSSA State Cross Country, a

ninth in the 3000m at the National Schools Cross Country and a first place in the 4x1500m relay.

Blake has been accepted into the targeted sports program at Narrabeen Sports High School for next year.

"As I do not have a coach, this will give me valuable experience because there are two training and coaching sessions per week at the school," Blake said.

He thanked the Umina Public School community, Everglades Country Club, New Balance Sports, Ettalong Fire Brigade and his family and friends for their support.

"The assistance of these people and organisations has helped me realise some of my dreams and has inspired me to want to keep involved in the representative sports arena."

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Former champion recognised

Empire Bay Public School teacher and former Paralympian.

Mrs Helena Brunner, will be presenting floral tributes to medal winners at the Paralympic Games on Wednesday, October 25.

She will present the tributes at the finals of the amputee swimming events in which she won medals.

Helena competed at the New York Paralympic games in 1984, winning five gold medals, one silver and one bronze.

In her career, she broke 14 world records, five of which were at the 1984 games.

Some of those records still stand today.

Helena won gold medals in the 100m and 400m freestyle events, 100m backstroke, 4 x 100m medley relay and 4 x 100m freestyle relay.

Her silver came in the 200m individual medley and bronze in the 100m breaststroke.

She is a below-the-knee amputee and competed in the A4 classification.

The classifications have since changed so the records will "probably stay in the archives somewhere", she said.

Helena had been a state representative in able-bodied swimming as a teenager, but had stopped serious competition at 17, before gaining an interest in water polo.

She quickly gave up water polo when attending Goulburn College

of Advanced Education because "there were no heated pools down there then".

In 1978, when she was 20 and a student studying education, she lost her lower right leg in a motorcycle accident when delivering mail for Australia Post.

"The accident was bad and I was lucky to survive," she said.

"I wanted to keep my leg, but after two years and seven operations I ended up losing it." "The rehabilitation was really long, but I met someone who suggested I return to swimming." "I can appreciate more now about what I had achieved," she said.

"Back then it was all a little overwhelming and I just got in and did what I had to do." Her performance was rewarded the following year when she received an OAM for her services to swimming.

At the age of 26, she was one of the youngest-ever recipients of the OAM.

"It was nice to get recognition for swimming in general, not just disabled," she said.

Helena said she was "very excited" about being part of the medal ceremony.

It would also be nice to catch up with some old acquaintances again.

Helena said she was impressed with the media coverage and the improved financial support of the Paralympic Games.

"The media coverage has been fantastic," she said.

"Back then, I think the athletes got about \$600 each.

"We had to do all our own fundraising.

"She was presented with some of her medals by famed Australian swimmer Murray Rose.

"However, the presentation of medals is reserved for politicians at these games," she said.

Helena said her charges at Empire Bay Public School had been very interested in her Paralympic background.

"I've shown them videos of me competing, my medals and the uniform I wore," she said.

She said her struggle had provided inspiration for some of her students.

"I heard one of the children say they could do anything even if they lost their leg." Helena said she would rather have her leg and there were recurrent secondary problems with being an amputee.

"I get a lot of ulcers.

I have carpal tunnel syndrome in my wrists from the constant use of crutches.

I can't run because of adhesions and I get spinal problems as well," she said.

Helena did not compete in any other Paralympic Games and had her daughter 18 months after claiming gold in 1984.

Carl Spears, October 19

80th birthday party raises money for cancer care

Woy Woy Bowling Club pair Penny and Bob Godding celebrated their 80th birthdays at a party at Woy Woy Leagues Club and raised \$1950 for Central Coast Cancer Care in the process.

Fellow club member, Barbara Champion, said over 200 friends of the pair attended the party.

"It was a very enjoyable party," she said.

"Long time friend, Jennifer Green, organised various artists who performed to everyone's delight.

"It was also a family reunion for Penny, as some of her family had not seen each other for 27 years."

Barbara said the pair was presented with a gold medal and an OBE (over bloody eighty) award, which were placed around their necks,

"The whole event was a way of raising money for Penny and Bob's charity," she said.

Guests were asked to make donations to Central Coast Cancer Care in lieu of presents.

Barbara thanked Jack Parkinson and Noel Ashelford for putting the event on video.

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Mark Wilson had a grin when he landed this beaut 6kg snapper.

Rain will bring fish

With a bit more rain, the fishing scene should liven up.

There have been some good catches in Brisbane Water and outside, although the recent weather hasn't been exactly kind to the fishoes.

East and west reefs are beginning to fire with some good mixed-bag catches.

The flathead grounds have been producing well, many fishoes scoring double hook-ups, adding to a little more excitement.

One happy angler scored a nice 3.5kg flathead drifting Paddys channel.

Some good whiting and bream have been caught in the same area, with the leases producing good bream.

Ettalong and the Hardy's Bay area have also been kind to anglers, with whiting, bream and flathead on the menu.

Some nice size school jewies have been taken by the keen fishoes willing to put in the effort.

In between some lumpy seas and winds the beach and rock boys have been doing very well with many excellent catches reported.

Ken Bartlett, Jamies Bait & Tackle, October 17

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Umina Heights bush walk held

The National Parks and Wildlife Service will hold a half-day bushwalk around the back of Umina Heights on November 18.

The walk, as part of the Service's Discovery program, will be led by a guide and starts at 9.20am, finishing at 3.30pm.

The walk will be a circular one within the Brisbane Water National Park and behind Umina Heights.

According to National Parks the walk will take in "spectacular 360 degree views of the Central Coast region and explore the massive Hawkesbury River sandstone shelf areas abounding this fascinating location."

There will also be a significant Aboriginal site to view along the way.

The walk will suit adults and children above the age of 12 and costs \$11 for adults and \$5.50 for children.

The walk is mostly on tracks, although walkers should expect

some bush scrambling and climbing.

Walkers should bring snacks, lunch, drinks, water, sturdy walk shoes and sun protection.

The walk is recommended for people who regularly exercise.

Some steps and hills may be encountered.

Bookings are essential on telephone 4320 4205 Monday to Friday in business hours.

The Discovery program is designed to show communities the wealth of cultural and environmental heritage available within the Central Coast region.

The program runs all year round, mainly on weekends and school holidays.

National Parks and Wildlife will also design an activity for groups on request.

For more information on the full range of activities available through the program telephone 4320 4205.

Carl Spears, October 16

Chairman thanks Olympic volunteers

Woy Woy Bowls chairman, Mr John Gardner, has congratulated club members who volunteered for the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

"Heartiest congratulations to all Australian medal winners and to our club members who were to the fore with that amazing volunteer force," he said.

In the Woy Woy Bowling Club newsletter, News without Bias, Mr Gardner also explained why bowls was a sport in the Commonwealth Games, but not the Olympics.

"It's all a matter of numbers," he

said.

"Lawn bowls is not included in the Olympics because we don't have 65 countries playing it worldwide.

"At present we number only 35, so we fall well short.

"Bowls has been a part of the Commonwealth Games since its inception, but getting a start at the Olympics has proven futile despite our efforts."

He also explained that despite the sport's national profile, bowls, like netball, was relatively unknown in some regions of the world.

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Manager appointed

Woy Woy Bowling Club has a new secretary manager in Warwick Smith.

Mr Smith said he was looking forward to joining the team at the club.

Mr Smith brings with him a wealth of experience in the industry.

"I first started in clubs over 28 years ago," he said.

"I spent over 10 years at Balmain Leagues Club as casual manager of the nightclub, three years as sub-assistant manager at Sydney Rowing Club, two and a half years as assistant secretary manager and just over two years as secretary manager of Kiama Bowling and Recreation Club.

Mr Smith and his wife live on the

Peninsula.

"I love the game of bowls and compete in club championships," he said.

Mr Smith said he believed the Woy Woy Bowling Club had enormous potential.

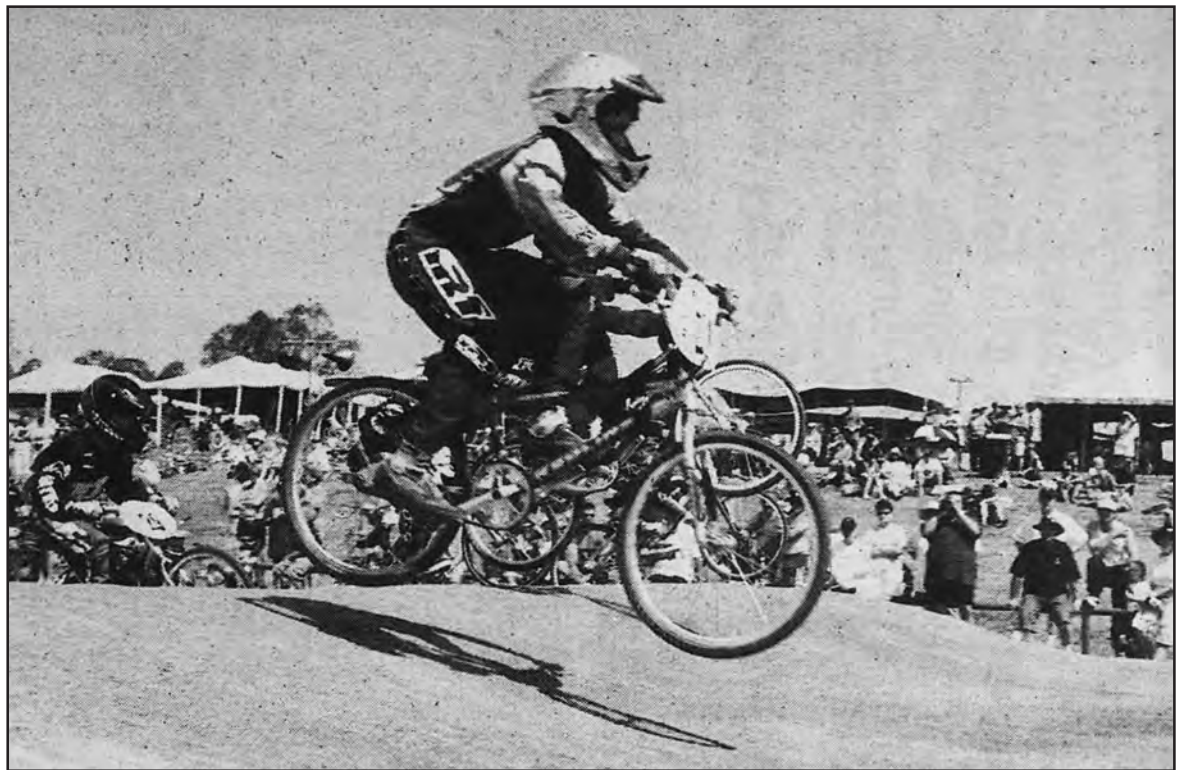
"With the renovations now beginning, it won't be long before that potential is realised," he said.

"There will be some inconvenience due to the construction, but you will see a fantastic result at the end.

"So please bear with us during the next few months and continue to support your club."

Mr Smith takes over from Mr Mark Landon.

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Patrick White in action at the BMX NSW State Titles at Taree over the October long weekend

Riders perform at State Titles

The Peninsula contingent of the Terrigal BMX Club has excelled at the NSW State Titles earlier this month with nearly all placing in the top half of the state.

In the 30-34 year challenge, Jeremy McAnally came second and Drew Watts fourth out of eight competitors.

The same pair placed second and eighth out of 10 in the Cruise class.

Andrew Hollinworth came 14th out of 33 in the 14-year boys, Danny Serret came seventh out of 30 in the 12-year boys, DJ Hogan came 11th out of 29 in the 10-year boys and Patrick White came second out of 30 in the nine-year-old boys.

The titles were held in Taree over the October long weekend.

The riders all progressed from a five-round zone championship, contested at Terrigal, Port Macquarie, Taree, Maitland and Port Stephens.

DJ Hogan, Patrick White and Danny Serret all attend Woy Woy South Public School.

Carl Spears, October 17

Masters swimmers hold carnival

Ettalong Pelicans Masters swimming club held its annual carnival at Woy Woy pool on Saturday October 14.

The Pelicans were placed first in the average points per swimmer score with Port Macquarie in second place.

In the overall score, Pelicans with 837 points were placed second to the powerful Cessnock

which who achieved 880 points.

However the Pelicans won the prestigious Lance Clarke Challenge Relay over Cessnock who were the winners last year.

A new event was introduced on a trial basis called the 25m Skins event for the fastest six men and six women.

This also proved to be successful and hopefully will become an annual event in the

program.

Ettalong Pelicans meet at Woy Woy indoor heated pool on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7.45 pm.

New members will be made welcome.

For further information, telephone Fred Elsom on 4360 1220.

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Tony adds strength to Umina bowls

Umina Beach Bowling Club has recruited the professional services of young state star Tony Laguzza.

The club is now aiming to win the Year 2001 State Grade One pennant and possibly one in a lower grade as well.

With the added strength and ability of Tony alongside talented bowlers already at the club, members believe the objective is not out of reach.

Tony started his bowling career in 1989 at Cabramatta with the influence of his father Sam, who was also a Cabramatta member.

Sam had been playing for NSW since 1984 and is currently in the Australian squad.

Tony said he took up bowls because he was sick of getting smashed on a football field for

years with no rewards.

Since taking up the game of bowls, he has had no regrets, claiming first class victories in major events throughout NSW and across Australia.

His first victory came within seven months, winning the minor singles in 1990.

Tony was then paired with Alan Hall in 1991 to win the state pairs.

He moved to St Johns Park in 1994 to start a new career in the club industry where he took the position as gaming manager at the club.

In 1994, Tony yet again won the State Pairs with clubmate Kevin Walsh.

In 1995, Tony got his first call-up to represent NSW and won the Australian Sides Championship going through undefeated, a first for a NSW side.

Tony's highlight happened in 1996, winning the highly prestigious "Kingscliff Invitation Pairs" with his father Sam, and he then went on to win the 1996 State Champion of champions Pairs with Kevin Walsh.

In 1997, Tony was selected again for NSW in Five Side State Event at Moama.

Tony said he was sad to leave a happy and professional club as St John's Park, but he wanted a change to further his career in club work.

Umina gave him this opportunity.

Tony said he was very happy to be working at Umina Beach Bowling Club, and was looking forward to representing the club in next year's pennant season and zone championships.

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Joyce runs Patonga leg

The sole local runner in the Patonga leg of the relay was 69-year-old Joyce Chambers.

Joyce was chosen by SOCOG and the Sydney Paralympic Organising Committee as a torchbearer because of her involvement in the organisation of the Patonga farewell to the flame and for her efforts in raising funds for the games.

A volunteer for both events, Joyce was responsible for the raffle of a framed, signed shirt and cap which once belonged to cricketer Steve Waugh.

The main prize was won by Frank Collison of Winston Hills and second prize of a Paralympic Pack was won by Rana King of Terrigal, an employee of Mr Jim Lloyd, Member for Robertson.

The raffle raised \$2643 for the Sydney 2000 Paralympic Games.

Joyce Chambers said: "My highlight was being able to give my torch to each of the disabled wheelchair-bound children from a local special school and seeing their faces as they each held it and had their photograph taken."

Cec Bucello, October 19



Crowds line the street at Ettalong in anticipation of the arrival of the torch (above), later John Pakarinen exchanged the flame with Woy Woy High's Aaron Hamstra (left)

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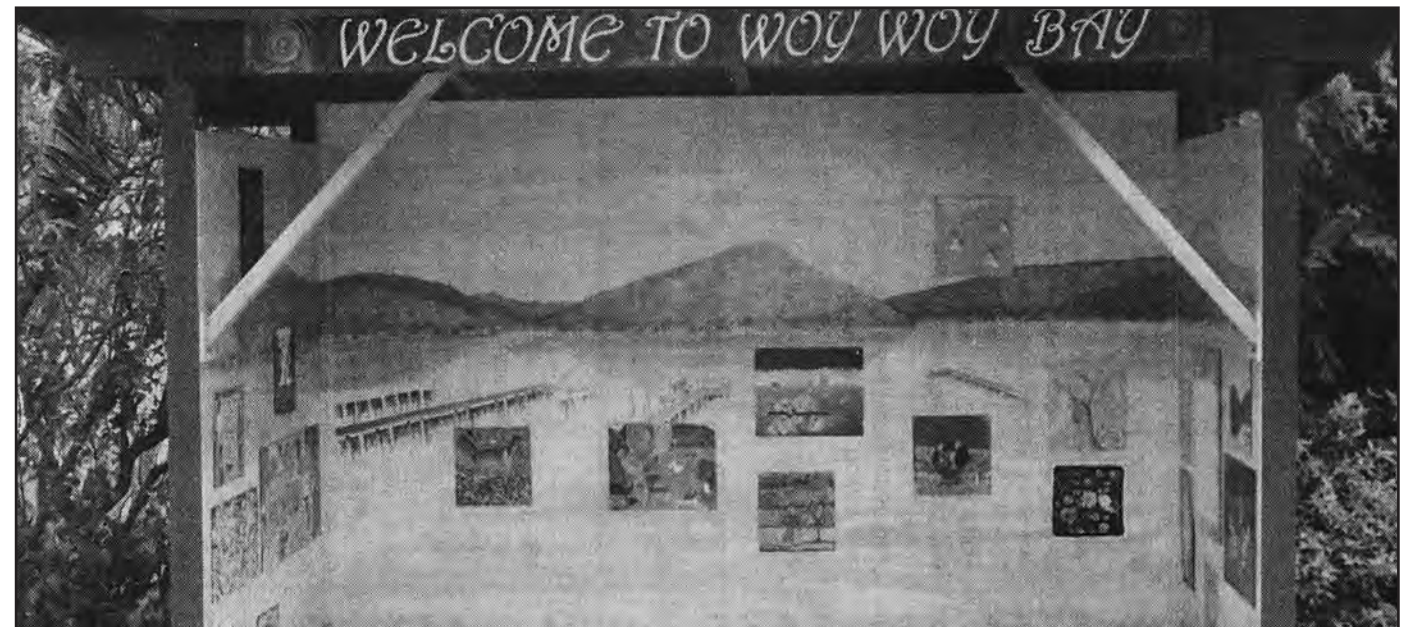
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The bus shelter, a hang-out area for Woy Woy Bay youth, in Taylor Street

Youth beautify their turf

A bus shelter in Taylor St, Woy Woy Bay, has received special treatment as part of a community project to beautify the area.

The project was organised by two local artists in conjunction with local children and youth as an attempt to reduce graffiti problems at the bus shelter.

The group met in the Bays Community Hall on Saturday afternoons to work on paintings to be installed at the shelter.

The paintings are an impression of Woy Woy Bay.

A member of the group, Ms Mary-Anne Millington, said: "Since we started painting the actual shelter, the community

has come together."

"It's really brought the community together.

"Some of the feedback has been amazing.

"The project has really lifted people's spirits, not that we're usually depressed, living in such a beautiful spot.

"Some older people felt a bit negative about the youth in the area, due to graffiti and so forth.

"But this has proved it's just a very small element and not the majority.

"The bus shelter is where the youth have always hung out at Woy Woy Bay, so now at least it's a nice spot until we get the walkway to connect us to Phegans

Bay and the community hall moved down onto the waterfront.

"In the meantime, we'd like to challenge all the other communities on the coast to paint their own bus shelters.

"This is the sort of quirky thing that unites communities and inspires both young and old.

"It might even increase the value of properties because people will want to live where the neighbours are nice."

Ms Millington also said she would like to thank Cr Lynne Bockholt for "green-lighting" the project and Campbells Home Hardware for supplying paint and materials.

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