



Photo: Phil Joel

The existing Woy Woy pool complex on Blackwall Road

Olympic pool will remain

The Woy Woy Aquatic and Leisure Centre will incorporate the existing outdoor Olympic pool, Gosford Council has been told.

All other buildings and structures will be demolished.

The main building will include of a pool hall, a dry sports hall and a fitness centre.

Functions within the pool hall component of the proposal include a 25m x 8 lane pool, a 25m x 3 lane hydrotherapy pool, a leisure/learn to swim pool, spa pool, sauna, amenities, first aid room and spectator seating.

Functions within the dry sports hall component include two competition size courts adaptable for basketball, badminton, volleyball, netball and indoor soccer, and seating for 200 spectators.

Functions within the fitness centre component include gymnasium, aerobics/multipurpose space, office, assessment room and store.

Shared components of the facility include administration, kiosk, creche, soft play area, amenities and meeting space.

Council agenda DE.176, November 6

Cheers greet Aquatic Centre approval

Cheers greeted Gosford Council's unanimous approval of plans to proceed with the proposed Aquatic and Leisure Centre at 243 Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

However, the development had met with some opposition from people living next to the site who suggested that the scale of the complex should be smaller.

At a site inspection and at a later council meeting, councillors and residents discussed the proposed

centre. Cr Chris Holstein moved the plans be approved, along with extra landscaping to screen nearby houses from vehicle headlights, traffic calming measures in the area, lockable barriers for the rear car park and a restriction on opening hours to between 4:30am to 10pm.

It was also decided that the facility would be built in one construction phase.

Cr Holstein said: "The necessity

for this facility is paramount for a whole range of reasons.

"Neighbours have raised concerns about the size and impact of the development.

"The landscaping around it will address this problem."

Cr Craig Doyle said: "There are areas of the region which have been underdone in the past and the Peninsula is one of them.

"This is a great thing for the Peninsula," Cr Doyle said.

Jonathan Reichard, November 19



Concerned residents gather in the Pool carpark, which is the site of a new basketball court, to view the council plans



Clearing under way at Woy Woy Bay

Resident claims site threat

Clearing on private land at Woy Woy Bay was threatening an important aboriginal site as well as significant flora and fauna, according to claims made by a local resident last week.

Mr Russell Maule said an expert report had uncovered a birthing site, shelter caves, a rare red and white ochre mine, "female" sites, grinding holes, evidence of basket making, sharpening stones and a traditional meeting place.

Another report had covered the significance of the site's flora and fauna, he said.

Mr Maule said a number of local people were concerned that "another potential major Indigenous land site with both cultural and tourism importance is

to be destroyed".

He said approaches to Gosford Council to intervene had been unproductive.

"The council investigated the site prior to the recent land clearing activity."

However, they had either not known of this data, not recorded it or had not told appropriate State and Federal authorities to enable the site to be protected, he said.

He was concerned that evidence of the site may have already been removed, damaged or significantly changed.

Mr Maule said the site should join other adjacent areas in the national park on the Kariong plateau that have already been listed as nationally important.

"Independent analysis by private concerns have confirmed that this

new archaeological site requires much further investigation as to the sustainability of the area, the sensitivity of the remains and the future use of the land.

He said that to date the site had remained relatively undisturbed, apart from an "unfortunate clearing incident" a few months ago.

Mr Maule said concerned citizens were being asked to contact the media and their State and Federal Members.

Chairman of the Darkinjung Local Aboriginal Land Council Mr Dave Pross said he was unaware of the site, but would be interested to inspect it.

He said that the Land Council was not consulted when the site was "under a certain acreage".

Media release, November 30

Open windows computer consulting

Forum

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Welcome to edition 34 of Peninsula News
As we are taking a very short break over Christmas, this is a six week edition running from early December through to mid January.

We would therefore like to take this opportunity to wish all of our readers a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Additionally and especially, I would like to thank the staff, volunteers and active association committee members for their tireless assistance throughout the year.

Without them, there would be no newspaper.

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Thank you one and all!

Cec Bucello, Manager

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Kahibah Creek clearing to proceed

Gosford Council is to proceed with clearing works in Kahibah Creek bordering North Pearl Estate.

Works also include planting of shrubs and trees where practical along the top of the North Pearl Estate side of the channel, above the 1% flood line.

The council decide to do the work as soon as possible, in time for the "flood risk period" of December and April.

It decided to "update" the Kahibah Creek Maintenance Plan 2000 to reflect the ongoing maintenance requirements of tree growth control within the floodplain, propagation of shrubs

and trees where practical along the top of banks above the 1% floodline and control of plant regrowth below the 1% floodline.

It decided to prepare an Environment Management Plan

for the area and undertake environmental education in the 2002/2003 for this section of the creek.

Council agenda DE.174, November 13

Approved

Gosford Council has approved a fire station building for Maitland Bay Drive, Killcare, before having considered a feasibility study to develop the site into a combined recreational facility, according to Cr Lynne Bockholt.

In a "question without notice", Cr Bockholt has asked council officers why this occurred, when the council had resolved to develop a whole site strategy before any development occurred.

The feasibility study was to examine the cost of building the fire station including public toilets and change room and developing the site as a recreation facility including playing fields.

Council minutes, November 13

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Minister for Roads, Carl Scully, at the opening of the Woy Woy roads and transport headquarters

Transport office opens

The State Government's new Central Coast roads and transport headquarters at Woy Woy is open for business.

The Minister for Roads, Mr Carl Scully, officially opened the new office in The Clocktower Building opposite Woy Woy Station on November 19.

Mr Scully said the new office would be the hub of a boosted commitment to the development of transport infrastructure on the Central Coast.

"The Government's decision to establish a dedicated roads and transport presence on the Central Coast is recognition that the region remains one of the fastest growing in NSW," Mr Scully said.

"With this new office, we are taking a coordinated approach to the provision of new roads and public transport in the future, with the RTA and Transport NSW working side by side."

The State Government is

working with local Councils, Chambers of Commerce and other stakeholders to develop a transport action plan for the area.

"Three key positions at the new office have already been filled - a Central Coast Manager, a Project Services Manager and a Network Manager."

"As Central Coast Manager, Mr Chris Harrison will have an important and challenging job."

"With extensive experience in both the public and private sectors, he has the project and people management experience and skills needed to achieve positive outcomes."

"There are several more staff here starting work today, and over the coming months, the new office will provide employment opportunities for up to 30 people."

"The first important job of these people will be to progress the widening of the F3 from the Hawkesbury River to the Calga Interchange."

"Members of the community can

come and visit the office and see the display of the environmental assessment of the F3 widening."

Public comment on the review will be accepted until 21 December 2001.

"This office confirms the Government's commitment to ensuring road and public transport infrastructure on the Central Coast are developed to provide long lasting benefits," Mr Scully said.

Media release, November 19.

New substation at Community Centre

An electricity sub-station may have to be located at the entrance to the new Peninsula Community Centre, despite a move by councillors to relocate it out of sight at the rear of centre's carpark.

The proposed sub-station was required to provide power to the new Community Centre.

It would cover four square metres with a further seven square metres required for an easement and right of way, if not located at the rear of the carpark.

Energy Australia would have a 50-year lease at a nominal rent of 10 cents a year, consistent with their current leases for similar facilities.

Council also requested that Energy Australia pay an administration fee of \$330 for the preparation of the lease and creation of the easement and right of way.

However, it is understood that Energy Australia has told the council it would cost an extra \$50,000 to have the sub-station at the rear of the carpark.

Cr Lynne Bockholt told Peninsula News: "I think we'll have to live with it at the front rather than move it if is going to cost."

"I have asked for a further report to come to the next Council meeting."

Council agenda CS.210, November 27

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Proposed medical centre for Umina

The fact that another medical centre will soon tower over Umina from a height of 12.75 metres is testament to the power of money.

This will seemingly make a mockery of the draft character statements contained in our community's DCP and LEP.

It has been suggested that three storeys are okay, but that was with the top being residential and set back.

The proposal will cut off the amenity that people have had for over 30 years to be able to walk and drive between Alfred and Oscar Sts.

We have signatures of 800 or more people, who will miss that lane when it's gone, who have asked for it to be formalised.

I have spoken with and written to all the councillors who are there to represent the greater good of the community.

They give no response that shows sign of helping us.

I hope the rate payers are aware what our factory and shop, that has served the Peninsula for over 40 years, will be faced with if council refuses to provide rear access.

We will continue to run our factory and live here.

When busloads of people move onto the wrong side of the road to clear meat wagons, how can council say rear lanes behind main street business is not needed?

Gosford Council had the KFC site purchase funds unspent, and the opportunity to buy when No 1 Berith St sold for \$140,000 and went begging.

With parking and access at the 1 Berith St site, 11 businesses would have been better served and our community would be a safer place.

The existence of the streetscape masterplan for Umina that is displayed on the library wall shows people that rear access is on the mind of council, why else would they have paid Andrews Neil for the plan if it was misleading?

E James, Umina.

Beach Books

ITP

Living centres team brought in

The Department of Urban Affairs and Planning (DUAP) has established a Living Centres team in Gosford to deal with development matters on the Central Coast.

The team appears to be concentrating on big ticket items such as planning the huge W a r n e r v a l e / W a d a l b a redevelopment but they have also been instructed by the Minister of Planning to review medium density residential development on the Peninsula because of the continuing community opposition to such ad hoc development.

Until the Living Centres team came to town, all of that complaining fell on deaf ears.

Now it appears that that DUAP is scheduled to undertake a study of residential development on the Peninsula with a view hopefully, to reducing densities in some areas.

Because the State Government requires each council has to provide a certain number of housing units Gosford Council has passed a resolution that it is willing to look at higher residential densities in the Gosford CBD, including along Mann St, in exchange for lower densities on the Peninsula and other medium density areas.

This appears to have the support of all parties and I am hopeful that DUAP will agree to this strategy and will encourage council to submit a revised residential housing strategy incorporating this new proposal to the State Government for approval.

I strongly support an increase in residential densities in Gosford CBD and a lowering on the Peninsula.

Gosford has all the infrastructure in place and needs people living in the CBD to make it come alive at night and on weekends.

Parramatta has implemented such a scheme and is now being hailed as the new centre of Sydney as families eat out on the streets at the many little cafes and bistros which have sprung up over the last few years.

Parramatta used to be dead at night and on weekends now the

place is jumping as residential development in the CBD has taken off.

Gosford could be like this too and it would mean more jobs as people start small businesses and bigger businesses are attracted to the ambience of the area.

On the other hand, the Peninsula is now suffering from too much traffic, unmade roads, a lack of kerb and gutter and all the other things associated with putting too many people in a area without infrastructure.

Incidentally, I don't subscribe to the argument that all that is wrong with medium density development is that it should be better designed.

I agree that most of the designs are woeful but the issue is that we want decreased densities as well as significantly improved designs.

I have always found it extraordinary that in the 1980s the then Council and the State Government rezoned 60 per cent of the Peninsula for medium density without much consultation

with the local community.

I have lived here since 1971 and have always been involved in community issues and do not remember any debate or discussion on such a massive rezoning.

It is heartening to see that at last the community's concerns are being heeded.

Both the Minister of Planning Andrew Refshauge and the local member of parliament Marie Andrews have said that the medium density policies on the Peninsula need to be reviewed in light of the community opposition to our suburbs being ravaged and our area rapidly losing the very characteristics which attracted us all here in the first place.

The review was announced around 12 months ago so I expect DUAP to start work early next year.

If they don't and the development continues, there will be nothing left to save.

Lynne Bockholt, November 28

Empire Bay R/E

Civic Video

Kerb and gutter plan to be placed on public exhibition

The "streetscape masterplan" for providing kerb and gutter to streets on the Peninsula is to be placed on public exhibition.

Five types of road edge treatment have been considered: "traditional" barrier type kerb and gutter, kerb only, flush-to-ground edge strips, roll-top kerb and "V" drain.

The plan lists each street, describing the proposed treatment, the road width, drainage constraints, "traffic facilities" and a preliminary costing.

The council was told that water sensitive urban design principles have been considered in preparing the plan.

The key principle was to hold stormwater runoff on the

catchment to maximise infiltration and to minimise the discharge of dissolved chemicals and gross pollutants in stormwater runoff.

Strategies to be applied to the streetscape included constructing road carriageways as narrow as safe and practical to minimize impervious areas and to maximise permeable areas where the infiltration of stormwater may occur.

Car standing areas and possibly footpaths and driveways could be paved with permeable pavers to promote infiltration.

The area behind the kerb and gutter to the property boundary could be designed to briefly hold stormwater at shallow depths immediately after storms to promote infiltration.

The principles also included

extensive tree planting within road reserves to hold additional stormwater on the catchment on the actual trees and to promote the natural process of evapo-transpiration.

Stormwater and drainage structures and outlets would be designed, where practical, to trap material ranging from silts to gross pollutants.

The Council has also decided to prepare a "street tree masterplan", submitting a list of recommended tree species to the council's Significant Tree Committee for comment.

Council decided to continue to investigate options for reducing the delay before the kerb and gutter is installed.

Council Agenda SF.037, November 27



Police with a sample of the powder found at Woy Woy council office

Powder scare

Emergency services were called to the Gosford Council office on Woy Woy recently when employees found that a white powder had been pushed through the mailbox in the front door.

Fire crews attended to clean up the area and take samples which police took away for analysis.

The white powder was later found to be harmless.

The incident was the second of the type at the council offices.

Umina Fire Station Officer Glenn Rorie said, "Obviously we

treat every incident as though it's the real thing, considering the anthrax attacks in the US."

Jonathan Reichard, November 13

Rental

Ettalong Markets

Brian Baylis

RTA displays held

The RTA is currently holding F3 environmental assessment displays at the Woy Woy Motor Registry and at the Central Coast Roads and Transport office, in the Clocktower Building, Railway St, Woy Woy.

RTA officers will be available to discuss the proposal at the Central Coast Roads and Transport office in Woy Woy on Wednesday, December 5, between 10am and 2pm.

Members of the public are encouraged to view the displays and provide the RTA with comments by Friday, December 21.

Press release November 19

Wider disabled spaces requested

Gosford Council will write to Deepwater Plaza shopping centre management requesting disability parking spaces be widened.

The council's Disability Access Committee was told of concerns that some of the accessible parking spaces provided at Deepwater Plaza were not wide enough for ease of access.

The committee's concerns, and request that consideration be

given to remarking the spaces at 3.2 metres in width, was noted at the recent council meeting on November 27.

The committee was also told that an industrial waste bin was impeding access to the parking space at Woy Woy station and has written asking that it be relocated.

Council agenda DA.039, DA.040 November 27

Ettalong Markets

Breman Patisserie

Forum

Councillor is sick and tired of rubbish

Am I the only one who is sick and tired of seeing our lovely area drowning in rubbish?

Just one example tells the story.

Council has spent a great deal of ratepayers money renovating that lovely area around Umina Oval.

The BMX track, the newly enlarged skateboard ramp and new picnic tables etc add to the natural attraction of the area.

Many people use the area everyday and it's lovely to see so many families picnicing and enjoying themselves there on the weekends.

However, the amount of rubbish thrown around, the broken glass and beer bottles everywhere is a disgrace and spoils the enjoyment of the area for many locals.

Council cannot cope with the amount of rubbish and even though there are bins around some choose simply to throw their rubbish on the ground and leave it for someone else.

That area around the BMX track is particularly awful as it is always full of papers, bottles and other rubbish.

Council spends a lot of money cleaning up after the idiots who continue to throw rubbish around our reserves, especially our beach reserves.

I believe Council has a role to play but I also strongly believe that it is the responsibility of every

single person using the reserves to take their rubbish with them and to tidy up after themselves.

Recently I watched a group of four adults and three children at a Council reserve at Woy Woy as they scattered drink cans, beer bottles, food wrappings and cigarette ends everywhere even though there was a garbage bin not four metres away from where they sat.

When I pointed the bin out to them I got a mouthful of abuse.

And this is not the only problem. Great mounds of rubbish regularly appear on the kerbside and seem to sit there for weeks.

All it takes is one telephone call to get this removed.

Why do people automatically assume that someone else will make that call?

It is the responsibility of every householder to look after their own rubbish and I am sick of the streets being clogged with garbage.

I would welcome any constructive suggestions about how this kind of behaviour can be stopped because I believe the community wants to enjoy the area without drowning in rubbish.

Council is finally starting to spend serious money on the Peninsula and we should take pride in our area instead of making unattractive to resident and visitor alike.

Cr Lynne Bockholt, November 28

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Chamber should be ashamed

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce should hang its head in shame for diverting the democratic process at the dinner held at The Boathouse restaurant on Monday, November 5.

Phillip Ruddock had been invited to speak on international terrorism and asylum-seekers and tickets were sold to any interested member of the public.

Six ticket holders were refused entry to the dinner because they were involved in a peaceful demonstration outside the restaurant prior to Ruddock's arrival.

Has the Central Coast fallen to the level where concerned citizens are forbidden from taking part in a community event?

Does the Chamber of Commerce really believe that avoidance of healthy discussion and debate about human rights issues is the right strategy to take?

The more that members of the public are willing to speak out and take a stand on social and political issues, the more robust and dynamic our democratic society will become.

Debbie Notara, Terrigal.

Pearl Beach opposes guttering

The Pearl Beach Progress Association will oppose any moves to introduce any further kerb and gutter to Pearl Beach.

The association has written to Gosford Council referring to earlier moves to retain roads without kerb and gutter.

The association's letter stated that the draft Local Area Traffic Management Scheme for Pearl Beach has contained a relevant paragraph.

"As noted in the report, the dish drainage system used in most of Pearl Beach is highly valued by the residents as a significant factor in maintaining the ambience of Pearl Beach," said association secretary Ms Carmel Harriss.

She said the Gosford City Draft Strategic Plan was amended at its Strategy-Policy Forum on March 22 last year by adding a clause about kerb and gutter. "The Peninsula Local Area Profile be corrected to include the absence of kerb and gutter as a strength under the section dealing with the

suburbs Pearl Beach, Patonga and the Bays area."

She said the Council had been independently advised of the view of the Pearl Beach community that it was necessary to "establish an appropriate hydraulic section" for roadside drainage systems by:

- forming suitable grades and grass drainage channels without tree removal;
- using hand packed hot mix or sprayed concrete in the channel base to prevent scouring on steeper non-movable locations;
- where appropriate, establishing roadside traps to localise silt flow and prevent siltation of waterways.

"We will seek to make some further suggestions to Council on dish drain design," said Ms Harriss.

"We seek Council's assurance that the above points continue to be taken into account in the context of any relevant works on the Peninsula."

Letter, October 26

H&R Block

Woy Woy Printing

'Sedge

Eco-tours to feature on ET

A television item featuring Coastal EcoTours bush medicine and tucker man, Wayne Peters of Koolewong, will be featured on the NBN network TV show Escape with ET early in the New Year.

The item had been scheduled to appear on Saturday, November 3, but was replaced by a rescheduled Britney Spears special.

Mr Peters said: "A number of media and public open days have been planned for late November to early December to replace the

postponed airing of the Coastal EcoTours segment on the ET show."

He said guests would be invited to the Waylinn Jackie Station eco-retreat at Cooranbong and would have the opportunity to experience eco-tourism and learn more about our Australian native bush medicines and bush foods first hand.

Coastal EcoTours can be contacted on either 4344 3392 or 0416 209 257 for more details.

Press release, November 5

All in one computers



Ettalong Umina Lions get into the Christmas spirit

Lions Santa sleigh

Ettalong Umina Lions Club members are hitting the Peninsula streets again this year with their Santa sleigh.

The club hopes to delight the children with a visit from Santa and to sell Lions Christmas cakes, which are \$7.80 for a small cake and \$10.50 for a large cake.

The sleigh will start its run on November 29 and continue through until December 18,

between about 6pm and 7.30pm each day.

The club tries to cover as many streets as possible in this time.

Anyone wanting Santa to visit their street should contact club secretary Malcom Leete on 4342 1352.

The club has enlisted the support of The Bays Rural Fire Brigade volunteers to tow the sleigh.

Flyer, November 20.



The Campbells crew

Raffle

A raffle organised by Campbell Building Materials of Woy Woy has raised \$3000 for the Childflight helicopter ambulance service.

First prize of \$1000 worth of building services, donated by local builder Nathan O'Brien from N & F O'Brien Carpentry, was won by Maria Smith from Umina.

Second prize of a wheelbarrow full of goods donated by Campbell Building Materials was won by Marie Besgrove from Horsfield Bay.

Third prize was two sets of golf clubs was won by Mr Waddell from Niagara Park.

Press release, November 27.

Michel's

Lock and Key

New Catholic church

A new church is being planned for the Woy Woy Catholic Parish of St John the Baptist.

Three sites, two at Woy Woy and one at Umina, have been put forward as possible locations for the complex.

The sites are a bush block on Hillview St, Woy Woy, next to St John's school; the Woy Woy Presbytery site near Blackwall Rd; and the existing Umina church site at the corner of Morris and West Sts.

Each location has advantages and disadvantages, according to parish priest Fr Colin.

The proposal was in the pre-planning stage with traffic, financial, historical, environmental, social and liturgical issues all needing further examination and discussion once a site had been selected, he said.

At the moment, Father Colin of the Woy Woy Catholic Parish believes that the Woy Woy Presbytery site although the smallest, would be the best choice.

The existing church and TAFE building could remain and the

church could possibly be restored to its original configuration by removing the annex.

There were good public transport links to the site and it was close to Woy Woy High School and Woy Woy Public School.

The main disadvantages were the small size of the area and the need to cross busy Blackwall Rd which ran through the middle of the site and separated the church from the carpark.

The Umina church site was quieter and has a larger area but was less exposed and had problematic car access from Morris St into West St.

Although it had the highest attendance at Sunday masses and was closer to the demographic centre of the parish, the Umina church was not close to any school.

The Hillview site was the biggest site but was also the least prominent and did not belong to the parish.

Work would be required to be upgrade the stormwater easement and public transport to the area

was not as frequent as at the other proposed sites.

If the Hillview site was not chosen as the site for the new church, the Parish Pastoral Council suggested that a multi-purpose centre with hall and chapel would be needed with a flexible sacred space designed for children and suitable for masses.

Whichever site is chosen, one church will be closed.

Father Colin said the challenge would be to blend the best of both churches in a space that would serve the parish for many years to come.

Paula Perry, November 30

Rentals

My book and me

Dwyer Mortgage Concepts

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News

Report admits conference was unsuccessful

A report to Gosford Council has admitted that a facilitation conference to discuss issues raised by objectors to the Woy Woy pool redevelopment was "unsuccessful".

This was "due to the nature of the issues", council was told.

The issues raised by the objectors at the conference related to communication, permissibility, loss of economic value, traffic impact, noise impact, privacy, hours of operation, security, the open drain, relocation of the facility, criminal and anti-social behaviour and over-development.

The conference was conducted by an external facilitator and "residents were afforded an

opportunity to air grievances and obtain a better understanding of the proposal", according to the report.

•Objections lodged with Council included claims that:

•At least part of the site was used for landfill.

•There was a lack of consultation with local residents

•It had a detrimental effect on residential amenity, privacy and noise

•The proposal will attract gangs and increase drug dealing.

•An intolerable amount of noise and dust will be generated During construction

•The open drain was a stagnant, stinking mess infested with mosquitoes and rats.

•The development was too intense and the intensity should be reduced or relocated

•Property values would decrease

•There were no strategies in building design in respect of crime and antisocial behaviour.

•The proposal is a prohibited use in the 6(a) zone and existing use rights have not been established.

•Council, as the proprietor and consent authority, had a conflict of interest in carrying out the assessment process.

The report either denied the claims or dismissed the objections as valid reasons for not proceeding with the plans.

Council agenda DE.176, November 6



Mark Snell with the Premier's Award

Editor receives Premier's Award for volunteering

The honorary editor of Peninsula News, Mr Mark Snell, has received a Premier's Award for Active Citizenship in recognition of his "outstanding voluntary service".

Mr Snell was one of two recipients in Gosford local government area to be presented with a framed certificate and lapel badge by Gosford mayor Cr Robert Bell at Centenary of Federation celebrations at Gosford on November 17.

Nominees were selected for their demonstrated commitment to their community, making an innovative or outstanding contribution to their community and setting an example which inspired, motivated or involved others in voluntary community activity.

The audience was told Mr Snell was innovative in "establishing, promoting and

editing a Peninsula community-driven newspaper and website".

"In this capacity, he involves other volunteers by training them in writing newspaper articles."

In another voluntary role as Chamber of Commerce secretary, he had been instrumental in instigating a local economic development strategy.

The award was made as part of the International Year of the Volunteer.

"Many Australians are active citizens but do not see themselves as volunteers," the audience was told.

"These awards aim to recognise the broad scope and diversity of all volunteering efforts at the local level."

The other Premier's Award in Gosford went to Mrs Jean Fuller for her work with the Laycock St theatre.

November 19

Facilities management

Gosford Council's facilities will be reviewed at arrangements with a public meeting to be committees managing chaired by Cr Lynne Council-owned community Bockholt.

Committees managing council facilities on the Peninsula include the Umina Community Hall Inc and the Woy Woy Peninsula Neighbourhood Service Inc.

The council made the decision to call the public meeting after it was told that groups had been given free use of the buildings in return for covering the building's running costs including, in some cases, paying rates.

In an officers' report, council was told that "with the introduction of the GST, Council undertook an extensive consultation process with Section 355 committees to facilitate the signing of leases".

"However, when leases were found to be unsuitable, Council resolved to replace the leases with licences.

"Not all facilities could be leased due to legal constraints but facilities are able to be licensed.

"Although under the Section 355 system committees had been required to pay all rates and service charges, this clause was not made explicit in the lease agreement but was made explicit in the licence agreement.

"It has come to light since the sending out of the licence documents that, despite the requirement that Section 355 committees pay rates, Council previously had given some groups special consideration by paying their rates for them.

"Some of these groups have objected to the licence, particularly the clause requiring them to pay rates, and to other clauses which are the same as in the lease they signed last year."

The council decided not to require licensees to pay rates and to refund this year's rates to any organisation that had paid.

It decided to hold a public meeting, to be chaired by Cr Bockholt, to determine the form of written agreement and "other relevant matters".

Council agenda SF.050, November 27

Jayars

Tiling plus

Tonkin

Grandfather has lottery win

A grandfather in his 60s from Woy Woy burst into song when told he had collected the second prize of \$10,000 in \$2 Jackpot Lottery draw 7524.

"I've won \$10,000 in the lottery," he was reported as singing to his surrounding work mates.

The man told lottery organisers that it was "bloody fantastic".

"You don't know what this means. I can tell you the money has gone to a needy home," he said.

The man said he would pay off his debts and "if there is any left over" he would take a holiday.

The man had bought lottery tickets each week for the past 40 years but had previously only won prizes of less than \$100 dollars.

Celebrations included a few beers with his work mates.

The winning ticket, numbered 31497, was purchased from the Peninsula Newsagency on Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy.

Owner Cheryl Bentley said she was thrilled to learn her business had sold the lucky ticket.

"The fact the money has gone to a local makes it even better," she said.

Media release, November 6.



The fences are lined with mostly ALP placards at Ettalong Public School on polling day



Voters que up out onto the footpath at Ettalong Public School polling booths

Scouts to move

Gosford Council has passed a resolution to relocate the Bensville Sea Scout facility.

The existing building on the waterfront reserve was considered to be too small to accommodate the group's needs

and had fallen into a state of disrepair.

A disused army barracks building will be made available for the Sea Scouts future use on Council land at Kincumber.

Council agenda DE.077, November 6

Robertson Results

Enrolled : 83,748
Total Booths : 51
First Pref Booths In : 51
Votes Counted : 96.25%

AEC Date : 29/11/2001
AEC Time : 13:13:49 EST

Candidate	Party Code	Votes	%	Swing (%)
KENISCIEHAD, Kaijin	IND	657	0.87	+0.87
BOYLE, Harry Ovens	DEM	2,736	3.62	-0.78
HENNIG, Christine	CTA	1,092	1.44	+1.44
MORAN, Trish	ALP	25,789	34.08	-5.77
MUNN, Alasdair	IND	348	0.46	+0.46
LLOYD, Jim	LP	38,448	50.80	+6.90
LACEY, Stephen	GRN	2,512	3.32	+1.19
WILLS, Kevin	IND	744	0.98	+0.98
LAING-PEACH, James	IND	525	0.69	+0.69
BAKER, Errol	HAN	2,333	3.08	-6.16
PHILLIPS, Barry	PLP	374	0.49	+0.49
MARTIN, Ken	CEC	125	0.17	+0.17
.....	UNI	0	0.00	-0.48
FORMAL		75,683	93.89	-3.20
INFORMAL		4,928	6.11	+3.20
TOTAL		80,611	96.25	

	Two Candidate Preferred	Party	This Election	Last Election	Swing (%)
Total TCP Booths in : 51	MORAN, Trish	ALP	43.02%	47.99%	-4.97%
Total TCP Votes Counted : 96.25%	LLOYD, Jim	LP	56.98%	52.01%	4.97%

Post Election Results - Two Candidate Preferred results by type

Type of Vote	ALP	LP
Ordinary	26,916	35,305
Absent	2,162	2,707
Postal	1,255	2,214
Pre-poll	1,913	2,604
Provisional	316	291
TOTAL	32,562	43,121

Post Election Results - Candidate results by type

Jim Lloyd

Health

Women's health centre to hold courses

The Peninsula Women's Health Centre in McMasters Rd, Woy Woy, will be holding a number of courses over the next few weeks.

The cost of these courses is a gold coin donation.

Topics being covered are

psycho-physical healing, infant massage, Christmas with Celeste, and "The Swings and Roundabouts of Hormones".

For more information, telephone the centre on 4342 5906.

School newsletter, November 7

Rotary club donates equipment to community

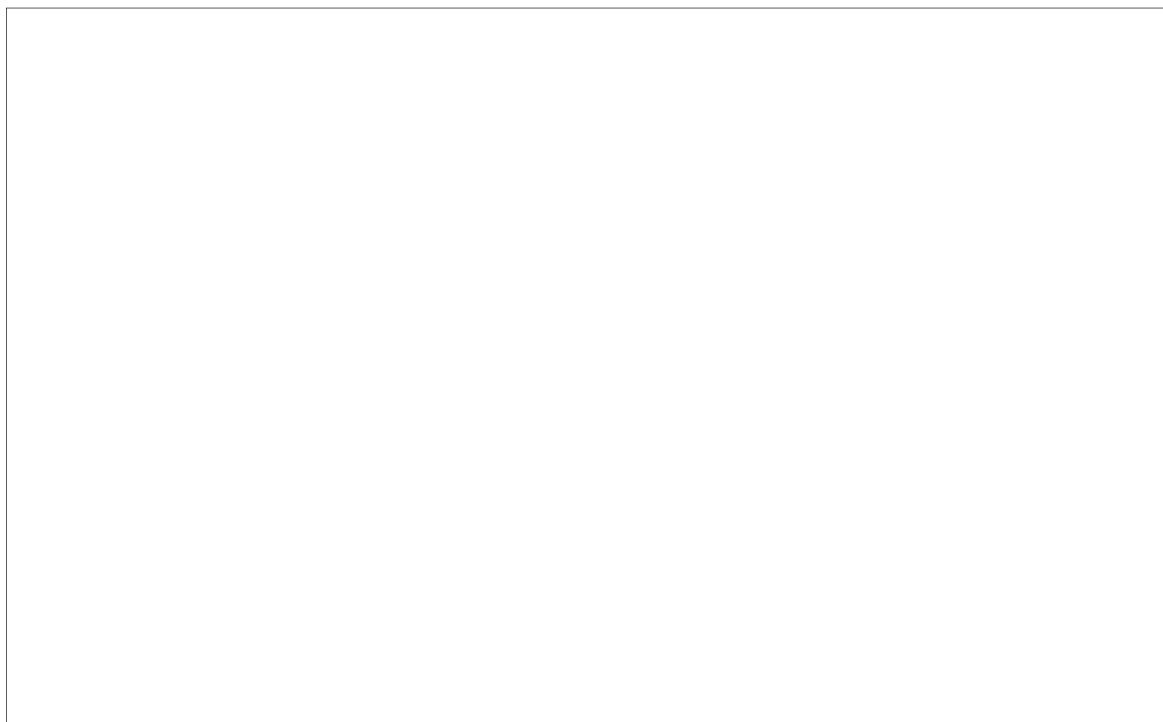
The Rotary Club of Umina Beach has bought television sets, a DVD player, computers, an air conditioner and special sound equipment to make sure "The Web" youth centre will be well equipped in the new Peninsula Community Centre.

Construction and fitting out is nearing completion and "The Web" is expected to move in early

in the new year.

Coordinator Dion Richardson was "very passionate about the project and has continually fought for funding over many years for counsellors and equipment to ensure a safe environment for the youth of our community aged between 12 and 18 years", said club spokesman Mr Geoff Melville.

Geoff Melville, November 28



The Judd's Pharmacy internet site

Pharmacy goes on-line

The Peninsula's first on-line shop is being launched this week by Judd's Pharmacy of Woy Woy.

Proprietor Mr Ross Pearse said the pharmacy's web site would sell all the pharmacy's lines, except prescriptions and restricted S3 goods.

Products could be selected from lists according to their different "departments", such as cosmetics, hair care and vitamins.

Alternatively, a search facility allowed customers to type in a particular product, product type or

ailment, such as "lipstick" or "coldsore".

Where the manufacturer had product information on its web site, a link would be provided to allow access to further information.

Like most on-line stores, customers were able to select items for their "trolley" before placing their order on a "check-out" screen.

Customers could choose to pay with cash or by credit card and could request free home delivery or store pick-up.

They could join any of the store's four discount clubs on-line

and subscribe to an email newsletter, alerting them to the latest news, advice and specials from the pharmacy.

Questions could be asked of a pharmacist through the site, with personal responses emailed weekly. Answers to common questions would be posted on the web site.

The on-line store can be found at www.juddspharmacy.com.au. It was programmed by local software developer Open Windows of Woy Woy.

Media release, November 28

Wellness day for older

Several Peninsula women travelled to Millers Point to participate in a Wellness Day Seminar on November 15.

This was organised by the NSW Older Women's Network.

It was designed to encourage women to establish "Wellness" activities in their local areas.

The seminar was inspiring, according to Shirley Hotchkiss, Peninsula resident and community development worker at Gosford Council.

"Over 200 older women attended.

"Many joined in the International dancing or creative movement activities."

Groups demonstrating activities such as drumming, gentle exercise and theatre came from established Wellness Centres in Sydney."

Shirley said that "Wellness" activities for older women were already established in Bankstown, Sutherland, Penrith, the Eastern Suburbs, North Sydney and Central Sydney.

"Women at the seminar were enthusiastic about the benefits of these activities in renewing their zest for life," she said.

Ruth Kearney of the local Older Women's Network joined in many of the Wellness Day Seminar activities.

She said that seeing so many women having fun and friendship while getting fit and healthy was a delight.

"I hope that local women will support the establishment of Wellness activities on the Peninsula," she said.

Several members of the local Older Women's Network have decided to meet regularly at a local café.

Older women who are interested in activities that promote well-being are invited to join them.

Phone Ruth Kearney on 4341 2704 for more information.

Media release, November 28

Go Vita

Chem Mart

Skin Cancer Clinic

Zelda

Woy Woy could really become the Venice of Australia

Woy Woy could truly become the "Venice of Australia" with streets under water according to global warming predictions, revealed by Gosford Council's environmental education officer Ms Trish Donnelly recently.

Ms Donnelly told a recent meeting of the Peninsula Older Women's Network that the sea level could rise as much as 50 centimetres over the next 30 years.

"Here on the Peninsula that will affect a lot of homes because a 50-centimetre sea rise is quite significant," she said.

Woy Woy was promoted as the "Venice of Australia" before the Peninsula had effective road access.

Ms Donnelly is the Environmental Education Officer, a position created three months ago, and is currently running Council's Energy Efficiency Program.

Her talk to the Older Women's Network at Woy Woy Leagues Club on Wednesday, November 7, was about global warming and how the average householder could reduce energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions.

Gosford Council is a member of the Cities for Climate Protection Program, a program that aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Global warming was caused by the burning of fossil fuels and brings about climate change, Ms Donnelly said.

According to Trish, over the next 30 years the Central Coast could expect temperature rises of between one half and 2 degrees Celsius, summer rainfall increases of up to 20 per cent, winter rainfall decreases of up to 10 per cent, more frequent extreme storms and sea level rises of between five and 50 centimetres.



Gondolas could replace fishing boats

She went on to explain that this was one of the reasons why Council was concerned with the problem of greenhouse gas emissions and with helping the community to become involved by reducing its consumption of fossil fuels.

Council had undertaken an audit to measure its greenhouse gas emissions and was already implementing energy reduction measures throughout its operations.

The greenhouse reduction goal set by Council is for a 20 per cent reduction in the first year.

Some of the measures include buying Green Power electricity, a slightly more expensive electricity that is produced from renewable sources, such as wind farms and solar farms.

Light fittings in council buildings have also been targeted with three-tubed fittings being replaced by two, or even a single tube where possible.

Unused hot water systems at various depots have been turned off or now operate on timers as do the air conditioners.

Council's vehicle fleet has not been neglected either, and there are now eight vehicles running on LPG.

In the future solar panels may

be used in buildings and street lighting and to heat public swimming pools.

Over \$1 million a year is spent on street lighting and a review of current lighting will be undertaken to see where unnecessary lights can be eliminated.

Council is also investigating the collection of methane gas from landfill and sewage treatment works to produce electricity.

Trish said there were a number of ways householders could help to reduce greenhouse gases and save money at the same time, and handed out information packages from the Australian Greenhouse Office.

"We're trying to encourage people to think about their car use, to try to use public transport more, and to reduce their energy consumption in their homes," she said.

The average household emits eight tonnes of greenhouse gases per year from energy use in the home, transport and decay of wastes.

Simple measures like adequate insulation, energy rated appliances, and solar power could make a significant difference to power bills as well as having less impact on the environment, she said.

Washing clothes in cold water cut costs and saved wear and tear on clothes and a water-efficient shower head could reduce hot water consumption considerably.

Trish also suggested using public transport or walking whenever possible, having the car serviced regularly to ensure

it is running efficiently, and planting and conserving trees and shrubs.

Many people would be surprised to learn that by turning appliances like TVs and videos off at the power point instead of the remote control householders could save up to \$95 per year on their electricity bill.

Ms Donnelly closed by saying that energy saving benefited not just the environment, but individuals as well, as energy saved was money saved too in the long run.

If you have any questions for her, Trish will be at Woy Woy Environment Centre every second Thursday afternoon.

Paula Perry, November 14

Rentals

Charlies Furniture

Plant Place

Judds Chemmart

Prestige Properties

Local businesses urged to use .cc domain

Woy Woy software developer Mark Snell has urged local businesses to adopt ".cc" domain names to promote the Central Coast.

Few people were aware that the ".cc" domain was available and could be used just as ".com" or ".com.au", said Mr Snell of Open Windows Computer Consultancy.

"The use of a '.cc' domain name fits well with the new Central Coast 'CC' logo," he said.

The logo was recently released as part of the State Government's "Moving Forward" program for use by local businesses.

Mr Snell said he had written to the various authorities which had endorsed the Central Coast logo calling on them to adopt the ".cc" domain as "the domain for the Central Coast".

Australia was one of the few countries to be allocated more than one domain suffix.

The ".cc" was actually allocated to the Cocos (Keeling) Islands, rather than the Central Coast, said

Mr Snell.

Christmas Island also had its own domain of "cx" and the Hearn and Macdonald Islands had "hm".

"There is nothing to stop the Central Coast from adopting the '.cc' domain," he said.

"Because it has been released only relatively recently and is being marketed as an international domain, relatively few names have been taken up."

Many ".cc" names were still available that were not available as ".com.au" or ".com", said Mr Snell.

He said the cost of a .cc domain name was no more expensive than a ".com.au" name, but third-level locality domain names using "the-peninsula.cc" or ".woy-woy.cc" could be provided less expensively.

Mr Snell said his business had purchased locality domain names to reduce the cost to the smaller local businesses.

He said his business was selling the locality "sub-domains" for a fee of \$10 a year, with an email and

five-page web service costing just \$10 a month.

A range of other email and web hosting services and internet programming services were also available through Open Window's domain name site www.CCoast.CC.

Mr Snell said a proportion of the purchase cost of ".cc" domains went to provide telecommunications infrastructure for the Cocos (Keeling) Islands.

Previous sales had funded the installation of a GSM telephone system, which provided internet access for Cocos Island businesses and schools.

Similarly, it was planned to put a proportion of the proceeds of Central Coast locality registrations to the Coast's IT peak body, Connect Central Coast, to work to improve telecommunications here.

Domain name purchases and further information are available on the website WWW.CCOAST.CC.

Media release, November 28

The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce web site

Chamber of Commerce web site reviewed

Looking for a way to have a voice on how development may affect the Peninsula, then perhaps as a business owner you need to visit The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce home page on the Internet.

The page can be visited at <http://www.peninsulachamber.asn.au/>

The site provides some simple text pages that allow visitors to browse with ease, as the large images that many pages now impose on visitors are not required.

According to the site, "The Peninsula Chamber of Commerce is seen by all levels of Government as a responsible community leader in touch with local feelings."

Internal links to other pages on the site allow the potential business member to read about the benefits to the business and the community of participating, provides contact details of those involved in the association at a management level and also

provides a diary page outlining details of meeting venues.

Unfortunately the membership page appears a little dated, as the application form still mentions the 2000 -2001 financial year rather than the current one.

Information about reports is mentioned but the site does not have hard evidence of any information on recommendations for the viewer to read.

The sole external link to the Peninsular.net allows the visitor to visit that popular portal for much more information on the Peninsula.

The site only rates only seven out of a possible 10.

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

Stephen is a web consultant for All In One Business Service and in not a member of the the reviewed organisation.

Stephen McNamara, November 27

Performance artists based at Pearl Beach

Performance art group The Letter J has just set up its headquarters at Pearl Beach.

Headed by Kirsten Joy and Jason Elford, The Letter J is a network of performance artists from all over the east coast of Australia, with a mission to make the world a more surreal place, through their art, to live for their audiences.

"The response from the community has been great," said Mr Elford,

"We've only been here a short

while and already we've found ourselves very busy with children's parties, workshops and festivals.

"I see our job as not only providing entertainment, but adding a little magic to the world.

"When I make someone smile or convince a child that fairies do exist, it makes me remember why I got into this line of work."

Although fire is their specialty, this team has worked at many events in a variety of capacities, offering visual art site decoration, children's entertainment, event

support and circus skill performances.

The group is holding a series of firedancing workshops as part of Gosford Youth Services Artstart celebrations.

"I've been firedancing for about five years now, and it's still an absolute rush," said Mr Elford.

"Everybody loves fire. It calls out to something raw and primal in each of us.

"Firedancing is a celebration of that."

Press release, November 27

Book Co

Painter

Land prices up

Recent figures released by the Central Coast Research Foundation show that prices paid for land on the Peninsula increased substantially between 1997 and 2000.

At Ettalong Beach, median prices increased by 25 per cent, and Woy Woy too showed a steady growth of 22 per cent.

The 21.6 per cent increase in land prices in the Gosford area makes Gosford the fourth highest growth area in the State.

Report, September

Bush Care group works on Phegans Bay area

The Bays Bush Care Group, which covers Woy Woy Bay, Phegan's Bay and Horsfield Bay, has been meeting for about 18 months, and is currently working at the north end of Phegan's Bay.

John Lovatt leads a group of about 10 regular members who meet on the third Saturday of the month to donate a couple of hours of their time towards bush care.

The Bays area is surrounded by National Park and is one of the most picturesque spots on the Central Coast.

The vegetation covers a wide range of species with tall, deeply-furrowed turpentine trees, needle-leaved casuarinas and blueberry ash with its many white flowers, as well as a variety of flowers, climbers, vines, shrubs and native grasses.

By day, it is a birdwatcher's paradise, with everything from tiny finches to lyrebirds and king parrots and by night it is one of the best places on the Peninsula to see possums and sugar gliders.

The many trees and the proximity to water means that all sorts of birds and animals have made the Bays their home, but increasing development is putting pressure on the native vegetation

upon which they depend. The biggest problem faced by John and his fellow volunteers is that of garden clippings being dumped in the bush.

That innocent-looking heap of greenery from the garden will not decompose harmlessly, instead, some of it may sprout again, a lot of it will set seed and the rest looks plain unsightly.

Lantana, wandering jew, privet and coral trees are just some of the weeds the group has found on site.

These sorts of plants are not welcome in most gardens, usually because of their invasive nature and this is why they must not be allowed to take over in our National Parks.

A thicket of lantana, while providing a limited habitat and food source to some birds and animals, will never match the diversification of the native vegetation it has replaced, and so, many other bird and animal species will be forced to leave, according to John.

The safest place for garden clippings is in the new green-lidded organics bins provided by Council, says John.

Sadly, a lot of rubbish from Brisbane Water washes up on the

Bays' shores too: things like plastic bags, bottles, cans and fishing line.

This sort of pollution is not just ugly, it can be deadly to native birds and animals that may ingest it or become entangled in it and die a slow and painful death.

The Bays Bush Care Group has already accomplished a lot in the short time that it has been operational, and John feels this couldn't have happened without the help of Gosford Council.

"We are very grateful for council's support and supply of such things as tools and information both on bush care and occupational health and safety," he said.

This is a small, hard-working group that gets a great deal of satisfaction and a sense of achievement from working towards a better environment for all.

At present, John Lovatt feels that the group is the ideal size for maintaining at an efficient level, but if you would like to volunteer as a bush carer there are at least six other groups on the Peninsula.

Gosford Council's Bush Care officer, Robyn Urquhart, can be contacted on 4325 8195 for further details.

Paula Perry, November 28

Plans for new rail underpass

Gosford Council is proceeding with plans for a new railway underpass at the bottom of Bull's Hill, South Woy Woy, despite lack of funding.

The plans include a staged reconstruction of Woy Woy Rd between the underpass and the national park.

The council's director of works Mr Stephen Glen told a public meeting in the South Woy Woy Progress Hall last week there was no prospect of an immediate start and it would take a number of years to complete.

Mr Glen and a senior traffic engineer from council presented plans to the meeting showing roundabouts at the bottom of Bull's Hill on both sides of the railway line, as well as at the Horsfield Rd corner.

The road would be realigned at both corners to reduce the sharpness of bends.

The strategy was to slow traffic in the built-up area using appropriate intersection

treatments. A graph was distributed showing traffic volumes increasing from around 4000 in 1984 to just under 10,000 in 1999, with a projected increase to about 15,000 in the next 10 years.

The meeting was told the plans were based on a 20-year projection.

The council did not believe there was a prospect of receiving lump sum funding to allow the work to be undertaken in a single year. The cost and other difficulties associated with a bypass from the Bull's Hill quarry meant that it was not an option.

While the reconstruction was not expected in the immediate future, Mr Glen noted a suggestion from the floor of the meeting to ban right turns from Woy Woy Rd into the existing railway underpass.

It was also hoped that a "value management study" would be undertaken next March as a first step in formalising the plans.

Mark Snell, November 29



The Bays Bush Care Group working at the north end of Phegans Bay

No right turn into Burge Road

Traffic will be banned from turning right from Blackwall Rd into Burge

Rd under traffic management plans to be implemented for the new

aquatic centre.

Cars leaving the centre will only be able to turn left into Blackwall Rd as part of the plans "to improve safe access" to the site.

Parking for 143 cars will be provided, with further parking available at the nearby James Brown oval.

Delivery and waste vehicles will be asked to enter via Blackwall Rd and exit via rear lane access onto Alpha Rd.

Council agenda DE.176, November 6

Gilberts asphalt

Craft Solutions

Ett Markets

Rentals

Cheese Caper

Esmerelda

Woy Woy Leagues Club celebrates its

Brisbane Water glass

We're Sportswear



The Woy Woy Roosters Leagues Club

TAB room attracts Wran

Aliton

Allan Blanch



Neville Wran stops in at the TAB room during a recent visit

Huntington Global

Amcal

Club feature

twenty third year of community service

The Woy Woy and District Rugby League Football Club Ltd is celebrating its 23rd year of operation.

The club was originally formed as a social club to support the Peninsula's premier rugby league club but now also supports other sporting activities including fishing, baseball and soccer.

The club is used as a venue by many non profit community organisations and schools.

Woy Woy Leagues Club has over 6000 members and boasts a stable board, many members having held positions with the club for up to 20 years.

Club chairman Geoff McMahon has been a board member for 19 years, 17 of which as club chairman.

Barry Howlett has been a board member for 13 years and Charles Sharpe for 20 years.

John Mitchell has been a board member for eight years, Robert Nash has served for six years and



Woy Woy Leagues Club

Paul Thomas for eight years.

Recent renovations have modernised the club's interior and exterior appearance.

Appointments now include a gaming lounge with some of the latest poker machines and improved air conditioning to remove cigarette odours; a bistro and restaurant; a TAB and an upgraded auditorium with a new sound and lighting system.

Cec Bucello November 30

Woy poultry

Claydons

eagles

Woy Woy Leagues

J & B Meats

History

December 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, Rob Whiteman, has selected stories from December 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, December 15 1911.

A record number of tourists is expected this summer, booking at the boarding houses being already a record.

So far the Police Department has made no move towards erecting a police lockup and officers' quarters.

Why, this unseemly delay?

Months ago the Department promised that the Blackwall Public School would be removed to Woy Woy, and it is about time something was done towards fulfilling the promise.

Mr Charles Clubb, for many years the trusted agent of Fraser's Estate, Sydney, has taken over St Elmo, the boarding establishment lately occupied by Mrs Huxley.

A petition has been sent in asking that Woy Woy be placed on the same footing as other seaside resorts - that is, that shops be allowed to keep open a few hours on Sunday to permit of tourists purchasing their camp requirements.

In all well-regulated tourist centres, visitors who travel on Sundays are allowed this

privilege, if you can term it as such, and no exception should be made here.

If you travel over 20 miles you can demand a drink at the hotel on Sundays, but seemingly if you want a loaf of bread and a tin of sardines you have to break the law to get them.

The Times, Wyong, Gosford, Woy Woy, December 6 1921.

Under the auspices of the Burrawong Branch of the G.U.O.O.F. Lodge, a very successful dance was held on Wednesday, November 30, at Piper's Hall, Woy Woy.

The dancing opened with a "get acquainted" waltz, and continued till 10pm, when the Deputy District Master of the Northern Suburbs District gave some very interesting figures on the progress of the Order, and made an appeal for members.

The District Officers and visiting Brethren from Gosford were then supplied with light refreshments, and dancing was resumed and continued till 2 o'clock, and a very pleasant evening concluded with "God Save the King".

If continued support is accorded the Burrawong Branch, the Lodge intends making this the first of several social evenings.

Gosford Times, December 3, 1931

The meeting of the Woy Woy Forum Club on November 24 witnessed an innovation which took the form of a debate in which a team composed of lady members took the floor to affirm "That girls should take an active part in commercial life."

The ladies team consisted of Mesdames HC Margin, LH Webber, Watson, and E Hines, to which team assistance was gallantly lent by Mr SA Hall.

The men's team consisted of Mr HC Margin (leader) and Messrs Watson, R Thomas, LH Webber and J Mahoney.

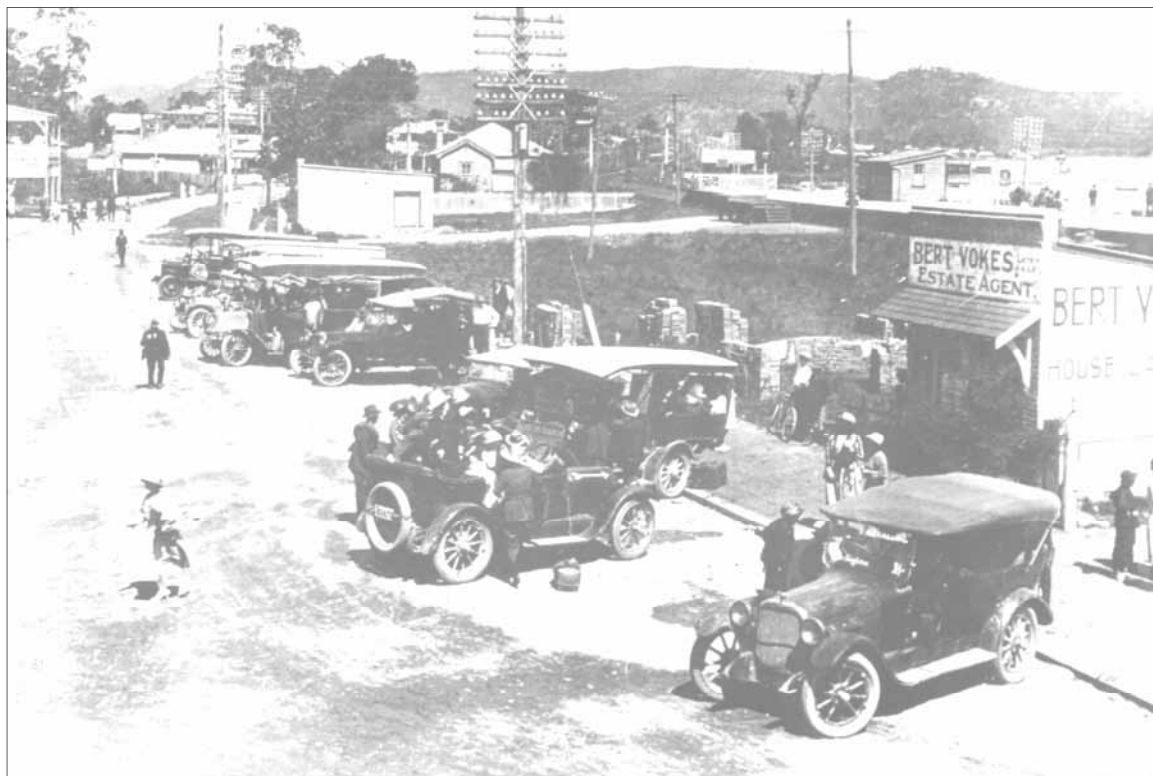
The chairman, Mr WR Tate, who filled the position of adjudicator, awarded the victory to the ladies, whom he complimented on having a good understanding of the subject and having presented their case in an able manner.

A gratifying feature of the debate was the fact that although it was the initial effort on the part of a number of the speakers, several did exceptionally well.

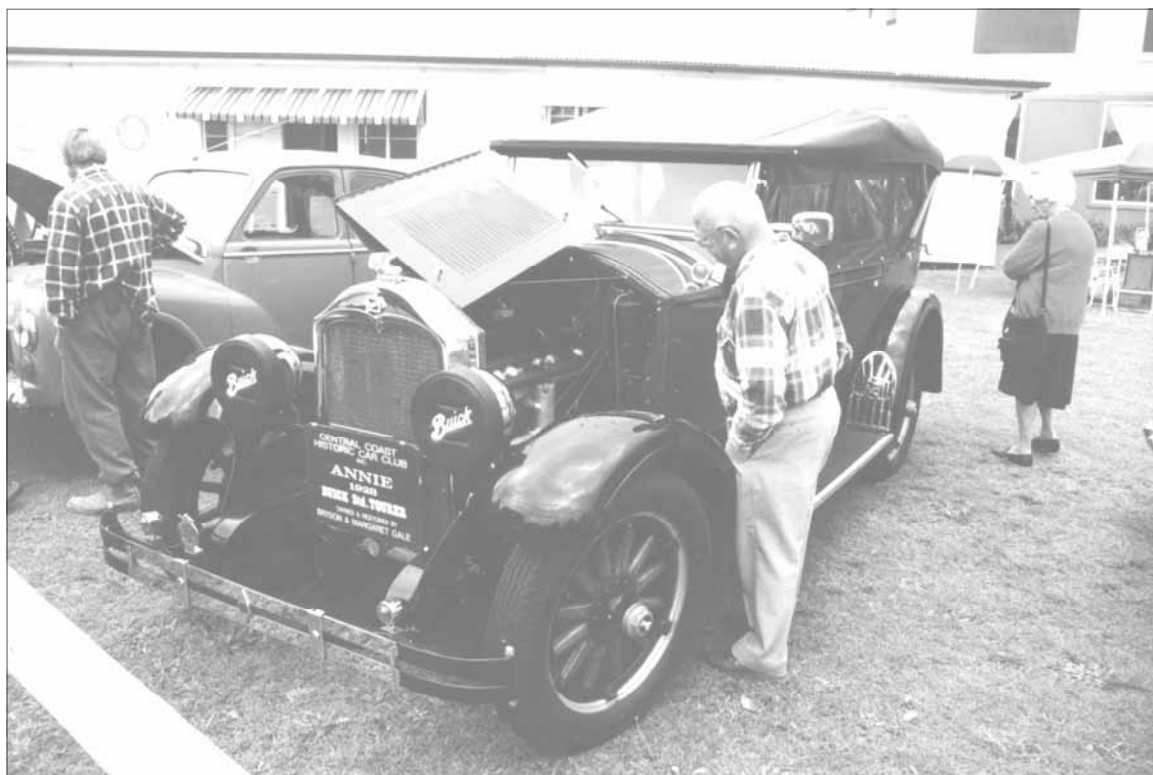
The meeting on Tuesday, December 8, will be the last one of the year when it is expected that the Rev CC Edwards will continue his address on natural history subjects.

Gosford Library, Local Studies Section

Pictures from the 1920s



Cars and buses lined up on Railway Street, Woy Woy in 1925



A 1928 Buick Standard Tourer at the Oyster's Birthday festival on November 24, 2001

Lottery winner

A lady in her 80s from Woy Woy was grinning from ear to ear after hearing she had won the \$10,000 second prize in \$2 Jackpot Lottery draw 7539.

"Oh thank you so much, I have no idea what to do with it," she told a NSW Lotteries official when advised of her windfall.

"We moved up here from Sydney about three years ago.

"We're well travelled, so I'll have to think about what we can do with the money."

The woman said she has been buying lottery tickets each week "for years and years".

The winning ticket, numbered 161911, was purchased from the Woy Woy Newsagency on the Boulevard at Woy Woy.

"It's not me is it?" owner Graham Kelly asked, when told he had sold the winning ticket.

"Woy Woy is having a bit of a lucky streak at the moment, second prize in the lottery was sold up our way only a few weeks ago," he added.

The \$2 Jackpot did not go off and stood at \$1.55 million for draw number 7540.

Media release, November 29

Biodiversity tour

The Woy Woy Environment Centre, in Blackwall Rd, has some interesting and useful material on biodiversity, according to coordinator Ms Beryl Strom.

Also available are action guides produced by the Community Biodiversity Network, which contain hints on making backyards and gardens better places for conserving biodiversity.

Tap into the website, www.cbn.org.au, for contacts and

resources available.

A booklet on the history of Cockle Bay Wetlands, between Empire Bay and Bensville, is also available for \$5.

This gives the history of the area's ownership and land use, its natural systems and its ecological role - vegetation communities, plant species, marine animals and birds.

Phone Beryl Strom on 4360 1024 for further details.

Newsletter, November 24

Senior Citizens Centre craft exhibition and sale

Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews, and Cr Lynne Bockholt were among the 150 people who attended the Ettalong Senior Citizens' Centre on Friday, November 23, for the official opening of the Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre's 2001 exhibition and sale.

Centre president Dorothy Mulholland introduced Jocelyn Maughan, co-director of the Bakehouse Gallery at Patonga, to officially open the exhibition and sale.

Jocelyn, during her address, praised the high standard of the exhibits across the Centre's various arts and crafts.

She made special mention of the quality of the pottery and paid tribute to long-serving member Penny Riley who studied pottery at East Sydney Technical College around the period that Jocelyn was a student in art at the National Art School.

The Centre's vice-president Thelma Brown made a presentation of the first Honorary Life Membership of Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre to Penny.

Guests were told that following her formal training at East Sydney Technical College in the 1960s, Penny supplemented her training with private studies.

She took study tours to countries such as Peru, Mexico,

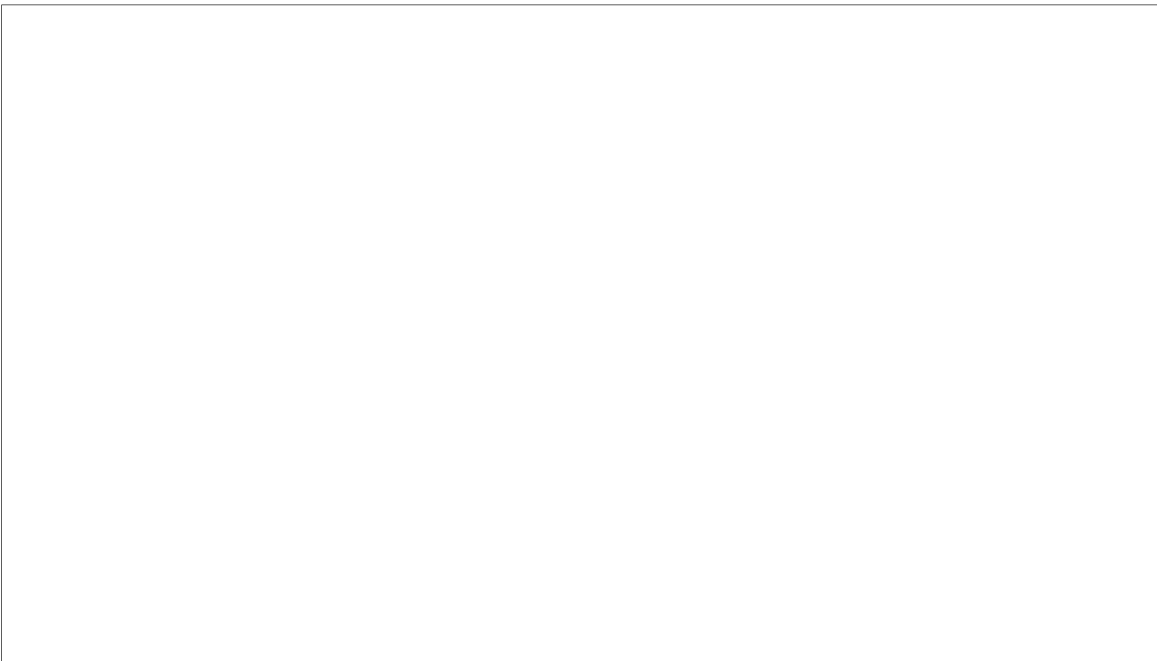
Greece, Japan, Iran, the UK and USA. Penny moved to the Central Coast in 1982, beginning her tutoring at the centre in 1985.

Thelma paid tribute to Penny's dedication and perseverance, which had been rewarded by her negotiating with Gosford Council to allow the centre to take possession of a decrepit building in Kitchener Park which was subsequently converted into a modern well-equipped pottery.

Penny was also instrumental in providing for the addition of a further room to complete the new EBACC to cater for a diverse range of arts and crafts.

For further information on the Centre and its courses for 2002, phone 4360 1673.

Brian Lourey, November 27



L to r; Elsie Cashman, volunteer at Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre for over 21 years alongside a painting of her donated by the artist, Joan Barth, pictured on the right.



Part of the Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre annual Christmas exhibition and sale held at Ettalong Senior Citizens' Centre in mid November

Everglades lagoon gets management committee

A committee is to be formed to oversee the development of a plan of management for the Everglades Lagoon System.

The committee will include representation from the Everglades Country Club, the Department of Land and Water Conservation and Gosford Council and will have one community representative.

However, the local bushcare group will not get a place.

Instead, it will be told that Council's BushCare coordinator Ms Robyn Urquhart "will represent their interests".

Gosford Council decided at its last meeting to engage consultants to prepare the plan.

It also decided to conduct a detailed flora and fauna study.

The decision follows a recommendation from the council's Wetlands Management Committee which had been asked to consider the sale of the existing car park to the Everglades Golf Club.

The council was told its committee considered a review of the Everglades Lagoon System documentation, undertaken by Council's Environmental Project Officer Ms Leah Smith.

Ms Smith told the committee there was a need to detail the flora and fauna of the site, including its ecological communities.

She said values and objectives should be set with the involvement of all stakeholders "including the local community bush care group".

The local bush care group's bush regeneration plan should be considered, she said.

Ms Smith recommended that external consultants be commissioned to prepare the plan of management.

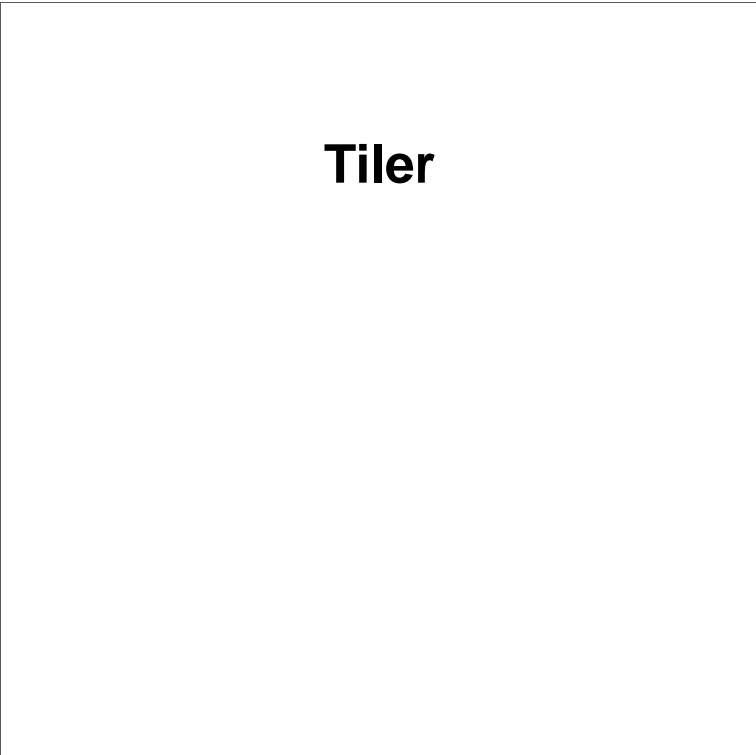
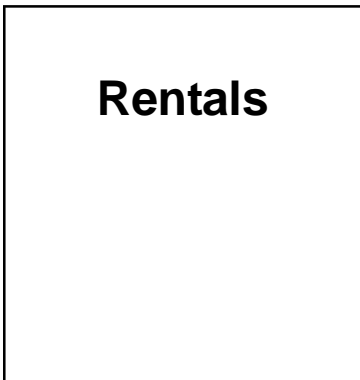
She said project funding needed to be followed up and the acquisition of drainage easements needed to be addressed.

Council's recreation manager Mr Peter Hickman told the committee that the Council-owned car park met a public need, especially for club patrons.

If it could be sold to the club, it would remove Council's on-going maintenance liability.

The committee will comprise two representatives of the Everglades Country Club, community member Ron Clifton, a DLWC representative, the council's recreation asset manager Dana Spence, its flooding and drainage manager Vic Tysoe, its BushCare coordinator Robyn Urquhart and a representative from its Environmental Control Unit.

Council agenda WS.001 November 27



Flavours of the World come to the Peninsula

Café brings international flavour to Ettalong

A new café named after the rare red sapphire has opened in Ettalong alongside Cinema Paradiso.

The Red Saffire Exotic Interiors

and Café is just as unusual in many ways.

Serving exotic teas and high quality coffee is only part of the experience.

Patrons are surrounded by a wide variety of unusual home wares imported from Morocco, Turkey, Spain, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India and Mexico and they're all for sale.

Proprietors Marianne and Richard Polkinghorne have recently moved to the Peninsula, ostensibly to slow down and enjoy their new surroundings.

Instead however, they have opened a seven-day business and also have a shop in Ettalong Beach Markets open on weekends with an even greater range of unusual wares.

When asked what the reaction of the locals has been, the answer was one word: "Wow!".

Ms Polkinghorne had a similar outlet in Summer Hill, an inner Sydney suburb, and feels that Ettalong needs something exotic.

"We are also looking to draw people from within and outside the Central Coast as we can offer them a selection of gifts that is not available elsewhere," she said.

"Our shop decor will evolve as items are sold and replaced within something totally different each time."

The café officially opened on December 1 and readers are welcome just to have a look and soak in the atmosphere.

Cec Bucello, November 30

304 on beach

Lets do lunch

Ghandi

Corner table

Gnostic

**The Old Pub
Woy Woy Hotel**
33 The Boulevard, Woy Woy
Open 7 Days for lunch
from 12 noon
Dinner on Fri & Sat
from 6.30pm FULL a la carte

Seafood platter only
\$22 50 inc GST

Pelicans Restaurant



Roast of
the day
from
\$8.50
Counter
lunches are
available 7
days a week

For functions & bookings
Ph: 4341 1013

Cafe Siri

Red Saffire

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Council responds

Council officers have finally responded a question asked by Cr Lynne Bockholt on September 4 about issues raised by Mr Ed James in a letter about his West St property on August 31.

The response was published in the November 6 council agenda, noting that a reply was given on September 10.

The report from the director of development and environment, Mr John Murray, said that Mr James' property accommodated a shop with direct frontage to West St and a detached dwelling located behind.

Mr Murray said Lot 22 DP 8872 Oscar Street and Lot 33 DP 8872 Alfred St were located to the rear of Mr James' land and the other lots fronting West St.

He said that in 1988 the Director of Planning recommended to Council that an application to rezone Lots 22 and 33 from 2(b) Residential to 3(a) Business General not be supported.

The council, however, resolved to support the draft local environmental plan, which was gazetted later in 1988 as LEP 229.

The concept development proposed with the rezoning was a small commercial complex consisting of a shop fronting Alfred Street with four offices behind.

The associated parking area was accessed from Oscar St.

Mr Murray reported:

"Lot 45 DP 8577 Wellington Street is located at the northern end of Alfred St where the road ends.

"In March 1985 Council resolved to rezone the lot from 2 (a6) Residential to 5(a) Parking.

"Council considered and accepted an offer made by Jewell's Food Store for the transfer of this lot to Council subject to the granting of a credit in respect of parking spaces for the extensions to Jewell.

"This rezoning was gazetted in July as part of LEP 134. It now accommodates a small car parking area in accordance with the zone.

"Mr James claims that many years ago his father saw a plan at Council showing a possible future lane between Alfred and Oscar Sts running directly behind his lot.

"Such a laneway would give rear access to the six lots fronting West St which he sees as beneficial because it would allow trucks to unload goods away from West St and thereby reduce traffic congestion.

"Such a lane would be similar to that already in existence between Alfred and Bullion Sts.

"The formation of a vehicular laneway over Lots 22 and 33 between Alfred and Oscar Sts has not been identified on any statutory planning documents.

"Both lots have been in existence since 1917 and since then have been in private ownership.

"A car parking survey of the Umina Commercial Centre was undertaken by Council in May 2000 and concluded: 'On the basis of this study it would appear that the level of car parking provision in the Umina Commercial Centre is commensurate with the demand generated by the current activities being carried out in the centre.'

"It is envisaged that with the current economic climate it will be some time before the vacant commercial space in the Umina town centre is occupied.

"Following this, it is expected to be some time before parking demand in the Umina town centre reaches critical levels.

"Considering the above, the Transport Advisory Unit, has advised that there is little demand for the parking spaces proposed by Mr James.

"Even so, the economic benefit of providing parking on Lots 22 Oscar St and 33 Alfred St would be minimal given the elongated shape of the site which would limit the number of spaces able to be accommodated compared to other more regularly configured lots.

"The cost of the land compared to the number of parking spaces able to be provided would reduce the viability of the proposal.

"Furthermore, the creation of a laneway and parking area would result in another intersection on both Oscar and Alfred Sts leading to associated safety concerns.

"Pedestrian movement along the laneway would also occur and compromise safety as there is no walkway through to West St as there is at the Bullion-Alfred St carpark.

"It should also be noted that not all the commercial lots fronting the length of West St have rear lane access."

Council agenda CS.202,
November 6

Arts and Entertainment



Laura Moffat and Peter Wells were married at St Peters Presbyterian Church, Woy Woy on November 17. The reception was held at Everglades country club. Photography by Bowen's Wedding Photography



Ettalong Senior Citizens march in the Centenary of Federation parade in Gosford

Folk club host Christmas songs

The Troubadour Folk and Acoustic Music Club will hold a Christmas songs night on Friday, December 14, starting at 8pm.

hall, opposite Fisherman's Wharf, The Boulevard, Woy Woy.

There is a \$7 cover charge which includes supper.

Newsletter, October 8.

Guests artists for the night will be Margaret Bradford and Nick Locke.

Interested parties are invited to bring their instruments and voices along to join in the Christmas celebrations.

The club meets at the CWA

Rentals

Ab Fab Flowers

Belly dance

Flowers by Susan

Bowens Photos



Jacqueline Lummis of St Huberts Island and Scott Kingsmill of Lisarow, were married on October 13, 2001, at Old Sydney Town. The celebrant was Tony Thorrington. Reception was held at Old Sydney Town and the couple Honeymooned in Fiji. Photography by Silver Coast Photographics.

Peninsula what's on

Enq 4341 8817
Ettalong Baptist Church. Peninsula Pastimes. Display Program and morning tea 10.00 am. Enq 4341 1408

Sunday December 16

Brisbane Water Cage Bird Society. 10 am. South Woy Woy Progress Hall Woy Woy Rd., (3rd Sun)
Enq: 4341 6842

Monday December 17

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 December 18

Library Bookmobile, Killcare Heights cnr Scenic Rd & Beach Dr. 10.35am; Wagstaffe Community Hall 11.00am. Arthritis Foundation 10 am (3rd Tues) Meals on Wheels Hall
Enq 4342 1790

Gosford City Sub-Branch, National Servicemen's Association of Australia. No. 1 on the Coast. Parade (3rd Tues) Davistown RSL 1930 hours. Enq 4369 5236

Wednesday December 19

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

Thursday December 20

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

Library Bookmobile Daleys Point, Peridon village, 10.15 am Empire Bay Post Office 11. Am Bensville local shop 11.30 am

Older Women's Network. *Younger Older Women* (pre 1952) Christmas Celebration. Enq 4341 2704

Friday December 21

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 December 23

Ettyalong 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 December 24

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 Umina Progress Association Umina Community Hall. 1.30pm (last Wed) am (4th Mon) Enq: 4341 0272

CWA meeting at Wagstaffe Community Hall (4th Mon) 1.30 pm
Enq: 4360 2504

Woy Woy Branch Business & Professional Women's dinner meeting (Last Mon) Enq 4341 1844

Tuesday December 25

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

Wednesday December 26

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. Community Hall Enq 4360 1002

Thursday December 27

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

Friday December 28

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

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

Saturday December 29

Jive & Jitterbug Club, 8 pm, Ettalong Memorial club (last Sat)
Enq 4341 1166

Wednesday January 2

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

Woy Woy Community Aged Care Auxiliary meeting (1st Wed)
Enq: 4341 4206

Thursday January 3

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

Friday January 4

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

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

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

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

Saturday January 5

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 January 6

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

Wednesday January 9

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

Friday January 11

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

Saturday January 12

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 January 13

Buffalo Lodge, Woy Woy 381 Umina Community Hall, 11am (2nd Sun)
Hardy's Bay Branch Labor Party 10am (2nd Sun) Empire Bay Progress Assoc. Hall.

Monday January 14

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 January 15

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



A suggestion for enjoying books at the beach

Beach Books opens

Beach Books opened in Umina on Monday, November 5, and has leisure reading and a colourful children's section.

Owner Bernie Sheehan has been commuting to Sydney every day working in the technology industry.

After two companies she worked for had closed shop, she found herself at another start-up venture and decided to start looking at what she could do locally.

"I felt like the typical sea-changer looking for an alternative and spent endless days driving up and down the coast looking at businesses for sale," said Ms Sheehan.

"I didn't find any businesses which I felt really excited about so in the end looked at setting up something that the area didn't

have. "Umina seemed the perfect place for a new bookshop."

Ms Sheehan spent time with booksellers learning the trade then found the vacant shop at Umina.

"Umina Beach is one of the most beautiful places on the coast.

"I aim to make the bookshop and inviting place where people feel welcome to come and browse."

The bookshop will have a number of different sections including gardening, kids, sport, armchair travel, thrillers, science fiction, romance, biographies, cooking, pets and literary fiction.

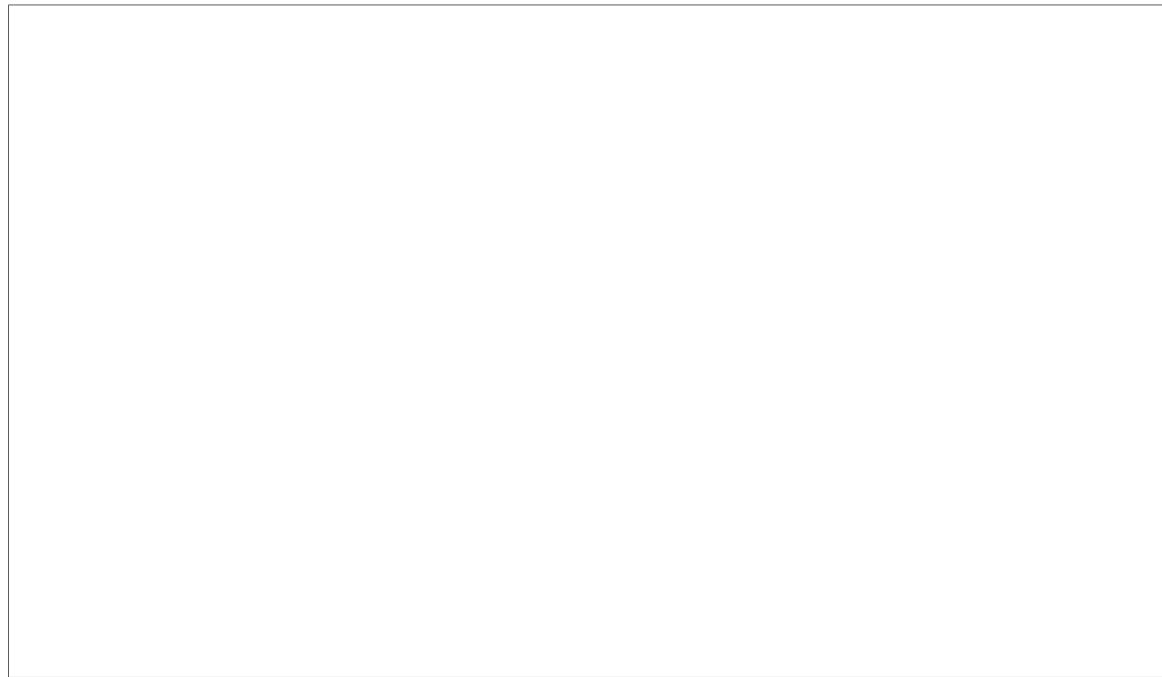
Ms Sheehan says there will also be a catalogue mail order service and a community bookclub.

Media release, October 28.

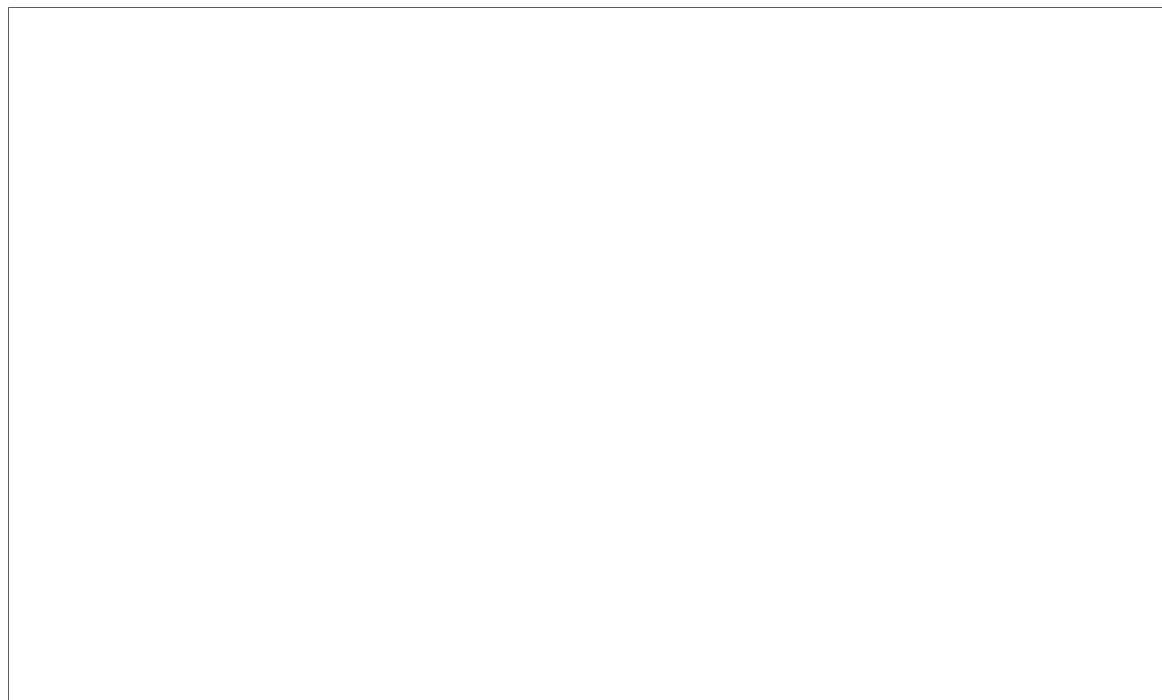
Ettalong Beach arts and crafts

Club Umina

Education



L to r: Allison Lee, Belinda Beasley and Hannah Davidson show off their masks at the Woy Woy Public School Art Show held in November



Making final preparations at the Woy Woy Public School art show just before the doors open to the public

Urban consolidation policy effects to be highlighted

Save Our Central Coast Suburbs will hold a street tour, walk or drive, highlighting the effects of the urban consolidation policy on Saturday, December 8.

The one-hour tour will start at 9am from the corner of Victoria and George Sts, Woy Woy. Surveys just completed in a number of electorates in Sydney and the Central Coast found that the issue which most worried people is creeping over-

development (64%).

This was followed by rising crime rates (58%), traffic congestion (55%) and overcrowded hospitals (46%).

Shirley Drake, November 28

Dumped rubbish in Hillview Street Reserve to be removed

Work to remove rubbish from a reserve in Woy Woy and to prevent further dumping is expected to be completed before Christmas, a group of local residents has been told.

The group approached Gosford Council to tidy up the bushland reserve at the corner of Hillview and Railway Sts, Woy Woy, and to institute a plan of management.

The council's Director of

Works, Mr Stephen Glen, told the group that the council would undertake some rubbish removal and install bollards and gates to prevent further dumping.

The group plans to become a bush care group and to establish the reserve as a bush botanical park with full interpretive signage.

An information day and barbecue was planned for the new year to encourage community interest and involvement.

The group was planning to

letterbox local residents in January with more information.

Suggestions for a name for the reserve is currently being sought.

Anyone interested in joining or finding out more about the group should telephone 4342 5333 business hours or 4341 9301 after hours.

For further information about bush care and bush care training, contact Council's bush care officer Ms Robyn Urquhart on 4325 8195.

Flyer, November 28

Staff changes at Woy Woy High

New staff members have started at Woy Woy High School this term.

Ms Williams has been appointed as an extra teacher to the social science staff and to assist in the establishment of the new college.

She will be taking some Geography classes in Year 10, and also doing some relief work for teachers who are involved in College business.

Ms Williams has transferred from Mount View High School at Cessnock.

Ms Carmichael has been

appointed to the home economics staff as a school assistant.

Previously, she had been working at Erina High School.

Mr Secombe has been appointed the school's new permanent head teacher of English.

Mr Secombe was formerly a teacher at Gorokan High School and he has been a teacher on the Central Coast for some years, bringing with him a wide range of experience.

He has served as a relieving head teacher at Gorokan.

School newsletter, November 2

Debutantes sought

Ettalong Umina Lions Club is planning to hold its 10th Annual Debutante Ball on Friday, April 19, next year.

Practice for the ball will be held for six weeks.

Anyone interested in making

their debut should be close to 16 years by the date of the ball, although it is not restricted to school age.

Those interested are asked to telephone Maude on 4341 9213 before Friday, December 14.

Flyer, November 20.

School dance a Thriller

Ettalong Public School dance group went to Woy Woy High to perform on November 15 and 16.

The group danced to Thriller by Michael Jackson with costumes of monsters, zombies

and dead people.

The children in the group thanked Mr Kinniburgh and Miss Ayton as well as all the parents who helped with make-up and attended the night.

School newsletter November 20

New format Geography HSC exam completed

The Woy Woy High School Year 12 Geography class sat the HSC examination on Friday, November 2, under a new format.

Marking of the 6550 papers completed throughout the State began on Monday, November 5.

The school's performance was similar to previous years, even though the subject was assessed to a "standards reference" instead of the previous "norm reference" format, the school has been told.

School newsletter, November 9

All welcome to Empire Bay carols

A Christmas Carols Night on the Waterfront at Empire Bay will be held on Friday, December 7, from 7.30pm.

The night will feature music, singing and a visit from the Salvation Army singing and

timbre group.

The family night will be run by the Empire Bay and District Progress Association and sponsored by Empire Bay Estate Agency.

All are welcome.

Geoff Melville, November 28

Ettalong foreshore task group formed

A task group has been formed to consider a draft plan of management affecting Ettalong Beach Foreshore.

Consultants have prepared a map and the group will have the

opportunity to ensure that the concepts being considered are feasible and that environmental concerns will be addressed, Gosford Council has been told.

Council agenda CL.034, November

Youth of the Year Quest commences

Ettalong Umina Lions Club has started its part of the Youth of the Year Quest 2001-2002 competition.

The first level called the Club Judging will take place on Wednesday, December 5.

Three candidates are expected to have been interviewed and will perform in the Public Speaking section on Wednesday at Woy Woy Leagues Club.

The three candidates are Leigh

Matheson from Gosford High School, Karnee Brown from Henry Kendall High School and Kasy Dimech from St Josephs High School.

The judges are police chaplain Fr Max Sainsbury, Boronia Court hostel manager Ms Heather Tichener and Woy Woy Hospital's Director of Nursing Mrs Helen Merkenhof.

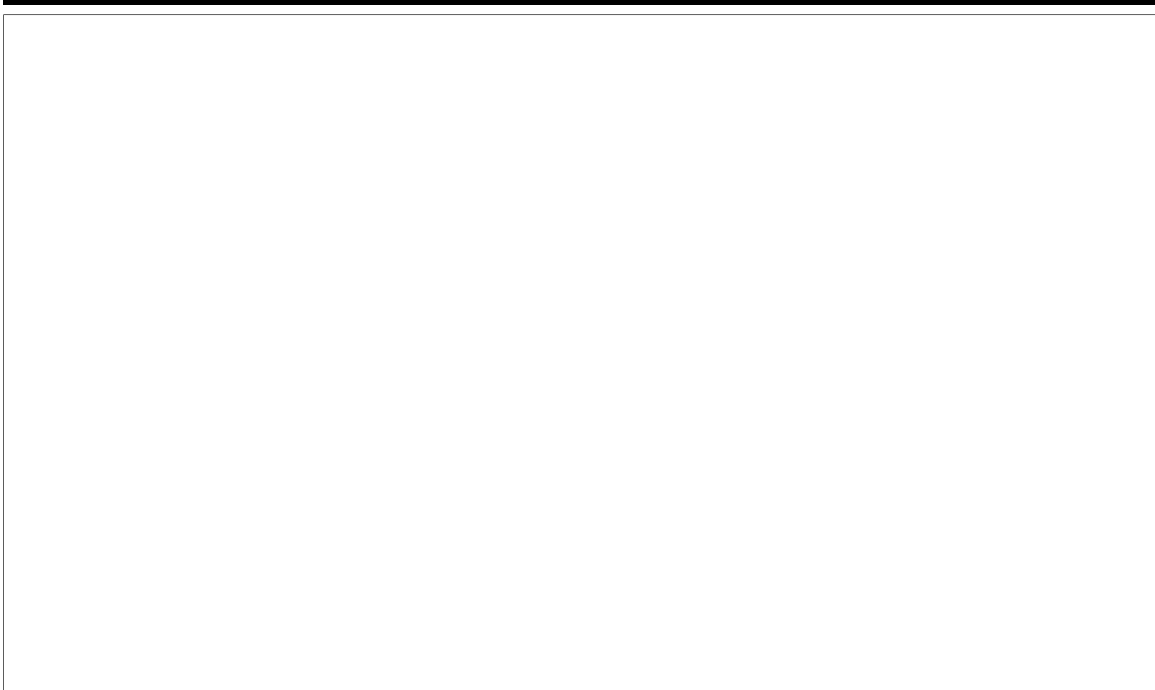
The winner from the club judging will proceed to the zone

level to be judged in February.

Ettalong Umina Lions Club will also be hosting the District Final to be held on Saturday, March 23, at the Woy Woy Leagues Club.

The District Final is the fourth level of judging prior to the State Final. The quest is sponsored by the National Australia Bank.

Flyer, November 20



Ettalong Public School Principal, Bruce Donaldson, helps man the barbecue to raise funds for the school on election day

Little school house holds Christmas party

Ettalong Public School's "Little School House" is holding its annual Christmas party for the pre-schoolers who attend the child-minding centre, while their parents volunteer within the school.

Families at Ettalong are bringing in gifts to put under the Reverse Christmas Tree to be

given to charity for families less fortunate.

Christmas hams are being raffled weekly to help save families that extra cost at this time of year.

Ettalong P&C have also put together a Christmas raffle valued at over \$2000.

Local businesses have supported the school with donations and discounts.

The first prize is a trailer filled with toys, bikes, electrical products, barbecue and tools.

Second prize is a food hamper and third prize is a selection of gift vouchers.

It will be drawn on Monday, December 10.

Funds the P&C raise from the raffle are to provide covered walkways for the students.

Liz McMinn November 28

Inaugural arts performance held

The inaugural performance of the Brisbane Water Performing Arts Festival was held at Woy Woy High School on Thursday and Friday, November 15 and 16.

This show included a combined area primary schools mass choir, drama and dance acts.

Approximately 500 children from Kinder to Year 6 were involved in the show.

Schools involved were Woy Woy, Umina, Ettalong, Point Clare, Jiliby and Kariong Public Schools

School newsletter, November 7

Chance to win prize

To celebrate the launch of their new range of mini products, Pritt are giving away 10 Mini stationery bags to Peninsula News readers.

Each bag will contain three different coloured Mini roller highlighters, a Mini roller correction tape, Mini roller glue,

sharpener, eraser and glue stick.

Each bag is worth about \$35.

To win one of these prize packs for the school holidays, just write your name and telephone number on the back of an envelope and post it to "Pritt Mini Giveaway", Peninsula News, PO Box 532, Woy Woy 2256.

Swim School

Using the new book room

School has new book nook

Umina Public School has opened a new reading room, "The Book Nook", which has been purchased by the P&C specifically for reading.

The school's reading program used to be conducted on the school hall stage, which was drafty and would sometimes interfere with other hall activities and was "not really conducive to learning".

Teachers have decorated the room with an underwater theme, have spread cushions around and parents may now come and listen to students read in an air-conditioned environment.

This year the P&C has raised funds through the canteen and uniform shop to contribute \$40,000 to the school

community.

The money has been spent on play equipment, lap top computers for every teacher, a digital video camera, a public address system in the infants section and three air-conditioners for demountable classrooms, as well as on "The Book Nook" reading room.

The school will receive the Director-General's School Achievement Award for the staff laptop computer project.

The most popular fund raising event was the Splashathon where the students raised \$17,000 from sponsors to go through a water obstacle course.

**Janelle Vanderwoude,
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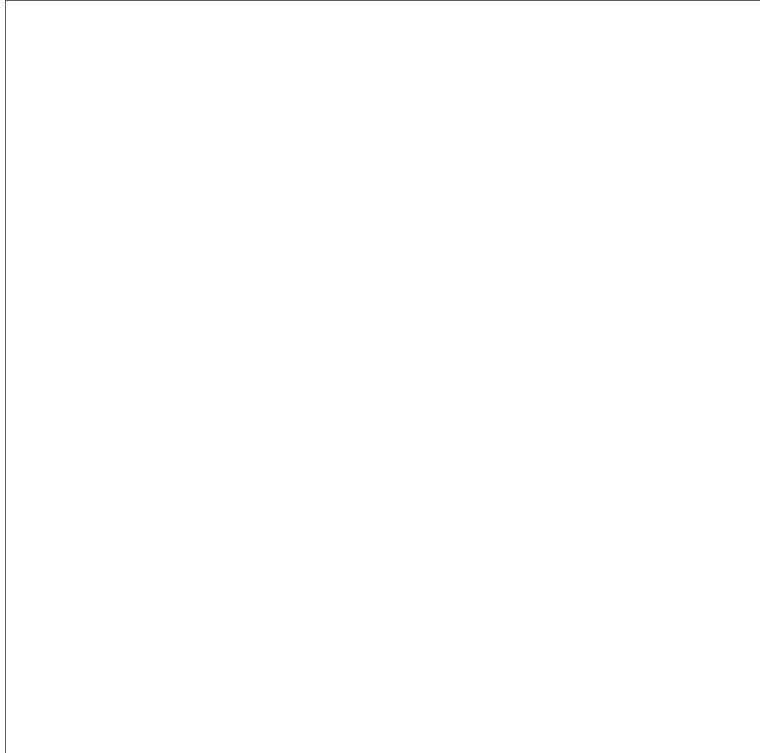
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Pat Clarke and Trish Melnick compete in golf's State Medal



Anne Kane, winner of Division 2 of the Brisbane Waters Ladies Golf with her trophies

Two Everglades Women's Golf members won the right to compete in State medal competitions last month.

Pat Clarke played in the Gold Medal playoff at Wakehurst and Trish Melnik played in the Silver Medal event at Bayview.

Everglades had some success in the BWLGA tournament last month with Hien McManus being runner-up in both the 36 holes Open and Closed Gross event.

Anne Kane was the winner in both the 36 holes Open and Closed Gross event for Division Two.

At the sub-committee's dinner hosted by the board of directors on Monday, November 26, two of the Everglades Women's Golf committee were honoured with Merit Awards.

Lyn Kunze has been on committee for the past 11 years and has been elected again for next year as handicap manager.

She has been Treasurer for two years, assistant handicap manager for seven years, and handicap manager for the last two years.

Ev Field has been on committee for 10 years and resigned in October.

She has been welfare officer for the last six years.

The Challenge Cup was played at Everglades on Sunday, November 18, in difficult weather.

The winner on the day was Tuggerah Lakes, however Bev Crowther, Narelle Szelid and Nancy Brandham gave a good showing.

The annual presentation and Christmas Luncheon will be held on Thursday, December 6, with presentation of trophies at 10.30 am and luncheon at 1pm.

Judy Andrews, November 21

School holds sports presentation night

Woy Woy High School's Sports Presentation Night was held on Thursday, November 8, at Woy Woy Leagues Club.

It was a chance for the school's keen sportsmen and women to be appreciated for their efforts in the sporting arena.

The special guest for the night was Adam Jordan, a local hero after his phenomenal run in the recent Sydney Marathon.

Daniel McDougall, a sports correspondent with ABC Radio and also an ex-student of Woy Woy High School, was Master of

Ceremonies.

There were 67 awards and major awards were presented to: Josh Hilliard Year 7 Sports Achiever, Aaron Hamstra Excellence in Sport, Carly Paterick and Stephen Lloyd School Honour Blues, Eddie Garrett Junior Sportsman of the Year, Emily Mullen Junior Sportswoman of the Year, Susan Sobczak Sportswoman of the Year, Dean Simonson Sportsman of the Year, Lawson won the House Championship for the year.

School newsletter, November 30

New surf rescue equipment for Ocean Beach

Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club has received some new rescue equipment.

The Department of Sport and Recreation has funded a fully-equipped IRB, a hand-held radio and patrol uniforms.

The bowling members of Everglades Country Club provided the club with a rescue board, patrol flags and hats and a junior racing board.

The club also raised \$4000 towards the purchase of equipment for club members

through its recent doorknock.

Anyone who missed our collection and would like to contribute can mail a donation to Ocean Beach SLSC, PO Box 203, Woy Woy 2256, or at the beach on any Sunday.

Media release, November 28

Mark Long wins the 2001 Everglades Cup

Mark Long has had a par round victory in the 2001 Everglades Cup, two shots clear of runner-up Luke Devlin of Toukley.

Mark announced during his response at the presentation that he, wife April and family to be would be moving to Queensland in the near future.

The combination of the Everglades Cup and the Everglades Bowl and the addition of the Everglades Plate appeared to be a successful, attracting a total field of 246 players with visitors from over a dozen different clubs.

A jubilant Hayden Went carded his best competitive round of 76 to take out the Everglades Bowl by two shots from Kevin Ware.

Keith Collins showed that C graders can also rise to the occasion by winning the inaugural Everglades Plate with an 86, again two shots clear of Tim Lambert.

In the Everglades Club championships, 2001 Shane Smith and Stewart Wilson went right to the wire in the A Grade Championship with Shane on 291 prevailing by a shot.

In B Grade, defending Champion Gary Heath was no match for the evergreen Col Pittman, with Col winning by an

incredible 17 shots and a score of 209 to take out his fifth B Grade Championship since 1984.

Col who started the Championships on a handicap of 13 is now enjoying more exhilarating competition in A Grade on a handicap of 10.

C Grade Championship winner was Keith Nunn with a score of 356 giving him an advantage of six shots over runner-up Bill Corless.

A Presentation Night will be held on December 7.

Rounds of the month: 20/10 R.Thompson net 62, 21/10 M. Hughes 43 pts, 26/10 D. Johns and A Melnik 54 pts, 27/10 A Quintrell net 62, 2/11 Z. Wilkins net 62, 4/11 R. Moore 50 pts, 4/11 S Verkade 49 pts, 9/11 G Broom 48 pts, 10/11 R Baxter 44 pts, 11/11 D Overall 45 pts, 16/11 N. Williams 44 pts and 17/11 J Player net 62.

Only one hole-in-one was recorded and that was by K Chapple at the eighth on November 2.

Junior member Simon Hoyland has been chosen for sponsorship by Everglades Men's Golf to attend a "Jack Newton Junior Golf Foundation" golf camp at Narrabeen in December.

Pennant season is rapidly approaching again and a major

item on the agenda at the next meeting of the match committee will be the direction to be taken in the selection, management and promotion of Pennant Teams for 2002.

A green rebuilding program has commenced with work underway on the 13th green.

The green is to be resurfaced from turf grown on the club's own nursery greens.

The turf lifted from the surface of the 13th will be used to surface the temporary green that is being established near the neck of the fourth hole.

"Pace of Play" guidelines have been introduced to speed up play on Sundays.

Sunday golfers have been asked to acquaint themselves with the guidelines and associated penalties.

The Committee has accepted, in principle, the introduction of a voluntary scheme in which competition golfers are asked to contribute 20 cents to a charity each time that they have three putts or more on any hole.

John Henry, November 21

Sport

Free sport safety seminar

The importance of providing a safe environment for children to participate in sport and recreation will be theme of a free seminar at Umina PCYC this Thursday night, December 6.

The seminar is designed to inform sport, dance, drama and recreation organisations about the child protection legislation, their responsibilities under the

legislation and the assistance available from NSW Sport and Recreation.

The department's Central Coast regional director, Mr Chris Kiely, said: "NSW Sport and Recreation is committed to helping sports associations, clubs and recreational organisations understand their legal obligations in complying with the legislation.

"It is their responsibility to send a representative if they are unsure about the legislation and

their responsibilities.

"At these seminars we will provide information packs and answer your questions."

The free seminar would be held from 6:30 to 8pm at the Umina PCYC in Osborne Av.

Anyone wanting to attend is asked to register on 4362 3184.

"I encourage all organisations on the Peninsula to attend this seminar," Mr Kiely said.

Media release, November 13

Woy Woy represented at Aboriginal Sports Awards

A group of Woy Woy High Aboriginal Student Support and Parent Awareness students along with teachers attended the Aboriginal Sports Awards day at Redfern oval on Friday, November 9.

Students had the opportunity to meet with famous Aboriginal people such as Anthony

Mundine, Cathy Freeman, Kyal Vanderkype, Christine Anu, Ricki Walfed, Preston Campbell, Aaron Peterson and a number of NRL and AFL celebrities.

Lenard Wheeler of Year 10 had his shirt signed by "The Man" Mundine.

Two other students, Crissy and Toni, had their shirts autographed by Cathy Freeman.

Record prize pool for bowls

The recent Labour Day long weekend bowls tournament at Umina Beach Bowling Club saw a club record prize pool of \$2500 for a one-day event.

Outright winners for the day were a Umina team led by John Menzies, winning \$800 after four wins plus 39.

The second prize of \$600 was won by J Robins of Gosford, four wins + 27; third prize of \$480 to B O'Connor, Everglades, three and a half + 41; fourth prize of \$320 to J Beach, Avoca, three wins +28; fifth prize of \$200 to K Clark, Ballarat, three wins + 26 and sixth prize of \$100 to P Harkin, Umina, three wins + 12.

Central Coast Bowler, November edition.

Junior bowlers presentation day held

The Zone 15 Juniors Presentation Day was held at Everglades Bowling Club on October 28.

Fifty-one people attended and 26 juniors played bowls, watched by parents and friends, who then attended a barbecue luncheon.

Presentations were made to Junior Championship Winners: Singles Aron Sherriff; runner-up Lance Pritchard; Pairs Peter Dixon and Andrew Gordon; runners up Chris Ryan and Blair Waterfield.

The Fours winners were Brent Shoebridge, Robert McNab, Peter Dixon and Aron Sherriff.

Special presentations were made to the four Zone 15 juniors who were successful in the State Junior Championships, namely Aron Sherriff in singles; Robert McNab, Brent Shoebridge, Peter Dixon and Aron Sherriff in fours.

Aron Sherriff was the big winner on the day, receiving the Junior Bowler of the Year Award.

Year of the Volunteer

Simon Buckley about to go into action

Concrete blocks too simple for Simon

Simon Buckley from Woy Woy has demonstrated how his eight years of karate training has prepared him to break concrete blocks.

The demonstration, held on Saturday, November 24, at Black Belt Karate Studios in Wyoming, was arranged to show the physical and mental power and control needed to be a black belt in karate.

Simon achieved his black belt in November last year after several years of successful competition, including a gold medal in the Newcastle Cup and being ranked third in New South Wales.

"Getting my black belt was a dream come true.

"After so much hard work, I was incredibly happy and emotional," Simon said.

His black belt status was confirmed by his instructors this month in a re-test that all Black Belt Karate Studios black belts must take to prove their on-going commitment to the principles of karate.

Simon had his first breaking experience at the karate school's Christmas party last year, where people were demonstrating breaking ice and there was one piece left over.

"They asked somebody to have a go and so I volunteered.

"I'd always wanted to do it, and finally my chance came," Simon explained.

Since then, Simon has

continued breaking ice for demonstrations, but has also begun to break concrete blocks.

Last Saturday's demonstration had Simon breaking two blocks at a time with his elbow, and one with his hand.

He also kicked through some blocks of ice.

Some of the other black belts demonstrating the breaking techniques showed the level of their control by breaking concrete blocks that were placed on a person's abdomen, with that person suspended between two chairs.

Having first begun karate out of an interest in the ancient arts of self defence, Simon has now found what he calls a "really fulfilling pastime".

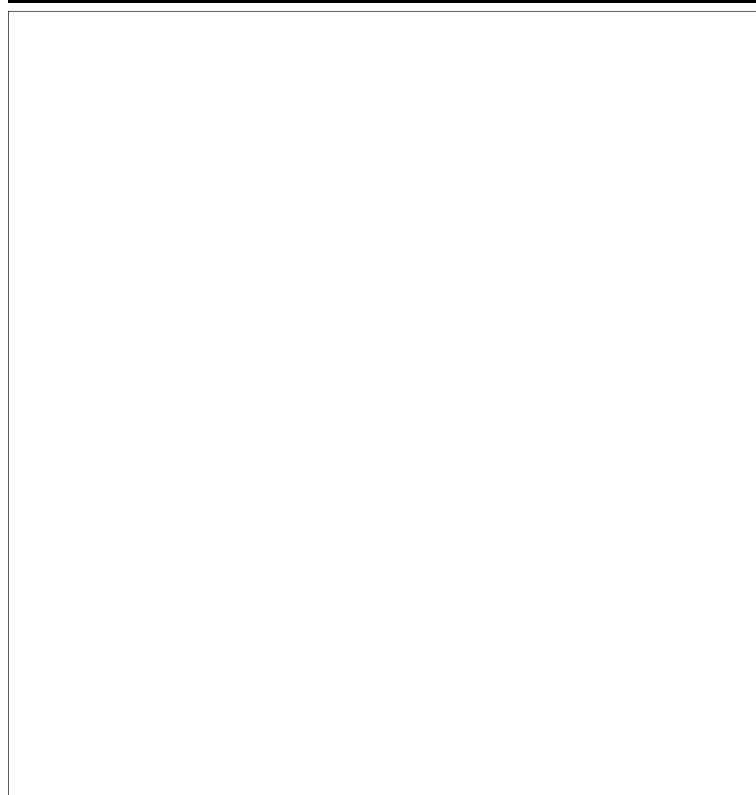
As a Leadership Team member, his goal is to become a full-time instructor and to compete for Australia on an international level.

The first step on the road to international competition may come next year.

Simon is training now in the hope that he may be able to compete in next year's New South Wales championships, which will be held in Liverpool in May, and to represent New South Wales at the Australian Championships in Sydney in August.

For more information, call Black Belt Karate Studios on 4328 1878.

Rebecca Fenton, November 27



Chris Wilkinson and his son Jaxon fishing at Woy Woy

Combined fishing clubs compete

The Brisbane Waters Combined Fishing Club met on Sunday, November 25, at the Lions Park, Woy Woy.

Best angler was Terry Molenaar who also landed the biggest fish, a 1.9kg bonito.

Best Lady Angler was Sue Martin and Nathan Harrington took out Best Junior.

In other fishing news, newcomer to the area, Harry West, bagged six nice teraglin weighing up to 3 kg and five

snapper up to 2kg at the close in reefs last Friday.

According to Ettalong Bait and Tackle, whose motto is "Fish wisely, Fish for the Future", there are reports of some school jewfish under the Rip Bridge at night, with the odd, extra large, specimen.

Flathead and flounder are being caught at Ettalong, and Brett Parker caught a few flathead weighing up to 1kg using prawn lures.

Press release, November 29

Andrew Jackson wins Player of the Year award

Woy Woy Roosters football sides had a lot to celebrate at their recent presentation night with First Grade becoming the inaugural winners of the Country Challenge Championship.

The First Grade team also continued its winning campaign, becoming Central Coast Premiers for the 2001 season, along with the under-19s side winning its competition, making Woy Woy Leagues the Premier club on the Coast.

The club's sponsors were thanked as was the Ladies Auxiliary which raised more than \$10,000 over the year.

The presentation night was held at Woy Woy Leagues Club on November 3.

Players Player Award went to: under-17 Stephen Defries, under-19 Troy McLellan, Reserve grade Daniel King and First Grade Andrew Jackson.

Trainers Award went to Ciaran Williamson.

The under-17 awards were sponsored by Hill Street Sports Medical Centre. The Jason Taylor Memorial Award went to Jie Hewson, the Most Consistent Back Shannon Stuart, the Most Consistent Forward Stephen Defries and the Best and Fairest Shane Wilson.

The under-19 awards were sponsored by Aliton Excavations P/L. The Brad McKee Award for

Andrew Jackson, winner of the Merv and Muriel Condren Trophy

the Most Improved went to Craig Rodgers, the Most Consistent Back Troy McLellan, the Most Consistent Forward Robert Quitadamo and Best and Fairest Adrian Overton.

Reserve Grade awards were: Most Consistent Back Daniel King, Most Consistent Forward Brett Rodgers, Best and Fairest

Mick Martin and The Presidents Trophy went to The Markham Family.

First Grade awards were sponsored by J & B Meats: Most Consistent Back Evan Cochrane

Most Consistent Forward Grant Stuart and the Merv and Muriel Condren Memorial Trophy went to Andrew Jackson

The new quad bike received by Umina Surf Life Saving Club

New surf rescue equipment for Umina

Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews, has welcomed the handover of new surf rescue equipment to Umina Surf Life Saving Club at a handover ceremony at Bondi Beach recently.

Ms Andrews said the safety equipment was purchased as part of a \$1.14 million grant from the State Government to upgrade equipment at surf clubs on the NSW coast.

The funding doubles funds available to Surf Life Saving NSW this year to \$1.9 million.

Umina Surf Life Saving Club was presented with a four-wheel drive Quad Bike by Minister for Sport and Recreation, Mr John Watkins.

"Our volunteer lifesavers play an important role in keeping our local beaches safe," Ms Andrews said.

"Last year 73 people drowned in NSW and 25 of those occurred at our beaches. But with more

than 6800 rescues performed, quality life saving equipment is vital.

"This equipment will allow our local surf club to become more mobile and patrol a larger section of our coastline.

"We want to ensure that they have all of the necessary equipment to patrol beaches and respond quickly in the event of a rescue."

Umina Surf Life Saving Club president, Mr Brian Paull, said the equipment was greatly appreciated by the club.

"On behalf of Umina Surf Life Saving Club, I would like to thank the State Government for the work it has done to ensure this funding reached every surf club in NSW," Mr Paull said.

Ms Andrews said it was important for beach goers, surfers, swimmers and tourists alike to know that surf lifesavers would be better equipped for any emergency situation this summer.

New board meets

The newly elected board of directors of Umina Bowling Club has held its first meeting.

With the club having won an award in 2000, the new board is intent on a policy of stability and looking for ways of making more improvements to the club for members and their guests.

Members of the board are: chairman John Menzies, general manager David Galea, director Ken Miller, deputy chairman Alan Gabriel, deputy chairman Trevor Kable, finance director Tom Hobbs, director Bill Sheehan and director Palmera Gava.

Central Coast Bowler, November edition

Life membership for Irene

Golfer Irene Quintrell has become the first woman to be awarded life membership at the annual meeting of the Everglades Country Club.

She joins the ranks of current Life Members Stuart Miles, Arthur Hughes and Brian Crawley.

Irene was first elected to the Everglades Women's Golf Committee 30 years ago in 1971 as vice-captain.

In all, she was on the

committee for 23 years, nine years as golf captain, six years as vice president and three years as president.

She has been elected again this year, after a break of 12 months, to general committee.

During all that time, not only did she hold down executive positions on the committee, she saw incredible changes taking place in Everglades Country Club, moving from a humble

clubhouse to the multi million dollar facility that it is today.

Irene is married to Fred, a member of the Men's Golf Committee and a keen golfer and bowler, has two boys also golfers, and is herself an accomplished golfer.

She has represented Everglades over many years on various pennant teams.

Judy Andrews, November 21

Premier League soccer for Woy Woy

The use of Woy Woy Oval has been negotiated as an alternative soccer venue for the Central Coast Coasties Soccer Club.

The club was hoping to play games at NorthPower Stadium on December 1 and 15 but the ground was unavailable for the December 1 game.

"Council offered the club Woy Woy Oval at no charge for the game on December 1," said Gosford mayor Cr Robert Bell.

"The other game will be held at NorthPower Stadium on Saturday, December 15, also at

no cost to the club.

"The 355 Committee was originally notified no games could be held at the stadium until the end of December due to ground maintenance.

"While the Coasties were hoping to host both games at NorthPower Stadium, it just wasn't possible.

"I'm pleased to say we've worked out an agreement and the Central Coast still gets to see two premier league soccer games," Cr Bell said.

Media release, November 26

Appeal raises \$3700

The members of Umina Surf Club have expressed thanks to Peninsula residents who supported their recent annual door knock appeal.

The club received donations totalling \$3700, an increase of 10 per cent on last year.

The money will go towards surf life saving equipment.

Press release, November 11

Peninsula to host Gosford's only New Year's Eve fireworks

The only New Year's Eve fireworks display and carnival in Gosford City will be held at Umina Oval and will be alcohol-free .

An initiative of the Rotary Club of Umina Beach Inc, there will be rides, food, novelty stalls, showbags and stick lights.

The carnival will start at 6pm with the fireworks display at 10pm.

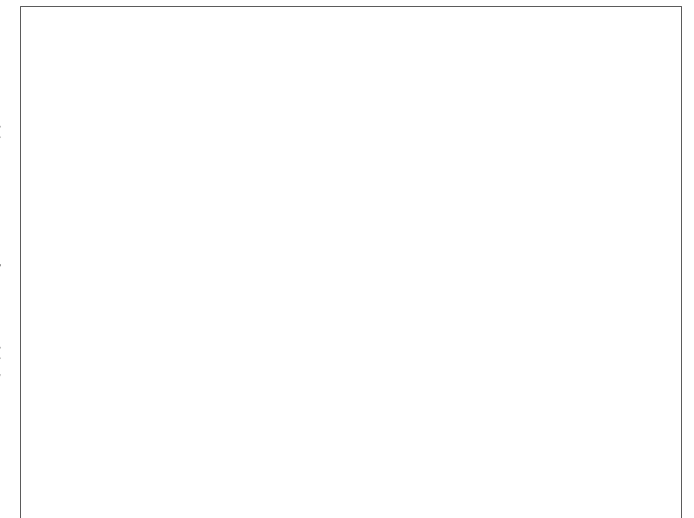
The fireworks will be conducted by Howard & Sons and are sponsored by

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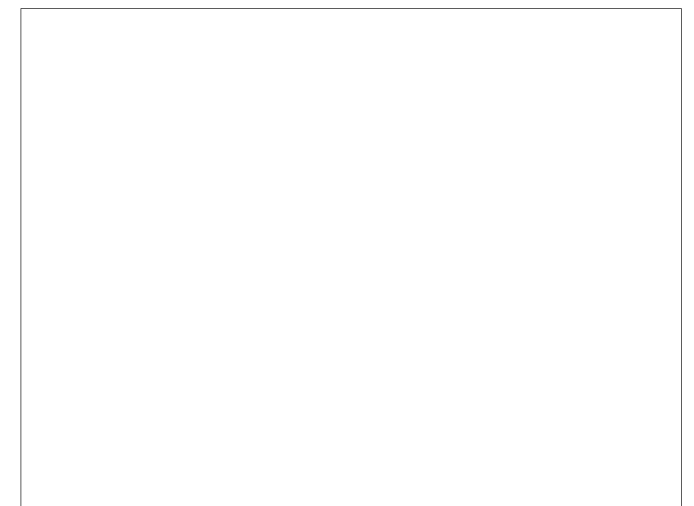
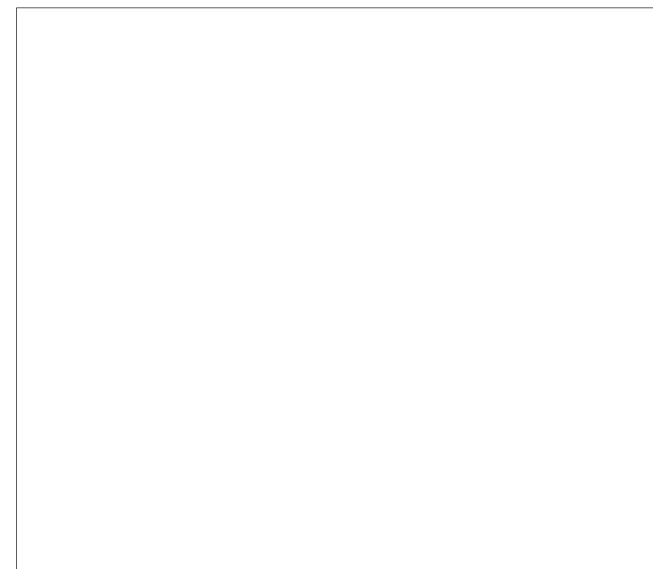
Last year, the event attracted some 12,000 people.

Security will be in the hands of NSW Police Service, Brisbane Water Command, as well as private security guards who will ensure a safe environment for this very popular family occasion, according to organisers.

Geoff Melville, November 28



Families enjoying last year's event



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