

Objections to marine waste facility at Hardys Bay

Gosford Council's Coastline Lagoon Planning (CLP) committee has heard from objectors to a proposed marine waste disposal facility at Hardys Bay, as requested by Council.

However, it has passed two other requests on to the council's environment unit.

The requests were that the CLP Committee bring forward the rational behind the locations considered for the pump out facility and that it consider Professor Albany's study of the flushing of Brisbane Water.

At its previous meeting, the committee recommended that the council reaffirm its support for the facility, subject to investigations into the possible extension of the Araluen Dr wharf.

It also recommended a consultant be engaged to prepare a "Part 5 Assessment" and that the

proposal be placed on public exhibition.

The council had deferred its consideration of the matter, pending the committee's response to its requests.

Ms Pamela Mainsbridge and Mr Chris Dillon attended the committee meeting on behalf of the objectors' group.

According to the committee minutes, Ms Mainsbridge informed the committee that, as detailed in the documentation presented to Council and committee members, the group favoured the use of Booker Bay Marina & Brokerage as the preferred site.

This was on the basis that it is supervised between 8am and 4pm and assistance was sometimes sought by users of such facilities.

The main areas of concern within Hardys Bay related to vandalism, facility user knowledge and supervision issues, she said.

She explained that Hardys Bay

was a popular family area and there was evidence that the area flushed slowly with slicks taking three to four days to clear.

Mr Chris Dillon said they were not convinced of the need for such facilities based on the number of vessels that currently had holding tanks and therefore considered the installation of the proposed facility to be a waste of taxpayers' money.

The Hardys Bay objectors' group suggested that the installation of facilities was a "cart before the horse" approach to the problem and that a Waterways' questionnaire should be distributed to vessels' users to identify the requirement for such facilities.

The Chairman responded that the initiative is Government Policy and Council has a legislative responsibility to comply.

Mr Bill Blakeman of Boating Service Officer of NSW Waterways was invited to address the committee.

He said the group's comments relating to the installation of facilities placing the "cart before the horse" was in theory correct but it was essential to implementation of a long term waterways improvement program that this occur.

The proposed questionnaire would not be effective as the current procedures meant that only 50 per cent of applications were discussed with applicants, he said.

New restrictions were to be phased in for provision of sanitary units on vessels.

New marina and upgrade marina's facilities applications would result in a condition requiring that a marine waste pump out facility be provided.

Pump out facilities must be available to the boating public on a 24-hour basis.

It would be easier and safer to navigate vessels in the vicinity of the proposed Hardys Bay site than

in the vicinity of the Booker Bay private marina where there was a higher risk of marine craft accidents, Mr Blakeman told the committee.

The Department of Land and Water Conservation (DLWC) representative on the committee, Mr Neil Kelleher, stated that the waste disposal facilities must be available for the convenience of the public seven days a week 24 hours a day.

Access to private marinas outside operating hours was seen as a problem and there was no way of ensuring wharves would not charge to use the facility in the future.

It was a DLWC requirement that the pumpout facilities must be on public land and offered free to the public.

Council agenda CL063, October 2



Woy Woy library

Library tenders invited

Gosford Council has invited tenders for renovations and extensions to the Woy Woy Branch Library.

Five of the eight companies that

expressed interest have been invited to submit a full tender for the project.

The companies invited to tender are North Construction and Building Pty Ltd, Brisland Pty Ltd,

Pluim Constructions Pty Ltd, AMFM Constructions Pty Ltd and Lusted Pty Ltd.

Council agenda CS159, September 25

Medicare office moves for security

The Peninsula's Medicare Office has been relocated from Umina to Deepwater Plaza, Woy Woy, because of security concerns.

Announcing the move on September 24, Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd said: "Following two armed hold-ups at the Umina Medicare Office, the Health Insurance Commission (HIC) has been forced to maintain an armed security guard to protect staff and customers at the Umina office.

"This situation was unacceptable to the HIC and following investigation I am pleased to announce that a new site in Deepwater Plaza has been secured.

"This location will be more convenient for many Peninsula residents as it is serviced by regular bus and train services and most Peninsula residents do visit Woy Woy on regular basis," Mr Lloyd said.

"It is distressing that law and order has deteriorated to such an extent on the Peninsula that Medicare has been forced to take this action for the safety of their staff and customers.

"Despite the mounting evidence, the State Member for Peats still refuses to acknowledge that there is a need for increased police protection on the Peninsula," Mr Lloyd claimed.

Media release, September 19

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I will not list them all as they know who they are.

Cec Bucello, Manager

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Write in simple direct English.

Use short sentences, in the same style as other items in the newspaper.

The first sentence or two should tell who is doing what, where and when.

Make sure someone is quoted, particularly if the item contains endorsement or criticism.

"Writers may quote themselves," said Mr Snell.

The item should be dated and contact details must accompany it, whether for publication or not.

Mark Snell, October 3

Concern over Correa Bay railway bridge

As a local resident, I am concerned about the railway bridge at Correa Bay.

In the last month four accidents have occurred under and past this bridge.

Two of these accidents, one on each side, were due to the low clearance level.

There were also two car

smashes as vehicles waited to turn right under the bridge to go to Woy Woy.

There were also two near misses.

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Justin Bucello, Woy Woy

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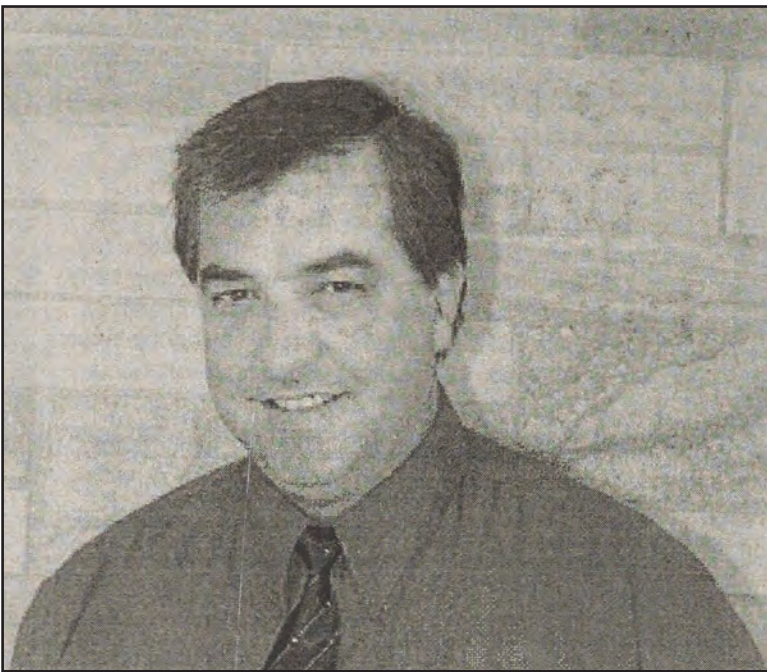
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Councillor Craig Doyle – now at Fairhaven Services

Craig Doyle moves on

Cr Craig Doyle has been appointed to the newly-created position of General Manager Business Services of Fairhaven Services.

The announcement comes after a senior management restructure at Fairhaven.

Cr Doyle will be based at Fairhaven's Point Clare offices.

Press release, October 3

Revised Bensville plans opposed

Gosford Council's Environmental Heritage Committee has opposed revised plans which would demolish the Bensville Store and "Rose Cottage".

Amended plans have been submitted to Council for the proposed development in Kallaroo Road Bensville, after the original development application was considered by the Environmental

Heritage Committee in June and strongly opposed.

The amendment reduces the number of residential flats from six to four.

Demolition of the historic buildings is still proposed and the Committee again registered its strong objection.

Council agenda EH039 October 2

Fire station may include recreation facilities

Gosford Council has resolved to look into the feasibility of making the proposed new fire station in Maitland Bay Dr, Killcare, partly a community recreational centre.

At a recent council meeting, suggestions were made that the site could include a sporting field as well as a fire station with public toilets and changing rooms in the complex.

The project would be funded from the sale of the existing fire station at Stanley St, after its

intended rezoning to residential (2a).

Ms Fay Gunther of the Killcare Wagstaffe Progress Association said that the association was not opposed to the sale of the fire station, even though they would normally oppose the sale of public buildings.

Ms Gunther said that the progress association would like to see the funds from the sale spent partly on a new fire station and partly on sporting and recreational facilities.

Cr Lynne Bockholt said: "I'm getting a lot of mail from people in

Killcare Wagstaffe requesting more sporting and recreational facilities in the area.

"We should make a resolution that 50% of the funds from the sale of the old station be used on community recreational facilities on the Maitland Bay Dr site," Cr Bockholt said.

Cr Bockholt also said that the community should be consulted on the design of the combined facility.

Jonathan Reichard, October 3

Legal appraisal requested for Correa Bay review

Gosford Council's Coastline and Lagoon Planning (CLP) committee has asked council's legal officer to finish his appraisal of the committee's review of the Correa Bay Water Quality Study.

The review of alleged "spurious and defamatory material" was undertaken by the Council's Manager – Environmental Control.

The committee was told that the review had been completed and it had been forwarded to Council's legal officer for review and comment.

A summary of the progress on issues arising from study appeared in the committee's minutes.

It was reported that a "combined Correa Bay report" on water testing had not been finalised.

This was previously requested by the committee and would detail

measures to detect the presence of any leachate from near its source and would detail other sources of water quality monitoring relating to the three creeks systems entering the bay.

A second letter to the Minister of Land & Water Conservation had been prepared about investigating possible dredging of Correa Bay.

It requested that the Minister reconsider his stance on fully funding an investigation into the possible dredging of Correa Bay, utilising Environmental Trust Funds or similar, due to the special circumstances associated with the history of the area.

The Chairman Cr Malcolm Brooks informed the meeting he had discussed the outcomes of the recent investigation into assertions that material from Homebush Bay was dumped at Woy Woy tip with members of the former Correa Bay committee which authored the report.

These were with Mr John Oakley and, in the absence of Mr Derek Britton, Mr Britton's son.

The committee was told that it was accepted that no further action would be undertaken.

Minutes for the meeting showed that council's environment manager Mr Gary Chestnut did not declare an interest in the item in accordance with chapter 14 of the Local Government Act, where in the previous meeting he had.

In a separate item, the committee was also told that plans to lay a new telecommunications cable by tunnelling across Correa Bay have been abandoned.

"A second consultant is now proposing to replace the existing conduit with a larger one."

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In the last three years, I have had three major operations which have left me more or less house-bound.

Approximately three months ago, I had an attempted home invasion where my wife and I fought off the intruder, but not before he knocked my wife and myself down.

This intruder was armed with a length of piping which caught me in the neck leaving me cross-eyed for five or six weeks.

There was also damage to my daughter's car, which was partly covered by insurance.

The police were notified, but since Woy Woy Police Station has been downgraded, police had to come from Gosford, almost half an hour away.

Luckily we did not have to go to hospital as a local community nurse came to our assistance.

Since this attack, I have had the run-around by police about the whole affair: either the officer handling the case is on holidays, or sick or not on duty, etc, etc.

I told the officer at the time that I thought the attacker was a high school student, approximately 17-18 years old, but he did not seem to listen to me.

When my sight returned to normal, about five or six weeks later, I borrowed a pair of binoculars and went looking outside the local high school, Woy Woy High, for almost a fortnight and there I saw the youth I believe to be my attacker.

Satisfied that this was our home invader, I went one afternoon to the street where I thought he might live, and sure enough he was there, although at this stage I am unsure of his house number.

I notified the officer of my

findings but he more or less told me I did not know what I was talking about and the last thing I know was the case was put on hold.

The lout in question goes past my house every day to and from school, and at my age he has me very frightened.

I have had to put sensor lights around my house at a very considerable cost to my wife and myself, just so that we can feel that little bit safer.

The attacker has since been back to my house and has removed wire frames from our windows and we know it is the same person as he was seen.

I hope you are able to assist my wife and I in this matter, as due to the attack, I am now completely house-bound.

William Moverley, Woy Woy

Memories from the thirties

I suppose I was about five years of age, in 1931, when I first went to Woy Woy.

I do still remember the single-fronted house we stayed in at Orange Grove.

We stayed at that house for several years later.

The township of Woy Woy stayed the same, I suppose, for 20 years - just a few shops.

The cake shop always fascinated me with its window full of flies, crawling over the cakes and pastries.

But it didn't deter the people

who went in the shop and bought cakes.

Later, the arcade was built opposite the Railway stairs where the station boat came in.

I had a gift-ware shop in that arcade.

Woolworths was also there about that time.

Then there was the arcade in the centre of town and there, of course, was the shopping complex.

Woy Woy was really only a little fishing town for so many years.

What really opened the town up was the electrification of the train

line.

People could live in Woy Woy and work in Sydney.


When I was going to work in Sydney from Ashfield, it took me an hour.

The journey involved the bus to the station, then the train to Town Hall and of course neither met the other, normally the bus just missed the train.


So, travelling from Woy Woy to Sydney was not much longer.

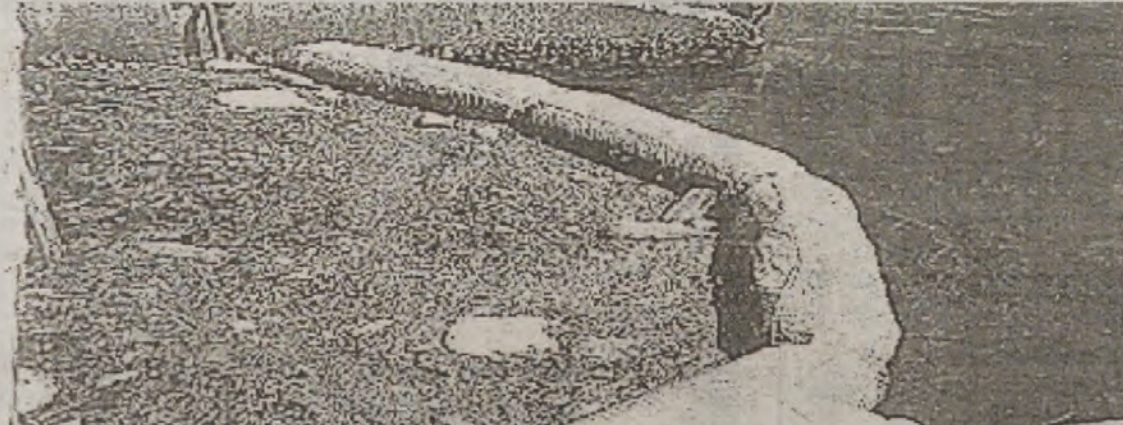
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Shirley Lawler, Tweed Heads



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Pollution concerns

While kerbing and guttering is essential in cities and a few other areas, it is a disaster elsewhere.

Rainwater, instead of soaking into the soil, flushes pollutants such as tar, car fumes, oil, dog faeces as well as other substances spilled along the roads.

These all become part of the storm water which pollutes wetlands, rivers, estuaries, and finally the ocean.

If there is money to spend why not create cycleways along all roads?

Other Sydney councils are

subsidising plastic water tanks for owners so the rain can be used in gardens.

Another council is demanding solar heaters on all new homes.

Finally, a bouquet for all Sydney Councils who are creating a Green Web of wildlife corridors. Our Society pioneered this idea 30 years ago and we are pleased it is catching on.

This is sponsored by government planners, another "green mark" for our State body.

Vincent Serventy, Wildlife Preservation Society of Australia, Pearl Beach

Motorists to put lights on for peace

In these uncertain times, we are being guided to be positive.

Peninsula business woman Mary Holstein, of the Gnostic Forest, has an idea that has the potential to unite the world in peace.

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As Mary says, "Let's see what a difference we can make!"

Winsome Smith, Woy Woy

Lack of adult education courses

The State Government's proposal to provide TAFE facilities on the Peninsula is well overdue.

There has long been a lack of night adult education courses on the Peninsula, particularly in computer, software and IT training.

Although the construction of a specialist TAFE facility is justified, more effectively utilising an

existing facility, in this case Woy Woy High, is the next best solution.

Acquiring additional or new skills is on the mind of most mid-career workers these days.

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Kings store, Booker Bay

Workcover savings could pay for police – Gallacher

Proper management of WorkCover could create enough savings in a day to allow police to be stationed on the Peninsula, Central Coast-based Liberal MLC Mr Mike Gallacher has claimed.

"Proper management of the WorkCover Scheme could save \$3.17 million each day," according to Mr Gallacher who is Shadow Minister for Industrial Relations.

This was the daily deficit of WorkCover operations paid by the government.

A day's savings "could fund a year's salary for 79 additional Central Coast Police, some of whom could be stationed on the Peninsula", he said.

"Police stations such as the technically bankrupt.

Umina shopfront are non-operational.

"Woy Woy no longer has any permanent general duties police.

"A police probationary constable receives a basic salary of around \$40,000."

Mr Gallacher said: "Just one daily deficit increase of \$3.17 million equals the yearly pay for around 79 probationary constables."

The Workcover deficit was the shortfall between the premiums collected from businesses and the total cost of liabilities from workers compensation claims, Mr Gallacher said.

"The scheme is already

"If it actually went bankrupt, the Government would have to either reduce benefits for injured workers, or radically increase premiums for employers or fund the shortfall from taxpayer funds - with money that could have provided additional police in areas like the Central Coast.

"We have already reached the stage where local businesses are having to pay for security guards due to insufficient police in our area.

"An injection of an additional 79 police would dramatically alter this situation for the better," Mr Gallacher said.

Media release, October 2

Old facade restored at Booker Bay

Gosford Council's Environmental Heritage Committee has approved plans for a development application affecting Kings Store, Booker Bay, which is listed as Heritage Item No 19 on the council's register.

The application proposed rebuilding the existing commercial premises and restoration of the facade.

The plans stated, in relation to the facade, that it was to be repaired and restored according to the Heritage Committee's resolution last December and subsequent engineering details.

There would be a new awning, posts and timber infills similar to those portrayed in the 1927 Paddison photograph.

Council agenda EH051 October 2

Ideas wanted for older women

The Older Women's Network is seeking ideas and help to implement a program of activities to promote wellbeing in older women.

Older Women's Network member Ruth Kearney said: "There are several Wellness Centres in Sydney, and we would like to start a program of similar

activities on the Peninsula.

"These activities would be designed to address the social, physical, emotional and spiritual needs of older women, modelled on the Sydney programs."

Although Ruth is investigating funding sources, she is confident an activity program can be implemented at low cost.

She said: "I would like to hear from older women who have ideas about program activities, and those who are keen to assist in implementing the program."

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Media release, October 5

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Heidi Watkins wins at garden society show

Heidi Watkins took out five of the seven sections in the Umina Garden Society's annual show on September 8.

Society members started assembling more than 330 entries in the Umina Community Hall early in the day so that all entries were tabled and the hall vacated for judging at 10am.

Chief steward for the club inspected all layouts in the seven sections ensuring they were ready for the judge from the Royal Horticultural Society.

The doors were re-opened at noon for the public and members to enter and view the results with everything from fresh flowers and pot plants to vegetables and floral art on display.

Results for the seven sections

were:

Section 1 – Champion, purple cineraria by Heidi Watkins;

Section 2 – Champion Flowers from my Garden, by Jim Pink;

Section 3 – Champion Bulbs, by Heidi Watkins;

Section 4 – Champion Vegetable, blue pumpkin by Heidi Watkins;

Section 5 – Champion Pot Plants, purple orchid by Heidi Watkins;

Section 6 – Champion of Australians, purple native shrub by Heidi Watkins;

Highest point score of sections 1 – 6, Heidi Watkins;

Section 7 – Floral Art Champion, Betty Cadwallader.

Ron Watkins, September 14



Section five pot plant champions – mauve orchid *Cymbidium* champions – Heidi Watkins

Some details of the hieroglyphics revealed

In the last issue of Peninsula News, bush walker Shirley Drake wrote about hieroglyphics she came upon on a recent walk.

Prompted by Shirley Drake's story, Wayne Peters of Coastal EcoTours has provided some details about the unusual Egyptian art.

Wayne still remembers when, as a local lad growing up in the area, there used to be an orchard on Kariong Hill not too far from Staple's Lookout.

The farmer and his family had

worked the land and maintained a "perfect balance" between its cultivation and the impact it had upon the Brisbane Water National Park that surrounded it.

The story goes that about 1950 the strange site was known to a few local families but then was lost to mythology for the next 20 or so years.

In the early 1970s, the son of the farmer went looking for his dog that had strayed off into the scrub.

The son eventually found the dog at the site where he also uncovered the mysterious Egyptian

hieroglyphic walls and, understandably flabbergasted, grabbed the dog and bolted back home to tell his family of the astounding discovery.

At this time, the site had been partially buried under rubble piled into the crevice where the texts are inscribed.

Making their way back to the site, the farmer and his family plus a couple of close mates stood equally astounded at what they saw below them carved into the rock face.

As Wayne understands the facts

from a relative of one of the invited mates, there was only one side of the crevice inscribed with the hieroglyphics texts, not two as currently stands.

Armed with the trusty black and white camera, the farmer took photos of the site and the texts to support what would otherwise have been a laughed at claim by authorities.

Having developed the photographs, it is believed that he then went off to see the local National Parks offices with his evidence to discuss what to do about the strange and unique site.

Surprisingly, it is believed that the strange site lying within the boundaries of the Brisbane Water National Park.

Instead of finding out more, they promptly organised even more rubble to be filled into the deeply creviced site, said Wayne.

It obviously fell into the "too hard" basket for the National Parks to contemplate how to manage access to the site.

That's when the site fell from knowledge until a few locals uncovered the site some time later, after talking amongst themselves and sharing local pioneering bushwalking adventure stories.

There is a cave at the site as well; with about four or five cave entrances, some of which have been sandbagged in previous efforts to disguise the location.

It is believed that at the time the site was initially reported, only one wall was inscribed.

The mystery of the origins of the second wall is easier to solve than

that of the first.

National Parks ranger Neil Martin uncovered the second wall with newer inscriptions around 1984.

In fact, not only did ranger Martin uncover the strange hieroglyphic texts but he also recovered the 1/4 inch Sidchrome cold chisel used to inscribe the second wall, along with the scribe, hard at work, according to Wayne.

However, the original wall retains its air of mystery into the 21st Century.

The unique site has been investigated within the past 10 years by archaeological teams from both Newcastle and Macquarie Universities.

Stories and speculation confirm the texts to be good fakes.


The considered opinion was that a returned World War I or II veteran that had strayed into the bushland might have rendered the site walls.

He left chiselled into stone a unique record of what he had thought he had first seen in Egypt, during his time in the war effort.

The pyramid texts and tombs enclosing them were uncovered before World War I and may have been accessible to our diggers during their time away.


"This is where the conjecture begins," said Wayne.

Wayne Peters, September 19



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Fairhaven group home residents, left to right, Les Beehag, John Clifton, Roslyn Wallace, Carol Clifton, absent – Deborah Crawley

Funding for group home

Extra State Government funding will allow Fairhaven Services to "improve and enhance" a residential program at a group home in Ettalong.

General manager of residential services for Fairhaven, Mr Glen Boyd, welcomed the funding increase.

"This funding will allow us to increase the level of staff support, provide additional skill development activities for residents and assist in meeting the

ongoing costs of running our residential services," he said.

"Our group home at Ettalong was previously funded solely by Fairhaven and its supporters.

"This is the first time we have received Government funding for our Ettalong home so we are very pleased with the result," he said.

Fairhaven Services will receive an additional \$273,592 per annum in funding from the NSW Dept of Aging, Disability and Home Care.

It will be spent on programs at "The Lodge" and "Cottage" at Kincumber as well as at Ettalong.

Mr Boyd said the increase was made possible through the support

of Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews, who had been lobbying the State Government for the funding for the last 12 months.

Fairhaven Services claims to be the leading provider of accommodation services and employment opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities on the Central Coast.

For further information contact Peter Willson on 4323 3566 or mobile 0402 916 859.

Press release September 26.

Upgrade for Ettalong hall

Gosford Council has knocked back three of four applications to fund hall upgrades on the Peninsula.

The successful application was for \$1620 from Ettalong Ratepayers & Citizens Progress Association to sand and seal the Ettalong Progress Hall's timber floor.

Umina Child Care Centre requested \$3020 to remove and replace guttering, fascias and flashing and install gutter guarding, but was told it was able to fund the improvements themselves.

The Woy Woy CWA requested a \$814 contribution for the installation of access ramps, but was told that it was more

appropriate to be funded through Accessible Building Grants.

Ettalong Public School's P&C committee requested a total of \$52,500 for a covered veranda for its Araluen Cottage, a new meeting room and a disabled toilet.

The request was rejected because access to the facility was restricted to the school community and not to the whole community and schools were not a target of the program.

Council agenda SF043, September 25

Mature trees to stay in West Street upgrade

Gosford Council's Tree Protection Committee has resolved to retain two Queensland brush box trees in West St, Umina, when the streetscape is upgraded.

The trees are on the western side of West St and are listed on Council's Significant Tree Register.

Cr Debra Wales and Council's landscape architect, Mr Anton Conus, addressed the committee about the proposed upgrade of the Umina CBD.

The proposed upgrade included the planting of 64 cabbage tree palms, three to four metres high, along West St.

Mr Conus said that the purpose of the works were to improve and enhance the streetscape of the Umina shopping centre area

through much-needed landscaping.

The purpose of the presentation was to inform the committee of the proposal and to gain support for the removal of the two mature Queensland brush box (Lophostemon confertus) trees.

Committee members raised concerns that the existing trees provided much needed shade for the street users and that cabbage tree palms typically grew within rainforest areas and moist gullies and were most unsuitable as street trees.

The Committee resolved to reject the request to remove the two significant trees and that the trees be incorporated into the proposed upgrade.

Council agenda TP012, October 2

Seawall objection withdrawn

Gosford Council's Environmental Heritage Advisory Committee has withdrawn its objection to a seawall proposed for Wagstaffe.

This follows landowner owner Mr Allan Williams and applicant Mr John McKinney speaking with the committee about their proposed seawall.

Mr McKinney tabled an amended proposal with smaller sandstone blocks which he said

would visually relate to the scale of the wall adjoining the property.

Mr Williams stated that he was happy to construct anything that both looked good and was substantial.

Following discussion regarding a proposed indent in the wall, Mr Williams said he would delete that feature and retain the existing alignment.

With this assurance and the amended proposal, the Committee agreed to withdraw its objection to the application.

Council agenda EH032 October 2

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History

October on the Peninsula – snapshots from the decades over the last hundred years

As part of our regular history section and in recognition of 2001 being the centenary of federation in Australia, Peninsula News volunteer, **Fiona Forbes**, has selected stories from October in the second year of several decades over the last 100 years as recorded by local newspapers.

The selected events all happened on the Peninsula and the purpose is to give readers a series of snapshots at regular intervals of what life was like for Peninsula citizens over the past century.

Anyone wanting further information or who is interested in local history, geography or local government development can visit the local studies section of the Gosford library where much of this kind of information is held open to public access.

The council website also contains more information on this subject. www.gosford.nsw.gov.au/library/special/local.htm.

Gosford Times, October 6, 1911

A daily ferry service has been established from Green Point, New Brighton and Mount Pleasant to Woy Woy, leaving Green Point at 7.45am and 4pm.

Fares 6 pence each way.

H.A. Digney

Motor Launch Proprietor

October 18, 1911

Woy Woy (from our correspondent)

The members of the Woy Woy Sports & Social Club had a delightful trip to Newport on Sunday last as a wind-up to their winter program.

Mr M. Short had kindly placed his splendid launch, "Conqueror", at their disposal and the day was all that could be desired.

While at Newport, three monkeys escaped from their cage and caused much laughter by their funny antics.

Mr Short catered for the party.

Gosford Times, October 6, 1921

A branch of the Commercial Bank of Australia will be opened at Woy Woy on Tuesday, October 18.

Full banking facilities will then be available.

Chas. Hills, Manager Gosford Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd

October 13, 1921

The new improvements to Hadley's Woy Woy Hotel makes the bar and premises one of the most modern and convenient of any hotel between Sydney and Newcastle.

Mr Albert Clayton of Gosford was the contractor.

Gosford Times, October 8, 1931

In order to prevent congestion at the entrance to the Woy Woy

Railway Station, the Shire Council strenuously opposed the Railway Commissioner's proposal to build a block of shops between the two ramps and at the foot of the overhead bridge.

Entreaty failed.

The Railway Estate Agent could see money in the shops.

In desperation, the Shire Council then offered to purchase the land in question, on five years terms, for 500 pounds.

It is reported that the offer has been accepted.

The land will be used to improve the entrance to the station in the interests of railway travellers.

October 15, 1931

The secretary of the Woy Woy Golf Club reports that the Shire Council's application for the dedication of 55 acres at Ocean Beach for the construction of a golf course, which was forwarded to the Lands Department, has been sent on to the District Surveyor at East Maitland for investigation and report.

It is anticipated that a survey will be conducted within the course of a week when the officer of the department deputed to carry out the work will be interviewed by members of the Council and Golf Club committees, with a view to assisting the project.

It would appear that there is a rumour around to the effect that the proposal to establish a golf course at Woy Woy has fallen through.

This is certainly not correct; but the Committee takes the view that it would be inadvisable to make alterations to this area until they are satisfied that the 55 acres applied for will be granted.

October 22, 1931

Tenders are invited and will be received by the undersigned up till 4.30pm on Wednesday 28th instant, for the construction of a timber bridge over Woy Woy Creek, South Woy Woy.

Tenderers must be prepared to finance the work and to enter into a time-payment agreement with the Council as follows: 1/3 of cost on completion, balance by two equal instalments of principal, together with interest at the rate of 5% per annum yearly rests.

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C.R. Thew, Shire Clerk

October 29, 1931

A local motorist suggests that a sign should be erected on the Woy Woy Road near Mr Parry's



Early holiday cottages at Koolewong

property, directing visitors to the Aboriginal rock carvings a short distance from the road.

These, he says, are well worth seeing and would add to the tourist attractions of the district.

He also suggests that a track should be cleared from near Mrs Howell's residence to the rocky eminence nearby from which a wonderful view of Brisbane Water can be obtained.

Gosford Times, October 17, 1951

Gosford Shire Councillors yesterday approved an application by Riley Bros. Woy Woy for permission to increase bus fares at Woy Woy and between Woy Woy and Gosford.

October 20, 1951

Old Woy Woy resident, Mrs Jane Matilda Dillon, 76, died late on Tuesday as a result of a ruptured appendix.

The funeral left Mr R.H. Creighton's parlours, Gosford, on Thursday for the Point Clare Cemetery.

The Times Herald (incorporating the Gosford Times)

October 20, 1961

The State Electoral Commissioner (Mr J.M.O. McDonnell) announced today that he had appointed a number of polling places in the Woy Woy Subdivision of the Gosford electorate, namely Umina Beach, Phegan's Bay and Yattalunga.

The polling stations will be in operation in the next State General Elections.

Central Coast Express, October 4, 1961

The new Salvation Army Hall in Brisbane Av adds colour and dignity to the Umina township.

It is built of weatherboard and painted in pastel green with the upper walls of midnight blue.

The entrance features a vestibule with a full-length amber glass wall on the front.

The centre floor tiles in the vestibule have been designed into a pattern depicting the Salvation Army emblem - a large cross inside a yellow star with crossed swords in the background.

The building has a kitchenette, private office and a bandroom with built-in cupboards

There is seating for up to 140 people.

The hall was built at a cost of 3700 pounds.

October 25, 1961

Gosford Shire Council has refused an application for a combination shop-home at the corner of Dunban and Cogra Road, Woy Woy.

The home and shop, to be conducted as a general store,

was being planned by Mr W. Crossland of Booker Bay.

Mr P.H. Smithers, the town planner, recommended refusal of the application.

He reported a shopping area has been provided in the draft shire of Gosford planning scheme within 150 yards of the allotment on the opposite side of Dunban Road.

Mr Smithers said the proposed development by Mr Crossland would be detrimental to the community of the neighbourhood, in that it would lead to an undesirable mixture of residential and shopping users.

Central Coast Express, October 8, 1971

Cr John McLennan wants to see street lighting in Trafalgar Avenue at Umina improved 50%.

Umina Progress Association had applied to Council for extra street lighting in Umina.

The Association advised that Trafalgar Avenue is badly lit at night and also that a street light is required at the corner of Osborne and Dardanelles Avenues.

Shire Engineer Mr N. Agnew said a survey of street lighting in Trafalgar Avenue from McMasters Road to Ocean Beach shows that street lights have been provided at every second or third pole, almost without exception.

He said every intersection is illuminated at night, and it is felt that no further action be taken regarding further street lights.

He agreed that there is a need at the intersection of Osborne and Dardanelles, since Dardanelles Avenue is now trafficable between Osborne and Brisbane Avenues.

Cr McLennan then moved an amendment claiming that Trafalgar Avenue, Umina is very badly lit.

It is one of the two main roads in the Umina area.

One of the greatest hazards posed by this poor illumination is for the safety of school students cycling down the road to Woy Woy High School.

Cr C.W. Bourke endorse Cr McLennan's remarks, adding that street lights were a necessity at least every second pole in Trafalgar Avenue.

The matter was referred back to the Shire Engineer for another report.

Central Coast Express, October 2, 1981

Umina Hillside is 'Torn Apart' - Residents in Uproar.

No further damage will be

done to the environment at Umina following this week's confrontation between residents and authorities.

Workmen began demolishing the bush at the end of Lone Pine Avenue early in the week, bringing a hail of protest from residents.

They claim the bush on the hills at the end of the Avenue was ruined by the work.

"You should see what they've done to our area, it's terrible," one resident said.

However Gosford City Council later claimed the work was all in order.

Council said the clearing of the trees and some bulldozer work was necessary to allow for extensions to the Peninsula Old Peoples' Home in Arras Avenue.

The extensions have meant a re-routing of Sydney County Council power lines and water drainage works.

Some land at the end of Lone Pine Avenue is also being improved by a private developer.

Central Coast Express, October 16, 1991

No money for bridge.

Woy Woy Peninsula is "at the bottom of everyone's list", Ald. Lynne Bockholt said last week.

She was commenting after Gosford Council accepted \$400,000 of State Government money for flood mitigation works at Narara and Erina.

Low funding meant there was no money for a bridge at Mt Ettalong Road.

"The bridge is vital for flood mitigation in South Umina," Mrs Bockholt said.

She said she would push for money for the Peninsula during budget talks.

October 25, 1991

Umina Cub Scouts formed a bucket brigade to extinguish a blaze deliberately lit in rubbish behind homes on Monday.

Captain Ken Donovan from Ettalong Fire Brigade has praised the actions of the Cubs for their quick thinking.

"We got there a few minutes after the fire started but the Cubs had it well under control," Capt. Donovan said.

Gosford-Broken Bay Scouts District Leader Evan Haswell said the boys had just finished a talk on home safety when the fire broke out behind homes in Mt Ettalong Rd.

"We saw someone running from the scene and the boys immediately formed a bucket brigade," Mr Haswell said.

"The area was extremely dry and homes could have been threatened.

"If it was not such a serious situation it would have been funny watching tiny boys dragging heavy buckets of water."

Local studies section, Gosford City Library

Women discuss Australia's defence

A discussion group for women on the topic "how do we defend ourselves if we have to?" will be held on Friday October 12

After the recent attacks on the USA, concerns have been raised about how ready Australia is to defend itself from terror attacks and the possibility of biological and chemical warfare.

It has been suggested that while other nations like the USA and Britain have been preparing themselves against such events, Australia has been complacent and should formulate some sort of defence plan.

Rather than becoming fearful, worried or depressed, the meeting will encourage preparedness for what the future may hold.

Women who are concerned about these issues are invited to come along, listen to guest speakers and contribute to the group discussion.

This is a free gathering at 11am on Friday, October 12, at Ettalong Markets.

Those attending should bring a chair, pen and paper.

For further information, call Pam on 4369 0131.

Jonathan Reichard, October 4

Local jewellers featured



Annette Clarke's winning enamelling (left)

The works of Australian jewellery champions Annette and Alan Clarke of Woy Woy will feature at the Central Coast Lapidary Club's Gem and Mineral Festival at the Wyong on October 13 and 14.

Annette is a champion enameller, making jewellery and art objects, with fine attention to detail and design.

Alan's championship talents in the field of jewellery are in the

faceting of precious stones.

Both are foundation members of the club and have tutored aspiring members.

The public is invited to browse, see the competition pieces and "buy a trifle or two".

There will be demonstrations by other members, "sip and bite", dealers with the raw stones straight from the mines all over Australia, or from their own fossicking, and opals in a vast array of colours.

Events include gem and mineral

dealers, club and members sales and competition and popular choice.

The festival will be held at the Memorial Hall, Anzac Av, Wyong, from 10am to 5pm on the Saturday and 10am to 3pm on the Sunday.

Adult entry will cost \$2, pensioners \$1 and children under 16 are free when accompanied by an adult.

Refreshments will be available.

Flyer, September 25

Margaret wins \$2600

Margaret McArthur of Umina has won \$2600 as one of six finalists in a national snackfood promotion.

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The competition was promoted by The Smith's Snackfood Company through Coles stores with the slogan "Win A Million Dollar House of Flavour".

Media release, September 29



Margaret McArthur (holding baby) receives her prize

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Help sought on bush regeneration project

Help is wanted to regenerate native bush at the Iluka Lagoon, Umina.

Bushland regeneration volunteers are mainly involved in removing invasive weeds from sites in order to encourage the regrowth of native species, which in turn helps to provide habitat for birds and mammals, according to co-ordinator Steve Cummings.

Steve is the local co-ordinator of the small group at Iluka Lagoon and Wetland, Umina, one of six similar groups on the Peninsula.

He has been working at the site for about six years and he needs more willing hands.

At present, fellow volunteer Sue Francis is his only regular help and although the area barely covers two hectares, it is a big job for two people.

The lagoon and wetland, which drain into Ettymalong Creek were

once part of wetlands that extended from Umina to south Woy Woy but it is now surrounded by houses, and only separated from them by a three metre buffer zone.

The land is a council reserve and has been declared ecologically significant under State legislation because of the swamp mahogany trees that grow there.

These large native trees were once common in the wetlands of the Central Coast and are vital in providing habitat and a year-round food source for many native birds and animals, according to Steve.

They bloom during the winter months when other eucalypts are not in flower.

Vegetation has been classified as open forest in the reserve although there are some species more commonly seen in rainforest areas.

Paperbarks, swamp

mahoganies and angophoras make up most of the taller trees with smaller, bleeding heart and cheese trees lower down.

The bleeding heart trees (Omalanthus), with their distinctive heart shaped leaves and the odd, bright red, leaf were once almost covered by a wall of morning glory weed but patient weeding has returned them to something like their natural state.

This is what motivates Steve Cummings and others like him, to get out there every month and donate a couple of hours of their own time towards bushland regeneration.

Over 25 different species of birds have been sighted in the reserve as well as ringtail possums, flying foxes, skinks, blue-tongue lizards, four different types of frogs, a green tree snake and the eastern snake-necked turtle.

Some of the worst weeds on the site include willow and coral trees as well as a rather unusual but flourishing weed, Cyperus papyrus.

This eight feet tall non-native is the original plant that the ancient Egyptians used to make papyrus and has certainly originated from someone's garden.

Invasive weeds like this can quickly take over, crowding out native plants and reducing habitat and food sources for birds and animals, so Steve asks please never dump your garden clippings in the bush.

Another particular problem faced by Steve at the site is that of herbicide, pesticide and fertiliser run-off from neighbouring gardens.

Pesticides and herbicides do enormous damage to both plant and wildlife and the excess nitrogen introduced by fertilizers changes soil acid to levels that native plants cannot tolerate, and increases algal growth in the water.

No previous experience or knowledge is required to become a volunteer.

You do not have to be a botanist or even a gardener.

All you need is two hours per month and a willingness to help our local native flora and fauna.

If you would like to assist at the Iluka site, the group meets for two hours on the second Saturday of every month starting at 9am and 8am during the summer months.

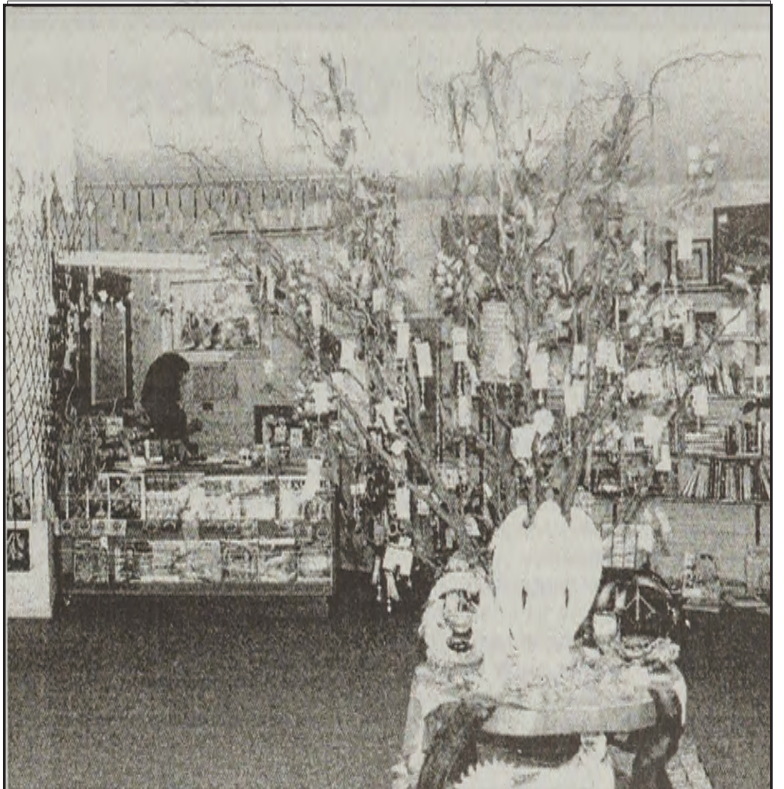
Please ring Steve on 4344 5594 for further details.

Gosford Council's bushcare officer Robyn Urquhart would also like to hear from anyone interested in being part of a roving group of regenerators who would go from site to site assisting the regular groups.

The current six sites cover a range of vegetation from wetlands to sand dunes so this could appeal to those looking for variety as well as a challenge.

Contact Robyn Urquhart at Gosford Council on 4325 8222.

Paula Perry, September 28



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The home page loads some images of the building internals and provides an external shot of the building that would normally

only be seen from the water.

According to the site, the restaurant has been operating since September 1999.

It gives no indication that the restaurant is based at the "Taj Mahal", with its controversial history and opening difficulties.

Internal links only include a menu and a wedding information page.

The mouth-watering items on the menu tempted the reviewer to log off the net and leave for a meal of entrees, mains or even a specialty.

Information on a wide range of

wedding packages can be obtained from that page and provides the potential bride or groom information without the need to call and ask for brochures.

The only external link that I could locate was to oomah.com.

The site does not give any indication as to the last update, which may give a surprise to a

visitor at the restaurant when ordering from the menu.

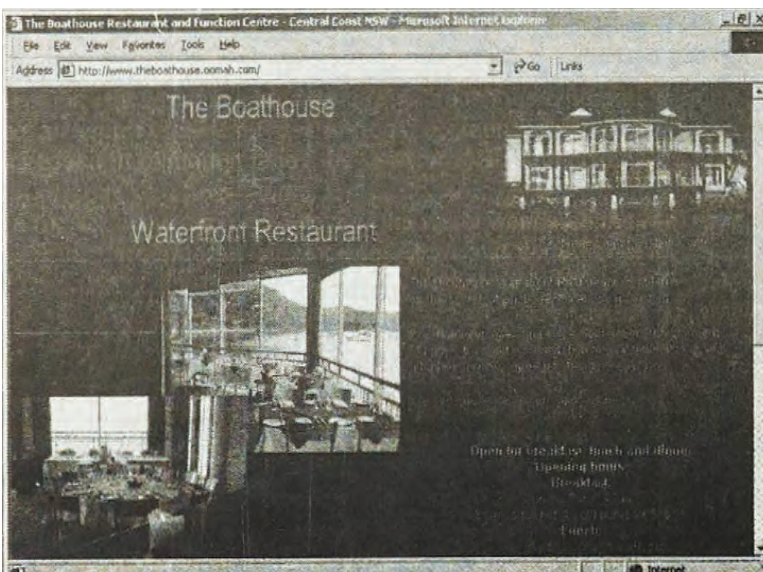
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If your community organisation is on the Internet and would like your site reviewed, send the information including contact details to stephenmcnamara@start.com.au or mail to PO Box 532 Woy Woy

2256 or fax 4342 2071

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Stephen McNamara, October 3



Web page for The Boathouse Restaurant

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What's on in and around the Peninsula

Compiled by Winsome Smith
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

Visitor Information Centre, Watersedge Gifts and Souvenirs, 18-22 The Boulevard, Woy Woy.

Enq: 4341 2888

Woy Woy **Pelican Feeding**, 3pm Pelican Park, Fishermans Wharf.

WEEKLY EVENTS

EVERY FRIDAY

Woy Woy Leagues Club, free **entertainment**, Players Lounge 5.30pm.

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

Active over 50s classes, **Aqua-fitness**, Woy Woy Pool, 10.00am.

Enq: 4349 4800

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

Peninsula Pastimes Ettalong Baptist Church, Barrenjoey Rd. 10 am, (in school terms), \$1.50 incl. Morning tea. Creche Enq 4323 2493

Grocery Grab **Game Show**, Ettalong Memorial Club, 1.30pm

Enq: 4341 1166

Brisbane Water Bridge Club Ocean Beach Surf Club. 12.30 pm

Enq. 4341 0721

U14 yrs **Boxing/fitness** (gym) 4.30 pm PCYC Enq 4344 7851

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 8pm, Live band plus Dj, Woy Woy Leagues Club

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

Old Time & New Vogue Dancing; 1pm, Pat Walsh organist, Ettalong Beach Memorial Club Enq: 4341 2156

Dancing, 2pm, Ettalong Senior Citizens Club, Enq: 4341 3222

Bridge, 12.30pm, Ocean Beach Surf Club Enq: 4341 0721

EVERY SUNDAY

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

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.

Champagne Breakfast, 9am, **Game Show** 10am, Ettalong Memorial Club, Enq: 4341 1166

EVERY MONDAY

Ettalong/Umina Lions **Bingo** 10.30am Ettalong Memorial Club, 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: 4325 3608.

Free Punters Choice **Race Game**, Ettalong Beach Memorial Club, 12.30pm, Enq: 4341 1166

Free **bingo** Woy Woy Leagues Club. 11am.

Mahjong 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**-1pm; **Fitness** 1pm Enq: 4341 3222.

Boxing/fitness training, 3.45pm-U14, 4.30 pm 5.30pm-14yrs+, **Taebox** 6.45pm PCYC, Enq: 4344 7851

Child and Parents **Support Service** (CAPS), coffee and chat, 10am, 50 Neera Rd, Umina 24 hour Enq: 4343 1911

Bridge Ocean Beach Surf Club. 12.30 pm Enq 43410721

Killcare Wagstaffe Playgroup at Wagstaffe Community Hall every Monday morning during school terms. Enq 4360 2065

Fairhaven Cash Housie Umina Beach Bowling Club, Melbourne Ave., Umina 7.30 pm Enq: 4325 3608

Bingo Umina Beach Bowling Club Melbourne Ave., Umina 11 am Enq 4341 2618

EVERY TUESDAY

Boxing/fitness training U/14 yrs 4.30 pm PCYC Girls Circuit Boxing 7.00 — 8.00pm PCYC 5.30 pm 14+ boxing/fitness (gym) Enq 4344 7851

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.

Killcare Wagstaffe Playgroup at Wagstaffe Community Hall every Tuesday morning during school terms. Enq 4360 2065

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Bridge Ocean Beach Surf Club.

9.30 am and 7.30 pm Enq 43410721

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; **Fitness** 1pm **Leatherwork**-9am; **Table Tennis**-9am; **Bridge**— 12 noon. Enq: 4341 3222.

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

Oil Painting, 9am **Multi-craft needlework** 10am, 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

Mega **Raffle**, Ettalong Memorial Club, 2.30pm, Enq: 4341 1166

EVERY THURSDAY

Scrabble Progress Hall, Woy Woy Rd 12.30pm.

Old Time Dance Umina Community Hall, 1.30pm \$2 Enq: 4341 3604

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**, 11am, 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

Australiana, 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:Kindy Gym 10.30am: Tae Kwon Do, 6pm:**Circuit Boxing** 6.45pm PCYC, Enq: 4344 7851

Game Show, 10.30am, Ettalong memorial Club, Enq: 4341 1166

Bridge Ocean Beach Surf Club. 12.30 pm Enq 4341 0721

Line Dancing Umina Beach Bowling Club, Melbourne Ave., Umina 9.30 am. Enq 4341 2618

PCYC **Doubles Pool Comp** 5.00 pm 14+ **boxing/fitness** (gym) 5.30 pm. **Girls boxing class** 7.00 pm

EVENT CALENDAR

Tuesday November 6

Library Bookmobile, Killcare Heights cnr Scenic Rd & Beach Dr. 10.35am; Wagstaffe Community Hall 11.00am.

Wednesday November 7

Seniors' shopping day, Deepwater Plaza (1st Wed).

Woy Woy Community Aged Care Auxiliary meeting (1st Wed)

Enq: 4341 4206

Thursday November 8

Library Bookmobile Daleys Point, Peridon village, 10.15 am Empire Bay Post Office11. Am Bensville local shop 11.30 am

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

Friday November 9

Troubadour Folk Club presents Craig Dawson & Simone Olding (2nd Fri) CWA Hall, opposite Fisherman's Wharf Woy Woy. Enq 4341 4060

Woy Woy Ettalong Hardys Bay RSL Sub-branch meeting, (2nd Fri) Ettalong War memorila Club 2.30 pm Enq 4341 8817

Saturday November 10

Umina Garden Society 1.30 pm (2nd Sat) Community Hall, Sydney St., Umina \$2 incl afternoon tea. Enq 4341 8842

Naval Association of Australia, Central Coast sub-branch (2nd Sat) Woy Woy Bowling Club 9.30 am Enq 4343 1967

Sunday November 11

Buffalo Lodge, Woy Woy 381 Umina Community Hall, 11am (2nd 10am (2nd Sun) Empire Bay Progress Assoc. Hall.

Monday November 12

Pearl Beach Women's Club 12pm, Progress Hall, (2nd Mon)

Woy Woy Branch Labor Party (2nd Mon) 7.30pm, Everglades Country Club.

Sole Mothers, 10.30am, (2nd Mon) Small Hall, Cnr. Victoria & Blackwall Rds, Woy Woy Enq: 4342 8764

Tuesday November 13

Madness & Melodies, Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club, 10.30am. (2nd Tues)

Ettalong Beach Toastmasters 7.30pm (2nd Tues). Ettalong Beach

War Memorial Club. Enq: 4344 1124.

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 November 14

Endeavour View Club Woy Woy Leagues Club, 10.30am (2nd Wed).

Monday November 19

NSW Transport Auth. Retired & Former Employees Assoc, Brisbane Water Branch, Ettalong Bowling Club, 2.30 pm (3rd Mon) Enq: 4344 4617

Ettalong War Widows Guild. Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club (3rd Mon.) 1.00 pm. Enq 4382 1897

Tuesday November 13

Peninsula Women's Health Centre Psycho Physical Healing 10.00. am Enq 4342 5905

Wednesday November 14

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

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

Thursday November 15

Clinic, (3rd Thur) Women's Health Centre, Enq: 4320 3741

Peninsula Womens' Health Centre Infant Massage 10.00 am Enq 4342 9905

Friday November 16

Ballroom Supper Dances. 7.30 pm, Ettalong. All ages. Professional teaching avail. (3rd Fri) Enq 4344 5432

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

Sunday November 18

Brisbane Water Cage Bird Society. 10 am. South Woy Woy Progress Hall

Woy Woy Rd. ,(3rd Sun) Enq: 4341 6842

Tuesday November 20

Library Bookmobile, Killcare Heights cnr Scenic Rd & Beach Dr. 10.35am; Wagstaffe Community Hall 11.00am.

Peninsula Women's Health Centre Christmas Craft with Carla Morrow

10.00 ammmmm Enq 4342 5905m

Arthritis Foundation 10 am (3rd Tues) Meals on Wheels Hall

Enq 4342 1790

Thursday November 22

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

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

Friday November 23

Ballroom Supper Dances. 7.30 pm, Ettalong. All ages. Professional teaching avail. (4th Fri) Enq 4344 5432

Saturday November 24

Jive & Jitterbug Club, 8 pm, Ettalong Memorial club (last Sat)

Enq 4341 1166

Sunday November 25

Ettymalong Creek Landcare group (4th Sun) for bush regeneration. 8am Enq: 4342 2251.

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

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

Monday November 26

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

Deepwater View Club Luncheon Meeting, Woy Woy Leagues Club 11 am (4th Mon) Enq: 4344 4106

CWA meeting at Wagstaffe Community Hall (4th Mon) 1.30 pm

Enq: 4360 2504

Woy Woy Branch Business & Pro-

fessional Women's dinner meeting (Last Mon) Enq 4341 1844

Tuesday November 27

Ettalong Beach Toastmasters 7.30pm (4th Tues). Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club. Enq: 4344 1124

Wednesday November 28

Peninsula Women's Health Centre Perform With Confidence. 9.30 am.

October 24 & 31. November 7, 14, 21, 28. Enq 4342 5905

CC Cancer & Palliative Care Meeting (4th Wed) 1.30pm Grevillea Cottage, 19 Kingsley Ave., Woy Woy Enq:4341 6309

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

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

Friday November 30

Woy Woy Civilian Widows 1pm Ettalong Senior Citizens Club (last Fri)

South Bouddi Peninsula Community Association meeting (last Fri) Wagstaffe Community Hall. Enq: 4360 1002

Saturday December 1

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)

Woy Woy Peninsula Dune Care Group; 9am, (1st Sat), Enq: 4342 7849

Sunday December 2

Folk festival at Patonga

More than 30 performers from Sydney, the ACT and Newcastle are expected to attend a Folk Gathering to be held at Patonga on October 20 and 21.

The gathering is being organised by the Peninsula's Troubadour Folk Club as part of a larger range of activities to take place throughout the weekend at Patonga in aid of Down Syndrome Awareness Week.

The Troubadour Folk Club will provide entertainment at five different locations: the progress hall, a marquee, outside the general store, on a barge and around a campfire.

The main venue is the Patonga Progress Hall, which will become a concert hall by day and a dance hall at night.

Concerts will be staged from 10am until 8pm on the Saturday and from 10am until 3pm on the Sunday.

Entry is by gold coin donation and the entertainment on both days will commence with a

children's concert for the young and the young at heart from 10 until 11am.

The entertainers include: Graham Johnston, Alison Boyd, Wayward Folk, The Moochers, Craig Dawson and Simone Olding, Michael Giddens, Geoff and Meg Woodhead, The Wheeze and Suck Band, John Currie, Bill Bekric, Mattawa, Duncan Chalmers, Linda Campbell and John Gaydon, and Richard Mills.

The hall will become a bush dance venue from 8 until 11pm on the Saturday, with the Coast's bush dance association president, Steve Loftus, as the caller and the music supplied by Mattawa and the Wheeze and Suck Band.

The Troubadour will also have a marquee located amongst the many other stalls and displays established in the camping area.

This marquee will be used on both days as a blackboard venue where anyone can place his or her name on the blackboard and be given an opportunity to perform a 15-minute set.

This will be interspersed with

some guest performers.

From noon until 4.30pm, the marquee will become a workshop venue where guest musicians will give free 40-minute workshops on singing (two different workshops), tin whistle and bodhran.

From 6pm, *Soliloquy with Sausage* will take over as the marquee becomes the site of the poets' barbecue with experienced poets and locals taking turns in reciting what is expected to be funny or moving poetry.

From 9pm, songs and stories around the campfire will take place.

People with or without instruments will take turns in singing, performing or just reciting well into the night.

A barge will head up the river on Saturday morning and again on Saturday evening, complete with a number of performers, to entertain the 30 or so passengers.

There will be a charge for these trips with the money going to aid Down's Syndrome Awareness.

A second blackboard venue will be set up outside the general store.

Performers will again include those already booked to play elsewhere in the festival.

Event organisers have arranged a large stage with top bands playing, a fireworks display and many stalls and displays to entertain the large crowds expected over the weekend.

For further information or to become involved call 4341 4060 or email frussell@fastlink.com.au.

Free Folk Gathering at Patonga 20th & 21st October, 2001



- * Blackboard Concerts
- * Bush Dance
- * Family Activities
- * Campfire Sessions
- * Concerts
- * Concerts on River Punt
- * Market Day

* Supporting Down Syndrome awareness week
Performer applications close 20/9/01. Send a brief resume or performance details with a small photo and music sample via e-mail to frussell@fastlink.com.au or post to 65 Hobart Avenue, Umina 2257 to reach us by the closing date (small files only via e-mail please)
Enquiries Phone 0243 414 060 or 0417 456 929

Woy Woy wedding



Kim Verheyen and David Gleeson married on August 25 at St Lukes Woy Woy by reverend Murray Johnson.

Honeymoon World Trip, finishing in America whilst the World Trade Centre disaster happened.

Photography by SilverCoast photographs.

DAILY EVENTS AT YOUR CLUB

MONDAY: Bingo 11am Cash housie 7.30pm
TUESDAY: Ladies bowls 9am Men's twilight bowls 5pm (commence 2nd October)
WEDNESDAY: Indoor bowls 9am, mixed pairs 1pm
THURSDAY: Line dancing 9.30am, Mens social 1pm
Members badge draw 6pm, sports raffle 7pm
FRIDAY: Monster raffle 4.30pm & 6.30pm, free entertainment 8.30pm
SATURDAY: Men's social 1pm
SUNDAY: Men's jackpot triples 8.30am, mixed fours 1pm

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An early episode of fund raising – a queen competition

Christmas party planned

A Community Christmas Party will be held at Turo Park, Pretty Beach, on Saturday, December 8, from 1pm.

Groups and individuals are

being invited to hold a stall for their own fundraising.

It is hoped there will be a plant stall, cake stall, face painting, merchandise and more.

This Christmas party is a joint venture between Kincumber

Rotary and local volunteers.

Anyone who would like to join in organising this family event will be welcomed.

For further information, telephone 4360 2314.

School newsletter, September 19

Call to defer restructure

A public meeting attended by 200 has resolved to seek to have the restructure of Peninsula schools deferred.

The meeting was held at Woy Woy Leagues Club on September 19 to discuss the high school restructure currently under way on the Peninsula.

The meeting was called by New South Wales Teachers Federation representatives as an attempt to halt the restructure until the completion of the Teachers Federation initiated Vinson Inquiry into the "Provision of Public Education in NSW".

Twenty thousand leaflets advertising the meeting were distributed.

The meeting was attended by approximately 200 people and heard from four speakers, all of whom were against the present restructure.

Speakers were: a Umina High School parent, Mr Philip Joel; Deputy President of the NSW Teachers Federation, Ms Jennifer Leete; Mr Rodney Molesworth, Senior Vice President, NSW P&C Federation; and, Paul Salmon, a teacher from Woy Woy High School.

A letter from the Central Coast's senior representative of the NSW Department of Education, Mr Bill Low, was read to the meeting.

According to Bruce Graf, president Umina High School P&C, the meeting resolved, with only four against, that "the Minister for Education, Mr John Aquilina, defer any restructure of education on the Peninsula until the results of the Vinson Inquiry into the provision of public education in New South Wales are known".

Written submissions to the Vinson Inquiry were also sought. Submissions close on October 15.

Planned IT skills centre praised

The new IT Skills Centre planned for Woy Woy has been described as "truly an exciting facility being developed in our community" by Brisbane Waters Secondary College principal Mr Pat Lewis.

"While not being for the exclusive use of College students, it will be of enormous benefit to them and the entire Peninsula community."

In a recent newsletter, Mr Lewis said: "This is the Skills Centre which was to be established in the Donnison St Campus at Gosford, funded by the Australian National Training Authority (ANTA), a federally funded body.

"Planning for this centre was well under way when there was a change in the circumstances in other parts of the centre which made it an unsuitable place for school students.

"The Gosford office of the Department made this decision before the announcement of the College.

"Faced with the prospect of sending the money back to ANTA or finding an alternative location for the Skills Centre, the office took the latter path and the pending announcement of the College to relocate it to the Woy Woy Campus.

"This had the added benefit of returning to the Peninsula local access to TAFE, which will be taught out of the Centre.

"Many residents will recall that this access was lost several years ago when the Woy Woy TAFE site was sold.

"Apart from the location of the Skills Centre, nothing else has changed.

"The establishment of the centre is still federally-funded

and it will still be accessible to users apart from Brisbane Water Secondary College students.

"Other potential users will include all other high schools on the Central Coast, both Government and independent, TAFE, private ICT training providers, and community groups.

"It is, in fact, essential that there be a multitude of users as the Centre will need to be self-funding.

"This funding will come from a fee for use and from sponsorship.

"The funding will be used mainly for the employment of a full-time manager, but also for normal operational costs such as utilities.

"All maintenance of the technology will be covered by warranty and maintenance contracts as part of the purchase of these items.

"The Skills Centre is to be located in an existing building on the Woy Woy Campus which is easily accessible to College students, outside users, and to ample parking."

The centre will consist of an information technology room, a business services room, a "hands-on" room where students will be able to assemble and disassemble computers and networks as part of their studies, a meeting room, and several storerooms.

It will also be adjacent to two other computer rooms.

Plans include refurbishing the current rooms, purchasing equipment and the cabling of the rooms.

Fibre optic cabling will extend throughout the Woy Woy campus, offering internet access from every teaching space.

Newsletter, September 19

Special awards for over 33 percent of students

More than one third of the 41 children from Pretty Beach school taking part in the English section of the Australian Schools Competition have won special awards.

Distinctions went to Sophie McFadyen, Year 4; and Khan Porter-Witt, Year 6.

Credits: Sarah Ford, Alice McCourt, David Nipperess, Year 3; Sarah Bracken, Melissa Ford, Year 4; Anna Bracken, Olivia Clarke, Corina Hartley, Sammy-Jo Lizotte, Lucy Nipperess, Clare Tinker, Year 5; Anne Robson, Year 6.

Achievement Award: Joel Frazer, Year 6

This year over 450,000

children from Australia and New Zealand participated in the section.

This was the first year that a writing component was included as part of this series of tests, with 85,000 children participating from Australia and New Zealand.

Twenty one children from Pretty Beach entered.

Distinctions went to Sarah Ford, Year 3; Rowan Jones and Lizzie McFadyen, Year 5.

Credits: Melissa Ford, Sophie McFadyen, Year 4; Sean Hertmanni, Simone Holloway, Michelle Reeves, Clare Tinker, Charlotte Valentine, Year 5; Khan Porter-Witt, Year 6.

Achievement Award: Anne Robson, Year 6.

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Truancy program for Woy Woy High

A Non-attendance Intervention Program will be run at Woy Woy High School during Term 4.

Home School Liaison officers will interview children identified with attendance problems at the school.

Children with an attendance rate lower than 85%, more than three unexplained absences or a regular pattern of absences, or extended periods of illness will be interviewed.

Teachers with a wide range of educational and professional experiences, as well as expertise in student welfare, are employed as the Home School Liaison Officers by the Department of School Education in its School Liaison Program.

State legislation requires children between the ages of six and 15 years to be enrolled at a State or registered school and to attend school on each day that instruction is provided.

Newsletter, September 21

College working groups announced

The composition of working groups for the new Brisbane Water Secondary College has been announced.

The current makeup of working groups is as follows (St = student, P = parent, all others are staff members).

Staffing-timetable: Frank Gasper, Nick Dent, Cathy Gray, Sue Hughes, Coral Shand, Susan Andrew, Ralph Murray, Ruth Woodford, Steve Collins (AECG WWSPS), Jennifer Pierce.

Curriculum: Pam McAlister, Nick Dent, Frank Gasper, G. Eagleton, Kirrily Ogle, Deirdre Fletcher, Megan Caldwell, Jo Reilly, Rhonda Honeysett, Cheryl Lakajev, David McBride, Chris Wright, Julie Hannah, Lesley Minter.

Technology: Nick Dent, Gus Vrolyk, Ashley Lynn, Michael Lamm, Coral Shand, Mark Rae, Wayne Matsen (DO), David McBride, Adam Austin (St UHS), Allan Thornton (St UHS), Michael Brogan.

Administration-Finance: Pat Lewis, Keith Angles, Rhonda Herdman, M. Pollard, Jim Brooks, Lorraine May (P UHS), Ray McDonald (P WWSPS), Mignon Ward, Jane Scott.

Promotion & Marketing: Pat Lewis, Kay Podmore, Matthew Marker, Geoff Gee, Jim Brooks, Roger Macey, Jarrod Moore (St UHS), Ray McDonald (P WWSPS).

Student Welfare: Frank Gasper, Gus Vrolyk, Cathy Gray, Angela Kennedy, Chrisstine Anderson, Bill Donald, Kirrily Ogle, Megan Caldwell, Michael Lamm, Rhonda Honeysett, Deidre Fletcher, Sue Nolan, Joanne Nouwens, Mary-Ann Murphy, Sonia Gerakios, Sheree Gilchrist, Ray McMinn (P WWHS), Tanya Masters, Susan Sobezak (St WWHS), Luke Holland (St WWHS), Stuart McMinn (St WWHS), Kristel Braasch (St WWHS), Sharon Dunn (P WWPS), Anne Jope (P WWHS), Deb Moxon, Karen Brady (P EBPS), Susannah Murray.

Special Education: Frank Gasper, Lyn Davies (DO Consultant), Kay Southon, Debra Ward, J. Ellis (Ett PS), Manny

Pusic, Deirdre Fletcher, Margaret Wood, Kerrie Smith, Ann Whitehouse (P WWHS), Tanya Masters, Dianne Gaston (P UPS), Marion Halton (P WWHS).

College Identity (uniform, badging, logo etc): Frank Gasper, Carolyn Carter, David McBride, Nicole Dunne (St WHS), Kay Podmore, Nan Wilmott, Maureen Pratt (P UHS), Cheryl Lakajev, Alisha Smith (St UHS), Larry Thomson, Lorraine May (P UHS), Michelle Parker (P UHS), Jarrod Moore (St UHS), Susan Sobezak (St WWHS), Luke Holland (St WWHS), Stuart McMinn (St WWHS), Kristel Braasch (St WWHS), Adam Austin (St UHS), Allan Thornton (St UHS), Ray McDonald (P WWSPS), Kaye Denning (P WWPS), Tracy Forbes (P WWPS), Cheryl Dew (P EBPS), Pam Crain (P WWHS), Diane Matthews (P WWHS).

College Ethos (vision, values and mission): Pat Lewis, Frank Gasper, Pam McAlister, Coral Shand, David McBride, Ralph Murray, Ann Whitehouse (P WWHS), Wendy Wormald (P UHS), Kaye Denning (P WWPS).

Sport-Creative Arts: Carolyn Carter, Mark Cribb, Rhonda Herdman, Robert Swan, Alisha Smith (St), Larry Thomson, Jane Curry, Kim Dawes (P EBPS), Kristel Braasch (St WWHS), Susan Sobezak (St WWHS), Anne Jope (P WWPS).

The members of the College Management Group and Steering Committee will receive recommendations from each of the groups.

Minutes of all meetings will be posted on the college noticeboards, in the teacher's common rooms in the two high schools, and major decisions will also be published in school newsletters so that those outside the high schools are kept informed of developments.

These decisions will also be conveyed to the Steering Committee and are accessible to all through a representative on that group.

"These avenues are extremely important to the successful and smooth establishment of the College," said college principal and project officer Mr Pat Lewis.

Newsletter, September 19



Children from Ourimbah enjoying the new facilities at Anderson Park as a school holiday activity

Senior students use PCYC

Senior students using the Woy Woy High School Support Unit have been working on their academic programs as well as utilising the gym facilities at the PCYC each week.

Junior students have been concentrating on developing their swimming skills.

The students recently took a visit to Umina High School to see a performance of Jesus Christ Superstar.

The junior students have been producing artwork under Ms Nuku's guidance and have visited East Gosford Art Gallery to enrich their classroom activities.

Students have also been hosted by local employers to gain

work experience.

Work experience was integral part of senior students education programs and provided valuable, relevant learning environment to develop the work skills needed to prepare for the future, according to principal Ms Carolyn Carter.

School newsletter, September 14

\$2000 scholarship for Jessica

Jessica Allen from Woy Woy High School has taken up a \$2000 scholarship to attend the Australian Business Week (ABW) program at the University of Sydney.

ABW was a program designed

to give students the opportunity to learn and take part in the running of a mock business.

Eighty students from around NSW were selected and, during the week, sat through many lectures from successful business people.

Students were split into eight groups of 10 and had to make the best decisions in order to make the most profit possible.

Activities included a computer simulation, trade display, oral presentation, written business plan and the filming of a commercial for the product.

In addition, students participated in other activities such as army training, combat fighting, karaoke and theatre sports.

School newsletter, September 14

Aztec calenders

Woy Woy Public School has received two wooden Aztec calenders from Mexico.

The calenders were gifts to the school to thank students for their participation in the Olympic Welcome Program last year where they were matched with Mexico.

An explanation sheet describing the feature and meanings of the calendar will be on display in the school's office area as a memento for students to share.

Parents and students have been asked to make suggestions about what might be an appropriate gift in return.

School Newsletter, September 19

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Variety of classes at Ettalong

The Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre will be holding a variety of workshops and classes during October.

Textile artist Sabine Parge will run workshops on rug hooking on two Saturdays, October 20 and 27, from 10am to 1pm.

Rug hooking has a similar approach to patchwork in that old fabric is used to create something new and exciting.

This old craft is done on a base of hessian with strips of fabric hooked into it, forming a thick and durable pile which can be used for rugs, cushions, wall hanging, hats and many other creative fabric applications.

Sabine has her own studio at Horsfield Bay where she works mainly on textile compositions for paintings and wall hangings.

Her work also embraces creative embroidery, cloth doll making, tapestry, Japanese Tamaris (embroidered balls) and many other textile techniques.

The cost of the full workshop is \$40.

The Centre's Term 4 classes start on October 17.

The classes available are Pottery, Folk Art, Creative Writing, Drawing, Pastels, Contemporary Oils and Acrylics, Multicrafts, Sculpture and children's Pottery.

The Creative Writing class starts up again on Tuesday,

October 16, from 1.30pm to 3.30pm.

This course is designed to assist anybody with a yearning to write, whether it be short stories, a novel, family history, a newsletter, children's stories, poetry or any other type of writing.

Each session covers a major aspect of successful writing: "Where Do You Get Your Ideas?", tips on developing believable characters, plot development, story openings and endings, motivation, style, effective use of dialogue and the value of well-established conflict.

Some time is spent on the vexing topic of how to help yourself get published, as well as a "brush-up" on grammar and the use of similes and metaphors.

Students complete exercises during many of the sessions and homework is set each week.

Drawing classes are also of special interest.

These are led by Anne Parker who has recently been further honoured for her work by being included as a Peoplescape Maker.

The Ettalong Beach Arts & Crafts Centre is in Kitchener Park, corner of Maitland Bay Dr and Picnic Parade, Ettalong Beach.

Ring Penny on 4341 8344 or 4360 1673 for further information.

Newsletter, October 2

New pool shop for Peninsula

A second pool shop has opened on the Peninsula.

Trading as Peninsula Pool Care, the shop is in West St, Umina, replacing the lighting shop that previously traded there.

Proprietors Steve and Karen Pavett have had many years experience in the pool industry.

They owned Broadwater Pools and Landscaping for over 10 years where they built many inground and fibreglass pools, many with filtration, for residents throughout the Central Coast.

The family have lived on the Central Coast for over 20 years, the first period of which was at Ettalong.

They established their business at Umina because there was only one pool shop on the Peninsula and they had heard that many residents were

travelling well out of the area for their pool supplies.

"This is such a wide area and it needs better servicing," Karen said.

The pool industry has changed greatly over the years with the introduction of ionisers, chlorinators, stabilisers and trouble-free pool cleaning equipment, she said.

"The more environmentally conscious pool owner now has many alternatives to using large amounts of chlorine in their pool every day," Mr Pavett said.

The new outlet offers a full range of pool chemicals and provides free water testing as well as many in home pool services including cleaning, renovation and repairs.

Cec Bucello, October 5

Free bus tours to celebrate water week

Gosford Council has organised free guided bus tours of Council facilities to celebrate Water Week, October 14 to 20.

Tours will take place on Wednesday, October 17, and Wednesday, October 24, departing from Ettalong and Gosford.

The tours include a visit

to the Gosford Regional Gallery and Gosford-Edogawa Commemorative Garden, the Water Quality Control Centre and Mangrove Creek Dam.

For bookings, phone 4325 8332.

Media release, October 2



Craig Dawson and Simone Olding

Duo at folk club

The Troubadour Folk Club will see duo Craig Dawson and Simone Olding perform at Woy Woy CWA Hall on Friday, October 12, at 8pm.

Craig and Simone combine their diverse musical backgrounds to create a blend of original songs and instrumentals as well as interpretations of some traditional material.

Their music covers a range of folk music styles from ragtime to contemporary.

Songs which explore a variety of topics, both serious and funny, are included in their repertoire.

Simone is an experienced

vocalist and plays a variety of instruments including mandolin, bouzouki, flute, recorder, clarinet and Bodhran.

Craig is a multi-award winning songwriter, music teacher and acoustic musician who has performed in bands and as a soloist regularly since 1984.

All are welcome and there is a \$7 cover charge which includes supper.

Floor spots are always available for acoustic musicians, poets and story-tellers.

All enquiries are welcome.

Phone Frank on 43414060

Media release, October 4

Fashion parade

A fashion parade by Jodi of Umina will be held at Woy Woy Community Aged Care in Kathleen St, Woy Woy, on Wednesday, October 31, at 10am.

A five dollar donation includes morning tea and all proceeds will go to Woy Woy Community Aged Care Ltd Auxiliary.

Media release, October 2

Local bands promoted

Woy Woy Leagues Club is holding a "Rock Band Competition" during October to help promote local talent.

Every Friday night, the club is featuring a new "undiscovered band", which will have 30 minutes to show its talents performing both original songs and "covers".

The bands are McJesus (October 5), Hershauer (October

12), Amobea (October 19) and Kompunktion (October 26).

The major prize will be two paid gigs at Woy Woy Leagues Club valued at \$1000 as well as the exposure and the chance to secure more gigs around the Central Coast.

Newsletter, September 29



Rogers Park Woy Woy, the site of the new clubhouse

New clubhouse for Rogers Park

A new clubhouse will be built at Rogers Park for Woy Woy's cricket and Australian rules football clubs.

North Construction and Building of Gosford has won the tender for its construction over two other Central Coast companies, Concept Designers & Builders of Holgate and Felsch Development of Terrigal.

The new amenities building will replace the existing facilities. Construction is expected to take eight weeks and should start this month. Gosford Council was told that Norths had satisfactorily completed Stage 2 of the Gosford City Arts Centre and substantially completed the Terrigal Surf Life Saving Club for Council, to a high standard of quality and within time and budget constraints. Funds for the project will come from Council \$224,000, a sport and recreation grant \$24,000, together with a club contribution \$10,000, to meet the total cost of \$258,000. The Council contribution is from its "Sportsground Masterplan" funds, part of the Council's Financial Strategy money. Council agenda WK062, October 2

Scramble held at Everglades

Bob and Belinda Baxter, Lee Slattery and Graeme Marchant each won a Precept Staff golf bag with their team score of 50 1/2 in the Noble Holden Scramble at Everglades Golf Club.

Kevin Miles, Tom Bassett, Ian Rand and Grant Watson were second 1/8th of a shot away and

each received a PGF Buggy. Three of the Everglades juniors Dennis Stillaway, Jeff Beehag, Warren Allan and Peter Harris have been selected to start a coaching program. Matthew Winner, Simon Hoyland and Mitchell Bluff will receive free tuition and player handbooks in a program developed by the NSW Golf Association. Darren Chivas September 27

Sub-juniors barred from Saturday golf

Increasing demand for the use of Everglades Golf Course has led the board to terminate Saturday morning sub-junior golfing sessions at Everglades Golf Club.

The change came at the request of the Men's Golf Committee and was effective from the beginning of September.

Girls or boys wishing to become a junior golfing member of Everglades by progressing through sub-juniors have been asked to contact the club golf professional Darren Chivas.

Darren conducts clinics for sub-juniors each Monday afternoon, commencing at 3:30 pm. As the daylight hours extend with the onset of summer, provision will be made for members of the sub-junior clinics to get on-course playing experience commensurate with their ability. This will culminate in regular nine-hole competitions for those who are approaching the point of qualifying for junior membership. Eighteen-hole qualifying rounds will be arranged for those sub-juniors who, in the opinion of the professional, have reached a standard where they are able to fulfill the requirements to become junior members. These qualifying rounds will be organised during school holidays when required. For a more detailed account of the requirements for transition from sub-juniors to junior membership see paragraph 11 of the Constitution-Rules and By Laws, Golf Section contained in the Golf Program book John Henry, September 27

Gosford professional wins Pro-Am

Professional winner of the Everglades Golf Club Pro-Am was Ricky Schmidt of Gosford with a 62.

Winner over the field was Fay Spence with 41 points.

Winner of A Grade with 39 points was Tony Lamaro.

B Grade winner was D. De Luca on 38 points after a countback and Dennis Ferguson won C Grade with 40 points.

Everglades professional Darren Chivas had a creditable 68 which was quite an achievement considering that his day started at 6am.

He eventually hit off at around 12.45 and finished the last three holes in a thunderstorm.

Rounds of the Month were scored by: J Wood 45 points 31/8,

W McNamara Nett 61 1/9, D Crawford 7 7/9, G Broom 11 7/9, P Heatley and D Stonehouse 9 7/9, C Goulding 45 points 8/9, J Jamieson 45 points 9/9, J Lind nett 60 12/9, P Davies 45 points 15/9, G Minnett 45 points 15/9, R Bryant 43 points 19/9, T Sidirougos 44 points 19/9, K Mansfield 43 points 21/9, F Wicks and G Bond 44 points 21/9; D Smith 9, G Pether 8, D Angely and K Barnett +6 all 22/9.

Holes in One were scored at the Scramble on Sunday, September 16, by John Henry at the 10th and Trish Melnik at the sixth.

The Golf Club's AGM will be held at 7pm on Monday, October 22.

Wal Mapplebeck, September 27

Bowling club elections held

Both the Woy Woy Men's Bowling Club and Woy Woy Club Ltd held elections in August.

The large number of nominations indicated the interest in the club, especially at a time when the club's finances needed careful management.

Voting week was successful in attracting 300 members to the polling booth to record their votes.

The booth was manned for 22 hours over six days by the following scrutineers - G. Armstrong, J.Parkinson, G. Craig, A. Baddock. R. Duignan, T. Martin, A. Osborne, F. Nairn and

Felix Seady, who also participated in the vote counting on Saturday afternoon.

The new committee of the bowling club is: President Paul Smith, vice-presidents Tom Riley and John Scott, secretary-treasurer Warren Smith, bowls secretary Keith Miller, assistant bowls secretary Neville Perry, chairman of selectors Ken Young, pennant selectors Graham Kenney and Ron Hughes, social selectors Peter Buck, Les Maguire, Ted Martin and Ron Conway (Snr). Welfare officer is Kevin Rogers

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Plan for everglades lagoons

Gosford Council's Wetlands Management Committee has supported recommendations for the formulation of a management plan for the Everglades lagoon system in conjunction with Everglades Country Club.

A recent task force for the area also recommended that any council action in the area should

take into account the lagoon system and impacts from the car park as well as the ecological integrity of the entire wetland system.

The Wetlands Management Committee also recommended that the Sinclair Knight draft management plan, which was prepared early last decade, be located and reviewed.

Council agenda WS001, September 25



Patrick with his NSW state championship trophy

State champion

Patrick White of Umina has won the NSW BMX state champion 10-year-old division.

The state championships were held in Tamworth on the weekend of September 29-30.

Patrick is also the Central Region zone champion and has won second place in the ACT

championships.

He has now qualified to race in the Australian championships in Hobart during March next year.

Patrick has hopes to compete in the world titles in Western Australia in 2003.

To qualify, he must finish in the top 16 at the Australian championships.

Jonathan Reichard, October 4

Skilled players return to Umina

Umina Cricket Club has announced the return to the club of "several skilled players".

Club president Paul Sharpe said the players would help improve the depth and all-round performance for the 2001-2002 season.

Long time player Darren Hancock has been elected club captain.

Darren is also the head selector and brings a wealth of experience to both positions, said Paul.

Returning Umina junior Simon Blake has been appointed first

grade captain.

"Simon has spent the past 16 years playing with the Northern Districts club, 10 in first grade, playing in one first grade premiership and captaining the second grade premiership side in 1999-2000."

Another returning junior is Mark Cattle.

"Mark also played with Northern District for seven years and has spent the past three years toiling away in England.

"Mark was a member of the club's 1990-91 premiership side

and is a former state under 21 player."

Former first grader David Fraser has also been wheeled out to training recently.

"David is keen to make the top grade as it will be a thrill for him to play with the boys he nursed as babies."

Paul said: "All grades will be strengthened by an influx of one-day players from last season who bring with them a vast array of talent."

Fax, August 30

Minor singles winners

Robyn Davis and Colleen Jukes have won the Everglades Women's Bowls Club's Minor Singles competition.

The runners-up were Elaine Vincent and June Grimson.

The last of the championships are now finished for this year.

Fathers Day was organised by

Everglades vice-presidents, with gifts and a meal for the male members.

Umina won the Buckworth Shield played with six teams

Juniors lose to minor premiers

In the last two rounds of Under-11 Division 3, Woy Woy rugby league boys played Kincumber and Berkeley Vale.

The Kincumber game, in howling winds, finished with the boys getting a 13 points to 10 win.

In the last round, Woy Woy played a strong Berkeley Vale side and ended up winning 34-14.

Berkeley Vale was away to a 14-point lead and Woy Woy went through to half-time with heads down and tails up.

After a big talk at half-time, the

boys went out a completely different side and taught the opposition a lesson.

The boys finally hit the form they have aimed for all year and it was the right time to do it.

After finishing fourth, Woy Woy played the third-placed Ourimbah side who were full of confidence.

Woy Woy boys turned up switched on with memories of the year before and absolutely blitzed Ourimbah, who never looked in the game.

There wasn't a single player who player badly, but the two standouts were Dylan Smith and

Shawn Nelson.

When the going got tough, these two boys lifted their team to make the extra tackle or extra five metres that were needed.

Final score - Woy Woy 20, Ourimbah 10.

A week later, Woy Woy faced the minor premiers and eventual premiers, Wyong.

The boys, after a tough game to a much bigger opposition, ran out of time and luck with a 16-10 loss.

Kurt Wilkins and Dylan Smith took the ball forward and Shawn Nelson tackled his little heart out.

Shane Wilson, September 27

Country club introduces competitive tendering

The Everglades Country Club has introduced a competitive tender process in a number of areas including waste management, cleaning, electricity and telephone services which has led to potential savings of about \$50,000 in one year.

"It is in the members' interests that we look to achieving such savings," said secretary-manager Mr Wayne Dean.

"Other services are also being examined. The difficulties of the Club industry are not over.

"There are still those in government who are keen to increase taxation on clubs.

"Surely there are others in the

community who contribute very little and are not paying their way," he said.

"Everglades Country Club has taken a pro-active role with the club treasurer Geoff Callingham involved in the local Community Development and Support Expenditure Committee.

"In the future, clubs will need to be more involved to ensure politicians appreciate what we do."

Recently a new workstation was installed in the change booth.

"This will computerise the processing of payment vouchers and the co-operation of members and guests is appreciated as we become accustomed to this change," he said.

Newsletter, September 27

Bridge club

The Brisbane Water Bridge Club recently made donations to several local community groups.

Careflight received \$1118.

Gosford Hospital Special Care Nursery received \$730.

Ocean Beach Surf Lifesavers Club received \$750 and Woy Woy

Rugby League Juniors received \$400.

The Brisbane Water Bridge Club plays at Ocean Beach Surf Club.

The times are printed in Peninsula News' What's On section.

Jack Lindsay, September 26

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Commencing Friday, 5th October, continuing every Friday for four weeks. Four local bands competing for major prize of two gigs at Woy Woy Leagues Club valued at \$500 each, they will be supporting the Friday night entertainment in the Auditorium.

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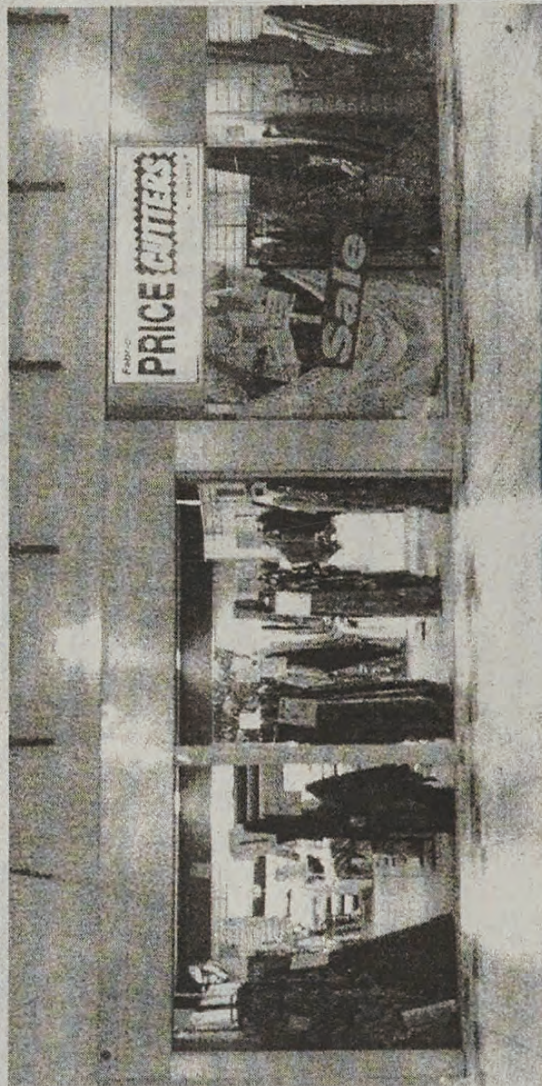
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