

## High schools to merge

**Umina High School and Woy Woy High School will become the one school or "collegiate" with different campuses for different academic years, according to plans announced by the Minister for Education.**

A three-month consultation period was also announced to resolve the details of the arrangement.

It is anticipated that one campus will cater for Years 7 to 10, while the other will cater for Years 11 and 12.

The new arrangement will be phased in so that only students currently in Year 6 or Year 10 will be affected next year.

Umina High School principal Mr Pat Lewis has been appointed project officer for the consultation.

Woy Woy High School principal Ms Carolyn Carter said: "Any change brings sadness for what is lost. It also brings new opportunities and excitement for what is gained."

"It is up to all of us to work together to create a new school which brings with it the opportunity to establish an educational institution that will provide a top-class education that better meets the needs of each student at each phase of his or her development."

Empire Bay Public School principal Mr Gordon Fraser said the next three months consultation period would be an important time for everyone to become involved.

"This is an exciting time for all concerned and more opportunities will be opened for students going into high school," Mr Fraser said.

**Principal's report, Woy Woy High School**



Clean Up Australia Day volunteers found plenty of rubbish in the Woy Woy Channel



Woy Woy Library, built in 1931, the back section will be extended

## Woy Woy Library tender let

**Gosford Council has awarded the tender for the Woy Woy library extensions to architects Brewster Hjorth.**

Council received 10 expressions of interest for the Woy Woy extensions and decided to give the tender to Brewster Hjorth Architects based on visits to their previous work.

Council officers reported that Brewster Hjorth had extensive experience in heritage work.

Delays to the construction of a

branch library at Kincumber have meant the budget for Woy Woy library's extensions will receive an extra \$300,000.

The Kincumber branch proposal has been delayed due to council's inability to find suitable land upon which to construct the building.

The Kincumber branch had a budget of \$840,000, which has been lowered to \$540,000.

The transfer means \$1 million is now available for Woy Woy.

**Council agenda, February 27**

## Lions hold Easter Carnival

**The Lions Clubs of Woy Woy Peninsula will hold their Easter Carnival on March 25 at Woy Woy Lions Park.**

The event starts at 11am and continues until 6.30pm when a sunset fireworks display caps off the day.

Entertainment will include an Easter bonnet parade, Scottish highland dancers, the Willie

Wonka puppet show and Easter eggs for all.

A barbecue, sausage sizzle and stalls will also be available.

Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews, will open the show and organisers said they would like to thank Ms Andrews for her help with photocopying at no charge.

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**Lions Club flyer, March 7**

## Correa Bay goes back to committee

**Gosford Council has asked its Coastal Planning (CLP) Committee to reconsider its recommendations on the Correa Bay Water Quality study.**

Its grounds were "that there are important issues still to be resolved".

It is understood that this is the first time in the history of the committee that its recommendations on a major issue have not been accepted.

Council has asked the full membership of the committee to consult with the full membership of the community-based Correa Bay Water Quality Management Committee which submitted the report.

The study was referred to a sub-committee of the CLP committee for review in December.

The report back to the council last week (March 6) revealed recommendations of the Correa Bay committee arising from its study.

These included extensive dredging of Correa Bay, expected to cost at least \$400,000, the rehabilitation of the Bull's Hill quarry and the prosecution of the parties who have not met "their obligations under the various environmental laws".

The CLP committee recommended against taking any legal action and endorsed the action proposed by the Department of Land and Water Conservation, which has accepted responsibility

for on-going maintenance of the site.

It also opposed releasing the entire text of the report.

Cr Lynne Bockholt moved "that Council defer consideration of Item CL003 (the CLP Recommendation) on the grounds that there are important issues still to be resolved and that the matter be referred back to the CLP for consultation between a full and special meeting of the CLP and the full Correa Bay Committee and its advisors at a mutually agreed time and date within three weeks of today".

The motion was passed unanimously.

See further reports inside this issue.

**Council meeting, March 7**

## Andrews says police strategies 'in place'

**Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews, has announced a number of strategies "in place to ensure an appropriate level of policing for the Peninsula".**

Her announcement follows the circulation of a petition by Liberal MLC Mr Mike Gallacher, calling for more general duties police at Woy Woy.

Ms Andrews said she was "fully aware" of the concerns expressed by the local community relating to Woy Woy Police Station.

Ms Andrews said she had been advised by the Brisbane Waters Local Area Commander, Superintendent Terry Jacobsen, that:

- Woy Woy police station continued to operate 24 hours per day, seven days per week.
- A station officer was constantly

present at Woy Woy Police Station with a general support officer and station manager.

- A general duties crew operated from Woy Woy Police Station at all times, starting and ending their shift at Gosford Police Station.

- An additional general duties crew operated from Woy Woy during peak periods on Friday and Saturday and extra crews from the Brisbane Waters Local Area Command serviced the Woy Woy Peninsula area on a needs basis.

- Highway patrol officers permanently based at Woy Woy supported general policing needs.

Ms Andrews said a number of pro-active policing strategies had been implemented in the Woy Woy Peninsula area by the Brisbane Waters Local Area Command to address crime reduction.

"In addition, local police

continue to mount intelligence-led visible and undercover operations targeting offenders and crime hot spots in the area," Ms Andrews said.

"The Region Target Action Group and District Anti Theft Squad are both regularly tasked to perform duties in and around the Woy Woy Peninsula area and have made a significant number of arrests in recent months.

"The suggestion that policing in this area has been neglected is a blatant attempt to exploit the fears of the local community for political advantage.

"The Carr Government allocated more than \$250,000 for the substantial upgrading of Woy Woy Police Station in 1999, providing better facilities for police and the whole community.

**Media release, February 21**



Peninsula News

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Welcome to another edition of Peninsula News.

Major staff changes have taken place during the production of this edition as we lose our intrepid reporter and sub-editor, Carl Spears.

Carl has been with us since the beginning as well as a founding association committee member, helping to shape the newspaper well before the first edition was published.

He has worked tirelessly to ensure the quality and accuracy of this publication.

Carl has gone to “the other side”, working in media liaison for a government department and will be sorely missed by all who have dealt with him over the past two years.

We wish him all the best for the future.

His equally capable replacement is Amanda Jackson.

Amanda is also completing her communications degree with a major in journalism and has been bombarded with information in the short time that she has been here.

Hopefully, during this transition period, we will continue to be able to maintain the quality of newspaper our readers expect.

Observant readers will recall having seen Amanda's name in previous editions of this newspaper as she has worked with us as a volunteer journalist for some time.

In our last edition we mentioned two volunteers who have been of great help to us.

Now there are two more volunteers who also come in regularly and help with the preparation of material for publication.

Neither of them are doing it to help their future career but because their efforts will be of help to the community and because of the interesting nature of the work.

Trisha Sands has been coming in once a week and has been able to translate much of the raw material that comes to this office into interesting news items for readers.

Equally helpful has been the assistance provided by local author, Winsome Smith, who has been able to use her writing skills in a new way.

Having published a number of books over the years and already involved in other community work, Winsome enjoys the opportunity of being part of a busy newspaper environment and learning about local happenings first-hand.

From this issue, you will also notice a small change in the presentation of the news: The attribution of news items has changed.

Rather than attributing items to the journalist or writer of the story, now the source of the story will appear.

This will enable readers to gain access to the original material or judge the voracity of the source.

In this issue for insiance, stories have been sourced from the Council agenda, media releases, newsletters and flyers.

Cec Bucello, Manager

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Its aims include providing a viable, non-partisan news medium and forum exclusively for the Peninsula and developing a sense of community on the Peninsula.

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The paper actively encourages all groups and individuals on the Peninsula to contribute their news, opinions and items of interest for publication.

Contributions to the paper are edited to consistent standards of readability. Guidelines are available for intending contributors.

Community members are also invited to contribute by taking photos, typing, joining the association, or participating in committees (the association needs a secretary).

There are 14,000 copies printed and distributed within the 2256 and 2257 postcode areas, as well as to subscribers outside the area.

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Television reception survey done to find ‘blackspots’

The South Woy Woy Progress Association has started a campaign to improve television reception on the Peninsula.

It is currently surveying residents to assess their needs before submitting an application under the Federal "television black spot" program.

The program will provide \$120 million to provide between 200 and 250 television translators and other equipment to provide service to the black spots.

The association has distributed 900 surveys to local homes between Woy Woy Rd and Veron Rd.

The survey asks respondents to grade their television reception on a scale of one to five, from having

no picture at all to having excellent reception for each television station.

It also asks for the homes' radio reception quality to be graded for both FM and AM stations.

To qualify for funding the association must receive surveys from a minimum of 50 homes which are experiencing poor to non-existent television reception or a picture quality rating less than three on the scale.

The surveys must be handed in by Friday, March 16.

They can either be mailed to Heather McKenzie at 121 Woy Woy Road, South Woy Woy, or placed in the boxes provided at either the Woy Woy or Umina branches of Gosford City Library.

Association survey, March 7

Club members honoured

Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club has congratulated three club members, Nea Rhodes, Joyce Davis and Horace Young, who were recently honoured in the Commonwealth Recognition Awards for Senior Australians.

They were among 10 recipients of awards, implemented to recognise the significant contributions that Seniors continue to make to their local communities.

Nea Rhodes has been at the forefront of the Woy Woy Ettalong Hardy's Bay RSL Women's Auxiliary for many years, according to the club's newsletter.

After joining in 1976, she held the positions of vice-president, secretary, committee member and minute secretary.

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


Joyce Davis has been the president of the Ettalong Beach War Widows Club for the past three years.

Mrs Davis has written many local histories, including a 50-year history of Ettalong Beach.

The newsletter described Horace Young as a distinguished war veteran who served as president, secretary and patron of Woy Woy Ettalong Hardy's Bay RSL Sub Branch.

He was awarded the Queen's Jubilee Medal for public service and remains heavily involved in returned service activities, the newsletter said.

Fiona Forbes, 8 February



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Phone tower prompts concern

Plans by Vodaphone to erect a 25-metre mobile phone communications tower in Patonga have prompted a call by one resident for others to express their concerns.

Gosford Council has received an application for the tower, which would be located adjacent to the Patonga Beach Hall and Rural Fire Brigade.

Resident Rhonda Woodhouse has called on any concerned residents to express their views to the council.

Ms Woodhouse said the council had previously rejected applications where towers were less than 500 metres from residences.

She said that elderly people with a carcinoma history had less resistance to radiation from the towers and continued exposure could be like having too many x-rays.

She believed that the tower would also result in a decline of property values in the area.

She said alternative sites had been suggested including the ridge between Patonga Beach and Little Patonga and the ridge between Wobby and Patonga Beaches.

The extra cost of installation could be defrayed by inviting SBS and Channel 3 to put their translators on it, she said.

Leaflet, March 6

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# IOOF residents meet with board

**Residents of the IOOF Homes Centre, in Springwood St, Umina Beach, have met with the Board of Directors of the IOOF Friendly Society regarding their future residency at the Centre.**

The residents' Homes Committee asked whether the IOOF Friendly Society would help with the costs of relocating the residents.

The Board of Directors replied that the IOOF did not help the residents move into the Homes, so they shouldn't have to help them move out, according to State Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews.

"That reply that met with an expression of utter disgust and disbelief from all present," she said.

"I find the way in which the Board of Directors is treating the residents of the Homes Centre to be quite appalling.

"There seems to be no sense of compassion shown by the

Directors of this Friendly Society towards the residents, all of whom are Senior Citizens.

"Furthermore, they haven't even been told when they will be expected to move," Ms Andrews said.

She said the decision by the IOOF to sell the homes in Umina Beach had come as a complete surprise to the residents.

There were 27 people affected by the decision.

Ms Andrews said she had written to the head of the IOOF Friendly Society in Sydney expressing her dismay and disbelief at the decision.

"Surely such a far-reaching decision should not have been made without all due consideration being given to the residents, many of whom are well advanced in years.

"The threat of losing the roof over your head when you are in your 70's or 80's is one of the worst things that could happen to a person.

"This decision must fly in the

face of what a registered friendly society is all about," Ms Andrews said.

The local member has also represented the matter to the Minister for Fair Trading, Mr John Watkins.

Federal Member for Robertson, Mr Jim Lloyd, said he was shocked and disappointed by the decision of the IOOF Friendly Society to sell their Ettalong residential village.

"This multi-billion dollar Friendly Society has an obligation to ensure these 41 residents, most of whom are aged over 70, are able to continue living in their homes"

"Most of these residents have lived here for many years, and have made sizeable donations to the Friendly Society and contributed to the maintenance of their homes," Mr Lloyd said.

"I have been informed by residents, that accounting statements show the IOOF complex at Ettalong has accumulated profits of over \$600,000 so it seems to me to be impossible to justify any claims of financial hardship as a

reason for selling the property.

"In response to my representations, Mr H Quelch, chief executive of the IOOF Friendly Society (NSW) Ltd has stressed that residents were not being asked to leave the property," Mr Lloyd said.

"This is at least some small concession to the residents but does not relieve their concerns for the future."

Mr Lloyd said that he would be seeking a commitment from IOOF that a condition of any sale is that the residents will not suffer any financial loss or hardship in the event that the sale does proceed.

"I believe that the IOOF has a moral obligation to ensure these residents receive the security, care and support which they deserve," Mr Lloyd said.

In his response to Mr Lloyd, Mr Quelch said: "The Society has been reviewing possible development of its Central Coast property and recently decided that the property should be sold.

"In keeping with the Society's

wish to keep residents informed a meeting of residents was held to tell them of the Society's intention.

"At the meeting residents were also advised that no time frame had been set for the sale nor had the sale process been determined.

"We stressed that residents were not being asked to leave the property.

"At the meeting, we also undertook to inform residents of the processes which may be involved in the sale once these had been determined.

"As you will therefore appreciate, until the opportunities have been analysed and the timing and processed determined, it is premature to comment on what may be hypothetical alternatives.

"As you point out in your letter, IOOF is a compassionate organisation and does not contemplate precipitative action.

"Thank you for bring your concerns to me."

**Media releases, letter, March 1 and February 16**

## Umina laneway closed

**Gosford Council will close an unnamed laneway between Nelson and Cambridge Sts, Umina Beach.**

Council advertised its decision but no comments were received.

Meanwhile, Council's traffic committee has decided to refer to police a complaint from a resident regarding speeding and illegal parking on the Esplanade at Ettalong Beach.

Council traffic officers carried out speed surveys in the Esplanade, south of Kourung St, and found that south-bound traffic was generally over the speed limit.

The officers found in the 50km/h

speed zone that most travelled at 65 km/h, with 76.45 per cent of motorists over the speed limit.

The top speed recorded was 126 km/h.

Northbound traffic generally travelled slower with most motorists only about 4km/h over the 50km/h speed limit.

However, 31.8 per cent were over the speed limit and the top speed recorded was 101 km/h.

The traffic committee recommended that "Although speeds are above the posted speed limit, the provision of traffic-calming devices is not considered warranted at this time."

**Council agenda, February 27**

## Kahibah Creek to be rehabilitated

**Kahibah Creek will be fully rehabilitated with riparian vegetation under a plan approved by Gosford Council.**

Council approved \$161,000 of extra funds for the creek to perform initial urgent works and it will consider additional funds of \$342,000 as an annual maintenance cost, which will be reviewed annually.

Previously, \$4000 to \$20,000 had been allocated each year for maintenance of the creek.

Maintenance activities included typha reed removal by cutting and painting of stems, spraying exotic flora, Bushcare assistance and some council supervision over the community-based Bushcare group.

According to council, Kahibah Creek needed to be regularly



maintained to protect the built area near the creek from flooding.

Council officers reported that the creek had characteristics that made it susceptible to flooding including many tributaries, a

narrow floodway and a long, flat longitudinal gradeline.

Clearing of excess vegetation was a necessary part of maintenance, the report said.

**Council agenda, February 27**

## Garden Society to meet

**Ettalong Public School needs volunteers who would like to offer their time to help create the school garden.**

The small team, which is already involved in the project, plans to form a working group

to establish and maintain more attractive school grounds.

Gardening can be done in volunteers' own time.

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**Liz McMinn, February 26**

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# Sensible solution

Cr Debra Wales' suggestion that a plan of management be made for the Esplanade is a sensible solution and an alternative to placing a shipping container on the foreshore - although that would be interesting.

If all the existing and future vegetation were kept to fence level, everyone - residents, pedestrians, cyclists and motorists - could all enjoy a sea view along the whole length of the Esplanade.

To make the walkway-cycleway

## Community Forum

Letters to the editor are welcomed and should be addressed to Peninsula News, PO Box 532, Woy Woy 2256. Contributions in Word format sent via e-mail [topennews@worldpacific.com.au](mailto:topennews@worldpacific.com.au) or on disk save us having to retype them.

on the Esplanade easier to traverse by pedestrians and cyclists, trimming of the vegetation is needed now.

The pathway is narrow enough as it is, without the encroachment

of the vegetation.

Yes, viewing platforms would be great - how about a wide boardwalk (as in Atlantic City) from Umina Beach to Ettalong? Dream on!

Lesley Sheppard, Umina

## A need to understand drug use

Recently there has been much in the media about the use of illicit drugs and in particular the medically supervised injecting room and the prevalence of drug addicts in our communities.

About five years ago, I was involved with the people of Nimbin in Northern NSW.

I must confess that when I first went there I was somewhat apprehensive as to what I would find ..

I had in my mind an image that this was a place where the people had their reason and sensibilities "dulled by chemicals".

I found this not to be the case.

I don't mean that there were no drugs in Nimbin.

There was plenty of cannabis being smoked, and somewhat harder drugs being used.

At the same time though, both I and the agency that I was working for came in for some criticism for

being around these sorts of people.

The major lesson for me was that part of the way to address the issue of why people use illicit drugs is to understand why people resort to such measures.

Society needs to look frankly at the real issues and to enter discussions with a true sense of cooperation and the desire to enter a meaningful relationship with those who are affected.

This means that to truly assist people, those who seek to help should suspend judgment towards lifestyle and talk.

In doing so it is possible to explore the root cause not a preconception of who those people are who are addicted to illicit drugs.

It is not an easy problem to solve and people use all sorts of drugs in their daily lives, most particularly alcohol and tobacco.

As these are legal, society seems not to so much concentrate on these.

Society has recognised

addictions are health issues.

The use of illicit drugs should be dealt with in the same manner.

I would not advocate that policing for the distribution of illicit drugs should cease, far from it.

However those who are addicted by the use of drugs should be afforded the opportunities to free themselves from their addictions.

Drug addiction after all, in the main, is a health problem I am aware that more and more, it is becoming the case where we all are touched, to some degree by a loved one or a friend who is either an addict or a social user.

We as a community should be looking to the current trial of the medically-supervised injecting room.

Then we might see what we can learn.

Maybe then we may find a solution so that we can have drugfree lifestyles and a drug-free community.

Craig Munnings, Phegans Bay

# What keeps our spirits warm?

I went to a Gosford Council Town Planning meeting last December at Ettalong Senior Citizens.

They were asking what do we like about the place, how it looks and how do we want it to look in the future? People were talking about brick fences, houses, buildings, and I looked.

They are there as they said.

All I really ever noticed was the birds eating the wattles that the new people planted.

Every year I see the mullet come back to a place between Ettalong and Ocean Beach about September.

The old man tells me they're back and sure enough, there they are, swimming between the rocks.

One day a fisherman caught a baby stingray and asked me: "Can you eat it?" I said "No" and got the hook out of its mouth and watched it escape over the sand and seagrasses.

My friend Beatrice used to collect seahorses from the beach down at Booker Bay.

The kids would look after them for a day or two and then let them go.

Once a sea turtle came to shore at Booker Bay.

The WIRES people took it away to look after it, then it went on its way.

I saw a seagull caught one day, a fishhook through its beak.

I just found the line and pulled it in.

An old man held it while one of the boys got pliers from Anderson's Boatshed.

We cut the hook out and off it flew.

The people in the big houses down at the beach are building fences down to the new high tide mark now, so it's impossible to

walk along the water's edge.

I'm not sure at which tide the dolphins swim past.

Petra saw them playing this year from her dad's house.

I see them in the surf.

I'll just be walking my dog when a man all in white will come up and say "Did you see the dolphins out towards Box Head?" And yes, there they are.

He goes to bowls very early, before the jet skis come and the dolphins go.

Tony.

a dad at soccer, says that when he's out fishing he sees penguins, seals and turtles.

Then the other dads say what they see, just out from the Box.

We have thousands of crabs at Booker Bay, all marching.

I always listen for the drill sergeant but never hear him.

My grandfather was a drill sergeant in the Second World War.

In the First World War he went to France.

About 12 years ago, there were no more crabs for ages because something spilt at Hardys Bay.

But they came back.

Maybe all the children saved a few and let them go when it was safe again.

I don't know about the seahorses.

If Beatrice was alive, she could tell you.

Yes, the Peninsula is changing, I can tell you.

"Another one bites the dust" as old houses like ours get knocked down every day.

Old trees get knocked down too.

If there is free firewood we get some to keep us warm in the winter.

But I wonder what will keep our spirits warm in the years to come?

Heather Hughes, Booker Bay

## Umina Surf Club gives a big thank-you

After starting the season off with limited funds and then having to find funds to get some rescue boards repaired, we at the Umina Surf Life Saving Club found ourselves financially strapped.

From July until October last year, we had several break and enters to the surf club, causing thousands of dollars worth of damage, as well as causing a lot of concern to club members.

Some of the things smashed, damaged or wrecked were two TV sets smashed, one microwave oven smashed, stereo speakers stolen, and the upstairs of the surf club was flooded wrecking the carpet.

But the most devastating thing was the senseless act of ripping up photos of our life members and competitors juniors and seniors.

With every member feeling down, the surf club spirit within the community grew.

It really showed the Aussie spirit, when the licensed clubs and local businesses, the general community and Gosford Council rallied behind us to help refurbish and secure the club and equipment to a high standard.

With the support we received, we were overwhelmed and this just made us more determined and showed the Umina spirit will not be broken.

Our junior numbers in the nippers grew to over 300 young children in our club which was outstanding.

We came home with a bag of medals from the Masters and Senior Branch Championships, and are sure to bring more medals home in March when they compete at the State and Australian championships.

Our Juniors came home with a bag of medals from the Junior Branch Championships, but to put the icing on "the cake Eddie Garret won the ultimate award as Junior Life Saver of the year in New South Wales with Leam Jackson

taking out gold in the under-11 board race, both of these awards were won at the Junior State Titles.

This just goes to show that when we were down the great Aussie surf life saving spirit rallied together and came up a winner once again.

On behalf of Umina Surf Life Saving Club, all our members would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported us, and hope to have your support for years to come!

Brian Paull, President, Umina Surf Life Saving Club

## History dream comes true in St Huberts Island

Back in 1988 at the Bicentenary celebrations of the landing of Governor Phillip and his exploratory party on St Huberts Island, the idea of a history book was mooted.

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Joan Barnes, Editor, The Island News

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**Gosford Council has agreed to sell the property currently leased by Ettalong Beach Village.**

Operators Greg and Dianne Voss recently celebrated the 10th anniversary of the redevelopment of the old caravan park into a "modern manufactured home park and holiday resort".

The park in Maitland Bay Drive has 85 permanent homes housing 120 residents, 20 cabins and 10 powered caravan sites for holiday guests.

The council was told the park operators had indicated a willingness to buy the property.

The property on which the caravan park was situated was previously considered for sale

in 1998, but council at the time resolved to keep the land in its ownership.

The lease of the land would expire in October 2007.

Council's director of corporate and community services Mr Chris Gallagher reported that, although the land was zoned 6a open space recreation and classified as community land, the site did have sale potential.

After rezoning from 6a community to 6a operational, council would hold a public auction to "maintain transparency".

Mr Gallagher said, if the land was sold, "there will be a substantial benefit to council's financial situation".

**Council agenda - letter, February 27**



*Ettalong Beach village land may be sold*

# Peninsula cleaning contract extended

**Peninsula Chamber of Commerce has advised businesses of an extension to the street cleaning, maintenance and security trial on the Peninsula.**

Chamber president Mr Matthew Wales said Gosford Council in conjunction with the Chamber had been undertaking the trial in each of the Peninsula CBDs over the last six months.

"The trial has been conducted by the ACS group on behalf of the Council," said Mr Wales.

"Gosford Council has agreed to extend the trial for a further six months using specially appointed Council maintenance staff.

"Council will be undertaking the same functions as the ACS group over this period."

Mr Wales said the six-month trial would conclude on September 31 and the contract would be placed out to tender for the full-time provision of the service.

"To date, the security and maintenance contract has been very successful.

"I think most would agree that the standard of cleanliness in the town centres has markedly

improved.

"It is important for all shopkeepers, business people and proprietors to ensure that they maintain contact with the contract staff and the Chamber of Commerce so that any problems or information can be passed on for attention.

"The success of the service will depend largely on your interaction with the contractors," Mr Wales told business proprietors.

"They are there to assist you with the cleaning, maintenance and security of the town centre.

"The Chamber of Commerce will be meeting regularly with the Council and maintenance staff to monitor the contract performance on behalf of the business community.

"Should you have any issues that need to be addressed, you can contact the Mainstreet office on 4342 7510.

"Secure shopping precincts and clean streets are a vital factor in the success of your business.

"Help the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce and Gosford Council keep our town centres up to standard."

**Letter, March 2**

# Rail noise monitored at Koolewong

**Rail Services Australia has installed equipment between Woy Woy and Tascott in attempt to reduce wheel noise from trains.**

Meanwhile, the Rail Access Corporation's "Greenline" has installed devices on two Koolewong homes to monitor the noise.

Residents had complained that the noise coming from freight trains was both louder and more frequent than previously.

Presented with a log of

times that the noise occurred, "Greenline" decided to measure the noise itself.

The measurements revealed the road traffic noise was present but that "the trains are much louder".

Between Woy Woy and Tascott stations, Rail Services Australia has installed "wheel flange applicators", which lubricate the wheel flanges of a train as it passes, to reduce the level of "wheel squeal".

**Press release, March 6**

# Parliament hears of PCYC

**The Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews, has mentioned the opening of the Police and Community Youth Club at Umina Beach in State Parliament.**

In her first speech to Parliament for the year, Ms Andrews spoke of the hard work and dedication to local young people by club manager Tony Johnson and youth program co-ordinator Senior Constable Paul Hanna.

"These two young men have been working in the Woy Woy Peninsula area for two years, and in that time they have built up a rapport with young people. They have won the respect of the wider community," Ms Andrews told Parliament.

She said that, while awaiting the building of the new club, Tony Johnson and Senior Constable Hanna had been running programs for "youth at risk" with great

success.

This had been achieved by working in partnership with a number of State Government agencies, including the New South Wales Police Service, Departments of Education and Training, Juvenile Justice, Sport and Recreation as well as Gosford City Council and the local community.

Also given a special mention were:

Mayor Chris Holstein and all councillors, together with council officers who were involved in the project. Gosford Council has spent \$1.35 million on the club.

Sargeant Steve Lawley, PCYC club president and manager of Woy Woy Police Station, for his support.

Gwen Watkins - PCYC steering committee member, who was MC at the official opening on February 3.

**Media release, March 5**

# Apology

**In our story CAPS looks for new home in the last edition, we printed an incorrect**

**telephone number as a contact for the CAPS 24-hour counselling line.**

The correct number should read 4343 1911.

Peninsula News apologises for any inconvenience caused.

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## Appropriate dune care needed

In response to vandalism of the sensitive coastal beach dunes of the Woy Woy Peninsula (Peninsula News, February 13), I think Mayor Holstein's actions demonstrate not only passion and direction, but reflect state environmental legislation and local government strategic planning issues.

On the other hand, Cr Debra Wales' input into the issue seems to lack ecological and economic insight.

Cr Wales, in attempting to endorse the removal of native vegetation from the dune reserves, disregards a major decline in the dune ecosystem and disrespects

State environmental planning legislation in place to manage and protect the area.

Cr Wales' comments, that tea trees or banksia were unnecessary to dune stability and that low shrub and grasses were adequate, are probably unfounded.

Native shrubs and trees on foredunes provide an aerodynamic cover that deflects salt-laden winds over dunes.

This minimises dune blowouts and reduces sand drift which is costly to control (R.Carolin et al.).

When considering the appropriate long-term environmental management of the dune system - protection of biodiversity, animal habitat and food sources, possible population decline, isolated and locally-

threatened species and many complex interactions, ecological knowledge must be taken into account when studying or assessing the area.

Inappropriate management of the dunes can be a threat to the dune eco-system (H. Webb, NSW NCC).

Woy Woy Peninsula Dunecare Group will be permanently working the Peninsula's dunes under Gosford City Council's Bushcare program.

The community group consists of appropriately trained community group members and supported by Coastcare.

Community environmental awareness and input is a major key to sustainable long-term environmental management.

Tony Whitehead, Woy Woy

## Consultation wanted over dog ban

If Gosford Council succeeds in its ill-considered proposal to ban dogs from the southern end of Umina Beach, in favour of a new exercise area at Ettalong, it will effectively alienate both the dog community in Umina and the fishing community in Ettalong.

Have either of these communities been consulted on this proposal?

I would like to know how the fisher people feel about the prospect of being invaded by unleashed dogs 24 hours a day!

I do not own a dog, but consider myself a "member" of the very

responsible Umina dog community, deriving a great deal of pleasure from my early morning interactions with the dogs and their owners.

It both frustrates and saddens me to think of this community being decimated if dogs are to be banned here before 9am.

I fear the resulting disruption to the Ettalong fisher people with the arrival of the dogs and their owners will inevitably cause friction between the two groups as each one attempts to justify its very reasonable existing life style.

Fishing and dog exercising are surely mutually exclusive activities!

A Council will be to blame for this situation not the affected communities.

Our society has lost far too many of its small viable communities (eg rural football clubs) due to the prevailing philosophy of user pays, excessive profits and "bigger is better" as we become increasingly swallowed up by corporate interests.

As pointed out by your correspondents and the people at the meeting at Avoca on Sunday, people feel Council would be well advised to concentrate on its responsibilities to all beach users, as spelt out in the Animal Companions Act, instead of trying to duck those responsibilities by adopting the easier and cheaper option of penalising the responsible for the bad behaviour of the few

Bunty Oldmeadow, Woy Woy

## Community Forum

Letters to the editor are welcomed and should be addressed to Peninsula News, PO Box 532, Woy Woy 2256. Contributions in Word format sent via e-mail [topennews@worldpacific.com.au](mailto:topennews@worldpacific.com.au) or on disk save us having to retype them.

## Animal policies get looked over

**Two major issues relating to companion animals have been in the news recently: dogs at the pound and dogs on beaches.**

Council determined to establish an advisory committee to advise on matters pertaining to the pound, that it continue with community consultation on its draft companion animals policy currently on exhibition, and it establish an advisory committee on Companion Animal Legislation with a report to Council in due course.

### Vegetation clearing

The Mayor left the Chamber prior to discussion of this item.

Council endorsed the intention of the Mayor to highlight the problem of vegetation clearance.

It determined to commence immediately re-vegetation of the affected sites and to set up and encourage public participation in the development of a Dune Care group, a Bush Regeneration Plan and a long term Strategic Management Plan.

**The Vote:** For: Cs Preece, Doyle, Bockholt, Bell

**Against:** Crs Penton, Wales, Sansom

### Supershuttle Ferries

Council determined that as the additional information required by Council had not been received that Council terminate the appointment of Streamliner Supershuttle Ferries Pty Ltd. as the nominated developer for the Gosford Marina.

### Vehicular Access

Consideration of providing vehicular access to Lots 43, 44, 45 Monastir Road, Horsfield Bay, was deferred to allow a site inspection.

### Woy Woy Library

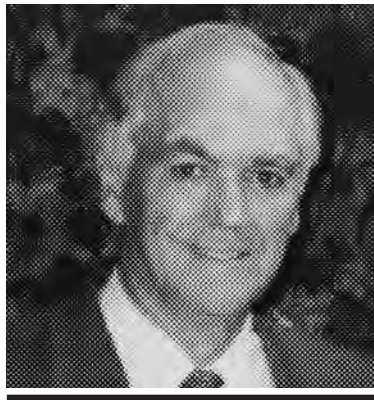
An amount of \$300,000 will be transferred "as a loan" from funds allocated for the building of a Kincumber Branch Library to fund extensions to the Woy Woy Library.

### Swimming Pools

It was agreed that Council take over the management of the Gosford and Woy Woy swimming pools when the current leases expire in April.

### Parking - Railway St

Recommended that no action be taken to change the present parking situation on the western side of Railway Street adjacent to the Railway Car Park.



## Council Matters with John Oakley

### The Esplanade

Council heard of the need for safety regarding speeding and illegal parking.

Statistics provided to Council included: Southbound (speed limit 50 km/h): 85th percentile speed 65 km/h, percent speeding 76.45%, maximum speed 126 km/h.

Northbound (speed limit 50 km/h): 85th percentile speed 54 km/h, percent speeding 31.8%, maximum speed 101 km/h.

### Kayaking - Ettalong

A proposal to approve the rezoning of land in Broken Bay Road, Ettalong, to allow the

establishment of a kayaking operational base was approved.

The rezoning only allows the use of the land as a kayaking base. No other uses were permitted.

### Rezoning at Kariong

**Council has granted approval** for the preparation of a draft local environmental plan to rezone to 7 (a) Conservation, land at Bambara Road and Rees Street, Kariong, that is currently zoned as 7(b).

The 7(b) zoning would have permitted a number of land uses that could result in significant land disturbance such as caravan parks, clubs, extractive industries, hotels.

A 7(a) Conservation zoning will ensure that only development that is compatible with the surrounding environment (Le. national park) takes place.

John Oakley, March

## Peninsula Small Business Stormwater Education Workshop

Gosford City Council, in conjunction with the Central Coast Waste Board and the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, is conducting a workshop on stormwater issues.

Stormwater pollution is a major problem that affects every business in Gosford.

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# Correa Bay Water Quality study

Recommendations of the water quality Study prepared by the communitybased Correa Bay Water Quality Management Committee have finally been placed before a Gosford Council meeting.

The study was originally presented by the committee in November. Since then the Council's own Coastal Planning (CLP) Committee has referred the report to a

subcommittee for review, before making its own recommendations to the full council meeting.

At its -meeting on March 6, the council was told of the study recommendations, findings of the review and the CLP Committee recommendations, as well as the response of the Department of Land and Water Conservation which was named as one of the responsible parties in the study.



## Extensive works recommended

The Correa Bay water quality report has recommended "extensive" works be carried out on the Bull's Hill quarry, Gosford Council has been told.

The report was presented to Gosford Council in December following an investigation that was conducted by the community-based Correa Bay Water Quality Management Committee but its recommendations were only revealed last week.

It recommended that the Department for Land and Water Conservation (DLWC) be asked to install sediment traps at its Bull's Hill quarry site and extensively rehabilitate and revegetate the area.

It wanted the entire area

landscaped including "the illegally quarried buffer zone and that part of the National Park illegally quarried" and "establish a passive recreation area to complement the surrounding National Park".

It also recommended that the department carry out extensive dredging in Correa Bay to return the bay to its former depth and that it develop large scale sediment traps in the lower reaches of Woy Woy Creek.

The report also recommended that the former owners of Robson's Quarry at South Woy Woy be requested to share the cost of dredging.

The committee recommended legal action be taken "as necessary to have the parties meet their obligations under the various environmental laws".

It recommended that Gosford Council take legal action against the department, Robsons and the Environmental Protection Authority.

Other recommendations of the committee included that Council put measures in place to prevent suspended particles leaving the tip, investigate allegations of unauthorised material from Homebush Bay being dumped at the tip and that Council put siltation traps in Everglades Creek.

The committee asked that a water testing program continue in Correa Bay and that the Correa Bay Water Quality Management Committee be given permanent status.

It also asked that the report be released to the public.

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## Department to spend bond

The Department of Land and Water Conservation (DLWC) has responded to the Correa Bay water quality report by advising Gosford Council it will spend a \$30,000 security bond it holds.

The bond from the previous lessee of the land would be spent on "immediate and long-term site stabilisation to minimise any further sediment entering Woy Woy Creek".

The department planned to construct a new spillway for the main dam on the property, to lower

the water level of the dam and to stabilise disturbed areas using native vegetation.

A report to the council stated: "The department acknowledges the on-going responsibility for continuing maintenance of the site."

However, the department stated it was impractical to install large-scale sediment traps in the lower reaches of Woy Woy Creek.

Instead, it suggested removal of stock and revegetation of the creek bank by the owner of the adjacent land at that point.

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## Work estimated at \$400,000

Work recommended in the Correa Bay water quality report would cost a minimum of \$400,000, according to the review of the report by the Coastal Planning Committee of Gosford Council.

"A comprehensive study and environmental impact statement (EIS) may cost in the order of \$100,000.

"If the EIS determined that dredging was appropriate, it is anticipated that dredging costs

may exceed \$300,000." The review disputed the extent of sedimentation of the bay within the last 10 years, when the responsibility for Bull's Hill quarry maintenance has been that of the Department of Land and Water Conservation.

"There is no clear evidence that large-scale sedimentation has occurred in recent years.

"It is believed that reworking of the sediment fan existing in Correa Bay is more than likely responsible for the reduction of water depth

experienced by some properties.

"The review also questioned the recommendation of the report that the dredged silt be used to fill dams at Bull's Hill quarry.

"Existing dams are charged by groundwater.

"The issue of where the dredged material should be located should be subject to further investigations.

"Placing the dredged material into the area known as Bull's Hill Quarry would be premature."

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## CLP committee endorses DLWC

Gosford Council's Coastal Planning (CLP) Committee has endorsed the response of the Department of Land and Water Conservation (DLWC) to the Correa Bay water quality report and recommended "Council not commence any legal proceedings".

It recommended an approach to

the Minister to fund an investigation and possible dredging of Correa Bay - "as its responsibility for administration of the Crown Lands within the Correa Bay water catchment and not as part of the Coastal and Estuary Management Programs".

The CLP Committee did not support the continuation of the Correa Bay Water Quality Management Committee, which

submitted the report.

It opposed releasing the entire text of the report claiming "parts of the report contain...

both spurious and defamatory information".

The CLP Committee recommended the release of the report only "once modified in line with advice from DLWC and Council's legal departments".

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Computer generated map of the Peninsula

## Geographer wins research award

**A Woy Woy geographer has won the inaugural Open Windows "Peninsula Research" competition.**

Mr Wieland Kunzel submitted an easy-to-use geographic computer program, which produced maps of the Peninsula.

Wieland said he wrote the program because of his desire to make geographical tools available to the community.

His program, GosfordGIS (geographic information system), covers the whole Gosford local government area.

It allows the user to configure the map to suit his own needs - turning a range of features on or off as required.

The features include roads, contours and allotments.

It allows names to be displayed

for a variety of features such as suburbs, vegetation type and community asset.

The program also incorporates aerial photographs and a three-dimensional model of the landscape.

Wieland has placed the software "in the public domain" and is encouraging schools and community groups to make use of it for educational and research purposes.

Proprietor of Open Windows Computer Consultancy, Mr Mark Snell, congratulated Wieland Kunzel on his achievement.

Mr Snell said he was pleased and impressed by the quality of the winning entry.

The competition was designed to encourage research into the Peninsula.

"Very little detailed information is available specifically about the Peninsula. We are usually lumped in with Gosford, which in many respects is different from us.

"The result is that we know very little about our community, and consequently that important decisions about our future are often based on questionable assumptions.

"Even where information is available, it frequently is not accessible to the community."

It was a condition of the competition that research results be made available for publication and distribution throughout the community.

Mr Snell said that, because of the success of the competition, he planned to run it on a regular basis.

**Press release, March 7**

**Winner Wieland explains**

## Making geographic information accessible

**The development of GosfordGIS started in October 1999, when I came into contact with the Rural Fire Service and the National Parks and Wildlife Service.**

They were working on the Bush Fire Risk Management Plan for the Gosford and Woy Woy areas (Gosford LGA).

They had used professional mapping software to prepare this plan, and the initial idea was for me to take this work further, as part of a research masters thesis in geography I am preparing at the University of Sydney.

I am a geographer and social anthropologist by training, but had spent the last seven years working in agriculture and forestry aid projects in the South Pacific.

During my work there I had often thought that desktop mapping applications - called GIS - could be useful in many situations, provided they are simple enough to use.

The aim of my research project at Sydney Uni was to see how this could be done.

GIS (Geographic Information Systems), by the way, are the combination of maps and related databases in a computer environment, together with a user interface.

It is possible to 'point' to a certain item on the map and see the information connected to it, but it is also possible to make a data query and use the result to change the map (for example: find all wetlands in Woy Woy and colour them dark green).

These GIS systems are quite complicated, and my interest soon turned to the question how the available information for our area could be made accessible to the average computer user.

My definition of the 'average' user is someone who has some background knowledge in MS Office, but no interest to learn any extra software skills just to work with maps, 3D models or air photos.

The aim was to create a program that could be used by such an 'average' user after

about 15 min of practice, while still containing all the available information on boundaries, water courses, wetlands (etc. - you have seen the program) in the Gosford area.

It is interesting, by the way, that a modern computer "out of the box" is able to manipulate text, data, graphics, music, video, almost anything, but not maps and air photos except at the most basic level.

GosfordGIS tries to expand the limits in this area.

The program was written by me in VisualBasic, but also includes some ready-made building blocks that would be far too complicated to program otherwise.

Some of these, like data compression routines, are publicly available on the internet.

A lot of the specialised mapping functionality was kindly provided in demo form by a company called ESRI, which produces professional GIS software.

ESRI's Sydney office also has general resource kits for schools, which are well worth exploring.

GosfordGIS should be useful for schools and community groups which want to learn more about the geography and ecology of our local environment, or wish to use the printouts for further project work.

It is a completely non-commercial product, to which many individuals and institutions have contributed. I wish to acknowledge these contributions, as without them the program could not have been written.

I am currently in the process of leaving the Peninsula, and will soon be in the Dominican Republic where both myself and my wife will again work in aid projects.

She (her name is Shoko Saito and she is from Japan) will work with the Ministry of Health, while I will attempt to use GIS in order to support natural resource planning at the local level.

Expect to see a relative of GosfordGIS, in Spanish, in the Caribbean soon.

We are looking forward to return to Woy Woy in two years time.

**Wieland Kunzel, Woy Woy**

### Army tales

## Snow in Dubbo

**While camped at Dubbo in 1941, and training with the 9th Pioneer Battalion, I met up with a whole bunch of new friends, one of them being Geoff Turner, whose parents had just moved to Victoria.**

As I was a Melbourne boy, we had a few things in common.

When it came time for Final Leave, we found just the two of us travelling together to Melbourne.

We left Dubbo at night and changed trains.

at Blayney then on to Albury where, due to the different rail gauges in each state.

we had to change trains again.

We had to wait some time as the 1 st Division train, The Spirit of Progress, was at the platform before our train, the 2nd Division, which made more stops and was

much slower than the 1 st Division.

The Spirit was a VIP train and out of bounds to all ORS like myself.

However, seeing that we did not have much time, I thought we should catch the Spirit to get home a few hours earlier.

The trick was to get onto the train unobserved.

'We were in uniform and stuck out a bit, loitering near the Spirit.

The time arrived and I told Geoff to follow me, so we ducked into a fairly empty carriage and clambered into the gents' toilets.

With all our gear, it was a bit crowded.

We sweated it out until the train pulled away from Albury, and we passed through Wodonga Station.

Geoff and I then found a seat.

In due time the conductor appeared, sticking his head

through the door.

He blessed us a few times and mumbled something about a dead black cat, saying "What am I going to do with you blokes?" We showed him our leave passes and rail warrants and told him we were on Final Leave and had no time to waste with only a few days off.

He was a good bloke, and said if we kept out of sight and behaved ourselves we could get off at Spencer Street Station without being seen by the Provost Corps.

When we arrived at Spencer Street, it was only a matter of kit bag over fence into the car park with us very close behind.

I met up with Geoff a couple of weeks later at Dubbo.

It has been a little adventure we talk about every so often, and this is a true story - you ask Geoff.

**Snow Dicker, December 13**

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Gary and Robyn Russell of Go-Vita Health and Nutrition Centre, Woy Woy, have finally "come of age".

having served the Peninsula for 21 years.

Gary originally opened for business as the Health Stop in the Regional Arcade on the Boulevard near the Woy Woy Newsagent, the only remaining Original retailer in the arcade.

"At ' that time, there was no Deepwater Plaza and the Peninsula Plaza had only just opened so most of the retail business took place in the Woy Woy main street shopping centre", Gary recalled.

"The size of the residential area was about the same as now, but the population is much larger now as there were no units or villas and a large number of holiday homes sat empty most of the time." In

# GO-VITA

1982, the business moved to 73 Blackwall Road, opposite Peninsula Plaza, reflecting the movement of customers to a different part of the CBD.

Health Stop remained there for nine years before moving into Peninsula Plaza in 1991.

The business was severely disrupted on February 8, 1993, when a fire destroyed Peninsula Plaza.

Luckily, the business was insured and due to a severe shortage of vacant shops in Woy Woy, they relocated to Umina.

The business re-established itself in Peninsula Plaza in July 1994 and has remained there

since then while the retail outlet in West Street, Umina, was sold in 1995 and continues to trade as a separate health food store.

The ' currently stocks over 4500 items, a range more than 10 times greater than 20 years ago.

Although now part of the GoVita group, the business remains independently owned and employs four staff, Lynne Wilson, Nicola Bradley, Tracey Wheatland and Erika Patricks, all of whom have a strong interest in natural therapies, according to Gary.

Lynne Wilson is a qualified homeopath and Nicola Bradley is training to become a naturopath.

Cec Bucello, March 9

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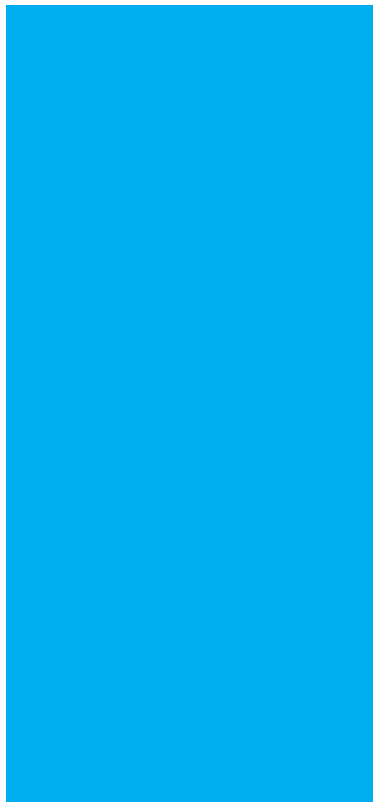
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## Dunecare group to start work

Woy Woy Peninsula Dunecare Group will start working the Peninsula dunes on Saturday, March 31.

Mayor Chris Holstein and representatives from CoastCare and Gosford Councils Natural Area's section will be there to support the local community

environmental group, The group will meet on the Esplanade at Ocean Beach, opposite Barrenjoey Rd at 9am.

Press release, March 7

## Killcare fire station gets relocation

The Killcare Rural Fire Station is to be relocated to an alternative site after engineering investigations have found it would be too costly to renovate the current station.

To comply with the Building Code of Australia, the current station would need external masonry walls and its concrete slab underpinned with pile foundations.

Gosford Council decided the station would be moved to a 24ha block of land on Maitland Bay Dr, Killcare.

The council also proposed to amalgamate the Empire Bay Brigade with the Killcare Brigade at its new location, as the Empire Bay station was also expected to need an upgrade soon.

The proposed station would be 16m by 16 m, consisting of three bays and a concrete-asphalt driveway measuring approximately 16m by 8m.

It was also proposed that a 30m radio tower be erected on the site in the future to enhance the bushfire radio network and the paging system.

The cost of the new three bay

station was estimated at between \$190,000 and \$200,000 To fund the project, the council decided to sell the existing Killcare station which had an estimated value of \$160,000.

Other funds would come from an allocation of \$80,000 from the NSW Rural Fire Fighting Fund and \$10,000 from budgeted recurrent funding.

The surplus would meet costs of rezoning the land at the existing property and establishing operations at the new station.

Council agenda, March 7

**March 23 at 8.30 pm**

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The Centenary of Federation marks an occasion that allows Australians to think of the first 100 years of our nation and our achievements and mistakes.

Journalists Carl Spears and Amanda Jackson took the opportunity 'to select some of our local history recorded by local newspapers over the century for the month of March.

**Gosford Times, March 8, 1901.**

The Woy Woy rail Stationmaster announced, fruit growers and others who carried goods in transit could no longer do so after 5pm on weekdays or after midday on Saturday.

Local resident Mr J. Rea set a challenge for other Peninsula fisherman when he caught a Flathead fish in Woy Woy.

The fish measured in at three foot and three inches and was caught on a 12 pound line.

**Gosford Times, March 3, 1921.**

Woy Woy held two successful events which were two of the biggest of their time The Roman Catholic Church held a Bazaar and raised 200 pounds to add to their funds while at the other end of Woy Woy a large Banquet was held for excouncillor John Bourke.

JP An excess of 60 representatives from Woy Woy attended the banquet where Mr Bourke was recognised for his worth as a citizen and a councillor

**Gosford Times, March 5, 1931.**

A temporary vehicular ferry

## Centenary of Federation

# Fruit banned on trains after 5pm and Saturdays

service was put into operation between Koo/ewong and Woy Woy.

The ferry began operations as it was decided a bridge or a road should be constructed along the waterfront to adjoin Woy Woy and Koolewong, allowing motor car access.

An estimated cost of 2000 pounds was proposed for the project.

A new Shire Council Chambers also opened in Woy Woy at a cost of 1845 pounds, the building was described as most attractive in appearance and a decided asset to the town.

**Gosford Times, March 8, 1941.**

A Peninsula resident who was caught speeding was fined three pounds for driving at 48 miles per hour.

The 'Woy Woy branch of the ALP prepared and submitted a motion at the Easter conference of the Labour party urging the State Government to abandon its policy on amalgamations of local Government This was a move to secure the return of the Woy Woy Shire Woy Woy Herald

**March 3, 1971**

Woy Woy man Rick Potts was bitten by a blue ringed octopus in Woy Woy Channel and rushed to Gosford Hospital.

He survived.

Thousands of nippers converged on Umina Beach for the State Juvenile Surf Lifesaving titles.

An estimated crowd of about 12,000 witnessed the Governor of NSW, Sir Roden Cutler, open the championships.

The Newcastle Flyer almost ploughs into a derailed goods train near Koolewong station.

A railway guard put detonators along a 500 yard section of the track and waved a red flag to stop the fully-laden Flyer.

**March 24, 1971**

The Presbyterian and Methodist Churches propose to build a combined church on Ocean Beach Rd and Neptune St.

Umina The building was estimated to cost \$52,000.

**March 31, 1971**

The Umina and District Teenage Club held a barbecue at Mr Wayne Ingram's home.

Gosford Star March 4, 1981

Former licensee of Bayview Hotel.

Mr Wolodymyr Krysko, is ordered to pay back \$57,000 he stole from the hotel in \$150 fortnightly instalments.

A plan to direct some of the profits from Lotto to build a full casualty section at Woy Woy-Hospital was refused by Premier Neville Wran.

**March 11, 1981**

Woy Woy Peninsula Community Group was concerned that there was no positive action to increase police numbers at Woy Woy station to enable it to stay open 24 hours a day.

Publicity officer, Joan Fenton, said the group wanted new members.

**March 18, 1981**

Alderman Keith Whitfield attacked Aid Kim Margin over his attitude to the Heritage Council orders on old buildings in Woy Woy.

Ald Home suggested Aid Whitfield should seek election in Wyong after Aid Whitfield suggested they take up a few ideas he had gleaned from Wyong.

Aid Whitfield suggested Aid Home should live in Sydney if he did not go along with ideas of conservation Ald Home suggested

he might if Aid Whitfield continued to live on the Coast.

A three-bedroom house with in-ground pool, carport, close to shops, water and transport was for sale for \$66,000.

**March 12, 1991**

Woy Woy rail station platform was extended to cater for 10 carriage intercity trains "now running".

Canopies and windbreaks were also installed in the \$1 million upgrade of the "historic station".

Empire Bay and Pretty Beach Public Schools are some of the first Central Coast schools to get fax machines, Gosford Library, local history section

***The Gosford City Library has a policy of collecting and making accessible any information concerned with ti,e geography, history and development of ti,e Gosford Local Area.***

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# What's on in and around the Peninsula

## Compiled by Cec Bucello

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, 3pm Pelican Park, Fishennans Wharf.

Brisbane Water Bridge Club Monday and Friday at 12.30pm, & Wednesday 9.30am at Ocean Beach Surf Club, Umina. Also on Saturday 12.30pm, Woy Woy Leagues Club. Enq: 4341 0721

### WEEKLY EVENTS

#### EVERY FRIDAY

Woy Woy Leagues Club, free entertainment, Players Lounge 7pm.

Men's 18 hole Golf event, Everglades Country Club.

Active over 50s classes, Aquafitness, Woy Woy Pool, 10.00am. Enq: 4349 4800

Ettalong Senior Citizens Club activities: Linedancing- 9am; Bridge- 12noon; Painting- 9am Enq: 4341 3222.

#### EVERY SATURDAY

Free bike tours every Saturday. 2pm Ettalong Bike Shop, your bike or hire a bike. All fitness levels catered for. Enq:4341 3906 Cash Housie St Mary's Hall, Ocean View Rd Ettalong 7.30pm. Free Tea and Coffee. Cash Prizes. Enq: 4369 0626.

Social Bingo Progress Hall, Woy Woy Rd at 12 noon Cabaret dance & floor show, 8pm free, Everglades Country Club, Dunban Road, Woy Woy

Evolution Nightclub, Ettalong Beach Memorial Club 10pm.

Classic Night Spot - over 30's, free 9pm, Live band plus Dj, Woy Woy Leagues Club

Men's 18 hole golf event; Men's triples bowls 1 pm; Everglades Country Club.

Old Time Dancing; 1 pm, Ettalong Beach Memorial Club, Enq: 4341 2156

Country Line Dancing beginners, 10am, \$5 Peninsula Community Centre, Enq: 4965 7800

#### EVERY SUNDAY

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

Free Jazz or duos 4pm, Players Lounge, Woy Woy Leagues Club.

Mixed and men's 18 hole golf; men's bowls pairs-9.30am; mixed triples bowls-1pm; Everglades Country Club.

#### EVERY MONDAY

Ettalong/Umina Lions Bingo 10.30am Ettalong War Memorial Club Entertainment Centre. Cash Prizes. Enq: 4342 1352.

Outreach Crisis Recovery Group 7.30pm Rear Hall, Anglican Church 151 Blackwall Rd Woy Woy. Addiction, dependency & crisis help. Enq: Bill 4368 357.

Fairhaven Services Cash

Housie 7.30pm Umina Bowling Club. Enq: 4325 3608.

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

Mah Jong Pearl Beach Progress Hall, 3pm Enq: 4341 1243 Active over 50s classes, Aquafitness, Woy Woy Pool, 1.30pm. Enq: 4349 4800 Gentle Exercise, Ettalong Fitness City, 10.30am & 11.30am, Enq: 4341 3370; Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre, 1pm, Enq: 4341 3222. Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre activities; Dancing-9am; Indoor Bowls-9am Mahjong-1 pm; Enq: 4341 3222.

Boxing/fitness training, 3.45pm-U14, 5.30pm-14yrs+, PCYC, Enq: 4344 7851

#### EVERY TUESDAY

Free bingo, Woy Woy Leagues Club. 11am. Ettalong Pelicans Masters Swimming Club Woy Woy Indoor Heated Pool, 7.45pm Enq: 4360 1220

Ladies golf, 18 hole stableford, 8am; Ladies outdoor bowls, 9.30am; Everglades Country Club.

Active over 50s classes, Gentle Exercise, Ettalong Fitness City, 8.00am, Enq: 4341 3370.

Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre activities; Ladies Indoor Bowls-9am; Handicraft-9am; Cards-12.30pm; Tai Chi-9am. Enq: 4341 3222.

Have-a-chat meeting 10am, Discussion Group, 11am, Rumikin or cards, 1pm, School for Seniors, Peninsula Community Centre. Enq: 4341 9333, Judo, Seniors/ Women, 6.30pm \$3 Enq: 4342 4121.

#### EVERY WEDNESDAY

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

Peninsula Choir rehearse 7.30pm St Andrews Hall Umina.

Pearl Beach Play Group 10am Pearl Beach Progress Hall Enq: 4342 7182

Brisbane Waters Scrabble Club, CWA Hall, Woy Woy. Enq: 4341 8734

Men's 18 hole golf event; Men's triples bowls, 1pm. Everglades Country Club.

Active over 50s classes, Gentle Exercise, Ettalong Fitness City, 8.00am, Enq: 4341 3370, Ettalong Progress Hall, 9am, Enq: 4385 2080; Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre, 1pm. Enq: 4341 3222; Woy Woy Bowling Club, 10am, Enq: 4341 7598.

Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre activities; Indoor Bowls-9am; Leatherwork-9am; Table Tennis-9am; Bridge- 12noon. Enq: 4341 3222.

Darts competition, Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club, 7pm. Enq: 4341 0087

Oil Painting, 9am Multi-craft needlework 1 0am, School for Seniors, Peninsula Community Centre, Enq: 4341 9333

Ladies BJP School of Physical Culture, 8.30pm, \$3.50, Peninsula Community Centre, Enq: 4342 3747.

Boxing/fitness training, 3.45pm-U14, 5.30pm-14yrs+, PCYC, Enq: 4344 7851

#### EVERY THURSDAY

Scrabble 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, 9.30am Enq: 4341 1243

Ettalong Pelicans Masters Swimming Club Woy Woy Indoor Heated Pool, 7.45pm Enq: 4360 1220 Free morning brunch, 11 am, Woy Woy Leagues Club.

Ladies 18 hole golf event; Everglades Country Club.

Active over 50s classes, Ballroom Dancing, 10.00am. Ettalong Beach Bowling Club Enq: 4340 1057, Gentle Exercise, Ettalong Fitness City, 10.30am & 12 noon, Enq: 4341 3370.

Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre Activities; Dancing-9am; Indoor Bowls-9am; Table Tennis-12.30pm; Fabric Painting-9am; Cards- 12noon. Enq: 4341 3222 Australian, 10.30am, School for seniors, Peninsula Community Centre, Enq: 4341 9333, Judo seniors/women \$3, 6.30pm, Enq: 4342 4121

Female BoxFit class, 9.30am, 6pm, Tae Kwon Do, PCYC, Enq: 4344 7851

### EVENT CALENDAR

#### Tuesday March 13

Ettalong Beach Toastmasters 7.30pm (2nd Tues). Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club. Enq: 4341 6842.

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

Stroke Recovery Group, 11.30am, (2nd Tues), Meals on Wheels Auditorium

#### Wednesday March 14

Intro to Reflexology, Womens Health Centre Enq: 4342 5905 Endeavour View Club Woy Woy Leagues Club, 10.30am (2nd Wed).

#### Thursday March 15

Public Education Day Clinic, (3rd Thur) Women's Health Centre, Area Health service, Enq: 4320 37 41

Library Bookmobile, Daleys Point, Peri don Village, 10.15am; Empire Bay Post Office, 11am; Bensville local shop, 11.30am.

Australian Bush Flower Essences, 1 0am, Womens Health Centre, Enq: 4342 5905

#### Friday March 16

Free movie, 8pm (3rd Fri), Everglades Country Club.

Ballroom supper dances, 7.30 pm, Ettalong, all ages. Professional teachers available. (3rd Fri) Enq: 4344 5432

Bush walk, School for Seniors, Peninsula Community Centre, Enq: 4341 9333

#### Saturday March 17

"Celebrating Australia" . Wagstaffe Hall, Pretty Beach/ Wagstaffe and District Progress Assoc. Family concert 2.30pm \$10 Evening concert 7.30pm \$15. Supper incl. Enq: 4360 1709.

#### Sunday March 18th

Red Cross door knock. Brisbane Water Caged Bird Society, 10am (3rd Sunday), Umina CWA Hall. Enq: Jan 4341 6842.

"Hymns that Live", Ettalong Baptist Church, 2.30pm Enq: 4332 8965

#### Monday March 19

Charity Golf Day, Everglades Golf Club, Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary. Enq: 4344 3229 NSW Transport Auth. Retired & Former Employees Assoc, Brisbane Water Branch, Ettalong Bowling Club, 2.30 pm (3rd Mon) Enq: 4344 4617

#### Tuesday March 20

Arthritis Foundation, Woy Woy Branch 10am (3rd Tues), Meals On Wheels Hall, Enq: 4342 1790.

#### Wednesday March 21

Library Bookmobile, Patonga Community Hall, 9.45am; Peart Beach Community Hall, 10.55am; Umina Nursing Home, Arras Ave., 11.40am.

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

Ettalong Beach Arts & Crafts market, Ettalong 9am (3rd Wed).

Bays Progress Assoc., Bays Hall, Woy Woy Bay Rd. 7.30pm (3rd Wed) Enq: 4341 1070.

Regional swimming carnival Magnetic Healing, Womens Health Centre, 10am, Enq: 4342 5905

#### Thursday March 22

Meditation and Reiki, Women's Health Centre, (4th Thur), \$5, Tai Chi 10am Enq: 4342 5905

#### Friday March 23

PUMP Dance Party, 7pm, U18s, PCYC, Enq: 4344 7851.

#### Saturday March 24

Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary Fete, 8.30am, Woy Woy Hospital.

Ettalong Beach Arts & Crafts Centre Workshop in 'Watercolour' 9.30am. Enq: 4341 3427

Ballroom supper dances, 7.30 pm, Ettalong, all ages. Professional teachers avail. (4th Sat) Enq: 4344 5432

#### Sunday March 25

Easter Carnival, Woy Woy Lions Park, 11 am, Ettymalong Creek Landcare group (4th Sun) for bush regeneration. 8am

Masonic Lodge, Woy Woy 381 Umina Community Hall, 11 am (4th Sun)

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

- Dancing- Old Time/New Vogue, 1pm, (4th Sun) Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre, Enq: 4341 3222.

Garage Sale, 1st Woy Woy Sea Scouts, Scout Hall, 8am, Lions Park.

#### Monday March 26

Woy Woy Deepwater View Club luncheon (4th Mon). 11am Woy Woy Leagues Club.

Woy Woy Branch Business & Professional Woman- -dinner meeting (Last Mon) Enq: 4341 1844

Labor Party Peninsula Day Branch, 1pm, (4th Mon) CWA Hall, Woy Woy.

Carer's Support Group, 10am, (4th Mon) Group room, Health Services Building, Woy Woy Hospital. Enq: 4344 8427

#### Tuesday March 27

Library Bookmobile, Killcare, Cnr Scenic Rd & Beach Dr, 10.35am; Wagstaffe Hall, 11am.

Madness & Melodies, Ettalong Beach Memorial Club, 10.30am. (4th Tues)

Ettalong Beach Toastmasters 7.30pm (4th Tues). Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club. Enq: 4341 6842.

Pearl Beach Craft Group, 1.30pm, Progress Hall (4th Tues)

.Enq: 4342 1459

Parents & Junior Sport course, 7pm, \$5, Umina Beach PCYC, Enq: 131 302

#### Wednesday March 28

Umina Progress Association Umina Community Hall. 1.30pm (last Wed)

#### Thursday March 29

Library Bookmobile, Daleys Point, Peridon Village, 10.15am; Empire Bay Post Office, 11am; Bensville local shop, 11.30am. Hand Massage, 10am, Women's Health Centre, Enq: 4342 5905

#### Friday March 30

Woy Woy Civilian Widows 1 pm Ettalong Senior Citizens Club (last Fri) Air Hockey Comp., U18s, PCYC, Enq: 4344 7851 .

#### Saturday March 31

Peninsula Dunecare Group, 9am, Cnr Esplanade & Barrenjoey Rd. Enq: 4342 7849

Jive and Jitterbug Club, free, 8pm, Ettalong Beach Memorial Club.

Woy Woy Environment centre Get Together, 2pm

#### Sunday April 1

Blackwall Mountain Bushcare Group. 9am banner at base of mountain.(1st Sun). Enq: 4342 7849.

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

#### Wednesday April 4

Library Bookmobile, Patonga Community Hall, 9.45am; Peart Beach Community Hall, 10.55am; Umina Nursing Home, Arras Ave., 11 .40am. Seniors' shopping day, Deepwater Plaza (1st Wed).

Centrelink-women's benefits, 9.30am, Womens Health Centre, Enq: 4342 5905

#### Thursday April 5

South Woy Woy Progress Assoc. (1st Thur) 7pm. Progress Hall, Woy Woy Road.

#### Friday April 6

The Troubadour Folk and Acoustic Music Club, CWA Hall Woy Woy presents "Fluffystumps", 8pm \$7 incl supper. Enq: 4341 4060

Free first release movie, 8pm (1st Fri) Everglades Country Club

Woy Woy Older Women's Network 10.15 am (1 st Fri) Woy Woy Leagues Club. Enq: 4343 1079

Ballroom supper dances, 7.30 pm, Ettalong, all ages. Professiona teachers available. (1st Fri) Enq: 4344 5432

Bus trip, (1st Fri), School for Seniors, Peninsula Community Centre, Enq: 4341 9333.

Disco, U12s, 5pm, Pump Dance Party, U1Bs, 7pm, PCYC, Enq: 4344 7851.

#### Saturday April 7

National Malaysia Borneo Veterans Association 2.30pm Ettalong

Beach Memorial Club (1st Sat) Enq 4342 1216

Ettalong Beach Arts & Crafts Markets, Ettalong 9am (1st Sat) "Make your own Monster", Ettalong Arts & Crafts Centre, 10am, Enq: 4341 3427



## Arts and Entertainment



Scott Finch and Sally Croft, both of Woy Woy, married on February 10 this year. The ceremony and reception were held at Old Sydney Town. Photo courtesy Bowens Photographics

## Wagstaffe to celebrate Australia with concert

The Pretty Beach, Wagstaffe and District Progress Association will present a "concert by the bay" entitled **Celebrating Australia on Saturday, March 17, at the Wagstaffe Community Hall.**

Commemorating the centenary of Federation, entertainment will include song, poetry, drama, visual backdrops and audience participation. Performers will include the local children's Harmni Bush Band and the Pretty Beach School Choir led by Narelle Jones.

Local residents, soprano Emma Pratt and baritone Noel Melvin will sing, while vocalist Chris Dillon will be accompanied

by Clive Williams on guitar.

Bob Sennett will present Australian poems and stories.

The matinee performance, which includes light refreshments, commences at 2.30pm, with tickets \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

The evening performance, with supper included, starts at 7.30pm with tickets at \$15.

Afternoon and evening performances will differ.

All proceeds will go towards a piano for the Wagstaffe Hall.

Tickets are available from Robyn Warburton on 4360 1709 or Ann Dillon on 4360 1612.

Press release, February 27

## Theatre to hold shows

The Woy Woy Little Theatre has two productions planned for this year and is inviting those interested to book early to avoid disappointment.

In late May and early June, the Little Theatre will present *The Anniversary*, written by Bill Macilwraith, directed by Little Theatre stalwart, Barbara Hickey.

In September, the Little Theatre will present *It was a Dark and*

*Stormy Night*, written by Tim Kelly, directed by Pat Gilroy.

Tickets are \$15 with a concession of \$12 per adult and \$5 for children aged between five and 15.

Discounts apply for group bookings of 10 or more.

For more information on the plays or to book a ticket, telephone the Olympic Store in Blackwall Rd on 4341 4067.

Press release, March 2

## Activities through the week

Peninsula Community Centre conducts activities for adults and seniors throughout the week.

A beginners' line dancing class is held on Mondays at 10am and finishes at noon. The cost is \$5.

On Tuesdays, "School for Seniors", a leisure learning, friendship and support group for over-45s begins at 10am.

Judo is also on Tuesdays and Thursdays for women and seniors

from 6.30pm until 8pm at a cost of \$4.

For more information, contact Lindy Simmons on 4342 4121.

On Wednesday, the Community Centre has physical culture classes at 8.30pm or adult Jazz classes at the same time. For information, call Maureen on 4242 3747

Tap classes are held on Fridays. For information on Tap or Jazz, phone Angela Denman on 4342 1382 or 04180 470 104.

Brochure, March 7

## School for Seniors every day

The Peninsula Community Centre has many activities for residents over the age of 45 at its School for Seniors.

On Tuesdays, the group holds a "have a chat" meeting at 10am which allows members to make decisions for the group and arrange theatre parties and weekend outings throughout the year.

At 11am, there is a current affairs discussion group and at 1pm, after lunch, there is a fun afternoon with rumikin or cards.

The group has oil painting classes from 9am and a multi craft and needlework workshop from

10am on Wednesdays.

The group holds a discussion on the history of early Australia with a tutor in attendance starting at 10.30am on Thursdays.

There are bus trips on the first Friday of each month and bush walks on the third Friday of each month.

It is essential to book for Friday outings.

Participants in any of the activities must be community centre members for a small fee.

For more information, telephone 4341 9333.

School for Seniors pamphlet, March 6

## Pearl Beach book fair

The Pearl Beach Progress Association's 25th Annual Book Fair will be held on **Easter Saturday, April 14, from 10am to 5pm, at the Memorial Community Hall, 9 Diamond Road, Pearl Beach.**

All proceeds will go towards supporting progress association projects.

In addition to the sale of books, the fair features fine arts, white elephant stalls, plant stalls and raffles.

For further information contact Dorothy Hart on 4341 5053.

Press release, March 7

## Art workshop

A watercolour workshop with Marijke Greenway will be held on **March 24 at the Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre from 9.30am to 3.30pm.**

The cost of the workshop is \$50 for non-members of the centre and \$40 for members.

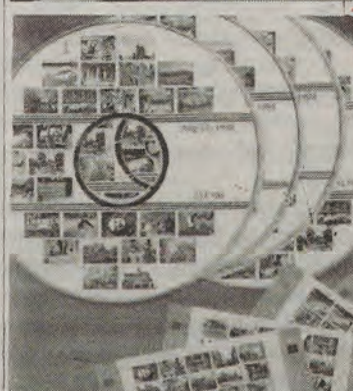
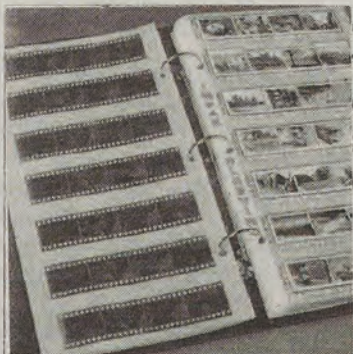
The centre will also hold a "Make your own monster" workshop for children aged eight to 13.

There will be two workshops held on April 7 and 14 from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

Cost is \$10 per day which includes supplies.

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## Education



# Ceremony for school captains

**Woy Woy High School held its induction ceremony for this year's school captains and student representative council late last month.**

The school captains inducted for the year were Holly Robertson

and Michael Roberts, while Lisa Francis and Martin Webster were inducted as vice-captains.

Members elected to the student representative council were Sarah Clifford, Carly Paterick, Dale Reeson, Ben Crowson, Kin Honan, Peter Moore, Kristy Shonberg,

Ardy Sudarso, Alison Wheatland, Ryan Carter, Paul Daley, Luke Holland, Jamey Irwin, Emma Williams, Laura Haddadi, James Phelps, Rachel Pratt, Lyndon Witchard, Lauren Brown and Max Harwood.

**Ceremony program, February 28**

## Umina Public School annual report

**Umina Public School has released its annual report for last year.**

The report said the school maintained a "quality learning focus with school structures, staffing and organisation supporting literacy, numeracy and technology".

"There is community recognition of the expertise the school has developed in the area of learning difficulties," the report said.

"Classes are organised on a stage rather than age basis."

The vision of the school is to work in partnership with parents and the wider community, to strive to develop all students so that they may achieve personal excellence, through a commitment to lifelong learning, effectively contributing to the well-being of society today and in the future.

The school enrolled 666 students at the beginning of the year.

The P&C and its subcommittees donated about \$30,000 to the school's budget throughout the year and the school has a council

which comprises parents, teachers and community representatives.

The school encouraged home-school partnerships through events such as trivia nights, bush dances and family barbecues.

The community had use of school facilities which raised about \$10,000 for the school.

Some of the groups included Tae Kwon Do, Karate, physical education, dance, church services and children's art classes.

The report said the school has a committed learning focus on the basics, but encouraged all students to participate in extra-curricula activities.

Major achievements in the arts included the boys' dance group of and girls' dance group performing in the Central Coast Dance Festival and Sydney North Dance Festival.

"Many students also entered a number of art competitions and participated in debating for the first time," the report said.

Major achievements in sport included 53 students competing at a zone level in athletics, with 17 competing at regional level and one student going on to state and Pacific Games level.

One student also attended cross-country championships at the national level.

The school had a total expenditure of \$383,997.

These figures do not cover permanent staff salaries, building programs or major maintenance.

Much of the money is also in tied and trust funds which is not available for general school use.

"Umina Public School has yet to expend around \$30,000 on key learning areas," the report said.

A survey of students,

parents and staff in the area of mathematics showed that students enjoyed working in groups to solve mathematical problems.

Parents said they thought numbers were more important than space or measurement areas of mathematical learning and teachers judged students as better with the number component.

Parents made particular reference to the importance of the times table.

Parents also wanted more homework for their children and more frequent feedback on their children's progress.

Parents also wanted to know the course content to enable them to assist their children.

With regard to Aboriginal studies, the curriculum focussed on ensuring "an enriched and honest presentation of Australia's history prior to and after the early British settlers".

The school also successfully applied for a grant to install a flagpole to fly the Aboriginal flag.

In the State basic skills test for literacy the school has seen an improvement of their year three students of two years ago who are now in year 5.

"For the first time overall results are above State average," the report said.

Numeracy results also showed an improvement with the school achieving over the State average.

The report said the school will continue to monitor student performance and improve in the areas of literacy, numeracy and use of technology during 2001.

**School annual report**

## Traineeships at Toyota

**Two year 10 students at Woy Woy High School have gained traineeships with Toyota, which will go towards their HSC assessment.**

Toyota announced their program linking their traineeship program with the Department of Education and Training in June this year.

Under the program, Tamara Gowans and Corey Gardiner will do a vocational education training course at TAFE, while continuing other subjects at Woy Woy High.

The pair will do their work placements at Brian Hilton Toyota and have part-time jobs with that company.

Tamara's traineeship is in business and administration and Corey's in automotive mechanics.

School principal Ms Carolyn Carter said that, at the end of year 12, Tamara and Corey will have completed a large part of their training and have full-time jobs with Brian Hilton.

"These part-time traineeships are a wonderful scheme for students who have a definite idea of what they would like to do for a career," Ms Carter said.

"Not only do students achieve their HSC, they also have relevant training and a job at the same time."

**Carl Spears**

## High schools to form a 'collegiate'

**The Minister for Education has announced that Woy Woy and Umina High Schools will be joining together to form a new school or "collegiate".**

This is based upon the consultation that occurred over late 1999 and early 2000.

The Central Coast Secondary Principals' Council had also recommended this action as a result of analysing the submissions that were lodged with the District Office in June 2000.

The schools in the north-eastern part of our District will also form a collegiate, The Entrance, Berkeley Vale Community and Tumby Umbi High Schools.

The principals have also recommended that all other Central Coast government schools form collegiates in five groupings overall over the next few years.

In announcing our collegiate, the Minister has allowed a further three months consultation period.

This is to enable the structure of the collegiate to be determined, particularly which years will receive their education on each site.

The Peninsula collegiate is the first one to have only two schools involved.

This together with the variation in the size of each site - Woy Woy can accommodate a little over 800 students and Umina can accommodate about 1100 - makes it different from other collegiates where three or four schools are involved.

It also enables us to determine what capital works and other major funding expenditures will be required to provide top class facilities at both sites.

Mr Pat Lewis, Principal of Umina High School, has been appointed the Project Officer for the consultation and Mr Gasper, Deputy Principal of Umina High School, will be the Relieving Principal at Umina in the meantime.

Mr Lewis has attended a Woy Woy High School P & C meeting and answered questions and provided information about the process.

He indicated that of the 11 submissions received from the Peninsula in June 2000, eight put forward the ideas of Years 7-10 and Years 11-12.

Only one submission requested the status quo.

There was a difficulty in establishing Year 5-8 schools immediately because of the different working conditions that existed for primary and secondary teachers.

However this was an issue that needed to be explored.

There was certainly a possibility that some arrangements or negotiations could be made to have some Year 6 teachers and students involved in middle school from the beginning.

The consultation period was to sort out what was the best combination.

The only students who will be affected in 2002 will be those who are currently in Years 10 and 6.

Just exactly which site these students will be going to for their further secondary education will be determined in the consultation phase.

It is therefore important that this decision is made as quickly as possible so that these students know where they stand.

The establishment of a collegiate has an enormous impact upon staff.

This has been recognised by the NSW Teacher's Federation and the Department of Education and Training reaching a memorandum of understanding on this issue.

This memorandum outlines the procedures to be set in place in relation to staff in the establishment of a collegiate.

Staff are assured that procedures will be followed so that their professional needs are met.

Any change brings sadness for what is lost.

It also brings new opportunities and excitement for what is gained.

It is up to all of us to celebrate the great schools over the past 40 years, and to save those things we have treasured in these.

It is also up to all of us to work together to create a new school which brings with it the opportunity to establish an educational institution that will provide a top-class education that better meets the needs of each student at each phase of his/her development.

**Carolyn Carter, Woy Woy High School**

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## Police patrol wanted

**Empire Bay Public School principal, Mr Gordon Fraser, said he will make a formal request for local police to patrol Empire Bay Drive because he claimed motorists were not heeding traffic rules and were placing**

**his students in danger.**

"There continues to be considerable danger posed to our children by motorists who refuse to obey the traffic signs and signals," he said.

"The P&C requested that I again approach the police and ask

that they patrol the area around the school.

"Last year, when a similar request was made, a significant number of motorists were booked but if this is what it takes to ensure the safety of our children then so be it."

School newsletter, March 1

## Absences below state average at Woy Woy PS

**Last year, Woy Woy Public School had an enrolment of 489 and absences over the year were below the state and district averages.**

These were among figures provided in the school's recently-released annual report.

The school had 58 new students throughout the year, which equated to a 15 per cent change to the enrolment.

Many of the new students came from transient backgrounds and the report said that a result of this was that many new students had learning and behaviour problems which required special attention and resources.

Of 61 students attending Year 5, only 44 attended the school the previous year.

"The school P&C continued to function outstandingly, providing much-needed financial support for the students," the report said.

Various community groups used the school's facilities over the year.

The school hall was used by Woy Woy Little Theatre and a Tae Kwon Do group.

The Koorana Homework Centre for Aboriginal students also used three rooms for two afternoons a week.

The school cricket nets and oval were used by the local cricket association for practice and competition matches.

Some of the major achievements in the arts included all students participating in a performing arts program, a dance group performing at the Central Coast Dance festival, Woy Woy High School variety night and the school

fete, Lara Reed representing the school at the Central Coast Junior Dance Ensemble at the Opening Ceremony of the Olympic Games, the school choir performing at the welcome ceremony for the Mexican Olympic team at Homebush and students performing at Olympic Torch Relay ceremonies at NorthPower stadium.

Sporting achievements included the rugby union team being joint winners of the Central Coast Mat Burke Shield, the girl's soccer team reaching round four of the state knockout, district representation of 14 students, Natalie Hart representing the school at the NSW State swimming carnival, and Ryan Sainty representing Sydney North and the Central Coast in rugby league.

General achievements included students performing well in the Australian Schools' English, science and maths competitions, a successful paper recycling and compost program and a diamond award to the school canteen.

The school had a total income of \$366,386 and an expenditure of \$363,914.

Those figures do not include expenditure areas such as permanent staff salaries, building programs or major maintenance.

During the year there was an increase in expenditure for casual relief for teachers and administration, utilities, maintenance and capital works over the previous year.

Nine computers were purchased to bring the total to 57 and students' learning focused on word processing and the Internet.

Woy Woy Public School  
2000 annual report

## Traffic is still a problem

**People often complain about the traffic during school holidays, but the schools and police breathe a sigh of relief.**

Gone, for the time being, are the queues of cars lining up outside the Peninsula's schools and the worry over traffic management.

School is back now and Empire Bay Drive outside the school is awash with cars, buses, kids and their parents.

The biggest concern for police, says Sgt Vic Rogers of Woy Woy Highway Patrol, is parents using the "No Stopping" zones outside the Empire Bay Public School to drop off and pick up kids.

These zones are designated only for buses, to safely deliver and collect their charges.

The concern of the staff and principal of the school is that children may run on the road between cars and be seriously injured if they are not seen.

Principal Mr Gordon Fraser has been urging parents to stop only in the designated drop off and pick up areas.

Many parents at the school have

been concerned about the speed at which the traffic travels along Empire Bay Drive, particularly at school start and finish times.

The signs clearly indicate that it is a 40kph zone during these times, but it is obvious to many that some drivers ignore this.

Only last week, when the kindergarten children were out having a road crossing lesson, a couple of cars ran the red light.

Some of the parents are understandably angry.

"We're all concerned about the safety of our own children, but surely we should be looking out for all the other kids as well" said one parent.

Woy Woy Highway Patrol aim to regularly and randomly attend schools in the area in a bid to raise awareness and establish a presence.

This situation is not restricted to this school.

All the schools on the Peninsula face similar dilemmas.

It is the responsibility of drivers to be on the lookout around schools and obey the rules for the safety of the children.

Katrina Leng, March 2

## Umina High has trip to Noumea

**Umina High School's first trip to Noumea in New Caledonia took place last December.**

The group consisted of 12 students - Clare West, Jacqui Miller, Amy Birrell, Annabelle Jones, James Hanks, Craig Matthews, Jeff Kelly, Alisha Smith, Elisha Lowe, Jess Moody, Jemima Hogan and Lyn Blundell - a parent and two teachers.

New Caledonia is Australia's closest French-speaking neighbour, and is a 2.5 hour flight

from Sydney.

The trip gave the students the opportunity to listen and practice French in everyday situations with the help of some lessons.

The students found time for fun, sightseeing, swimming and sunbaking.

Activities included snorkelling at Amedee Island, taking a glass-bottom boat to Duck Island, and visiting natural springs on Mont D'or mountain.

School newsletter, February 27

## Staff changes at Umina

**Four staff changes have occurred at Umina High School for this year including the transfer of one of the school's two deputy principals, Miss Smart, to Newcastle.**

Mr Dent will be relieving in this position while the school advertises for a replacement.

Mr Eames retired last year and has now been replaced by Mr Fisher.

Mrs Lewis has taken a year's leave and has been replaced for the year by Mrs Allen.

In the school's special education unit, Mrs Pearson has been replaced by Mrs Wood.

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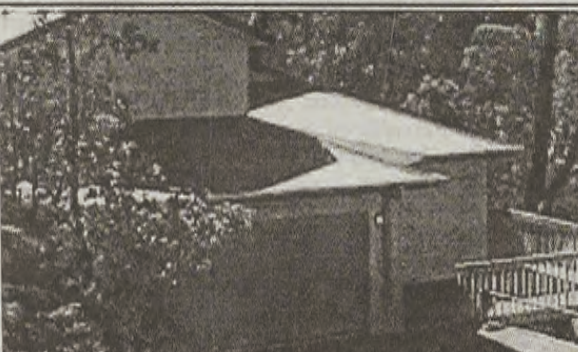
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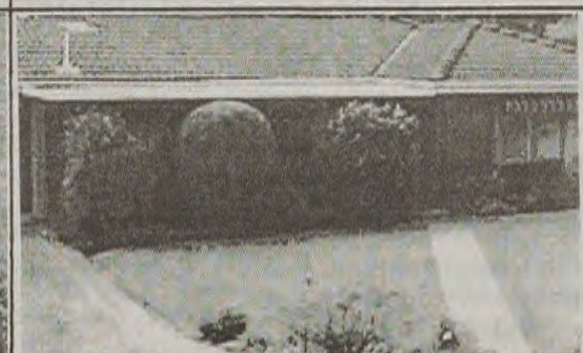
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**Woy Woy Hospital's social work department has formed a support group for people who are responsible for providing constant care or supervision to an elderly spouse, relative or friend.**

The new support group will meet on the fourth Monday of each month, from 10am to 11.30am, in the Health Services building at Woy Woy Hospital.

Sandra Hall of the hospital's Social Work Department said that the meetings would offer collective support to carers, allowing them to share "survival techniques", access resources and "have a cuppa" with others who understood their needs.

A donation of 50 cents each month from those in the group will cover the cost of morning tea.

**Central Coast Health, January 23**

## Workshops for women

**The Peninsula Women's Health Centre has courses and workshops during the next month for all ages.**

On March 21, the centre will hold a "magnetic healing" day, which is described as a "very dynamic and powerful form of vibrational healing".

Facilitator Stephanie Lewis said the results of magnetic healing were improved function on all levels physical, emotional, mental and spiritual.

The course runs from 10am until noon. Bookings must be made by March 14.

On March 22, the centre will hold a course for people to learn Tai Chi.

Facilitator Heidi Cook will present basic Tai Chi from 10am until noon.

Bookings must be made by March 15.

On March 29, the centre will

hold a hand massage workshop.

The workshop will start at 10am and finishes at 1pm.

Bookings must be made by March 22.

On April 4, the centre will hold a three-hour session to help explain Centrelink women's benefit entitlements.

The session starts at 9.30am and finishes at 12.30pm.

Representatives from Centrelink ask those attending to bring along any questions they may have.

Bookings must be made by March 28.

On April 12, the centre will hold an introduction to Qigong, an ancient Chinese precursor to acupuncture and shiatsu.

The session runs from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Bookings must be made by April 5.

Entry to all courses is by a gold coin donation.

**"What's On" newsletter, March 5**

## Chance to recognise volunteers

**The International Year of Volunteers gives Peninsula residents the chance to recognise and appreciate volunteers for their valuable community contributions, according to Gosford Council community development worker, Ms Shirley Hotchkiss.**

"All over the Peninsula people freely give their time and efforts to improving our lives," she said.

"Whether they pick up rubbish, visit the frail and sick, do tuckshop

duty, or teach soccer, the Central Coast Volunteer Referral Agency invites nominations from Peninsula residents to be Volunteer of the Month."

The theme for April is Young People, and forthcoming themes for nominations include Sport and Recreation, Family and Community Services, and Emergency Services.

Phone 4329 7122 for an application form, selection criteria and full list of themes for the rest of the year.

**Email, March 6**

## Clubs renew sponsorship link

**Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club has renewed its sponsorship with Umina Surf Life Saving Club, with the club now in possession of a new water safety craft.**

The \$25 000 sponsorship "represents a solid commitment not only to water safety in the area, but to the education and promotion of sporting excellence," according to Ettalong Beach Club chairman, Mr John Houtman.

"Our club has always felt a responsibility not only to the

residents of the Peninsula, but also to the significant number of tourists who enjoy our beaches each year."

Mr Houtman said he was pleased the Memorial Club was in a position to support the surf club to such an extent.

"We certainly view this as an investment in our region rather than a gift."

In accepting the cheque, surf club president Mr Brian Paull, said: "Our club has its own five-year plan for the Peninsula.

"It incorporates the provision

of an aquatic rescue service that starts at Ettalong Beach Club, covers Little Box Head, extends to Umina Beach including the caravan park and the Cove and finishes at Pearl Beach."

Mr Paull said the contribution from the Memorial Club would allow the surf club to continue achieving its goals, particularly over the summer months as the influx of visitors to the beach continually grows.

**Ettalong Beach Club press release, March 1**

## Rotary donates to club too

**Woy Woy Rotary Club has donated \$2500 to the Umina Ocean Beach Surf Lifesaving Club after a series of break-ins and incidents of vandalism at the club.**

Rotary raised the money together with other service clubs on the Peninsula at a special Australian night held at the Umina Bowling Club on January 30 to celebrate Australia Day.

Woy Woy Rotary president Mr Keith Andrews said his club felt obliged to lend a hand when it

heard about the vandalism.

"Woy Woy Rotary was instrumental in financing the building of the surf club and when we found out they'd lost emergency equipment and the building had been damaged we felt we had get behind them straight away," Mr Andrews said.

With the help of Umina Rotary, Umina-Ettalong Lions, the Woy Woy Club was able to present a cheque for \$2500 to surf club president Brian Paull at its Tuesday night meeting on February 27.

Mr Paull expressed his thanks and acknowledged the long-standing relationship between the two clubs.

"We're a community organisation and because of the bonds between our two clubs, we feel as if our club is your club and you're always welcome to use our facilities whenever you like," Mr Paull said, accepting the cheque.

Woy Woy Rotary's next project is a time capsule for local families to be established on the corner of McMasters and Ocean Beach Rds.

**Media release, March 1**

## Everglades men's bowls

**The Everglades Men's Bowls Club fours championship has been concluded for another year with Ross Hurley, John Gibbon, Laurie Powell and Peter Gaffel successful over Brian Selwood, Bill Thomson, Wal Gerrard and Bruce Harper.**

The club pairs championship is also underway with nominations for triples and minor singles already closed.

The committee has developed an interesting Easter program following a survey of members which was conducted recently.

The program in brief is:

Good Friday, White top mufti

pairs - Men, ladies and mixed. Open draw 1pm.

Easter Saturday, Men's jackpot triples. Starts 1pm.

Easter Sunday, Mixed triples open draw. Starts 1pm. \$300 prize money.

Easter Monday, Versatility fours, three games start 9am. \$600 prize money.

President Kevin Phelps said he would be delighted to welcome visiting bowlers.

Anyone wanting a game should call the club or check the board in the clubhouse.

The Frank Kemp Memorial Triples will be played over three days from July 4 to 6 with two games of 21 ends scheduled for

each day.

Entry is \$60 per team and a barbecue lunch will be provided each day.

Speaking at a meeting of pennant players recently, Mr Phelps said he wished all four grades every success in this coming season and hoped their efforts would be rewarded with a flag.

Oppressive heat and humidity took their toll on some players, although the interest and effort was strong.

Chairman of selectors Stan Martin said it was comforting to have such strength in reserve as and when required.

**Bruce McDonald, Everglades Bowls, March 7**



Former pharmacist Rod Radford honoured by Rotary

## Rod recognised for Rotary 50

**Local businessman Rod Radford has been made a Paul Harris Fellow, with a sapphire pin to commemorate his 50 years' service to Rotary.**

The presentation was made during a special function at Everglades Country Club to

commemorate the 25th birthday of the Rotary Club of Umina Beach.

Club president Glen Scorer congratulated Rod Radford on his award and on behalf of Rotary International, thanked him for his many years of loyal service.

**Geoff Melville, Umina Rotary**

Peninsula Tide Information									
Date		High	Ettalong & Pearl Beach	Low	High	Woy Woy	Low	Woy Woy	
March EDST	13	1223-1.56m		0616-0.30m	1829-0.35m	1403-1.56m		0756-0.30m	2009-0.35m
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	15	1402-1.25m	0135-1.56m	0805-0.48m	1950-0.58m	1542-1.25m	0315-1.56m	0945-0.48m	2130-0.58m
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	17	1608-1.08m	0321-1.44m	1017-0.61m	2340-0.73m	1748-1.08m	0501-1.44m	1157-0.61m	2320-0.73m
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Liam Jackson in action. Liam is an under 1.1 member of the Umina Surf Club and recently reached the junior State Titles at Maroubra earlier this month.. Photo courtesy of Stephen Chu

## Umina cricket

**The cricket season has reached its half way stage and again the Umina Juniors have put in some good performances in all age groups.**

Round Six took "limited overs" format, being the last weekend prior to the Christmas break.

It included significant individual innings from Craig Hopping (16B's) 52 n.o., Matt Mitchell (15B) 58 n.o. and Daniel Norton (13B) 30 n.o.

In the bowling department, best figures were returned by Miles Burgess (15B) 4/27, SamTomlin (3/3) and Josh Wakeham 5/10, while a dynamic all-round performance came from Mitchell

Rumph (15B) taking 2/7 and scoring 22 runs contributing greatly to his team's victory.

Round Seven was the first round back after the holiday break.

Pushing the "red and green" cause were Daniel Fiddock (16B) with 57 runs and Daniel Friend (11A) 40 nor out.

With the ball, Craig Hopping (U/16) took 5/24 and Ben Brooks 2/11.

All-round performances were also given by Matt Mitchell (U/15B) taking 1/7 and scoring 27, Chris Lloyd (U13B) 3/18 and 13 runs, Nathan Brown (12A) 2/24 and 23 runs, Adam Grice (12C) 4/16 and 39 runs.

Kerrie Friend, March 2

## Few rugby changes

**Umina Rugby League Football Club has started this year with only a few changes in personnel.**

Cliff Lyons will continue as captain-coach with Darryl Turner being appointed football manager

as well as coaching the under-17s.

Coaching staff remain the same, with John King retaining the Reserve Grade job and Paul McCarthy moving up with the boys to the Under-19's and Warren Hillier appointed head trainer.

Club newsletter, March 8

## Argentine club visits Woy Woy

**Argentine rugby union club, Mariano Moreno, visited the Peninsula to play a Central Coast team at Woy Woy Oval on February 24.**

About a third of the Central Coast team were Woy Woy juniors.

There were two games scheduled for the day, but due to injuries received on the New Zealand leg of their tour, the Argentine boys could only field an under-19 team at Woy Woy. The Argentinian boys won in an excellent game of fast and open rugby, with neither side prepared to yield.

The local team, with limited preparation, did their area proud.

The visitors, who were coming off a home season as well as the games in New Zealand, had a bit too much polish for the locals.

After the game a function was held back at the Woy Woy clubhouse.

where all those involved in organising the "intonational" let their hair down.

Souvenirs were the order of the day as items including shirts and socks were swapped all around the room.

The highlight of the day was the Argentinians singing their club song with great enthusiasm.

The Woy Woy boys gave a stirring rendition of their song.

In other rugby union news, seniors' training has started.

with John Stokie and his training staff using the motto "No pain, no gain".

Anyone wishing to play should telephone 4341 5181.

The annual Patonga fun run

was held recently with Shaun Kenney being the first to greet the judge.

There was a barbecue breakfast after the run, followed by a family day at Patonga.

The Woy Woy Club will hold a benefit night on March 31 to assist one of its members.

The evening will be a trivia contest with an auction of sporting equipment.

For further details, telephone 0416 104923.

Meanwhile, the juniors are still in need of players for this season's under 11, 13,

15 and 17 Sides.

Any parents who might like their children to play union while making new friends and having fun should give Ray a call on 4342 5358.

Ray Gorrel, March 5

## Umina ocean swim is on

**Umina Surf Life Saving Club has announced that the Umina Ocean Swim events, of 400 metres and two kilometres, will be held on Sunday, April 8.**

Registrations will be taken at Umina SLSC Club House from 8am on that day.

The 400 metre Ocean Swim

has events for males and females aged from 10 years to 51 years and over, while the two kilometre ocean swim has events for male and female from under 18 years to 61 and over.

Enquiries can be made by telephoning Bill Heber on 4341 9897.

Press release, March 7

## Females wanted for Woy Woy Ree BJP Physical Culture Club

**The Woy Woy Rec BJP Physical Culture Club is looking for new members.**

Females from three years of age are invited to join.

The club teaches girls and women deportment, jazz exercise, discipline, dance and team work

and allows members to make new friends.

Classes are held on Wednesdays at the Peninsular Community Centre on the corner of MacMasters Rd, Woy Woy.

For more information telephone 4341 9432.

Club flyer, March 7

## Medals for Woy Woy judo club

**Woy Woy Judo Club won four gold, six silver and one bronze medal when it competed in the Summer Championships at the Michael Wendon Stadium in Liverpool on Sunday, February 11.**

The tournament was the first State Selections Tournament with Woy Woy fielding a team of 11 players, ranging from under-10s to the Young Men and Women's Division.

First-time competitor Megan Gorst and second-time competitor Gordon Reid (under-10 Novices) both took out their weight divisions to win gold.

Naomi Cole, who was the overall winner in the under-10s last year, has now gone into the

under-13s, a larger division of 10 to 12-year-olds, winning a silver medal.

Michael Ahearn also took a silver medal in the under-13 and under-50kg division.

The five entrants in the under-16 division: Brendon Cole (under-45kg) Steven Arnold a State Representative (under-55kg), Daniel Simmons also a State Representative (under-60kg), and Sean Cole (under-66kg) all attained silver medals.

Jessica Malone (under-70kg), who was last year's Australian National Titleholder, proved unbeatable taking gold with a full scoreboard of points.

Danny Simmons, who received the Australian Sports Medal last year, said the competitors were all good sports, who were well-

behaved showing their pride for the club.

"To obtain a medal in all our weight divisions is excellent. This puts them in contention for state team selections."

Woy Woy Judo club hopes to take a team of 10 to Okayama, Japan, in July this year to return the visit paid to Woy Woy by Okayama Renmei Judo Club in 1999.

The club is a non-profit organisation, located at the Peninsula Community Centre.

It is currently seeking help in getting the team to Japan.

For more information contact the Secretary, Lindy Simmons, on 4342 4121.

Training nights are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5.30pm.

Woy Woy Judo Club, March 1

## Umina Surf Club holds swap day

**Stall holders and buyers will be welcome at Umina Surf Life Saving Club's Craft Sale and Swap Day on Sunday April 8 at the club premises in Sydney Ave, Umina.**

Sellers will be charged a small fee and have the opportunity to sell surf craft, wetsuits, surf equipment and surfwear.

Other items expected to be on sale include nipper boards, surf skis, malibu and racing boards, surfboards and paddles.

This event is to be held in conjunction with the annual Umina Ocean Swim and all proceeds will go to assist Umina SLSC.

For more information, telephone Bill Heber at 4341 9897.

Those sponsoring the sale are CBA, Hourigan's IGA, Lance Clark's Pharmacy Woy Woy, Bob Gordon Swim School, First National Realty Ettalong, and We're Sportswear.

Club newsletter, March 7

## Beryl gets life

**Ettalong Memorial Bowling Club has named Mrs Beryl Worboys a life member of the club.**

Beryl has held every position of office in her 26 years of membership.

Carl Spears, March 2



# Eddie tops State

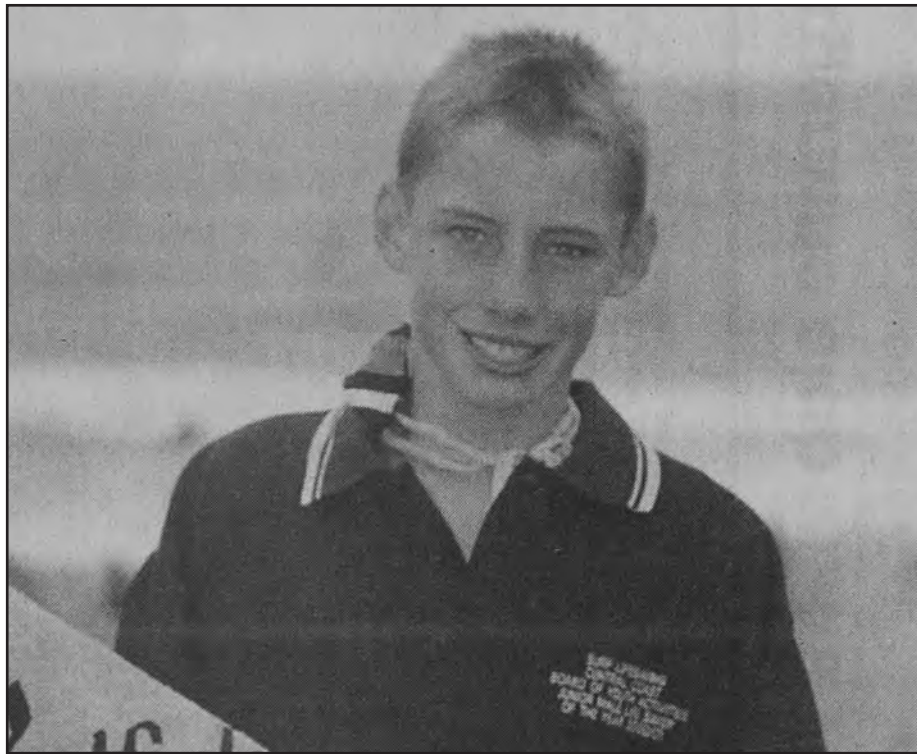
Umina Surf Club's Eddie Garrett has won the Central Coast's Junior Life Saver of the Year award.

The club nominated both Kiera Pride and Eddie to represent the club. Fifteen other surf clubs on the Central Coast also nominated a male and female member to represent their club.

Eddie is in the Under-14's for Umina and is a very valued member since joining the club.

Eddie won this prestigious award for his dedication to community service through surf lifesaving, voluntary patrols, fund-raising and assisting younger members with training and peer support.

This is Eddie's second year as a junior rookie patrol member and he eventually



Eddie Garrett

Photo courtesy of Clyde Melrose

hopes to become skilled in all aspects of surf lifesaving.

Eddie represents his club at many local carnivals and came third overall in the recent Coast Loans Surf Challenge series.

His favourite events are the Board and

Iron Man. He is also a keen long distance runner, Eddie is also involved in the Red Cross Door Knock Appeal and CleanUp Australia Day, as well as assisting the senior citizens of our community.

Fiona Forbes, February 27

## Pearl Beach Tennis Club turns 20



Pictured aTe vice-president Bill Hawthorne, secretary Ruth Ridges, Helen Bagley, treasurer Barbara Bawden and president Keith Lego,

About 60 people gathered at the recreation area at Pearl Beach to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Pearl Beach Tennis and Recreation Club on Friday February 23.

An additional reason for the celebration was that the secretary, Ruth Ridges, and the treasurer, Barbara Bawden, had shown true dedication in that they have held their positions for the entire 20 years.

They were each awarded life membership.

Although the day was hot, the shade from the banksias shielded everyone from the heat.

Club members all agreed that it would be difficult to find a more pleasant or more beautiful spot to play tennis or bowls.

Dorothy Hart, March 7



Senior citizens ballroom dancing at Ettalong Senior Citizens' Centre

## Activities for Seniors Week

Gosford Council has announced activities for Seniors Week, to be held from March 18 to 25, with the theme of "Share the Experience".

Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews, will host a barbecue and concert at The Ettalong Beach Memorial Club on Monday, March 19, at noon.

On Wednesday, March 21, a VIP Lunch and a concert by the Terrigal Troupers will be held at The Ettalong Senior Citizen Centre at noon, at a cost of \$5.

On the same day, a free bus tour of Gosford Council's facilities will be leaving from Ettalong Beach Memorial Club at

8.45am. Another free bus tour of Council facilities will take place on Sunday, March 25, also leaving from Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club at 8.45am.

Those on the tour will need to bring their own lunch. For bookings, telephone Vicki Brown on 4325 8331.

On Thursday, March 22, there will be a train trip to Newcastle followed by a sausage sizzle and a short stroll to the waterfront and new Sculpture Park.

Lunch will be available in the "Old Carriage Shed" under cover for a cost of \$2. Tickets for this outing are available at Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre.

A free inspection of the Hydrotherapy Pool and a demonstration by the Woy Woy Arthritis Group will be held on Friday, March 23, at Woy Woy Hospital between 10.30am and 11.30am.

On Friday, March 23, a cruise of Brisbane Water with afternoon tea will take place, departing Woy Woy at 10.45am.

There are 180 tickets available for the cruise at a cost of \$3 from Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre. No wheelchair access is available.

During the cruise, a brief talk will be given on the game of "Shotball".

Press release, March 1

### Westpac Woy Woy: open Saturdays 9am until 1pm

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