



The new mesh surrounding Woy Woy tidal pool can be seen at lower tides as above

Reef community established

The steel mesh enclosing Woy Woy Tidal Swimming Pool has been replaced and will now be used to form the "nucleus of a rocky reef .

community" to enhance the popular fishing spot.

It was replaced when it was found to be colonised so heavily by marine organisms that water flow through the pool was restricted.

It was also found that the metal of the lower section of the fence, where a yellow sponge was prolific, had corroded away.

Gosford City Council Parks Manager, Mr Ian Rhodes, decided to replace the entire pool fence

with non-corrosive plastic mesh.

Work to replace the mesh commenced on November 23.

Consultant marine biologist Dr John Laxton requested that the organism encrusted old mesh be laid on the sea bed outside, but adjacent to, Woy Woy tidal pool.

He said the heavily encrusted mesh would form the nucleus of a rocky reef community along the length of the pool enclosure.

Algae, sponges, barnacles, ascidians, starfish, hydroids and their predators would flourish in the strong tidal currents.

The reef community would provide habitat and food for many

more species of fish than currently existed in the area of the pool and would enhance the area as a fishing spot.

The remaining steel of the old mesh would eventually corrode completely away due to the activity of the yellow encrusting sponges but the reef community would persist and gradually grow further out into the channel as occurred at the pipeline at Nelson Bay, Port Stephens.

At Nelson Bay, what was bare sand only 30 years ago, was now a rich and diverse sponge garden many hectares in area, he said.

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Opportunity for public comment

The public consultation phase of Gosford Council's wide-ranging management audit conducted by consultants KPMG will get under way this week.

A public forum will be held at Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre at 7pm on Wednesday, January 24.

Gosford Council's general manager Mr Peter Wilson announced last Friday that the public consultation phase would start this week.

"Council is looking at ways to improve service delivery and is asking the community to have its say in the process.

"Residents can participate in street surveys, ring a special hotline or attend one of the public forums," he said.

"From this Monday, January 15, through until Friday, January 19, we'll be conducting street surveys at various locations in the City of Gosford."

Next week, from Monday to Thursday, January 22 to 25, people can telephone the "hotline" 4325

8193 from 8am until 1pm each day "to discuss Council's service delivery".

Other public forums will be held at Niagara Park Community Centre on January 23 and at Studio 1, Gosford Arts Centre at East Gosford on January 25.

"The survey and forums seek people's views on Council services and how well they think these services are being delivered.

Council is keen to find out community responses, so together we can make a difference," said Mr Wilson.

Prime mover behind the audit, Cr Lynne Bockholt has said: "Council is determined to ensure wide community involvement in the audit.

"Everyone will have the opportunity to participate in these sessions and I encourage all ratepayers to come along and have your say in the future of your council." It is understood that representatives of a number of community groups have already met privately with the auditors.

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Umina BMX track open

Umina's new BMX track has been completed and is now open to the public.

The BMX track is part of the Gosford Council's Umina Oval and Foreshore Masterplan.

The council's Jeremy MacAnally, a keen BMX rider who competes at state level, designed the track.

The design allows for all standards of riders from beginner to advanced and provides two routes from the starting mount depending on skill level.

Other new additions at Umina Recreation Area include a skate



Five riders test the new Umina BMX track

play unit, teenager play unit, picnic area irrigation, turfing and tables.

There'll also be some barbecues installed at the picnic area early this year.

Next month (February), the new viewing platform and amenities conversion will be completed. The viewing platform will allow views

up and down the beach and the amenities will be combined into one block and cater for male, female and disabled people.

The next stage following this will be a multi-purpose hardcourt, extended skate park and landscaping around the surf club.

Vicki Brown, January 10

Umina High School students will travel to the United States and Canada with Sydney 2000 Olympic flags as a gift to the schools that host them.

Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews, presented the flags to the Umina students.

and Foreshore Masterplan.

The trip is organised through United States Cultural Exchange Australia, which sees about 1500 to 2000 Australian students travel to the United States and Canada each January.

The flags and other gifts will be presented to two schools that the Umina students will visit on their trip.

Those to make the trip include students Angela Armstrong, Kody Brenan, Krystal Chapman, Nicole Davidson, Ashley Duncan,



Ms. Marie Andrews

Samantha Duncan, Derick Fenton Sarah Hartley, Ryan Richardson-Hassett, Stacey Hendriks, Lachlan Kerr, Shontel McGoldrick, Martin McGrath, Matthew Newell, Christopher Newell, Erin Stebbing, Kristy Stebbing, Michael Strong, Jodie Swan and a number of parents and teachers.

January 1



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This edition will find many of you still in holiday mode and we hope to be able to add to your entertainment before you return to your more regular activities.

With many of our usual news providers also still on leave, readers will notice that this edition of Peninsula News is "lighter" than usual.

We hope you enjoy the increased amount of human interest content and the new history and local tide information sections.

We aim to continue to provide these two new sections after things return to normal.

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The large number of tourists on the Peninsula has been of great benefit to local businesses with some reporting levels of business similar to previous years.

However, most have noticed that while business is better than on non-holiday periods, it is not as good as it was in previous years.

Some have put this down to people having spent their money or having taken holidays during the Olympics, as well as a residual effect of the GST.

Another suggestion is that that the face of the Peninsula is changing.

With house prices having increased so dramatically recently and more people moving into the area as permanent residents, the small fibro weekenders are quickly disappearing.

As our resident population increases, the number of weekenders available decreases and so does the influx of tourists.

Tourist accommodation is otherwise limited to the two caravan parks and three motels.

This would suggest that holiday business will not be as great in the future, but the business generated by a larger population should more than offset this.

Last month we published the text of a prepared speech made by Dr Andrew Refshauge, Minister for Urban Affairs and Planning, to the Central Coast Moving Forward Forum.

Indications from this speech, and those made by local government leaders and other politicians recently, are that the Peninsula is not being forgotten. The problems associated with our growth, as well as the challenges in taking advantage of it, are clearly foremost in the minds of many leading decision-makers..

Cec Bucello, Manager

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Canteen management (L-R) Linda Leslie and Karen Egan

School wins award

Woy Woy Public School has won a Diamond Award, the highest possible award from the NSW Canteen Association for the second year running.

"Again this year, our canteen has displayed its excellence," principal Mr Warwick Hannon said. "Congratulations must go to the

canteen manager Sandra Bernie and assistant manager Linda Leslie who set high standards of nutrition and food quality for our students.

"Thank you also to the many school community volunteers who aided in the operation of the canteen."

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Bad news for Good News

Gosford Council has refused an application by Umina's Good News Church to park a caravan at three spots in Umina to promote the church.

The Good News Church has been established in the community for 20 years and in the past has ministered a service to residents of Peninsula Nursing Home and Peridon Village at Daleys Point.

The church wanted the caravan to hand out Christian information tracts, help people in need of prayer and to be a caring, nonthreatening place for people to discuss the issues of life.

The Church wanted to park a caravan at Alfred St opposite theCommonwealth Bank and in Berith St and South St.

All three areas have a one-hour parking limit.

The Church wanted to occupy the spots on a regular weekly basis, each Saturday between 8.30am and 12.30pm.

Council's transport department took the view that the caravan would cause a disruption to traffic flow and to shops, would reduce current parking spaces and set a precedent for others.

Carl Spears, January 11

Community markets at Woy Woy

Woy Woy Leagues Club will hold community markets on its newly-resurfaced car park on the first Sunday of every month.

The first will take place on Sunday, February 4, from 8am until 1pm.

In the event of rain, the markets will be moved to the club's undercover car park.

Entry to the markets will be free and stall-holders pay \$10 with the proceeds going to junior sport in the area, according to club secretary-manager Mr Michael Crighton.

"We want to bring life and excitement to the Woy Woy CBD on a Sunday and see the markets as a good way to do this," he said.

"We will have a jumping castle for the children and a buskers' competition on a speciallyerected stage.

"All are welcome to participate with bookings being taken at club reception," he said.

Mr Crighton said the resurfaced car park had made parking at the club much easier and had reduced the amount of dust that arose when it was a gravel car park.

Cec Bucello, January 10

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Part of the 120cm eel found at a Correa Bay creek

Eel causes concern

Residents near the creek that runs into Correa Bay near Dulkara Rd have been ringing council and the Environment Protection Agency (EPA) over the death of a 120cm eel found in the creek about a week before Christmas.

Residents were concerned that the eel may have died through herbicide poisoning because council had been clearing unwanted reeds from the creek at the time.

However, environmentalist and Umina resident, Mr Bryan Ellis, said there was no sign of death from herbicide use.

"Residents reported the death to me," he said.

"Some of them were furious, but the EPA told me that no evidence of herbicide was found.

"The man from the EPA was the same one who found council negligent in herbicide use at Kincumber High School.

"Council's spraying was a shambles before that, but now it's virtually bullet-proof."

Mr Ellis said the cause of the eel's death was put down to low oxygen levels in the water.

"There was an oxygen reading

of zero," he said.

"Although I don't think that was the reason because eels can gulp air from the surface, so they don't need it in the water."

Another possible factor was the high water temperature.

Mr Ellis said that there were deep holes with cooler water that eels could find.

"Nobody seems to know why it died. It could have been natural causes," he said.

"A couple of days later there were no dead eels.

"However, the water quality is crap.

"Everything in the creek is under stress and herbicide may be the straw that breaks the camel's back.

"It's a cumulative thing.

"All council want to do is spray and dredge.

"The water needs to be shaded with vegetation.

"Council only needs to spend tens of thousands of dollars to employ bush regeneration workers.

"Yet they spend millions on cricket pitches and things like Graham Park stadium."

A spokesperson for council said no animals apart from the eel were found dead.

Mr Ellis will also hold a residents' forum through the Save Our Central Coast Suburbs group (SOCCS) at East Gosford on January 31 at 7.30pm to fight against urban consolidation.

"Urban consolidation is destroying our lifestyle while the State is planning to force us to accept another 100,000 people living here," he said.

"Premier Bob Carr said the people of Sydney don't like the pressures for urban consolidation and neither do the people of the Central Coast.

"Residents and community were effectively locked out of the recent forums organised by the State Government to plan for our future.

"SOCCS believe that the ordinary residents deserve to have their say on how our future is shaped.

"We are inviting guest speakers from councils that have been successful in stemming the unplanned tide of urban consolidation."

For more information on the forum telephone Mr Ellis on 4342 2251.

Carl Spears, January 11

ADSL to come here after all

Telstra has announced it will provide ADSL broadband on the Peninsula this year.

General manager for Corporate Relations Telstra Retail, Mr Michael Herkope, said the staged run-out would begin "hopefully in the first six months of this year".

Mr Herkope said he was unaware of Soul Pattinson Communication's (SPC) plans to launch a broadband service to the Central Coast, after Telstra originally indicated it would not lay broadband.

"What is important is that Woy Woy is on the list," he said.

He said the roll-out would mean that Telstra could provide an "always-on" Internet service for Peninsula businesses and residents.

"It also means that a second line is not needed to use the Internet and make a phone call at the same time.

"Also speed is a great attraction with the roll-out meaning connection 30 to 50 times faster than there is currently."

He said there was a cost associated with using the service.

"You must remember that the roll-out is hugely expensive for Telstra," he said.

"The product will be available to residents and business and prices start at about \$73 a month.

"Some customers may think they don't need it and they can continue to use the present dial-up."

He said Telstra has already done about 200 exchanges Australia-wide.

SPC launched a Central Coast service based in Gosford in conjunction with NBN Television, which had the infrastructure for the service already in place.

Last week, Terrigal Net also announced satellite services providing 256k and 2mb downloads. The services range from about \$70 to \$180 a month and require a satellite dish and other hardware costing about \$600.

Manager of the IT industry group Connect.CentralCoast, Mr David Abrahams, said that broadband capacity in our region should be one of our major infrastructure concerns.

Carl Spears, January 12

Debutante ball patrons needed

The Lions Club of EttalongUmina is holding its Annual Debutante Ball on April 27.

If you are interested please telephone Helen on 4341 7177 or Barbara on 4342 1352.

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F3 road link investigated

An investigation is being made into the possibility of a new road linking the F3 and the M2, which would aid Peninsula car commuters who travel to western Sydney.

Under investigation is the new link as part of a new \$1.25 billion Sydney orbital ring road arcing around western Sydney to join the Hume Hwy south of Sydney.

Member for Robertson, Mr Jim Lloyd announced the \$1 million investigation earlier this month.

The Federal and NSW Governments will start the investigation soon, Mr Lloyd said.

"The proposed new road has the potential to open up new transport corridors serving the Central Coast as well as relieving congestion at the Sydney end of the F3," Mr Lloyd said.

"The 40km western Sydney orbital will run along a new corridor from Prestons to the M2 at Baulkham Hills, but an extension to the F3 will be examined as part of a major investigation requiring extensive community input."

Mr Lloyd said the study would examine forecast traffic growth in the corridor to 2025, the impact on the environment and its function within the context of regional

development strategies.

"Of the commercial vehicles travelling the F3 from Newcastle, Wyong and Gosford to Sydney, about 70 per cent are destined for the western suburbs," Mr Lloyd said.

"The new road would be more convenient for this traffic and for motorists heading south who could save up to 70 minutes on a journey between Baulkham Hills and the Hume Hwy at Prestons.

Traffic on the F3 is increasing at about 10 per cent a year according to Gosford Council's State of the Environment Report.

Carl Spears, January 10

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Shameful act of vandalism

I am most concerned at the latest act of environmental vandalism which occurred on the Ettalong waterfront reserve over the weekend of January 6 and 7.

This time a very tall and healthy Norfolk Pine and a large shade tree were cut down obviously to provide better views for those living along the waterfront reserve.

It is a disgrace and I am ashamed that anyone would commit such an act for their own benefit.

Council's Tree Preservation officer states that the Esplanade between Umina and Ettalong has the highest level of vandalism of this type in the Gosford Local Government Area.

Is it any wonder youths vandalise the surf club and anything else they can lay their hands on when they see this type of behaviour from so-called adults.

A couple of months ago a great many trees and shrubs necessary for dune stabilisation were hacked to pieces in the reserve along The

Community Forum

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Esplanade to afford residents better views.

These people don't care about anything or anybody else except themselves and are a good example of what is wrong with society today.

I understood that Council was to erect large boards to block the view in areas where this vandalism has occurred and I was not impressed with the tiny notice installed by the Council which would not put anybody off.

I will be working hard to ensure such boards are erected in all areas where this type of vandalism takes place.

I believe it's the only way to stop

it happening.

I also believe Council should immediately start replanting in these areas and put in good sized trees so these rotters get no advantage for wrecking community property.

Most people living along the waterfront are law-abiding citizens who would never commit this kind of vandalism, however, there are a few who are determined to maximise their own interests at the expense of everyone else.

Well, I'm determined they won't get away with it.

Cr Lynne Bockholt, January 8

Time to think about lifestyle

Whatever your view about the beginning of the new millennium and whether it began in 2000 or 2001 we can now confidently say that we are in a new millennium.

In his New Year message, Dr George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, made some dire predictions that are facing his three-month-old grandson Linus.

Dr Carey warned that those who seek to use its bounty for their own ends are pushing this planet to the "point of no return".

This year also marks 100 years since Australia became a federation and showed the world what a new and vibrant nation can achieve, and over the last 100 years we certainly have achieved

a lot.

It is within this context that it seems to me that it is appropriate for us as a community to look at the future, and what that may hold as well as the past.

Dr Carey said in part of his message that "Little Linus, harmless though he looks, has the potential 'like the rest of us' to become a dangerous predator plundering the earth."

He added: "We want our grandchildren to leave this earth better than they find it, but children born today risk doing more damage to the planet than nurture it."

We on the Peninsula would do well to heed these words. We have a beautiful and virtually pristine area in which we live.

I for one have been well-

pleased that my parents chose to settle here back in 1973.

I have seen this area change and grow. However, we are now in a position where we need to think carefully about lifestyle.

We are all responsible for making this area more pleasant and attractive.

We can make a difference by planting trees ensuring that our streets and parkways are clean.

We likewise can take part in discussions about how we see this area being planned.

I encourage each of us to do so. That way we will be able to say that we have taken our part in making this area better and maybe just a little bit more community focussed.

Shalom

Craig Munnings, Phegans Bay

Ratepayers have pound expectations

As a ratepayer of Gosford Council, these are the things I ask for, or rather I expect, at Gosford Council Pound:

- That the pound open from 9am-4pm on weekdays and four hours on Saturdays for the public to visit.

- That it advertise for dogs to be re-homed and makes a concerted effort.

- That staff like animals and be trained in how to care for them.

- That veterinary care be provided if and when needed.

- That puppy food be fed to the pups several times a day and that they be kept warm and dry with good and proper bedding.

- That soft food be provided for

the old or sick animals and those that have bad teeth.

- That good quality dry food be provided for healthy dogs.

- That a regular supply of fresh water be provided for all dogs.

Because of the extraordinary neglect and the conditions in which these dogs live in at the pound, it is not even close to being acceptable at present.

Please give them a chance.

They have not committed any crime.

They just need to be needed and loved.

In closing, I would like to offer my services as a volunteer to feed, groom, walk and look after the animals.

Karen Turner, Ettalong Beach

No logic to library fee

I congratulate Gosford Library both on its services and staff. Facilities and resources are also very good.

However, and there is always a 'but', I do not see the logic or requirement for the reservation fee on articles to be the odd amount of \$2.20.

When the fee was doubled, I think it was about December 1998, to \$2, I assumed the increase was rounded off to the next dollar

as a matter of convenience and not a coincidence of costing. No objection to that.

Now surely the 20c GST applied since July 2000 could have been absorbed within that increase as a matter of convenience and at a small percentage cost to the council.

Odd amounts, like this example, seem petty and confusing when the original amount was obviously rounded up in the first instance for ease of commerce.

John Brooks, Woy Woy

Plant list excellent

Your plant list for the Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland is just excellent.

Just an idea but if you published a map of areas (Woy Woy, Umina, Ettalong, Empire Bay etc as covered by your excellent mag)

with the soil type and endemic vegetation lists, then people would know what is best to plant, and better still would maybe avoid planting unsuitable species.

Anne Walmsley, Killcare

Minister responds to residents

Since your article in the December 19 edition (Putty Beach fees outrage residents), we have received a response from Bob Debus, Minister for the Environment, following our meeting with him at Parliament House.

Unfortunately the position has not changed. He has refused to recognise the issues put forward by local residents.

The Minister's letter claims there are 250,000 visitors per year to Bouddi National Park.

How was this figure arrived at?

There is no estimate of visitors to Putty Beach, least of all the number of local visitors.

No consideration has been given to the fact that Putty Beach is a very small area of Bouddi National Park, approximately 400 metres in length and forms a safe swimming area of Killcare Beach.

It is the only entry to the Bouddi Park to have an entry fee imposed.

There are approximately seven other entry points which remain free!

That confirms our view that local residents will be subsidising the visitors, tourists and campers to "all" areas of the Bouddi National Park.


It also demonstrates that the fee for Putty Beach is not equitable and is discriminating.

The Minister's letter also claims that community consultation has been on the agenda since February 1998.

We have no evidence of consultation with any group before August 2000 when we first discovered that the proposal was planned to be implemented on November 1, 2000.

We feel the Minister has been poorly advised and we shall continue to press him to reverse this decision and provide free access to Putty Beach.

Elsom, Killcare



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Dignitaries at the initial building of the PCYC

Sports medals presented

Four Peninsula residents were the recipients of the Australia Sports medal presented at Gosford Council's administration building late last month.

They were Gordon Crockett, Carole Munday, Danny Simmons and Brian Spencer.

Cr Mayor Chris Holstein said: "This is a very special presentation.

"The Commonwealth Government produced these commemorative medals to celebrate Australia's sporting achievement.

"They're only being issued in the year 2000."

"The medals recognise current and former sports participants and those who have contributed to sport by providing support services.

"Although we've had a huge sporting year on the world scene with the Olympics, Paralympics and other codes, these medals also recognise individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to sport at a local level.

"Councils were asked to submit nominations and these were then passed on to the governor-general for consideration.

"This is a very prestigious medal and everyone receiving one can be justly proud."

Gordon Crockett of Ettalong Beach was involved in numerous sports over the years.

He was an A-grade tennis player, beating Fred Stolle twice in doubles.

He was also a top-grade squash and table tennis player,



One of the medal winners sharing a joke with the mayor

a single-figure handicap golfer, rugby league coach and president of Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club's senior snooker club.

Carole Munday of Umina Beach has been involved with Umina Tennis and Sports Club since its formation in 1980 and was made a life member in 1988.

Carole actively promotes club and interclub days as well as being involved with junior development and the many groups of social players.

She continues in the management of the club.

Danny Simmons of Horsfield Bay is chief instructor of the Woy Woy Judo Club.

He has been involved with judo for 45 years and represented Australia at the Oceania titles in Japan, winning a silver medal.

Danny teaches judo voluntarily

and many of his students have reached national level representation.

He was acknowledged for his dedication to the sport and his students.

Brian Spencer of Bensville was recognised as a dedicated member of Kincumber Soccer Club for the last 16 years.

Brian is a foundation member who has held a variety of positions including president, junior vice-president, senior vice-president, registrar, fixtures officer and women's delegate.

He has also managed and coached teams, refereed, maintained grounds and equipment and raised funds for the club.

Carl Spears, January 10

PCYC opens next month

The Police and Community Club (PCYC) in Umina is preparing for its long-awaited opening early next month.

The official opening will be held on February 3 and according to club manager, Mr Tony Johnson, the club will be fully operational on February 5.

He said celebrations would be held to mark the occasion.

The preparation of the club's Osborne Ave building was funded through Gosford Council's \$70 million financial strategy, and the opening will mark the completion of the second stage of the PCYC's building program.

The club will provide recreational

opportunities for the Peninsula's youth and will host boxing, an internet cafe and games room facilities.

Although specifically designed to cater for youth, the club will be available to all members of the community from pre-schoolers to adults.

The club will be a drug- and alcohol-free environment, under the supervision of a full-time police officer and will provide an information service for youth on law and health issues.

The club's manager is currently looking for volunteer and casual staff.

Carl Spears, January 10

Woy Woy High holds formal

Woy Woy High's year 10 recently had their formal at Old Sydney Town.

School principal Ms Carolyn Carter said the students "looked splendid in their beautiful dresses and formal suits".

"The venue was brightly decorated and the year 10 committee had organised an enjoyable program of awards which

were presented by Melissa Oliver, Blake Howard, Megan Wicks and Andy Sudarso," she said.

"Ms Morris had put together a series of photographs of the various activities the students had participated in over the past four years.

"Everyone was surprised to see how much they had grown up."

Carl Spears, December 11

Snow tells of pushbike platoon

I was on service in the Northern Territory with the 214th Australian Pioneer Battalion at this time.

I had survived the Timar convoy and the bombing of Darwin in 1942 and was in the newlyformed Pushbike Platoon.

Armed with tommy guns, like the gangsters in the roaring 20s, we rode our bikes behind the Bren gun carriers in the very rough scrub around the fortress area, in mock attacks and exercises.

Most of the time our rough riding in the tracks of the carriers was like riding Chainsaw in the Mt Isa Rodeo, with plenty of spills and thrills.

On a day off, I went for a ride on the north-south highway, for a bit of a change.

The highway was a lot smoother than the scrub, and my old bike was just that, old and barely

roadworthy.

We both appreciated the smooth going.

Along the way, I met a young nurse from a nearby AGH who was also on a pushbike, but with a flat tyre, and no tools.

I had a spanner, one rubber patch and a pump.

We chatted away for quite a bit, while I worked on the job at hand.

After stringing it out for as long as possible, I finally got the tyre inflated, and the bike was ready for

the road.

Her bike was near new and a far superior model to my Bitza.

So when she leaned close to me, looked into my eyes and told me that she would give me anything for doing such a terrific job on her pushbike, I took her bike, and went back to the camp very happy with myself.

I still can't work out why all the blokes reckon I must have been crazy to make such a choice.

Snow Dicker, December 13

Local blood donations sought

The local blood service is seeking donations to keep up with demand, as blood reserves reach a critically low level.

Blood can be donated at Woy Woy Blood Service in Ocean Beach Rd.

The service is appealing to anyone aged between 16 and 70

and in good health to donate.

While accepting anyone in good health, those aged 16 and 17 need parental consent and those aged over 60 and donors for the first time need a letter from their general practitioner to verify that they are healthy.

For further information, telephone 4320 3401.

Carl Spears, January 10

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Mayor Councillor Chris Holstein supported Planet Ark's goal to recycle greeting cards. Video Ezy's Kathryn Cooper assists Simon and Michael West to donate their cards.

Cards accepted for recycling

Video Ezy stores at Woy Woy and Umina and Coles at Woy Woy will take unwanted Christmas and greeting cards for recycling up to the end of February.

This year, up to 80 million greeting cards could return to Australian shelves as cereal boxes or toilet tissue.

Gosford Council and the environmental group Planet Ark are supporting the annual "Cards 4 Planet Ark" recycling campaign.

Now in its eighth year, the greeting card recycling campaign had been supported by millions of

Australians.

The group had found privacy concerns meant many people were reluctant to recycle their Christmas cards through normal recycling programs and so used bins with slotted lids, through which cards could be "posted".

Mayor Cr Chris Holstein encouraged people to recycle old cards stacked away in cupboards and shoe boxes.

"Most of the cards will be pulped and turned into new packaging that bears the 'Australian Recycled carton board' symbol," Cr Holstein said.

"The cards that don't get turned into packaging will come back as 'Safe' toilet tissue.

"The cards' second chance at life has helped save at least 30,000 trees since the campaign began."

Planet Ark's "Do Something" video is available for free rental from each Video Ezy store.

Starring Glynn Nicholas, Michael Caton and Jean Kittson, it's a fun video that shows you how to save money while helping the environment.

Carl Spears, January 10

Tolerance of tree clearing degrades us

How many have witnessed the latest act of vandalism on the Peninsula?

The selective destruction of mature trees on our public foreshore reserve at Ettalong Beach near Bangalow St is the latest example.

Early morning, January 6, these trees were cut down to satisfy yet another individual's selfish needs at the expense of, and detriment to, community needs.

No longer is the destruction of trees of the Peninsula confined to inappropriate or indiscriminate development on private land.

Once again the targets were trees on public lands and reserves.

Witness not only this most recent act of environmental vandalism but the continued destruction of mature vegetation on the public foreshore of Ettalong and Ocean Beach.

Other communities nurture and develop coastal vegetation while we permit its illegal destruction, with community representatives who are even prepared to condone it.

These malicious acts do not only degrade our environment and public reserves, they degrade us.

The foreshore on the Peninsula is our most scenic and greatest asset.

Yet we continue to allow this to happen without pursuing or punishing the offenders.

Community Forum

We neglect our obligation to our children and future generations by allowing this to happen.

The pro-development lobby must understand that tourism and jobs will not come to the Peninsula if their developments are at the expense of the trees and the foreshore of the Peninsula and the lobby's failure to acknowledge its community responsibilities.

Recall your memories of significant towns, views, localities or beaches.

The presence of trees will surely have made these locations memorable?

Think of the foreshores of the Peninsula devoid of trees!

If the current situation is allowed to continue this will surely be the result.

Where will the tourists and the jobs go, and what will we tell our children and future generations?

That we abandoned our trees and our community responsibility to act to preserve, retain and develop our natural assets for the sake of apathy, lack of foresight and the short term gains of a select few?

Rod Cummings, January 9 (email)

Do you know these people?

A Peninsula resident has given Peninsula News a letter written in a card with two photographs enclosed in the hope that they can be returned to their rightful owner.

The resident found the letter and photographs in a secondhand book he bought locally.

The letter was written to Vi and Jack, Brian, baby Steven, Mark and Fiona.

The writer was Ivy.

If you have any further information, telephone Peninsula News on 4342 2070.

Carl Spears, January 5
Help is sought in locating



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.

***BEFORE* placing any bulk waste on the footpath, residents *MUST* contact Council's contractor, Pacific Waste management, on 4324 6133. The contractor will advise of the first available date for collection and of the restrictions that apply.**

Residents placing bulk waste on the footpath more than 48 hours prior to the arranged day of service will be liable for a fine for obstructing the footpath.

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Contact association president Mark Snell,
PO Box 585, Woy Woy 2256. Phone 4342 5333.



Stroke victim Mike Tiemey being helped by enrolled nurse Jenny She/drake at the Woy Woy unit

Nursing home placement improves

The number of patients from Woy Woy Hospital placed in nursing homes increased by just under 20 per cent, from 197 to 236, in the past year.

At the same time, the length of stay of patients awaiting nursing home placement decreased by just over 18 per cent from 34.9 days to 28.4 days.

The improvement was revealed in Central Coast Health's annual report for last financial year.

Admissions at the hospital stayed relatively constant at 837 for the year as opposed to 865 for the year before.

Occupation rates were 95.9 per cent of beds for the year, up from 92.3 per cent for the previous year.

The report reviewed the operation of Woy Woy Hospital, stating that "Woy Woy Hospital provides non-acute and outpatient services".

"Facilities include a 33-bed general unit, a 30-bed rehabilitation unit, outpatient and hydrotherapy services, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech pathology, nutrition and social

work."

In comparison, Gosford Hospital has 457 beds.

Woy Woy has 61 full-time staff members.

Major goals for the year for Woy Woy Hospital included improving occupational health and safety, developing best practice models of care in aged care and rehabilitation and improving access for staff to the latest health news and information.

According to the report, the outcomes of attempting these goals were manual-handling training for all staff at the hospital to ensure the ongoing safety of staff and patients.

The hospital also undertook a research project with the War Memorial Hospital in Sydney to look at the proportion of nursing time spent in documenting and communicating clinical information in an aged care setting.

"This will provide a baseline from which further studies can be undertaken and benchmarking can occur with other similar services throughout NSW," the report stated.

During the year refurbishment of the rehabilitation unit and an upgrade to the water reticulation system and hydrotherapy pool were completed.

Some of the refurbishment in the rehabilitation unit included painting, new flooring and a workstation and conference room for staff.

All computers in the hospital were also upgraded.

Bathrooms were refurbished and an additional diversional therapy room and outdoor area were built.

Woy Woy Auxiliary raised \$24,000 for the purchase of a shower trolley, weigh chair, nebulisers, three wheelchairs, prints and items for the viewing room in the morgue.

"The Auxiliary's effort are to be commended and are greatly appreciated by patients and staff," the report said.

The hospital will now start planning to upgrade the general unit facilities and improve signage and parking for easier access by the community.

Carl Spears, January 5

GST officer services extended for business

The services of GST Signpost Officer Ms. Christine Drakeford have been extended to February 28.

Ms Drakeford is employed by the Central Coast Area Consultative Committee on behalf of the GST Start-Up Assistance Office.

Since March, Ms Drakeford has assisted over 7000 businesses as the local contact, pointing small to medium businesses in the right direction, and advising them how to obtain individual assistance with the implementation of GST, PAYG and the New Tax System.

Ms Drakeford welcomed the extension as the GST Signpost Officer stating: "Businesses are still struggling with record-keeping and the Business Activity Statement (BAS)."

Ms Drakeford's primary role for the next three months will be assisting businesses that still are

uncertain on the requirements for their next BAS return.

"We will be organising hands-on E-Record and Manual Record-keeping Workshops.

"The introduction of the SOS (Signpost Officer Support) program will be focusing on the large number of businesses hidden from view that are still struggling with the New Tax System.

"The program will enable the ongoing support on a weekly basis, if needed," Ms Drakeford said.

Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd, who made strong representation to the Treasurer for the extension, welcomed the continuation of the GST Signpost Officers.

"Christine Drakeford has been of great assistance to many Central Coast businesses."

Mr Lloyd also paid tribute to the majority of Central Coast business operators who had assisted with the smooth introduction of the new

Tax System.

"Whilst it has involved many changes, most business operators recognise that the New Tax System will be beneficial to all Australians."

Ongoing free assistance is available by contacting GST Start Up Assistance on 13 30 88 or the ATO on 13 24 78 for a confidential advisory visit.

Christine Drakeford is available on 4322 5498.

Carl Spears, January 10

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Search on for 26ers

The Gosford City Australia Day Committee is still looking for stallholders and people born on January 26, Australia Day. Anyone born on Australia Day is eligible to register with the "26ers Club".

They can then be officially recognized at Gosford City's Australia Day celebrations.

Each year, the "26ers" are

presented with a gift and share the birthday cake at Gosford waterfront as part of the day's celebrations.

Stallholders are also required to participate in Gosford's celebrations, which are known for the variety of entertainment and stalls on offer.

To register your birthday with the Australia Day Committee, or to book a stall, contact 4325 8332.

Vicki Brown, January 9



Last year's birthday cake for the 26ers

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What's on in and around the Peninsula

Compiled by L. O'Keefe

Following is a comprehensive listing of events planned for the Peninsula over the next four weeks.

To have information about your group's events and activities included, let us know by fax, email, or post., or drop in to our office.

Contact details and deadline date are shown on page two.

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

WEEKLY EVENTS

EVERY FRIDAY

Club X-Isle dual dance parties, Woy Woy Leagues Club, free before 11pm.

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 Evolution Nightclub, Ettalong Beach Memorial Club from 10pm.

Classic Night Spot - free entertainment from 8pm, Woy Woy Leagues Club

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. Free Jazz from 4pm, Woy Woy Leagues Club.

EVERY MONDAY

Ettalong/Umina Lions Bingo 10.30-12.30pm Ettalong War Memorial Club Entertainment Centre. Cash Prizes. All Welcome. Phone: 4342 1352. 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 Enquiries: 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 Enquiries: 4342 7182 Brisbane Waters Scrabble Club, CWA Hall, Woy Woy. Enquiries: 4341 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 Enquiries: 4341 1243

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

EVENT CALENDAR

Tuesday January 16

Arthritis Foundation, Woy Woy Branch meets 10am (3rd Tuesday), Meals On Wheels Hall, all welcome. Enquiries: Gladys 4342 1790.

Wednesday January 17

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

Ettalong Beach Arts & Crafts market, Ettalong 9am (3rd Wednesday). Bays Progress Assoc., Bays Hall, Woy Woy Bay Rd. 7.30pm

(3rd Wed) Enquiries: 4341 1070 Kids Bingo Free. 1 0am Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club.

Thursday January 18

Mangrove Madness with NP&WS Free Coastcare activity. Bouddi NP. 10-12 noon. Meet Cnr Araluen Dr & Stanley St, Kilcare Cinderella, Kids Pantomime \$6 2pm Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club.

Friday January 19

Sierra Blue, Up Front Lounge 7pm. Everglades Country Club.

Saturday January 20

Classic Nite Spot Over 30s, The Palladins. 8pm. Woy Woy Leagues Club.

Bays, The Bush & Beaches BWNP. 6.25am Meet Berrima St carpark. \$11 Adults/\$5.50 Chn. Bookings: 4320 4205

Sunday January 21

Brisbane Water Caged Bird Society, 10am (3rd Sunday), Umina CWA Hall. Enquiries: Jan 4341 6842. Free Childrens movie, Toy Story 2. 1.30pm Woy Woy Leagues Club.

Sunday Jazz, Blah Blah Brass. 4pm. Woy Woy Leagues Club. Box Head to Beaches Scramble, Bouddi NP. 6.20am Meet Wagstaff store. \$11 Adults/\$5.50 Chn (suit f 0+) Bookings: 4320 4205

Monday January 22

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

Tuesday January 23

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

Madness & Melodies, Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club, 10.30am. (2nd & 4th Tues) Pearl Beach Craft Group, 1.30-4.30pm, Progress Hall (2nd & 4th Tues) Enquiries: 4342 1459

Wednesday January 24

Quiet Time Spotlight BWNP 7.20am \$5.50 Adults/\$3.30 chn. Bookings: 4320 4205. Kids Bingo Free 10am Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club.

Thursday January 25

Australia Day Celebrations, Brickwharf Rd, Woy Woy. 4-10pm. Fireworks display 9pm. Enquiries: 4325 8332

Friday January 26

Woy Woy Civilian Widows meet at 1 pm Ettalong Senior Citizens Building. New members welcome (last Friday).

Australia Day Ground Floor Party, 10am. Free live entertainment.

Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club. Australia Day, Flag raising ceremony & breakfast on the bay. Pretty Beach, Wagstaffe. 8am. Enquiries: 4325 8332

Saturday January 27

Australia Day Bush Dance. Free entry. Wagstaffe Hall, Pretty Beach. 7.30pm. Enquiries: 4325 8332

Classic Nite Spot Over 30s, Please Explain. 8pm. Woy Woy Leagues Club.

"The King" in Concert. \$15. 8pm. Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club.

Sunday January 28

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

Sunday Jazz Silk. 4pm. Woy Woy Leagues Club.

Monday January 29

Woy Woy Branch of Business & Professional Women - dinner meeting (last Monday). Members welcome. Enquiries: 4341 1844.

Wednesday January 31

Umina Progress Association, Umina Community Hall, 1.30pm

(last Wednesday).

Thursday February 1

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

Friday February 2

Woy Woy Older Women's Network meet 10. 15am (1st Friday), Woy Woy Leagues Club. Morning tea will be provided. Enquiries: Coral 4343 1079.

Peninsula Pastimes Craft Group 10.00am. Ettalong Baptist Church. \$1.50 incl M.Tea. Creche available Enquiries: 4323 2493

The Troubadour presents live entertainment at 304 on West, 304 West St, Umina, 7.30pm. Performance Bookings: 4341 4060. Restaurant Bookings: 4344 5533.

Saturday February 3

Registration Day, Woy Woy Soccer Club. 9-12 noon. Deepwater Plaza.

National Malaysia Borneo Veterans Association meet at 2.30pm, Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club (1st Saturday). Enquiries: 4342 1216. Ettalong Beach Arts & Crafts Market, Ettalong 9am (1st Saturday). Tivoli By Night, 7.30pm. \$10 Reserved Seating. Ettalong Search War Memorial Club.

Sunday February 4

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 (1st Sunday). Enquiries: Tony 4342 7849.

Sunday Markets, 8-1pm. Free entry. Woy Woy Leagues Club.

Wednesday February 7

Seniors' shopping day, Deepwater Plaza (1st Wed). Sierra Blue, Up Front Lounge 7pm. Everglades Country Club.

Friday February 9

The Troubadour Acoustic Music and Folk Club CWA Hall, Woy Woy (opposite Fishermans Wharf) presents Yuri the Story Teller 7pm. \$5 incl. supper. All welcome. (2nd Friday). Enquiries: Frank 4341 4060 or 0417 456 929.

Saturday February 10

Registration Day, Woy Woy Soccer Club. 9-12 noon. Deepwater Plaza. Registration Day, Woy Woy Peninsula Netball. 1-3pm. Enquiries: 4342 2962.

Sunday February 11

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

Monday February 12

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

Tuesday February 13

Madness & Melodies, Ettalong Beach memorial Club, 10.30am. (2nd & 4th Tues)

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

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

Wednesday February 14

Endeavour View Club meet at Woy Woy Leagues Club, 10.30am (2nd Wednesday). Registration Evening Southern & Ettalong United Soccer Club. 5-7pm.



FEBRUARY 4

Sunday Markets

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Peninsula seniors recognised

Five people from or connected to the Peninsula area in some way received awards at The Commonwealth Recognition Awards for Senior Australians which was held late last year.

Mrs Joyce Davis, Mrs Eileen Everingham, Mrs Geraldine Pierce, Mrs Nea Rhodes and Mr Horace Young were among the 10 award recipients.

Member for Robertson, Mr Jim Lloyd, said the awards were implemented to recognise the significant contributions that senior Australians have made, and continue to make, to their local communities.

Mr Lloyd and Mayor Cr Chris Holstein presented the award winners with certificates and medals.

Mr Lloyd made the following comments on the winners: Mrs Joyce Davis moved to the area from Punchbowl in 1983 and was widowed in 1987.

She then joined Legacy and became active as its welfare officer undertook hospital visitations and continues to do so to the present day.

She also joined the Ettalong Beach War Widows Club and has been its president for the last three years.

Mrs Davis also became active with St Lukes Anglican Church at Woy Woy and has undertaken nursing home visitation for the past 14 years.

The Ettalong Beach War Widows Club is affiliated with the War Widows Guild of NSW and Mrs Davis has held various executive positions, including vice-president and president's assistant for over six years.

Mrs Davis has also written various local histories including a 50-Year History of Ettalong Beach War Widows and a 150-Year History of St Lukes, which encompassed the whole of the Gosford Diocese.

Mrs Eileen Everingham has lived in the area for over 30 years since her retirement.

Mr Lloyd said Mrs Everingham was held in very high esteem by her peers for the positive image and example she set through community involvement, kindness and helpfulness to people, support and voluntary work she did in the community, particularly the older community.

She was nominated as Country Woman of the Year.

She is also a regular volunteer worker at the Senior Citizens' Centre, giving much of her time to help in the administration, kitchen or wherever a hand is needed.

Mr Lloyd said she was a gracious lady who was an inspiration to all and set the very best example as a community-minded person and achiever.

Mrs Geraldine Pierce moved to Umina Beach during 1981 and lost

her husband the following year.

During WWII she had served with the Women's Land Army.

Mrs Pierce had cooked and delivered meals for Meals on Wheels while living in Holroyd and continued that interest when she moved to the Central Coast.

She also became a volunteer at the Umina Beach Tea Rooms and served for many years.

She was made an elder of the Woy Woy Presbyterian Church, where she has served as treasurer for six years and secretary for three years.

Mrs Pierce was a foundation member of the Ettalong-Woy Woy Legacy Widows' Club and has held the positions of secretary and vice-president as well as her current position of president.

Over the years she has organised garage sales and street stalls to raise funds for Woy Woy Aged Care and the building fund for the hostel.

She is a talented floral decorator and has been a member of the local garden club since 1982.

Mrs Nea Rhodes joined the Woy Woy-Ettalong-Hardys Bay RSL Women's Auxiliary in 1976 and has held the positions of vice president, secretary, committee member and minute secretary.

As a member of the Auxiliary it was her duty to endeavour to work for the welfare of exservicemen and women in the area.

Mrs Rhodes joined the Brisbane Water RSL Women's Auxiliary Welfare Group in 1978 and has been secretary for the past 21 years.

Mrs Rhodes was a charter member of the Woy Woy Lioness Club, joining in 1977.

She was secretary for 12 years and president for one year.

During her time, she started and continues to do hospital visitations to Woy Woy Rehabilitation and Boronia Court Hostel.

• She was a director of the then Woy Woy Community Nursing Home, was a member of the Nursing Home Auxiliary, joined the Ettalong War Widows in 1983 becoming secretary, a position she still holds, joined Umina Red Cross in 1975, becoming secretary from 1975 to 1980, and then president in 1981 and 1982.



War veteran Horace Young (above) receives his awards from Mayor Cr Chris Holstein and Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd

Mr Horace Young served in the Royal Australian Navy from September 1939 until March 1946.

His service at sea was primarily on small ships such as minesweepers and anti-submarine duties.

He was involved in combined operations at HMAS Assault and while there volunteered for special service with Special Operations Australia/Service Reconnaissance Department.

He was a member of the 14-man commando party that sailed back to Singapore during the Japanese occupation in 1943 aboard the historic vessel Krait resulting in seven Japanese vessels being sunk or damaged in Singapore Harbour by limpet mines.

The party returned to Australia without casualties and Mr Young was awarded a mention in dispatches for his part in the operation.

Mr Young was a career public servant with the Postmaster General Department during his civilian working life, rising to Deputy Assistant Director-General and finally Assistant Secretary with the newly-formed Department of Posts and Telegraphs.

He was awarded the Queen's Jubilee Medal for public service.

On retirement Mr Young was continuously involved in returned service activities and occupied positions including president of the Victorian Commando Association, president, secretary and patron of the Woy Woy-Ettalong RSL Sub-branch, president, secretary and patron of the Naval Association of Australian Central Coast Section.

He was awarded a diploma of merit by this association.

He was president of the Z Special Unit Association and was awarded life membership of the Association.

He is a past chairman of the Krait War Memorial Committee and co-founder, honorary secretary and co-patron of the Central Coast WWII Veterans' Association.

Mr Young was awarded life membership to the Wireless Institute of Australia for services to Australian Radio Communication Services.

He is past president and secretary of Umina Probus Association and served as a Legatee with Brisbane Water Legacy.

Carl Spears, January 8

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Their financial difficulties led to the involvement of a syndicate of bookmakers who sought the establishment of a sporting club.

A holding company was formed and it soon acquired the Mitchell's interest and proceeded to form the Everglades Country Club.

With golfers and bowlers support the club was constituted in 1957. Having established the first bowling green in 1957 and other greens in 1964 and 1974 respectively, the club grew steadily.

Golf course facilities were extended to include an 18 hole course in 1965. By 1969, the club had about 1300 members.

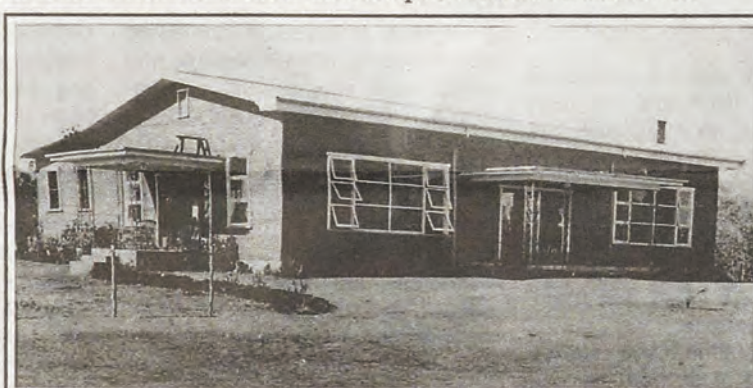
Golf membership has grown considerably and 6 competitions are run each week. Golf professional Darren Chivas maintains a well stocked shop for the convenience of players 7 days a week.

For bowls the club has developed 3 greens and attractive surrounds for use by the club's 400 bowlers and visitors.

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Journalist Carl Spears took the opportunity to select some of our local history recorded by local newspapers over the century for the month of January.

January 4, 1901

From the Gosford Times Mr Daley of Woy Woy wrote a letter to the editor regarding a speech he made at Blackwall Public School's presentation day.

Apparently he had come under fire for some of his comments.

"The children sang a very pretty composition re: the birth of the Commonwealth, and what we all should do to make Federated Australia the success it deserves to be," he said.

Mr Daley commented on the song and said it was a great pity that the "precepts of union ...

were not practised amongst the residents of Brisbane Water".

"Because I consider that there was no settled district in the whole of New South Wales where the inhabitants were so disorganised, disunited, and had so many axes to grind {than Brisbane Water}.

"The place compares unfavourably with Sleepy Hollow." He then remarked that "there was no hope for older generations

Federation

Time to reflect

and it was up to the children to grow up progressive, unselfish and patriotic, and endeavour to place their land of birth upon so high a pinnacle as possible.

"Not one of these remarks do I wish to retract or recall in any shape or form ." On the advertising side, W.

Harris took out a rather large advertisement for his Dartford Poultry Farm at Woy Woy.

January 11

An editorial read: "For one whole week we have experienced the new sensation of being citizens of the Commonwealth and so far there have been no complaints, except perhaps, from those who have celebrated the occasion not wisely." An advertisement said New Year! New Century! New Nation! Make a good start- Buy a new umbrella.

Christie, the Australian Umbrellarian for 2/6.

A classified advertisement read: Wanted - An active girl for general work, wages 1 Os - Mrs A. Murphy, Woy Woy.

January 25

A social was tendered by a few old friends of Miss Eva Parkes who came to spend a few days in the home of her childhood in Woy Woy.

A good number turned up for an enjoyable night.

Present were Miss Dillion and Messrs Harry Parkes, W.

Thompson and King, Mrs Taylor, Hanna Parkes and the families Ross, Piper, Henderson, Haynes, Owen and Davis.

"Daybreak brought to close the gathering," reported the newspaper.

Walter Stuart caught an eight foot shark at Woy Woy and brought it to the Brick Wharf.

The paper editorialised on Federation once again.

"Now that the Commonwealth festivities are over, Woy Woy is showing more signs of life, much to the satisfaction of local residents," the newspaper said.

January 6, 1921

Mr FC Stevens succeeded Mr JM McDonald as minister in

charge of the Presbyterian work in Gosford and Woy Woy districts.

Woy Woy Public School's presentations the month before were reported.

Presents were given to some of the students.

People presenting and donating gifts included Mrs E Cox of Ettalong Hall, Mrs McSmith, Councillor CJ Staples and his wife, Mr and Mrs Hadley, Mr and Mrs J Murphy, Mr Hutchinson, Mr and Mrs Ball, Mrs Gilan, Mrs S Davis, Mrs E Davis and Messrs A Brown, Britliffe and Henderson.

The headmaster was Mr EL Aubrey.

Winning students included Noeline Brown, Paul Gilan, Gwen Ash, Johnno Murphy, Jim Colley and Hilda Donohue.

An advertisement from Stewart and Sons, a general store had the telephone number 4 Woy Woy.

A tragic accident happened at Woy Woy Rail Bridge where four people including two children were hit by a train and killed.

Mrs McKenzie (42) and her children Harold John, 8 and Gladys, 2 and Mr Roughley of Dural were killed at about 7pm on a windy, cold day.

The section of track was considered dangerous because the cutting leading to the bridge was formed so as to make it difficult to hear approaching trains.

At the time there was no footbridge because Erina Shire Council could not afford one.

The coroner reported that he believed Harold John had walked on to the other track and Mrs McKenzie went to drag him to safety while still holding Gladys in her arms.

The coroner assumed Mr Roughley had tried to save them.

The driver of the train applied the brakes, but stopped too late.

The train crew found three "terribly mutilated bodies", but the fourth, Gladys could not be found.

Apparently the baby fell in the water and the body was found two miles away, washed up on rocks.

Constable Russell and two offduty Newcastle officers took the bodies back to a cottage in Gosford.

The McKenzies and Mr Roughley had used the track route because the weather was too harsh to travel by boat.

The railways assumed no responsibility because warning signs had been placed on the bridge.

The bodies were put in the one casket and buried at Point Clare Cemetery and the funeral was one of the largest in the district, with 63 vehicles and a cortege over half a mile long.

In another accident, Robert Pascoe, 15, collapsed at Woy Woy baths and drowned.

Constable Russell dived in

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and recovered the body from 22 feet of water.

In sport, a Balmain cricket team travelled here to play Woy Woy at Blackwall and lost to the locals by nine wickets and seven runs.

January 13 HJ Piper sent a letter to Erina Council regarding the Woy Woy Baths.

Council thanked HJ Piper for the suggestion of shallowing the baths and stated that Council had referred the matter to Council's engineer.

A wedding at the Catholic Church at Woy Woy took place.

Margaret Mary Woodward married Frank Neil Riley.

"The bride wore a dainty frock of ivory crepe-de-chine and georgette, hand embroidered with true lovers' knots," reported the newspaper.

January 20 The newspaper reported that "the Council lately spent two days in inspecting the more important roads and waterways of the shire.

"Arriving at Woy Woy Wharf, an inspection was made of the wharf, baths, lamp at the station, the foot path to the school, street widening propositions, access lanes and other matters in the main town".

An editorial stated that "Woy Woy is a wonderful attraction for tourists and weekenders, whose hobby has been in the past of a fishing nature... is now being developed in the interests of surfbathers.

"The Ettalong beach portion will be more to New South Wales and Australia in 20 years time than Manly Beach is to New South Wales today.

"I scaled Mount Ettalong and spied a pretty little beach soon to be known as Pearl Beach." A meeting was held by a small but enthusiastic group considering the establishment of a school



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of arts in Woy Woy.

An editorial read: "In the opinion of many residents of Woy Woy, police supervision is inadequate for the size and rapid development of the area.

There was a big attendance at an auction sale of subdivision at "the Entrance Estates, Ettalong Beach, Woy Woy on Anniversary Day, January 26."

January 15, 1931.

Bon Ton Butchery in Woy Woy advertised Brisket for 4d, corn pork 8d, shoulder mutton 4d and veal 9d.

The Roslyn Tea and Refreshment Rooms opening at Ocean Beach Rd, Ettalong, "was a memorable occasion".

The proprietors were Mr Neville Bingham and Miss Black.

Mr Bingham was to be assaulted in the tearoom later in the year.

Charles Turner was charged and fined 39 pounds for striking Mr Bingham twice.

"The situation is adjacent to the up-to-date Roslyn Golf Links," reported the newspaper.

The "Jolly Good Cause" Dance and Euchre party to aid Woy Woy Church of England was held in the Woy Woy Cinema Hall and proved a huge social and financial success.

A meeting of the newly-formed Woy Woy Branch of the ALP was held at the Bayview Guest House.

Mr W Cooke was president.

Woy Woy man AH Thorsby was granted a patent for his invention that allowed stock to drink while in transit.

January 12, 1951

Max Thomas of Woy Woy topped the Gosford High School list of passes in the leaving certificate.

and was going to go to Sydney University.

He scored one second-class honour, three As and two Bs.

January 19

The NSW anti-Tuberculosis Association was in Woy Woy to examine residents.

Bookings for a check-up could be made at the Shire office and the RSL Memorial Hall at Ettalong.

There were 58 active cases over the previous five years within the shire.

January 4, 1961

New Year's Eve at Everglades saw a "record" crowd of 340 who danced to the music of Milton Clark's Rhythm Boy's Band.

Col Joye and the Joy Boys played at the Pacific Cabaret at Ettalong.

January 10

A nine-foot "man-eating" shark was caught about 100 yards from the Booker Bay baths.

January 6, 1971

Six people were rescued by the Umina Surf Life Saving Club members.

There was a big argument over ratepayers having to pay \$50,000 for a study into the effects of effluent from Pelican Island if a

proposed sewerage works went ahead.

January 13

A contract for the building of Woy Woy Hospital was signed, which was to be completed by November the following year.

The contract cost \$396,100 plus architect's fees and furnishings.

January 20

Apexians donated \$1000 for a youth club project.

The double-storey extension to Umina Surf Clubhouse was almost completed.

January 27

Vandals attack the Umina Surf Club delaying the extensions.

An artists impression of the Rip Bridge is published.

In sport, John Monie, a former Cronulla Sutherland first-grade five-eighth is named captain-coach of Woy Woy Rugby League Club, but it is rumoured that "classy centre Graham Eadie may be leaving the club".

The current Fisherman's Wharf building is opened.

Originally it was used as a boatshed and sport's centre.

January 7, 1981.



Woy Woy town centre in 1955

A bill for \$60,000 in damages from Woy Woy Football Club is rejected by Gosford Council in a continuing battle to build a licensed club on the Peninsula.

The club reserved its right to appeal to the Land and Environment Court.

January 8, 1991

Gosford Council and the Public

Works Department fund an aerial photographic survey of Ettalong Beach to determine the extent of severe sand erosion between Bangalow and Beach Sts.

Sand re-nourishment works had been undertaken in 1979, according to city engineer Mr Keith Dedden.

January 10



Woy Woy Post Office soon after opening in 1906



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Following a childhood dream through the Peninsula

Following a childhood dream to walk around the world, Polly Letofsky, 38, passed through the Peninsula last week, having already travelled through the United States and New Zealand.

In the process, she is endeavouring to raise awareness and monies for breast cancer.

"Walking around the world has been in my head since I was a kid.

"It's the explorer in me, but the opportunity for it to be something bigger led me to raise awareness of breast cancer at the same time," she said.

"I don't have breast cancer and no-one really close to me does either.

"I haven't felt the agony and emotion of having breast cancer, but I have noticed how many people are getting breast cancer.

"It affects women's health around the world and I'm at the age that people should be aware of and learn about it.

"I have always been interested in women's health." Polly has already been travelling for 17 months on her four and a half year odyssey.

She has found people to be kind and supportive and in Australia has been "adopted" by the Lions Club.

"I'm already preparing for Brisbane and Lions have supported me since my arrival in

Melbourne," she said.

She said she has slowed down since the initial "adrenaline rush" at the beginning of the journey.

"At first, every day I walked as far as I could and would drop dead at night," she said.

"But I said 'to hell with it' and started to take it more slowly.

"I want to enjoy the journey more.

"It's mentally tiring as much as physically.

"I have to watch traffic constantly.

I'm on my own a lot.

I have to phone ahead and contact the press." However, she is not jaded.

"The walk is a labour of love," she said.

She said the support had been great with hotels donating nights and a network of community groups and breast cancer survivors helping out with food and accommodation.

"I started the journey with camping gear, but haven't needed it and if I had eaten all the food that has been given to me I would be a fat walker," she said.

Polly had some philosophical musings to impart also.

"I haven't been scared on my travel," she said.

"We live our lives viewing the world through the news, with many bad things shown, but it's not necessarily like that.

"I'm nervous and excited about travelling through Asia.

"I have a property back home in Vail, Colorado, but I sold everything else at a flea market.

"It's really liberating to let go of your possessions." Polly has travelled in a conventional manner before having done the "Europe thing" for six months and living in New Zealand for five years.

"I travelled to Sydney and Cairns too as a tourist.

"When in Sydney, I never got past Frenchs Forest, which was a shame because this area is very beautiful.

Polly is unmarried and childless, so has no immediate family pining after her.

"I keep in touch with family and friends by email and mobile phone.

"It's very important to be still connected to and supported by friends and family.

"It's very welcoming to hear from them." On her travels through the Peninsula she raised \$555.

"Australians have been very generous, she said.

"And I'd like to add that all money raised in Australia will stay in Australia." Polly walked out, heading towards Gosford, Asia, Europe and Canada with most of her worldly possessions in a large bag on what looked like a golfing cart, adorned with a fluffy kangaroo.



American Polly Letofsky visits the Peninsula on her walk around the world, which has already covered the United States and New Zealand

These are all her possessions bar a drink bottle.

You can keep up with Polly's adventures on the website www.globalwalk.org

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Carl Spears, January 8

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Children enjoying a drama and instrument-making workshop at Woy Woy CWA Hall. The workshop was presented by the Troubadour Folk Club and proceeds went to community group Aunts and Uncles.

Youth course starts soon

A "Youth Speak" course is due to start soon.

It will be held at a private home in Woy Woy and run for six Monday evenings.

Throughout the year, courses are conducted by Youth Speak, and each have a slightly different format.

All are designed to help young people aged from 12 to become more confident when speaking in public.

People who can express themselves clearly and in a

confident manner are more likely to find employment, according to the organisers.

"Youth Speak is the first rung on the ladder to successful communication, therefore leading to a positive attitude within and towards others," said coordinator Jan Cummings of Umina.

For more information about the courses, phone one of the coordinators, Jan Cumming on 4341 6842 or Coral Baker on 4343 1079.

January 8

School's appeal continues

The Coast Christian School has bought more than \$600 of maths equipment with money raised through fundraising efforts over the past year.

However, the school is appealing for some items before the new school year starts.

Head teacher Alan Reynolds has asked for a donation of 50 square metres of second-hand carpet, lunch seats or benches,

barbecue tables and stools and an air-conditioner for a third classroom.

Anyone wishing to donate to the school can telephone 4368 3377.

Carl Spears, January 8

Second chance at university study

The Central Coast Campus of the University of Newcastle, Ourimbah's Newstep program, is encouraging Peninsula people aged 17 to 20 years with a second chance at further study.

Newstep enables students who did not complete their Higher School Certificate, or who did not gain sufficient marks, to gain entry into university courses.

The director of the Enabling Programs Unit, Dr Ralph Robinson, said the courses attracted some Peninsula residents, but "we would like more".

Prospective students needed to document the disadvantaging factors that affected their study, such as a low-income background, attending a disadvantaged high school, having a non-English speaking background, or other adverse circumstance such as family or personal crisis.

"Newstep aims to improve the educational opportunities of young people in the Hunter and surrounding areas by offering a range of subjects to prepare students for further study, with study skills and an insight into university life," said.

Dr Keryl Kavanagh, Newstep and Open Foundation Coordinator.

Newstep studentS studied at university for two semesters (one year), attending 15 hours of

lectures and tutorials each week.

Subjects included Mathematics, English, Australian Culture and Society and Tertiary Preparation Studies.

"Students are tested with essays and exams and if successful, they can apply to study for a degree at the University of Newcastle, or another university," Dr Kavanagh said.

Dr Robinson said the courses had come a long way from their beginnings.

"I taught philosophy in enabling programs at Ourimbah RSL Club before there was a Central Coast Campus," he said.

For enquiries or applications for the Newstep program, telephone 1800 353 775 or email: enabling@newcastle.edu.au Applications close on February 2.

Carl Spears, January 4

Phillip dux at Woy Woy High

Woy Woy High School had its academic presentation day for 2000 last month with students awarded for their efforts.

Phillip Bernie was dux of year 12 for his first placing in the subjects of Chemistry 2U, Geography 2U, Mathematics 3U and Physics 2U.

Other year 12 students to come first in various subjects included Joshua Alce, Joel Askew, Daniel Brown, Dane Budd, David Butler, Nicholas Coffil, Sara Collins, Wayne Coulton, Tracy Crowe, Aaron Dewar, Mark Oolbel, Luke Franklin, Amy Haddadi, Anthony Hardman, Jaala Haynes, Kate Hayward, Qeana Hutcheson, Melinda Hynes, Shaye Jewell, Elaine Kelly, Megan McGreal, Jessica Mitchell, Hailee Mullen, David Murray, Aaron Oberdorf, Haley Oliver, Amanda Pearse, Wayne Petzler, Melissa Varley, Karlie Waterson and Neil Wilson.

Dux for Year 11 was Ainslee Austin with first placing in Economics, French and Mathematics.

Other awardees for first placing in various subjects included

Rose Amery, Craig Bleakney, Tara Carrig, Trac.ey Carsley, Kelly Clarke, Nathan Dunn, Dane Evans, Lisa Francis, Ben Hutcheson, Christopher Irwin, Belinda Jamieson, Shannon Male, Liam Nelson, Thomas Newlands, Carly Paterick, Renee Pratt, Fallon Purkiss, Amy Reed, Holly Robertson and Natalie Tansey.

The presentations for both year 11 and 12 dux were made by lecturer in marketing at the Central Coast Campus of the University of Newcastle, Ms Margaret Griffiths.

Kristy Shon berg was year 10 dux, with first placing in English.

Other awardees included Brendon Beck-White, Kate Bloor, Joshua Brown, Ben Crowson, Stacey Curtis, Dean Dedich, Kate Durbin, Matthew Flanagan, Jane Holmes, Peter Moore, Natasha Nazzari, Matthew Odgers and Ardy Sudarso.

Year 9 dux was Sarah Ryan with first places in English, History, Science and Visual Arts.

Other awardees for firsts in various subjects included Michael Bennet, Robert dos Remedios, Nicole Dunn, Joshua Genner,

Brooke Howlett, Jamey Irwin, Elizabeth Jelsma, Matthew McCormick, Stuart McMinn, Christopher Roberts, Susan Sobczak, Saskia Vanderpoel, Daniel.

Williams, Emma Williams and Suzie Wrang.

Year 8 dux was Ashley Stahl with first placing in English.

Other academic awardees included Juliana Aleksieska, Kylie Bainbridge, Edward Garrett, Brendan Henderson, Alana Mitchell, Angela O'Connor, Rachel Pratt, Ashleigh Wilkinson and Lyndon Witchard.

Year 7 dux was Timica Hawkins with a first place in European Languages and Design and Technology.

Other academic awardees included Angela Ainsworth, Erica Broad, Alex Brown, Lauren Brown, David Curtain, Rochelle Dewar, Michelle Dodds, Nicole Smith, Tom Steel and Cameron Veacock.

Carl Spears, December 19

Pretty Beach has fun day

Year 6 students at Pretty Beach Public School held a fun day last month at the end of term to raise money as a departing gift to the school.

The students raised \$423 on the "very successful fun day", according to principal Ms Jill

Godwin.

"Thanks to the parents who supported this day by sending money along with their children," she said.

"Everyone had lots of fun."

Carl Spears, December 21

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Adult education courses offered

More adult education courses than ever are being offered on the Peninsula this term.

The Central Coast Community College is offering 13 courses, while Kincumber Adult and Community Education Centre is offering two.

Seven computer courses are being offered by the Community College at Ettalong Primary School. These include general introductory courses about computers and the internet, as well as courses designed specifically for seniors.

The college will also hold four courses at the Woy Woy CWA cottage.

They are Calligraphy, Painting with Acrylics, Senior First Aid Certificate and Reading, Writing and Spelling.

A massage course will be held at Umina CWA Hall and a kayaking course will be held at Patonga Creek.

For more information, contact the Community College on 4348 4300.

The Kincumber Adult and Community Education Centre will also hold two courses at the Woy Woy CWA hall.

The centre will hold eight-week courses in folk art and creative writing at the hall near Fisherman's Wharf.

Both courses start on February 8 with folk art being held from 9.30am to 11.30am and creative writing from 12pm to 2pm.

Folk art tutor Marie Pilon said



anybody could do folk art.

"It is simply a matter of learning a few simple strokes.

"Our home will never be the same again," she said.

Creative writing tutor Hugh Roberts said the course was an opportunity for patrons to hear and comment constructively on each other's work with the aim of getting writers published within the year.

The folk art course costs \$75 or \$71 concession and creative writing \$74 or \$70 concession.

A concession can be obtained on presentation of a Pension Card, Seniors Card, Unemployment Card, Health Care Card or full-time student card.

There are also further discounts for those doing a further course in subsequent terms.

Kincumber Adult and Community Education is a nonprofit, community-managed organisation, supported by recurrent funding from the NSW Board of Adult and Community Education.

For more information, telephone 4369 1187.

Carl Spears, January 10



Playing cards is only one of the many activities offered by Ettalong Senior Citizens' Centre

Senior activities every day

Ettalong Senior Citizens' Centre has activities for the over-60s for every day of the week.

On the fourth Sunday of each month, the centre offers dancing in old time and new vogue styles from 1pm to 4pm.

Mondays see dancing from 9am to 11.30am, indoor bowls from 9am to 3pm, mahjong from 1pm to 4pm and fitness classes from 1pm

to 2pm.

Available Tuesdays are ladies indoor bowls from 9am to 12pm, handicraft from 9am to 12pm, card games from 12.30pm to 4pm and Tai-chi from 9am to 10am.

Wednesdays see indoor bowls from 9am to 12pm, fitness classes from 1pm to 2.15pm, bridge from 12pm to 4pm, leatherwork from 9am to 11.30am and table tennis from 9am to 12pm.

On Thursdays, dancing is held from 9am to 11.30am, indoor bowls from 9am to 12pm, table tennis from 12.30pm to 3pm and fabric painting from 9am to 12pm.

Friday sees bridge from 12pm to 4pm and painting from 9am to 12pm.

Dancing is also held from 2pm to 4.30pm on Saturdays.

Carl Spears, December 20

School for Seniors on again

The start of 2001 also sees the Peninsula School for Seniors entering its twelfth year of operation.

Based at the Community Centre; the School is designed for those in the over 45 age bracket.

The School runs tutored classes in areas such as local history and current events, art and crafts, discussion groups, regular bush walking sessions and holds numerous bus trips and social activities throughout the year.

School for Seniors stalwart Rhonda Mitchell sees the group as a great ice breaker for new comers to the Peninsula, as well

as a social outlet for more isolated senior community members.

"When we first moved to the area I was feeling quite lonely.

"I found the School for Seniors and was able to meet many new friends and share time with people in my own age group and with common interests."

Rhonda extends an open invitation to the School for Seniors first "Have a Chat" meeting to be held on Tuesday February 6 commencing at 10 am.

"Come along and see what all the fun is about." All enquiries to the Peninsula Community Centre on 43 419333.

Kerrie Friend, January 12

New Year event attracts thousands

The Peninsula's New Year's Fireworks event attracted a crowd estimated at 14,000.

There were no arrests or major problems and the atmosphere was festive and happy.

"Umina is now on the map as a New Year destination with many people travelling from Sydney to this safe family event," said event organiser Mrs Emma Ledingham.

"The firework display was well worth waiting for, a fantastic computer-generated display." "All stallholders were run off their feet with greater than expected sales in all areas and food stalls completely selling out by the end of the night, "The community supported the event with their gold coin donations which has raised funds which will go towards youth and charities on the Peninsula." Gosford Mayor Cr Chris Holstein opened the event at 6.30pm with praise for the Rotary Club of Umina Beach for its initiative in organising the event.

Special mention went to East's Ocean Beach Holiday Park for its donation of the fireworks.

Local bands played with "Go to Bed Jessica" being popular and fitting in with the carnival atmosphere.

Fire juggler Brian Wilson



New Zealand busker Ron Wilson entertains part of the large crowd at the Peninsula Fireworks on New Year's Eve.

kept the crowd entertained with spinning fire sticks and staffs and acrobatic routines.

The fireworks display started at exactly 10pm.

Mrs Emma Ledingham began organising the event in March and said she liaised with council, police

and security to ensure a safe and happy family environment.

"The event takes a lot of hard work and planning by many people and is a joint effort by local businesses and members of The Rotary Club of Umina," she said.

January 4

Umina juniors make rep team

Four Umina Junior Cricketers chosen for representative honours have made it through to the crucial games of the season.

In the NSW District Cricket Association Creak Shield Competition (U/11's) three Umina players

have been part of the undefeated Gosford-Wyong side that will now play in the semi-finals.

Chris Clement, Daniel Friend and Matthew Jones will be part of the -team to meet Bankstown on the first weekend of February.

In the NSW District Cricket Association Weblink Shield Competition (U/15's), Ross Watson has been flying the flag for Umina.

Ross and his Gosford Wyong team mates were also undefeated and Should play South Eastern in the semis.

Kerrie Friend, January 12

Sabine paints in textile

Phegan's Bay resident, Sabine Parge, was born in Germany and started her career as a graphic designer there, until she discovered her favourite medium was fabric.

Her extended travels around the world have exposed her to many local fabric-making and textile art methods.

Sabine refers to her fabric collages as "painting in textile" to distinguish her artwork from that of a quilter or patchworker.

Her aim is to introduce her art form as being of equal value to a painting in the conservative sense.

Sabine has exhibited successfully in galleries in NSW, Japan and Germany.

She also teaches fabric collage and the older craft of rug-hooking

at her studio and in summer schools.

Her work has appeared on television and was included in a video series for students majoring in art.

Her studio is open on weekends for the general public.

Telephone 4325 1420 for more information.

Carl Spears, December 21



Beverley Whittaker and Dean Hunter were married earlier this month. They held their reception at Pearls on the Beach Restaurant at Pearl Beach on January 7. Photo Courtesy Bowen's Photographies. Woy Woy

Opportunity to model and raise money for children

Children and young adults who would like to experience modeling first-hand are invited to enter this year's Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children's Model Quest.

Last year, Ettalong's Kirsten Beverley reached the final after an initial 1500 contestants from NSW and the ACT entered.

According to the Institute's community fundraising manager, Ms Johanna Yule, the Model Quest is an annual catwalk competition which gives entrants the chance to model in front of an audience, complete with music, lights, a come~e, and the bustle

and excitement of backstage.

"The Quest is organised and conducted by the Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children to raise funds for children who are deaf or blind, and children with additional disabilities," she said.

"Previous Model Quest winners have gone on to modeling work, and even film and television roles." Ms Yule said last year's event raised about \$110,000 for the institute.

This year 38 heats of Model Quest will be held throughout New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory between February and September.

There are five age categories

- 3-6 years, 7-9 years, 10-12 years, 13-15 years and 16 years and over.

Winners in each age category then compete in regional finals, held in October and November, and regional winners will compete in the grand final in Sydney in December.

Prizes include modelling contracts, photographic portfolios, holidays, clothing, jewellery, makeup and skin care products.

To enter, telephone the Institute's Model Quest on 9872 0351 or download an entry form from the Institute's website at www.ridbc.org.au.

Carl Spears, December 21

Patonga Bakehouse Gallery reopens after renovations

The Patonga Bakehouse Gallery was reopened last month after renovations to the building were completed.

The reopening was combined with a display of artworks by artists

Jocelyn Maughan and Robin Norling and hand-crafted timber work by Jann Purcell.

The gallery in Bay St is open on weekends from 10am to 4pm.

Carl Spears, December 21

Rugby Club holds successful party

Woy Woy Rugby Club's annual Christmas party was held at the clubhouse and hailed a success by organisers.

The jumping castle got a workout and non-stop fun was the order of the day.

Santa's arrival had the place buzzing, they said.

Now is time to find those old joggers because pre-season training is about to start.

A few of the keener members have been seen down at the Police and Community Youth Club

(PCYC), doing weights and fitness training.

The PCYC can be found at the end of Osborne Ave, Umina.

The much-looked-forward-to Patonga run is not far off either. The Patonga run is an annual event where the

participants run or amble from Ocean Beach Surf Club, up Mount Ettalong, along the scenic Patonga Ove through the nation~! park down to P~arl Beach and ttaen along the golden sands back to the starting point.

Anyone wanting to join the

runners should telephone John Stokie on 4341 5181 for details.

The club requires junior players for this year's season.

New players need not have P.layed rugby before, as coaching staff are on hand to pass on their knowledge.

For more information telephone Ray Gorrel on 4342 5358.

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Ray Gorrel, January 10 Woy Woy

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China's ballroom champion enticed

Peninsula ballroom dancing champions Robert Owen and Daphne Baldwin have been instrumental in enticing Mr Daniel Chang, China's professional Open Modern ballroom dancing champion, to the Peninsula.

Mr Chang, now an Australian citizen, has begun teaching and coaching ballroom dancing at Ettalong Beach and Saratoga.

Mr Chang has competed against the best ballroom dancers in the world and coaches many Central Coast ballroom dancers who until now have travelled to Sydney for coaching.

He teaches all levels and ages from beginners to professional and

competitive couples.

"Mr Chang is one of the best coaches in Australia and we welcome him to the Central Coast," said Mr Owen.

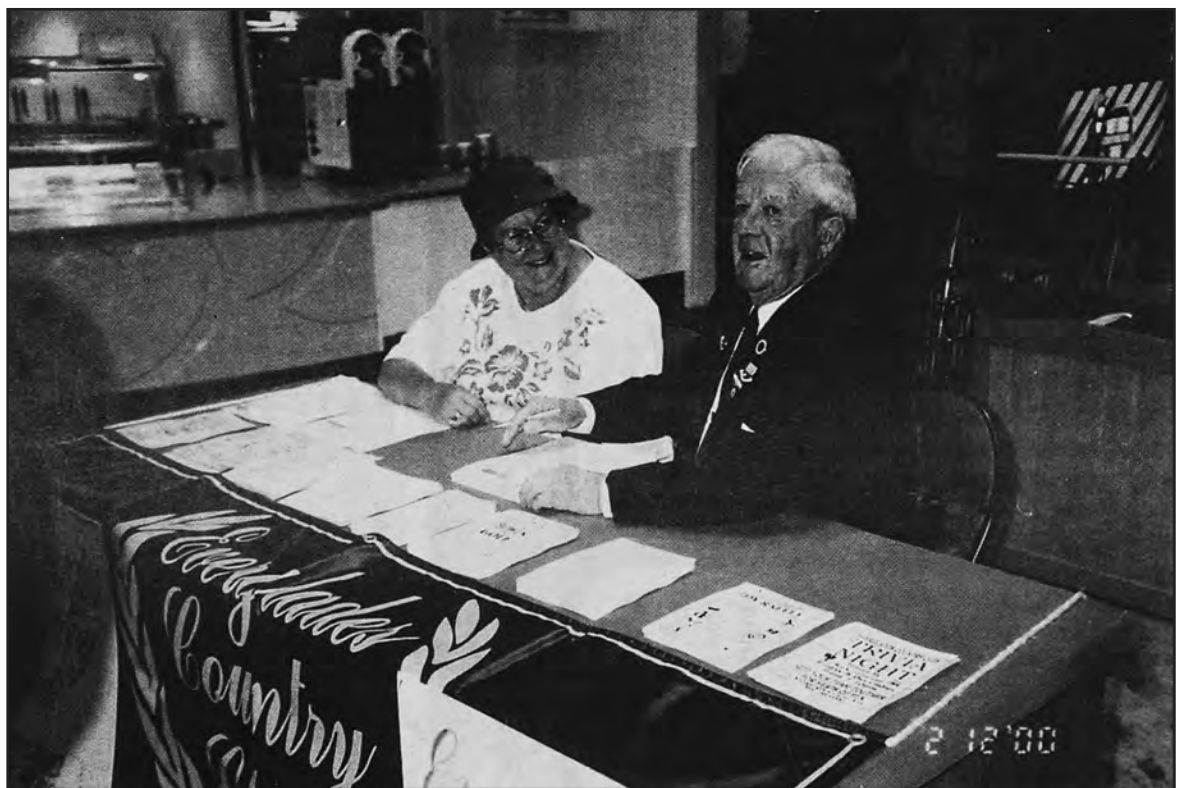
"His presence will lift the profile of ballroom dancing on the Peninsula and the Central Coast," said Mr Owen.

Mr Chang plans to hold regular "Daniel's Ballroom Supper Dances" for Peninsula residents at the Senior Citizens' Centre, corner Broken Bay Rd and Karingi St, Ettalong.

A \$12 entry fee includes a half-hour ballroom dancing lesson and refreshments.

For further details, phone 4344 5432.

Karen Booth, January 8



A membership drive at Deepwater Plaza late last year netted Everglades some new members

Season starts at Everglades

One season ends and another is due to start with the club fours at Everglades Country Club this month.

The match committee is delighted with response to this early competition and indeed with the number of entries for the major singles which will get under way next month.

Pennant trials are continuing with only two sessions due before the season starts on February 10.

Chairman of selectors, Mr Stan Martin, said his committee continued to fine-tune the gradings with the final teams to be announced at a pennant players get-together on February 5.

Meanwhile, a valuable trial was held with Woy Woy Bowling Club between two grades.

Woy Woy won their home fixture two rinks to one with Everglades returning the favour winning 2-1 at Everglades.

The Everglades bowlers

enjoyed the experience of playing on the artificial surface at Woy Woy although some said they struggled to find the weight in the strong wind.

Also, Thursday mixed mufti bowls has begun again for the year.

This event has proved popular with local bowlers.

New entries are welcome. Telephone the club on 4341 1866 for details.

Bruce McDonald, January 7



The Peninsula's Ballroom Champions, Robert Owen and Daphne Baldwin

Judo Club finishes successful year

Woy Woy Judo Club has finished a successful year, with their entries into the final tournament of NSW judo at the Michael Wendon centre, Liverpool, on Sunday, December 10.

In the under-10s, first contestant Gordon Reid won a silver medal in his weight division.

Naomi Cole entered the under-40kg and over-40kg divisions taking gold in both divisions.

Naomi has won a gold medal in every tournament this year.

In 2001, she will go into the under-13 year-old division which will be harder but she will be sure to clean them up as well.

In the under-16s, we fielded four players.

Daniel Simmons and Steven Arnold, who also represented NSW at the Australian titles in June this year, were successful in their weight categories as well.

Daniel had to go up a division into the under-66kg even though he weighed in at 60.04kg.

He fought well against the heavier boys and won there.

During his stay, he will enter the senior ranks when he turns 16 years old.

Holly Smith, also back from a four-year break, competed in the young women's division and with speed and agility took out the gold.

Lindy Simmons, December 13

John sponsored for World Cup

John Dalton of Umina has received a \$1000 sponsorship to help him compete in the Australian Mixed 20s Touch Youth World Cup in Auckland.

He was among recipients of grants totalling \$3500 from The Central Coast Regional Organisation of Councils

(CCROC).

The organisation gives grants to Central Coast residents to allow them to participate in cultural and sporting events of a national, state and regional significance.

For further information, telephone honorary CCROC secretary Mr Peter Wilson on 4325 8320

Carl Spears, January 4

Andrews announces funding

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews has released details of sports funding for the Peats electorate under the State Government's 2000/2001 Capital Assistance Program.

"The funds will assist with the development of local sporting and recreational facilities," she said.

This year's funding for the electorate amounts to \$47,142, with \$17,602 allocated to the

following projects on the Peninsula:

- \$3,960 for the construction of a synthetic long-jump run-up with concrete base, rubber underlay and synthetic grass mat at McEvoy Oval.

- \$1,642 to supply and install industrial-strength roller security doors to equipment storage areas of clubhouse at Umina Beach

- \$12,000 for the construction of new facilities at Ettalong Oval

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Bunnies plan for tilt at title

The off-season has been a particularly busy one for Umina Rugby, especially in the area of marketing.

The club has been successful in gaining new sponsorship, doubling the amount available this year.

Clifty Lyons is again captain-coach with Darryl Turner being appointed football manager, Cliff's sideline eye and also

coaching the Under-17s.

The coaching staff will not vary a great deal from last year with John King retaining the reserve C-grade job, Paul McCarthy moving up with the boys to the Under-19s and Warren Hillier appointed head trainer.

The first official training session will be held at Umina Oval at 6pm on Tuesday, January 16.

All players are welcome.

A wallet-size events calendar and season draw will be issued as soon as the Division releases the official draw.

The season launch will be held at Club Umina, the club's major sponsor, at 7pm on February 17.

Club officials expect Season 2001 will be "a very exciting one for the Bunnies" with all grades expected to be in contention for Premiership honours.

Mike Yahl, January 10

Bowling Brenda gets medal

Brenda Smith of Woy Woy Bowling Club has been awarded the Australian Sports Medal 2000.

Brenda came to Woy Woy in 1983, transferring from Vaucluse Bowling Club.

She was champion of champions for the Central Coast district in 1985 and 1986 and grand slam winner of the Woy Woy Club Championships.

She has held many positions on committees within the club, ranging from secretary for six years, chairperson for the match committee, vice-president of the club to president from 1994 to 1997.

• She holds certificates in coaching and umpiring, the position of club delegate and

the position of entertaining and publicity officer of the women's club.

The patron of the women's club, Dorothy Burford, said she was proud to have nominated Brenda for the award.

"Brenda is a very dedicated and tireless worker and a very worthy recipient," she said.

President Glen Smith (no relation to Brenda) and his committee concluded the year with presentation day being held on December 3.

Consistency singles championship finished with Lionel Ackling defeating Phil Dunn in the final.

Ray Wright, December 13

Woy Woy women raise \$3000 funds

Woy Woy Women's Bowling Club has raised \$3000 at a recent charity day.

The amount was shared between the aged care centre at Woy Woy and the Child Flight helicopter ambulance.

President Mrs M. Smith thanked members and visitors for their generous support.

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Some of the activities at the Australia Day celebrations last year. This year its again planned to include fireworks.

Big day planned

The only official Australia Day fireworks in the Gosford municipality will be held at Woy Woy's waterfront celebrations.

The celebrations will be held on Thursday, January 25, in Brickwharf Rd from 4pm to 10pm.

Activities will include amusement

rides, stalls, folk dancing, a colonial reenactment on the waterfront and nonstop entertainment.

The fireworks display will start at 9pm.

On Australia Day, January 26, a flagraising ceremony will be held with Breakfast on the Bay at Pretty Beach, Wagstaffe, from 8am.

On Saturday, January 27, a free bush dance will be held at the Wagstaffe Hall, Pretty Beach, at 7.30pm.

Refreshments are available.

For further information, telephone event coordinator Kathy Robinson on 4325 8332.

Carl Spears, January 4

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