



Work on the Ettalong resort is set to continue

Resort construction to resume soon

Construction of the Ettalong Beach Resort is expected to resume before July and be completed by the end of next year.

Announcing the schedule, the new developer, construction company Multiplex, confirmed it would finance the project and sell units, as well as build the resort.

On completion, it would maintain the building, taking responsibility for security and air-conditioning systems.

The complex will include 236 units, comprising a mixture of "studio", one- and two-bedroom furnished apartments and two penthouses.

It will also include restaurants, bars, gaming and sporting facilities, a health club, as well as an entertainment lounge, a business centre and conference rooms, accommodating the operation of the Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club.

Last week, Multiplex claimed it had sold 87 apartments "just days after coming on the market".

Negotiations were taking place with a United States-based company to purchase 50 units.

"We are delighted and excited

to be involved with this dynamic project," said Multiplex's project development manager Mr Ben Bacon.

"Every effort is being made to produce a quality development for the Central Coast community and the thousands of visitors who will enjoy the facility each year."

Mr Bacon said 250 people would be employed during construction and another 230 employed for the resort's operation.

The resort would be operated as a "four-star serviced apartment hotel and an entertainment club".

The hotel would be managed by Outrigger Hotels and Resorts as part of its chain of 39 hotels and resorts in Australia and the Pacific.

It will be known as Outrigger Ettalong Beach Resort.

Outrigger has 29 hotels and resorts in Hawaii, one each at Fiji, Guam and the Marshall Islands, as well as seven in Queensland on the Sunshine and Gold Coasts, at Port Douglas, Palm Cove and Cairns.

Apart from Ettalong, it plans to open another three resorts in Australia over the next two years.

Vice-president of Outrigger Australia, Mr David Lawrence, said Outrigger Ettalong Beach would match the standards of its other resorts.

"We are keen to see this special project take shape," he said.

Multiplex has hired Erina-based public relations firm Brilliant Logic to help market the development.

Ms Jenny Crouch of Brilliant Logic said unit owners would have the choice of having Outrigger service and let their apartments or managing their units independently.

She said the development would occur in three stages, with the resort being built as the first stage before the old club building was demolished in the second stage.

This would allow the Ettalong Beach Club to continue to trade over the construction period.

The third stage would be to build a new structure on the site of the demolished club building.

It had not been decided what form that would take, but commercial development was a possibility, she said.

Jonathan Reichard, press releases, December 17, January 7

Bunnies out of the 2003 competition

Financial difficulties at Umina Rugby League Club have cost the club its place in the Central Coast competition.

Central Coast division general manager Mr Terry Wand said that the club's financial state would not allow it to compete in the 2003 competition.

"I do not believe they will even be able to function as club at all," he said.

Mr Wand said that the club's financial difficulties were discovered after the election of a new committee at the club's

annual meeting.

Mr Wand said that he was waiting on a report on the financial situation of the club following a meeting on January 9.

"At this stage, they will not be in the competition," he said.

He said it would be hard to say whether the club would be back in later years.

"Their debts will have to be looked at," he said.

"They are quite a competitive club with strong players and good juniors," he said.

"It's a very sad situation."

Alison Branley, January 9

Ocean care receives grant

Umina resident Ms Jeannie Lawson has welcomed news that the Ocean and Coastal Care Initiatives Inc. (OCCI) will receive a grant of \$7750.

The group, of which she is president, had applied for funding from the Federal Government's Natural Heritage Trust's Envirofund.

Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd said: "With funding from the Envirofund, OCCI now has resources to conduct Project Aware on the Rocks of the Central Coast."

"Project Aware is an educational program aimed at the general community, where

participants receive 20 hours of free training in exchange for conducting 20 hours (or more) of voluntary rock platform awareness-raising projects within the community," Mr Lloyd said.

"The Aware educational workshops will be presented by local experts in their field including NSW Fisheries, council officers, University lecturers in marine biology, multicultural specialists and communication tutors.

For further information on projects funded by the first round of the Australian Government Envirofund, visit the Natural Heritage Trust web site at: <http://www.nht.gov.au/projects>

Press release, January 8

Creative writing classes

Creative writing classes will be held at the CWA hall, opposite Fisherman's Wharf, starting February 13 at noon.

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Cec Bucello, Manager

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

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Local nearby hotels and food outlets will also be open to add to the range of choices.

An exhibition of historic photographs will be set up by the Local Studies section of Gosford Library.

Face painting and an art contest will also be staged.

Australia Day at Woy Woy is funded mainly by Gosford Council and has been planned as a family event with activities to suit all ages.

It will run with non-stop activities and entertainment from 10am until 3pm.

Anyone having a birthday on January 26 will be welcome to



share in a giant birthday cake and will receive a certificate.

Other Australia Day activities include a bush dance with Central Coast bush band Fair Dinkum at Wagstaffe Community Hall and another, hosted by the Central Coast Bush Dance and Music Association with the band Galimore at the East Gosford Progress Hall.

Both dances start at 8pm on the Saturday evening prior to Australia Day and those attending are encouraged to wear colonial dress.

Each dance on the night is taught and walked through before

it is called to the music.

No experience is necessary.

Opportunities still exist for stall holders, community groups and volunteers to participate in the day's activities.

Call the Peninsula News office for more information on 4342 2070.

Cec Bucello, January 7

Three street directories to be won

Readers of Peninsula News have the opportunity to win one of three copies of the new 2003 Gregory's large print Sydney street directory.

All of the key features of the standard Gregory's street directory have been retained, including a bookmark with the symbols listed.

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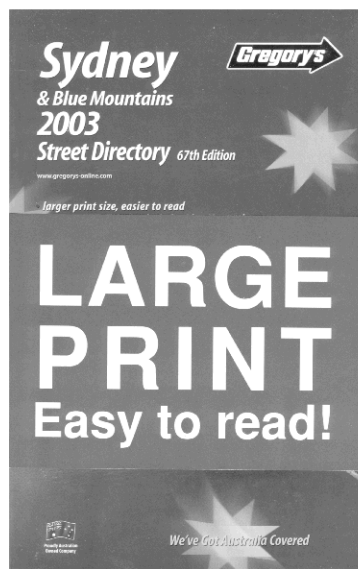
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Jonathan Reichard, January 8



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Heritage-listed Della Bosca house to be rebuilt

Special Minister of State Mr John Della Bosca intends to rebuild his heritage-listed house at Taylor St, Woy Woy Bay, after the upper section was damaged by fire late in December.

The Dutch gable section of the roof had previously been the subject of council discussions on restoration options in April last year.

Council approved a plan to

make alterations in order to restore the Dutch gables to what was believed to be a state closer to the original 1920s architecture.

The restored section is now fire-damaged and will have to be restored once more.

Mr Della Bosca said that he was thankful that no-one was injured in the fire and has thanked the emergency service personnel for their prompt response.

Jonathan Reichard, January 9



John Della Bosca's house on fire

Tender selected for suburban carriages

Parliamentary Secretary for Transport, Mr Kevin Moss, has announced the selected tenderer for the design and construction of 41 outer suburban carriages to serve the Central Coast.

"I am happy to announce A. Goninan and Co. Ltd., trading as United Goninan, is the selected tenderer," Mr Moss said at Woy Woy station.

Mr Moss was joined by Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews who said the outer suburban carriages were now set to be a world-class train with a focus on customer comfort, safety and reliability.

"About 20 carriages will service the Central Coast line on a regular basis.

"That's an additional 3000 seats for Central Coast commuters," Ms Andrews said.

Mr Moss said the State Government was entering negotiations before the contract would be awarded.

"The contract allows for further options of 81 cars in the second stage and 40 cars in the third stage," Mr Moss said.

"The best news is that the 41 carriages will service the Central Coast, South Coast and lower Blue Mountains lines.

"They will run in addition to the current fleet of outer suburban Tangara trains," Mr Moss said.

The new outer suburban carriages would have 52 more

seats per eight-car train than outer suburban Tangara trains.

There would be one toilet for every four carriages.

Selective door controls would ensure doors could be opened to suit a platform's length.

Help points would be provided and closed circuit television cameras would be installed in the trains.

Hearing loops would be fitted to serve those with suitable hearing aids.

"The State Government is pleased to continue the strong working relationship it has with United Goninan and looks forward to seeing these new state-of-the-art trains on the system," Mr Moss said.

"Only two weeks ago, it was announced the Broadmeadow-based company won the contract to construct 14 purpose-built rail carriages for Hunter Valley commuters."

The outer suburban carriages are expected to be in service in late 2006.

Press release, December 18

Minister's helicopter use criticised

The State Government's use of a helicopter to fly in a parliamentary secretary in the place of the Transport Minister for a recent railway announcement has been criticised by Liberal candidate for Peats, Cr Debra Wales.

Cr Wales said that it showed the State Labor Government was quite indifferent to the plight of Central Coast rail commuters.

"Obviously our local rail system is regarded as not good enough for an out-of-town Labor politician to use," said Cr Wales.

"Why would you travel by train when taxpayers can provide you with a helicopter?"

"Given Labor's abysmal track record of making announcements and then failing to follow them through, you have to wonder exactly when we will see the new outer suburban carriages that Mr Moss was here to announce.

"The design of the new carriages has not even been finalised and concerns have already been raised about their proposed comfort levels for commuters.

"I certainly don't expect to see them in service anytime soon.

"The only certain outcome they got from Labor was picking up the Trains that do not operate anywhere on the Central Coast. helicopter ride," said Cr Wales.

"Central Coast commuters expect and deserve better train

Press release, December 19

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Heritage listing may have opposite effect

It is was with a certain amount of ironic amusement that I read the recent article concerning Ms Fay Gunther's desire to have the general store at Wagstaffe declared a "Heritage Item" to prevent it from becoming subject to development.

Having any building declared a heritage item within the Gosford Local Government Area may lead to its ultimate and unimaginable development, as is the case with the general store at Patonga.

Although it is sited on land zoned 2A (residential), it has been approved to be developed into a licensed tavern, beer garden and dual residence, none of which would be permissible, if the general store was not a

listed item of heritage.

Because it is so classified, Gosford Council saw fit to apply Section 45c of the LEP to the development application, which then permits the building "to be used for any purpose".

In effect, this removes virtually all zoning restrictions, floor space ratios, parking requirements, and a myriad of other normal regulations, and in fact makes it very hard for the public to oppose the application.

Anyone who considers they will be preserving a building from future development by having it listed as a heritage item should take the time to thoroughly read section 45c (available through Gosford Council) and then read the approval process that was applied to the Patonga General Store in November 1998.

V Jefferies, Umina

Heritage value not protected

Despite Cr Judith Penton's assertion, the fact that the "owner is spending thousands" restoring "Coolibah" at 2 Pearl

Beach Dr (Peninsula News, December 17) is no guarantee at all that its heritage value will be protected.

Indeed the fact that its name has been obliterated and its inclusion on the council's heritage list opposed suggests that its heritage values are not appreciated and will probably be lost through "restoration" as can already be seen in the destruction of the old bush garden in front of the house and its replacement by a massive concrete drive.

Beverley Kingston, Pearl Beach

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Bride denies hindering cockatoo rescue

I am writing to you in response to an article which was printed in the Peninsula News dated December 17.

The article was "Wedding party hinders the rescue of a cockatoo" written by Jim McGinty.

I am writing to you to let you know that I was the bride in the wedding party and that we in no way hindered the rescue.

The rescue party turned up and realised that they could not rescue the bird with the equipment they had as they needed a cherry picker to rescue the bird.

Therefore our wedding did not cause the problem.

I do not know who Ms Pam Strykowski is, but I can assure you that she was not invited to the wedding and she did not attend.

So I do not appreciate her

making the statement that "They were asked to leave by members of the wedding party".

They were not asked to leave by anyone and if they would have had the right equipment they could have rescued the bird on their first trip.

We would not have minded at all.

I just wanted to let you know that the article upset me, as it was untrue.

Barbara Ridley, Umina

School captains have same education footing

The recently-elected school captains for 2003 at Ettalong Public and Umina Public schools all attended Woy Woy Peninsular Child Care Centre in John Hoare Close.

The child care centre was the foundation of their education and a footing for their social skills.

I worked at the centre for eight years until I was diagnosed with cardiomyopathy two years ago and unfortunately had to leave the centre and the career I loved.

I remember Cara Cerulli, Lachlan Carr (Umina captains), Sam Workman-Brown and Amy Jones (Ettalong captains) all attended Woy Woy Peninsula Child Care eagerly wanting to learn and assisting their peers at

such an early age.

I have watched these children grow into responsible and caring students who always stop to say hello when shopping.

I am very proud and excited for you all and my congratulations go to your proud parents and teachers, at both schools, who have made an excellent choice.

Ros Magee, Umina

Spike Milligan feature refers to Woy Woy

ABC Radio National broadcast a two-hour Spike Milligan feature called "I Told You I Was Ill" from 5pm on Christmas Day.

It was a celebration of the life of Spike Milligan, in the form of a tribute show held at the Melbourne Comedy Theatre in front of an audience of 1100.

Sketches were performed by

comedians, music by "The Ugly Uncles" as well as historic recordings.

During the show, an extract was read from the Peninsula News Spike Milligan tribute pages, printed shortly after Milligan's death.

The extract mentioned how Milligan had made Woy Woy world famous.

Dennis Webb, January 7



Some Probus clubs exclude women

I do not wish this to be a long ongoing saga, but if the written information had been printed instead of out of context "word of mouth" we would not all be upset.

To set the record straight, Umina Probus is a men's only club.

Woy Woy Pobus is a men's only club.

In the words of their ex-president: "We do not want and will not accept ladies." (I heard this myself at the meeting of the new club.)

Everglades is a joint club and is full.

Kariong is a joint club and will accept couples and ladies on their own.

It is not their fault that they are now on their own.

Ours (Kariong) is a very friendly club, thank goodness.

Elaine Hicks, Umina

Why not share the Wharf?

I see in Peninsula News (December 17) someone is calling for an upgrade of the Ettalong wharf.

This prompts me to ask: "Will the new ferry terminal for the Ettalong to Sydney ferry be made available to the Ettalong Palm Beach ferry? And if not, why not?"

One modern facility used by two services makes better use of

parking and bus feeder services, with proper toilet facilities for both services.

I'm sure some suitable financial arrangement can be made between the various parties, even if it requires some guidance from Gosford Council.

Let's open up our thinking when it comes to public facilities like transport.

Bob Lambert, Umina

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Wales says plan will dump people here

A recently-released draft action plan has confirmed plans to rapidly increase population and medium-density development on the Peninsula, according to the Liberal Candidate for Peats, Cr Debra Wales.

Cr Wales was commenting on the Shaping the Central Coast Action Plan, which is open for public comment until February 14.

"The State Labor Government intends to dump 25,000 more people onto the Woy Woy Peninsula over the next 20 years when we are already struggling to provide services and infrastructure for the existing population," she said.

"No amount of blame shifting by (the Member for Peats) Marie Andrews can hide the fact that the State Government sees the Woy Woy Peninsula as an ideal dumping ground for masses of additional people.

"Gosford Council was forced by the State Labor Government to put in place major provisions for medium density housing which has forever changed the character of our local suburbs," said Cr Wales

Cr Wales said that two of the Labor Government's State Environmental Planning Policies (SEPP) were to blame for a flood of medium density housing in residential areas.

They were SEPP 5 which concerned Housing for Aged or Disabled Persons and SEPP 53 which imposed medium-density housing as part of Metropolitan Residential Development.

"A Liberal Government will abolish these State planning policies which override local development controls," said Cr Wales.

"SEPP 5 has caused a flood of in-fill retirement units into ordinary residential areas which is ruining the character of our traditional suburbs.

"But the smoke and mirrors prize must go to State Labor Candidate for Gosford, Deborah O'Neill with her petition opposing the use of the Central Coast as an overflow for Sydney's population.

"It is her own Labor Party's planning policies that targets the Central Coast to accommodate another 100,000.

"Perhaps Ms O'Neill should read Shaping the Central Coast Action Plan before laying blame elsewhere for the Coast's pending population crisis," said Cr Wales.

"Despite all the rhetoric, the State Labor Government has a clear agenda to rapidly increase population levels and housing development on the Central Coast in order to accommodate the population overflow from the Sydney Metropolitan area."

Press release, January 6



Woy Woy pool

Petition to keep pool open

A petition has been circulated requesting that the Woy Woy pool not be closed in March while the new aquatic complex is being built.

During the week prior to Christmas, signatures were gathered at the pool, as well as at health clinics and retail stores on the Peninsula.

Pool user John Chivers said: "Within one week, we captured

1613 signatures.

"I believe that given sufficient time and a little bit of help, we could get that figure up to at least 10,000 without any shadow of a doubt.

"The 1613 signatures were totally unsolicited, and gathered at short notice.

"We want to make sure that the council is aware that we don't want it shut.

"Any tender going out has got to ensure that that the 25 metre

complex remains open.

"We cannot do without a swimming complex here for 18 months," said Mr Chivers.

The pool users who collected the signatures said that the vast majority of residents they spoke to were under the impression that the indoor complex would remain open until replaced.

Gosford mayor Cr Robert Bell said that the matter was being considered.

Jonathan Reichard, January 7

Reward offered

Gosford mayor Cr Robert Bell has said that Peninsula residents could receive a reward of up to \$25,000 for information leading to the successful prosecution of an arsonist responsible for the lighting of a bush fire.

"Gosford has joined Wyong in the campaign against arsonists who have been responsible for numerous fires in the two council areas," said Cr Bell.

"These fires have the potential to destroy property and threaten lives as witnessed in the recent Sydney fires.

"Every fire is the subject of a full investigation by specially trained fire investigation officers who work closely with police.

"Information from the public is critical and has in the past led to the arrest of arsonists.

"Burnt out cars have been the

cause of a number of bush fires and anyone committing such an act can be charged with deliberately lighting a bush fire.

"Upon conviction they could face up to 14 years imprisonment," said Cr Bell.

Anyone with information should contact their local police station or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Press release, January 8

Society seeks memorabilia

The president of Brisbane Water Historical Society Mr Ron Sinclair is seeking memorabilia from Peninsula residents.

Mr Sinclair said: "Anything that people have that may have significance to the area would be much appreciated."

The society's museum which is located in Henry Kendall St,

West Gosford, is opened on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday between 10am and 3pm.

Mr. Sinclair said that the society catered for groups and would arrange a time that is convenient to them.

"We had the Falcon Car Club here last year.

"We supplied the club with facilities and they had tours through the museum," he said.

"It is important for people to recognise the history of Australia and by donating memorabilia to the Museum it would help show case their area and the part it has played in shaping the Central Coast."

Mr Sinclair said the society encouraged people to join. He can be contacted on 4341 7039.

Jim McGinty, January 7



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On behalf of the Ettalong Beach Tourist Resort Complex, I would like to publicly congratulate Peter Hale and the Board of Directors of Ettalong Beach Memorial Club for their vision and perseverance in a worthy project that will see Ettalong and the Peninsula prosper for many years to come.

*Jerry Altavilla,
Director, Cinema Paradiso, Ettalong Markets and Motel Paradiso*

Health



Woy Woy's local Nutrimetics executive sales manager, Joanne Parsons, is presented with a new Kia Rio car at the recent Nutrimetics sales meeting in Sydney

Joanne wins a new car

Woy Woy resident Ms Joanne Parsons has won a car for her work as a cosmetics sales consultant.

She won a Kia Rio, valued at \$16,000, "in recognition of her hard work and outstanding results".

Nutrimetics NSW sales manager Ms Kim Fowler said:

"We are delighted to recognise Joanne's pro-active dedication as she works tirelessly to maintain and grow her client base."

Joanne said: "Over the last two years as an executive sales manager, I have developed great relationships with my clients and watched my business develop."

"I aim to continue to provide

my clients with a comprehensive, professional and efficient beauty service and I'm sure my new car will greatly assist in achieving this goal."

"Nutrimetics offers many benefits in addition to the wonderful cars, such as overseas trips, flexible working hours, a high level of job satisfaction, independence and a secure financial future."

As well as being a successful Nutrimetics consultant, Joanne cares for her family of four including her children Zac and Neve aged four and two.

She also manages to fit into her hectic schedule time for regular bush walks with the family.

Nutrimetics consultants have the opportunity to complete training in diagnosing skin types and applying skincare treatments and make-up.

"We provide our consultants with an extensive range of the highest quality, scientifically researched products," said Kim Fowler.

"However, the firm foundation of the company's success is built upon the consistent determination, self-motivation and loyalty demonstrated by our team of Nutrimetics consultants, such as Joanne."

Press release, December 16

Pressure from nursing award differences

Nursing award differences are putting pressure on local aged care facilities, with at least one provider saying beds may have to be closed if existing staff are lost.

The general manager of Woy Woy Community Aged Care Ltd Ms Jennifer Eddy said she was concerned about losing registered nurses back to the public sector nursing.

Nurses at aged care facilities come under Federal pay awards and do not qualify for the 16 per cent pay rise that their state colleagues received late last year.

Ms Eddy said: "The aged care nurses feel undervalued even though they are passionate about their jobs."

"The pay rise may be attractive enough for some registered nurses to leave age care and nurses thinking about working in age care not wanting to."

Woy Woy Community Age Care Ltd, with 50 high care beds and 40 low care beds, would be "put it in a position of having to close beds if they have any staff leave", said Ms Eddy.

Ms Eddy, who has worked at Woy Woy Aged Care for 14 years, said: "The industry needs to attract more nurses to age care and they (the nurses) should receive the same pay rise as their state counterparts."

The financial controller from Peninsula Village, Mr Glen Scorer, echoed the comments made by Ms Eddy: "The biggest challenge in age care and acute

care will be attracting and retaining registered nurses."

The Aged and Community Services Association acting executive officer Ms Jill Pretty said: "At the moment, the nurses in the age care industry under the NSW Nursing Home State Award get paid 13 per cent less than their public sector colleagues."

Ms Pretty said, "Even with a pay rise of eight per cent due at the end of July 2003, the age care nurses would be 18 per cent under their state colleagues."

Jim McGinty, January 7

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Patonga Bushcare receives restoration grant

Patonga Bushcare will receive \$10,903 for the restoration of the natural coastal and riparian environment of Patonga through the Federal Government's Natural Heritage Trust's Envirofund.

Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd said that the Patonga group was one of five projects which had been allocated a total of \$67, 014 in the electorate of Robertson in 2002-03, under the first round of Australian Government Envirofund funding.

"With funding from the Australian Government Envirofund, these five groups will join the ranks of some 400,000 other Australians who have already been involved in more than 12,000 Natural Heritage Trust projects around the country.

"These projects have achieved significant on-ground outcomes, including the planting of over 26 million seedlings, the protection of 7,730 square kilometres of native vegetation and the

erection of 36,000 kilometres of protective fencing along our waterways.

"The Australian Government Envirofund is the new community focused component of the Howard Government's \$2.7 billion Natural Heritage Trust," said Mr Lloyd.

"Through the Australian Government Envirofund community groups can apply for grants from a few hundred dollars up to \$30,000 to carry out on-ground actions to target local problems such as water quality, protection of native vegetation, salinity and coastal erosion."

Mr Lloyd said he was delighted by the success of the five organisations in his electorate and urged all other eligible groups to apply in future rounds of Natural Heritage Trust funding.

For further information on projects funded by the first round of the Australian Government Envirofund please visit the Natural Heritage Trust web site at: <http://www.nht.gov.au/projects>

Press release, November 8



Marie Andrews posts some cards for recycling

Andrews encourages recycling

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews is encouraging Peninsula residents to use a free postage-paid envelope available from Australia Post to recycle greeting cards through Planet Ark.

"As in previous years, people can also go to their local Coles supermarket and place their cards in the special in-store Planet Ark recycling bins," said Ms Andrews.

The bins can be used until the

end of February.

Traditionally, Christmas cards and decorations in the home come down on January 6, after the 12th day of Christmas, she said.

All types of greeting card will be accepted for recycling at Coles or Australia Post.

"Since 'Cards 4 Planet Ark' was launched over nine years ago, over 430 million greeting cards have been recycled," said Ms Andrews.

"The cards and envelopes are

pulped and recycled to make new products."

"Most of the cards and envelopes are turned into Safe brand toilet tissue or Australian recycled cartonboard.

"This cartonboard is used for everyday items like breakfast cereal packs.

"It can be spotted by looking on the pack for a green and yellow ARC recycling symbol," Ms Andrews said.

Press release, January 8



Julie Newcombe and Roberta Matterson

Subway store opens at Umina

A new Subway store has opened at Umina.

Operators Julie Newcombe and Roberta Matterson said the opening for breakfast on December 11 was a success.

Julie and Roberta, who are related by marriage, have lived in Umina all their lives and are excited about their new business.

They travelled to Brisbane for two weeks of training before opening the store.

The store in Umina is the 13th on the Central Coast.

Julie and Roberta have been happy with the initial response.

The shop has a cappuccino maker which most Subway stores do not have.

It also has the added touch of al fresco dining in a covered part of the lane way beside the store.

The business employs 13 people with two full time senior staff, one full time junior staff member and three part time senior and seven part-time junior staff.

Jim MCGinty, December 12

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News

Expressions of interest sought in comedy festival

Expressions of interest are being sought for participation in the first annual Spike Milligan Comedy Festival to be held in October.

Submissions should be sent to Gosford Council's Spike Milligan Recognition Committee by February 28.

The council is seeking entries from community groups, artists and small businesses.

The objectives of the festival to be held October 10 to 12 include being funny, acknowledging Spike Milligan's art and life, lifting community spirit through Spike Milligan humour, fostering creative talent in comedy and attracting visitors to the Central Coast.

For events to be accepted, they must be funny and meet at least one other objective.

Events that have an "alternative comedy" flavour will be highly regarded, according to

the council submission form.

"Within these guidelines, there is scope for a wide range of activities."

Suggestions included theatrical performances, radio programs, street theatre, comedy workshops, competitions, art projects and exhibitions.

Entrants must be incorporated associations, registered businesses or government departments.

They must also be able to "manage risks associated with the proposed activity" and have "appropriate insurance status".

"It is expected that community groups and individuals would fund and stage items themselves as part of their regular activities, and receive access to event naming and promotion by the committee.

"The committee would provide assistance with and support for grant applications as appropriate."

Leaflet, January 6



A possible competition for the Spike Milligan Festival: The best structure to name after Spike - here, the Spike Milligan Memorial Gate in Nambucca Dr, Woy Woy.

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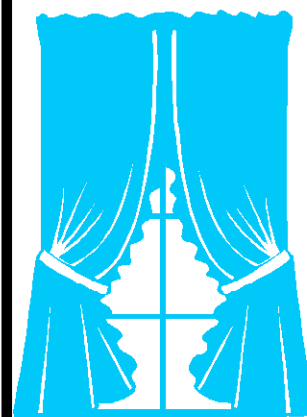
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Jaqueline Purkiss outside her award winning store at Umina Beach

Labels wins Central Coast business award

Labels Fashions of Ocean Beach Rd, Umina, which sells "new lifestyle fashions for all ages" has won a Central Coast business award.

The business won a Peninsula Chamber of Commerce Business Award, which qualified it as an entrant in the Central Coast event.

Proprietor Jaqueline Purkiss was initially surprised to be nominated as a finalist in the Central Coast competition.

She said she went to the function expecting a good night

out but nothing else, considering the large number of fashion outlets on the Coast.

Most were in large franchise chains with marketing departments, window dressers and advertising budgets.

Jaqueline said she was excited and never expected to win, with stiff competition from the other finalists, Millers of Tuggerah, Crossroads of Gosford Imperial Centre and Cruise of Tuggerah.

"When our name was called out, it was like winning the lottery.

"We were so excited," she

said.

"I still can't believe that we won, considering how small we are.

"We must be doing something right.

"It just goes to show that if you do your best, have a bit of style and keep up with fashion trends, anything can happen, even to a small shop in Umina," she said.

All regional winners come under consideration for the state business awards.

"Now that would be just too much, if we were nominated there as well," Jaqueline said.

Cec Bucello, December 12

Pipe-jacking work under way



Work has commenced at the site of the "pipe jacking" where two metre pipes are being placed under the railway line between Railway Street and Brief Street to assist with drainage.

Hotel construction to start

Work is due to commence on the redevelopment of the Ettalong Beach Hotel to a new eight storey building.

The owners have signed leases on three buildings in the Ettalong township to enable them to carry on business while the redevelopment is taking

place.

The buildings to be used include the old ANZ building and one in Beach St previously occupied by Jojurae's Body Care at 263 Ocean View Rd.

The proprietor of the Ettalong Beach Hotel, Mr Greg Hertmanni, was not available for comment.

Cec Bucello, January 10

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What's on in and around the Peninsula

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

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

Contact details and deadline date are shown on page two.

DAILY EVENTS

Visitor Information Centre, Watersedge Gifts and Souvenirs, 18-22 The Boulevard, Woy Woy. Enq: 4341 2888

Visitor and Community Information Umina Beach information centre Cnr West and Bullion St Umina (behind the library) Enq. 4344 2200

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

WEEKLY EVENTS

EVERY TUESDAY

Judo all ages \$3, 5.30pm: Peninsula Community Centre, Ocean Beach Rd., Enq 4342 4121

Free movies Club Umina (Umina Beach Bowling Club) 7.30 pm Enq 4341 2618

Boxing/fitness training U/14 yrs 4.30pm 5.30pm 14+ **boxing/fitness** (gym) PCYC Enq 4344 7851

Free Bingo, Woy Woy Leagues Club 11am.

Ettalong Pelicans Masters Swimming Club Woy Woy Indoor Heated Pool, 7.30pm Enq: 4360 1220

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

Active over 50s classes, **Gentle Exercise** Level 3 Ettalong Fitness City, 8am, Enq: 4341 3370.

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

Have-a-chat meeting 10am, **Discussion Group**, 11am, Rumikin or

cards, 1pm, School for Seniors, Peninsula Community Centre. Enq: 4341 9333, **Judo**, Seniors/Women, 6.30pm \$3 Enq: 4342 4121.

Car Club Euchre 7.30pm Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club 4341 1166

Chess Club Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club 1pm Enq 4341 1166

Alcoholics Anonymous Woy Woy Group 6pm John the Baptist Church Hall, Cnr Victoria St & Blackwall Rd Enq Julie 4379 1132

Tai-Chi classes Wagstaffe Hall 12pm except school holidays Enq 4360 2705

Rotary Club of Woy Woy 6pm Everglades Country Club, Dunban Rd., Woy

Competition Darts, Ettalong Bowling Club, 7pm Enq: 4341 0087

Scrabble, Empire Bay Community Progress Hall 1-3.30pm Enq. Shirley 4369 2034.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Rock'n'Roll Dance Class Ettalong Bowling Club 7pm Enq 4341 0087

Table Tennis Ettalong Memorial Club at 7.30pm Enq 4341 9263

Bridge Ocean Beach Surf Club. 9.30am and 7.30pm Enq 43410721

Peninsula Choir rehearse 7.30pm St Andrews Hall Umina. Men welcome

Pearl Beach Play Group 10am Pearl Beach Progress Hall

Enq: 4342 7182

Brisbane Waters Scrabble Club, Woy Woy Meals on Wheels Hall, 6pm - 10pm New players welcome. Enq: 4341 9929

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

Dancelot Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club at 7pm Enq 4341 1166

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

Seniors fitness Ettalong Progress Hall, 9am, Enq: 4385 2080; **Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre**

activities; **Indoor Bowls-9am**; **Fitness 1pm** **Leatherwork-9am**; **Table Tennis-9am**; **Bridge- 12 noon**. **Scrabble** 1pm Enq: 4341 3222.

Social Darts, Ettalong Bowling Club, 7pm Enq: 4341 0087

Oil Painting, 9am **Multi-craft needlework** 10am, School for Seniors, Peninsula Community Centre, Enq: 4341 9333

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

Playgroup 10am **Boxing/fitness training**, 4.30pm U14, 7pm **circuit boxing** (girls) PCYC, Enq 4344 7851

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

Leatherwork Classes Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre Enq 4341 3222

Bowls Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club 10am Enq 4341 5293

St Johns Ambulance meets at Umina PCYC Osborne Ave from 7-9pm. Enquiries phone 4341 3341

Killcare Wagstaffe Playgroup at Wagstaffe Community Hall every Wed morning in school terms. 9.30 - 12pm Enq 4360 2065 4360 2757

Club Bingo/Cash Housie 7.30pm In aid of Fairhaven. Umina Beach Bowling Club Melbourne Ave., Umina Beach Enq 4325 3608

Killcare - Wagstaffe Rural Fire Brigade weekly meeting 7.30pm Stanley St Killcare (at the fire station). New members welcome. Enq. Ph 4360 2161

EVERY THURSDAY

Free entertainment Ettalong Bowling Club 6.30pm - 9.30 pm Enq 4341 0087

Senior Snooker Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club at 8.30am Enq 4341 7307

Fitness Wagstaffe Hall 9.30 am Over 60's welcome Enq 4360 1971

Drumming - Bouddi Women's Drumming 1.45 - 3.00 91 The Scenic Rd \$5. Enq 0408 794 083

Scrabble Progress Hall, Woy Woy Rd 12.30pm.

Tai Chi, Pearl Beach Progress hall, 9.30am Enq: 4341 1243

Ettalong Pelicans Masters Swimming Club Woy Woy Indoor Heated Pool, 7.30pm Enq: 4360 1220

Ladies 18 hole golf event; Everglades Country Club. Enq 4341 1866

Active over 50s classes, **Ballroom Dancing**, 10am. Ettalong Beach Bowling Club Enq: 4340 1057, **Gentle Exercise**, Ettalong Fitness City, 10.30am & 12 noon, Enq: 4341 3370.

Gentle Exercise Senior Cits Centre, Broken Bay Rd, 1pm Enq 43413222

Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre Activities; **Dancing-9am**; **Indoor Bowls-9am**; **Table Tennis-12.30pm**; **Fabric Painting-9am**; **Cards** 12 noon. Enq: 4341 3222

Judo all ages \$3, 5.30pm: Peninsula Community Centre, Ocean Beach Rd., Enq 4342 4121

Female BoxFit class, 9.30am: (child minding): 10.30am Tap Dancing, 5.30pm 14+ **Boxing/fitness** 7.15pm: **Circuit Boxing** PCYC, Enq: 4344 7851

Bingo Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club, 9.30am, Enq: 4341 1166

Brisbane Water Bridge Club Ocean Beach Surf Club. 12.30pm Enq. 4341 0721

Bridge Ocean Beach Surf Club. 12.30pm Enq 4341 0721

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

PCYC Doubles Pool Comp 5pm 14+ **boxing/fitness** (gym) 5.30pm. **Girls boxing class** 7pm.

Card Club Euchre 1pm Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club Enq 4341 1166

Killcare Wagstaffe Playgroup at Wagstaffe Community Hall every Wed morning in school terms. 9.30 - 12pm Enq 4360 2065 4360 2757

EVERY FRIDAY

Old Wags **Bridge Club**, Wagstaffe Hall each Friday except 4th 130pm Enq 4360 1820 or 4360 1612

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

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

Active over 50s classes, **Aqua-fitness**, Woy Woy Pool, 9.30am. Enq: 4341 4150

Active Over 50's **Exercise Class** Ettalong Progress Hall 9.15am Enq 4342 9252

Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre **Line Dancing- 9am**; **Bridge- 12 noon**; **Painting- 9am** Enq: 4341 3222.

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

Grocery Grab Game Show, Ettalong Memorial Club, 1.30pm Enq: 4341 1166

Brisbane Water Bridge Club Ocean Beach Surf Club. 12.30pm Enq. 4341 0721

14+ yrs **Boxing/sparring** (gym) 5.30pm PCYC Enq 4344 7851

Alcoholics Anonymous Woy Woy Group 6pm at John the Baptist Hall, Cnr Victoria St & Blackwall Rd., Woy Woy Enq Phillip 4342 7303

Silk Painting Sue Saunders, Ettalong Beach Arts & Crafts Centre 1.30pm - 3.30pm Enq Penny Riley 4360 1673

Kindy Gymnastics Peninsula Community Centre, 93 McMasters Rd Woy Woy. Beginners 9.30 - 10.15am, advanced 10.30 - 11.15am Enq 4341 9333

EVERY SATURDAY

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

Cash Housie St Mary's Hall, Ocean View Rd Ettalong 7.30pm - 10.15pm Free Tea and Coffee. Cash Prizes

Enq: 4369 0626.

Snooker Ettalong War Memorial Club at 8.30am Enq 43417307

Cabaret dance & floor show, 8pm free, Everglades Country Club, Dunban Road, Woy Woy

Dance Club Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club at 1pm Enq: 4341 2156

Classic Night Spot - over 30's, free 8pm, Live band plus Dj, Woy Woy Leagues Club

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

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

Brisbane Water Bridge Club, Woy Woy Leagues Club 12.30pm, Ocean Beach Surf Club Enq: 4341 0721

Patonga Bakehouse Gallery. Every Weekend 10.00 am— 4.00 pm

EVERY SUNDAY

Junior Snooker Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club at 9am

Coast Community Church Services 9am and 5pm Enq 4360 1448

Patonga Bakehouse Gallery. Every Weekend 10.00 am— 4.00 pm

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

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

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

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

EVERY MONDAY

Old and Bold **Snooker** Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club at 10am Enq 4341 7307

Yoga Wagstaffe Hall 9.30 am Enq 4360 1854

Yoga (beginners course) Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre 2.30pm, final class March 3, cost \$4, Enq. 4341 3222

Bowls Ettalong Memorial Club at 1.30pm Enq 4344 1358

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

Free Bingo Woy Woy Leagues Club 11am.

Aquafitness, Active over 50s classes, Woy Woy Pool, 1.15pm. Enq: 4341 4150

Gentle Exercise, Ettalong Fitness City, 10.30am & 11.30am, Enq: 4341 3370; Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre, 1pm, Enq: 4341 3222.

Strength Training 11.30am Fitness City Ettalong Beach Club Enq 4343 0130

Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre activities; **Dancing-9am**; **Indoor Bowls-9am** **Mahjong-1pm**; **Fitness** 1pm Enq: 4341 3222.

Boxing/fitness training, 3.45pm-U14, 4.30pm 5.45pm-14yrs+, **Tae Kwon Do** 7pm **Circuit Boxing** (girls) PCYC, Enq: 4344 7851

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

Brisbane Water Bridge Club Ocean Beach Surf Club. 12.30pm Enq. 4341 0721

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

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

Evening Bowls Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club at 6pm Enq 4341 9656

Card Club 500 1pm Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club Enq 4341 1166

Arts and Crafts for people with a disability 11am - 2pm. Bring own lunch. Volunteer helpers welcome. Enq. 4341 9333

FREE ENTERTAINMENT IN JANUARY

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| Tuesday 21st | <i>Ice Age</i> 7.30pm |
| Thursday 23rd | <i>Steve Gillespie</i> 7pm/8pm |
| Friday 24th | <i>Rat Race</i> 8.30pm |
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Arts and Entertainment

What's on event calendar

Tuesday January 14

Toastmasters Ettalong Memorial Club (2nd Tue) at 7pm Enq 4341 6842
 Umina T.P.I. Ettalong Memorial Club (2nd Tue) at 1pm Enq 4341 4644
 Combined Pensioners Association meeting, games, dancing, afternoon tea (2nd & 4th Tuesdays) Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre 1pm. Enq 4341 3222

Pearl Beach Craft Group, 1.30pm, Progress Hall (2nd Tues) Enq: 4342 1459.

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

Killcare Surf Life Saving Club (2nd Tue) 7pm Enq 4360 1966

Ettalong Beach Toastmasters 7.30pm (2nd Tues). Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club. Enq: 4344 1124.

Bookmobile, Killcare Heights. Fortnightly Tuesdays Cnr Scenic Rd & Beach Drv, 10.35am; Wagstaffe Community Hall 11am

Wednesday January 15

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

Thursday January 16

Gala Day Everglades Country Club, (1st & 3rd Thurs) Dunban Rd Woy Woy Enq 4341 1866

Street stall, outside Flemings in West St Umina, 9am – 3.30pm in aid of Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary.

Friday January 17

Legacy Ladies Ettalong Memorial Club 10am (1st & 3rd Fri) Enq 4343 3492

Sunday January 19

Vietnam Vets Ettalong Memorial Club (3rd Sun) at 11am
 Bootscooters Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club (3rd Sun) at 2.30pm
 Ettymalong Creek Landcare group. Etta Rd., Umina (3rd Sun) for bush regeneration. 8am Enq: 4342 2251.

Monday January 20

War Widows Ettalong Memorial Club (3rd Mon) 1pm
 NSW Transport Authorities Retired Employees (TARE) Association, (3rd Mon) 2.30pm, Bistro area, Ettalong Bowling Club Springwood St.

Tuesday January 21

Buffalo Lodge Knights Chapter No9 (3rd Tue) Umina Community Hall 7pm
 Woy Woy Peninsula Arthritis Branch (3rd Tue) Meals on Wheels Hall) 10am Enq 4342 1790

Wednesday January 22

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

Thursday January 23

Library Bookmobile Daleys Point, Peridon Village Fortnightly Thursdays 10.15am Peridon Retirement Village Hall 10.30am. Empire Bay Opposite Post Office & bottle shop 11am Near park & local shop Bensville local shop 11am

Umina Probus (4th Thur) Everglades Country Club 10am.

Friday January 24

South Bouddi Peninsula Community Association Wagstaffe Hall (4th Fri) 1.30pm Enq 4360 1002

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

Saturday January 25

Wagstaffe Bushcare Group Half tide rocks sign, cnr Albert and Bulkara Sts (4th Sat) 8am

Melaleuca Wetland Regeneration Group – help with regeneration of one of our last Peninsula wetlands, meet 8am at end of Boronia Ave., Woy Woy (2nd & 4th Sats)

Sunday January 26

Buffalo Lodge, Woy Woy 381 Umina Community Hall, 11am (2nd & 4th Sun)

Buffalo Lodge Gosford No 63 (2nd & 4th Sun) 1pm Umina Community Hall

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

Burrawang Bushland Reserve Bushcare Group 9am (4th Sun) corner of Hillview and Railway Sts, Woy Woy. Meet in the Nambucca Dr playground. Phone 4341 9301

Monday January 27

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

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

Deepwater View Club Christmas Luncheon, Woy Woy Leagues Club 11am (4th Mon.) Visitors welcome Enq 4341 0272

Tuesday January 28

Combined Pensioners Association meeting, games, dancing, afternoon tea (2nd & 4th Tuesdays) Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre 1pm. Enq 4341 3222

Library Bookmobile, Killcare Heights. Fortnightly Tues. Cnr Scenic Rd & Beach Drv 10.35am; Wagstaffe Community Hall 11am
 Toastmasters Ettalong Memorial Club (4th Tue) at 7pm Enq 4341 6842



Triantan to perform at next Troubadour Folk Club gathering

Troubadour audience joins in

The audience sang along to well known folk songs performed by Leon Rabin at the Troubadour Folk Club in Woy Woy last Friday night.

An experienced folk singer, Leon Rabin released two LPs in South Africa through CBS in the 1960's before touring Britain, Europe and the United States and moving to Australia 16 years ago.

Leon, from Sydney, was one of two guest artists to perform.

Raelene Bruinsma, of Melbourne, was the other.

She came to Woy Woy fresh from the Woodford Folk Festival in Queensland.

Most of the songs she performed she had written herself, the audience enjoying her quirky and heartfelt lyrics.

Regular local artists who performed on the night included Bill Bekric, the Mochers, Carole Rhode, Vic Jeffries, Shirley O'Toole and Jeff and Meg Woodhead.

Next month's Troubadour Folk

Club features Triantan, a trio from Sydney.

Judy Pinder, Miguel Heatwole and Anthony Woolcott sang unaccompanied harmonies at the recent Gulgong Folk Festival.

They sing Irish and Scottish songs, both in English and Gaelic.

The club meets on the second Friday of every month.

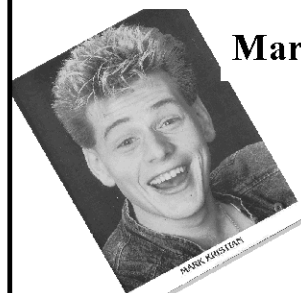
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Shirley Hotchkiss, January 11

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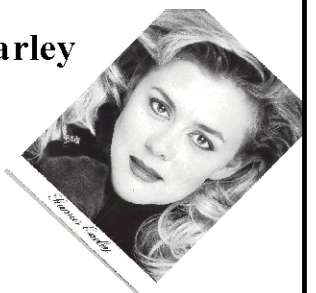
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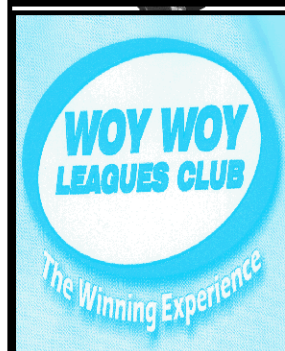
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Christmas pantomime performers (r to l) Natasha Sciberras, Tom Bowyer, Bradley Death, (front) Kayley Paul, Rhylee Swan, and Morgan Valentine

Drama and Discovery group stages play

Amanda Benson's Drama and Discovery (ABD&D) group based at Umina PCYC has staged a play called "What's up Rudolph".

"A packed house watched the play which was about a wicked queen casting a spell on Rudolph and Snow White having an extra dwarf named Hic Cuppy," said Ms Benson.

The play was 20 minutes long. In 2003 ABD&D will be running

the classes on Monday with times yet to be finalised.

Amanda said "The courses are limited in size to 15 students and have a waiting list."

Amanda has lived in Umina for the past three years with her husband and her two children.

She decided in Easter last year to approach the PCYC and set up ABD&D to run drama classes for children ranging in ages from five years to nine years and from nine year olds to 16 years old.

Amanda said: "The junior class gives the children fun and confidence while in the older group the emphasis is more on using script work."

This year the plan is for ABD&D to use a digital camera with the groups so they can get instruction in what occurs on a "film set".

Pictured from left are (rear) Natasha Sciberras, Tom Bowyer, Bradley Death, (front) Kayley Paul, Rhylee Swan and Morgan Valentine.

Jim McGinty, January 7



Irish bag-pipes and a hurdy gurdy being played at the Troubadour Folk Club's Christmas concert held at the Peninsula Theatre on December 13. The concert included a traditional English mummings Christmas play with sword play, Santa Clause and audience participation that had all present in fits of laughter

Australia Day dance organised

An Australia Day dance has been organised for Saturday, January 25, by the Central Coast Bush Music and Dance Association, with several Peninsula locals among the organisers.

The band Galimore will play authentic bush music, with all dances called and walked through.

Dance band organiser Ms Robyn Northwood, of Phegans Bay, said that the regular monthly bush dances were suitable for beginners as well as for those with some dancing

experience.

The dance forms part of Gosford Council's Australia Day celebrations.

To pay tribute to Australia Day, dancers are invited to wear items of colonial costume.

The entry fee of \$15 for adults includes an excellent supper.

Children under-13 are admitted free of charge.

The dance begins at 8pm and ends at midnight.

It is held at East Gosford Progress Hall, on the corner of Wells St and Henry Parry Dr, East Gosford.

Phone 4344 6484 or 4323 3356 for more information.

Press release, January 8

15,000 people attend fireworks

Organisers has estimated that around 15,000 people attended Peninsula Fireworks and Carnival on New Year's Eve at the Umina Oval.

The family night included rides, entertainment, food and drink outlets and fireworks

Organised by the Rotary Club of Umina Beach, the display of fireworks provided by a Central Coast resident Randall Smith.

The event was alcohol-free and this was strictly enforced by the police and by security staff.

The police reported that it was a well run evening with few problems.

The Rotary Club of Umina Beach, the Umina Beach PCYC and the Salvation Army

encouraged those attending to make a gold coin donation.

All money raised by the Rotary Club will be applied to youth projects on the Peninsula.

The major sponsors of the event were Gosford Council, Ocean Beach Holiday Park, Woy Woy Leagues Club, Hourigans IGA Umina, Club Umina, Everglades Country Club, McDonalds Woy Woy, Central Coast Herald & Sun Weekly.

There were also a number of other sponsors whose donations assisted in meeting the expenses in running this event.

The Rotary Club of Umina Beach thanked the sponsors and the people of the Peninsula for their support and the event co-ordinator Mr Colin Gooley

Mike Cutley, Umina Rotary, January 7

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Child care program to include the disabled

Woy Woy Peninsula Community Childcare Co-operative Society is to receive \$8325 in State Government funding for a new program.

The program will aim to integrate young children with disabilities into mainstream early childhood settings.

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews said the extra assistance would significantly improve access to and promote

the integration of children and students with disabilities into educational settings and promote inclusionary practices.

Funding of \$75,375 had been allocated to the Peats Electorate as part of the Intervention Support Program (ISP), she said.

The funding would provide education programs for children and young people with disabilities in early childhood centres, residential care facilities and schools.

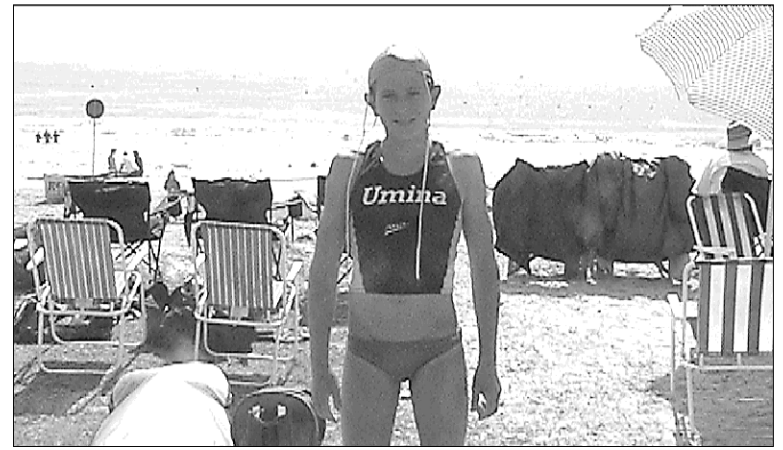
Ms Andrews said that these

funds would improve educational outcomes for children with disabilities by improving their participation and achievement.

The Intervention Support Program is also important for the families of the children as it further promoted access to educational settings, said Ms Andrews.

"These children have special needs and therefore require more educational support than most," Ms Andrews said.

Press release, January 6



Liam Jackson is a State representative

Liam Jackson from the Umina Surf Club will represent NSW at the Interstate Carnival to be held at Clifton Beach, Hobart, on the weekend of January 18 and 19.

Liam, 13, will compete in the board and ironman events as well as several team events against the best competitors in

Australian junior surf lifesaving.

At the recent interbranch carnival held at Stockton in December, Liam finished with three second places and a first placing in his individual events.

The Central Coast team finished in second place overall.

At the recent Gardner Ironman event, Liam finished second to fellow NSW team member Luke Cole from Cronulla.

Press release, January 8



Woy Woy South Public School captains Anthony Engelshus, Daniel Friend, Jodie Elson and Hannah Carle present a sample of their show bags to nurse unit manager Janet Wakefield at Gosford Hospital

School donates 600 show bags

Woy Woy South Public School has donated more than 600 show bags to Central Coast Health for use in children's clinics.

The show bags with a total value of almost \$3000 had themes, including Santa, Pirate and Fairy Princess.

Sick and injured children from across the Central Coast attend the clinics held at Gosford Hospital which include paediatric

and fracture clinics.

The show bags were part of the school's annual spring fair.

The acting president of Woy Woy South P&C Association, Mr Ray McDonald, said the school was pleased to be able to support children from across the Central Coast.

"The children and teachers of the WWSPS saw this as a great opportunity to help the broader community.

"We hope it will help to make a difference for some children this Christmas and into next year", he said.

Woy Woy Public School's deputy principal Ms Jo Booth and captains Daniel Friend and Hannah Carle helped present the show bags to Ms Janet Wakefield, Nurse Unit manager of Central Coast Health's Clinics division.

Press release, December 17

Vacation Care Centre open daily

Woy Woy Vacation Care Centre is open daily from 7am to 6.30pm during the school holidays.

The program of activities for children includes movies, a visit to Dooralong Lodge, ice skating, aquatic centre activities, 10-pin bowling, sand board and 4WD

duning, dolphin watching, a visit to Time Zone and kids karaoke.

The cost starts at \$9 a day including excursion costs.

Bookings should be made. Childcare assistance is also available.

For further information, contact Jenny Phillips on 0414 511 839.

Flyer, January 8

Children's programs at Community Centre

Peninsula Community Centre is running children's programs in the new centre at 93 McMasters Rd, Woy Woy.

Playgroup commences Tuesday, February 4, from 9 to 11am and Wednesday, February 5.

Morning tea and a drink are required.

Preschoolers' Playgroup commences Tuesday, February 5, from 12.30 to 2.30pm.

This group caters for three and

four-year-olds.

The program concentrates on pre-kindy skills.

Numbers are limited so bookings are necessary.

Kindy Gym commences Friday, January 31.

Two sessions will be run on Friday with an accredited coach from 9.30-10.15am (cubs) and 10.30-11-15am (bears).

Children aged three, four and five are wanted.

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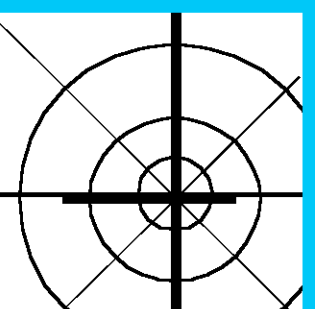
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Public Notices

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Fishing competition

Woy Woy Combined Charities' Fishing Competition will be held on January 18 and 19 and the third weekends in February and March.

All profits will go to local Peninsula based charities.

The charities to benefit will be the Woy Woy Hospital Womens' Auxiliary and Child Abuse Prevention Society.

"These are small Peninsula-based charities frequently overlooked by the larger fund raisers," said organiser Mr David Jenkins.

Prizes consist of cash and fishing gear for the heaviest of species, plus a prize for a mystery weight which anyone

can win.

There will be special prizes for best fish caught by women and children.

Entry fees are single \$15, family \$20, and children \$5.

Entry tickets are available at Ettalong Bait and Tackle, Club Umina, Woy Woy Leagues Club, Woy Woy Bowling Club, Woy Woy Hotel as well as the Lions Park Boat Ramp from 5.30pm each Saturday and Sunday.

Weigh-ins start at 1.30pm each Sunday and close at 3pm sharp.

Food and drinks will be available each Sunday.

For more information, contact the organiser Denis Jenkins on 4344 4003.

Flyer, January 8



Mounds of earth on the golf course in preparation for proposed earth works

Woy Woy cricketers no 'easy beats'

Woy Woy has set about changing its image as one of the "easy beats" of Central Coast cricket.

With a record of winning one or two games a season, their prospects only looked worse when they lost their captain and a few experienced players.

Adopting a "youth policy", the club appointed 22-year-old Peter Graham as captain, who has set about turning the team into a competitive outfit.

In the last game of last season, Woy Woy lost to the Entrance by 200 runs.

In the first game of this season they lost, again to The Entrance, by just six runs.

In the second game, Woy Woy lost to Lisarow by three wickets.

In the third game, they demolished Doyalson by 180 runs and the fourth was a close one-day game with competition leaders Kincumber.

Only some lusty hitting by a couple of older guys brought Kincumber home in the 48th over of a 50 over game.

With each game, Woy Woy has been getting better.

Going into round five on December 7, against Narara, the undefeated defending premiers, Woy Woy was hoping to again be competitive.

The first week was wet so it became a one-day game.

Narara won the toss and batted, as Woy Woy would have done.

The pitch was dry and cracking.

It quickly became evident to the Woy Woy Captain that it was a slow bowlers' wicket, so his opening bowlers only bowled three overs each before he put Mark Austin on.

Austin took a wicket with his first and fourth balls, and took 4/17 off 14 overs.

Pete Graham took the ball himself from the other end and took 4/25 off 14.3 overs and a very important runout.

Narara were bowled out for

102 from 50 overs, the first time they had been bowled out this season.

Woy Woy batted on the same wicket and had no trouble getting to 70, before Narara put their slower bowlers on.

Under great pressure, Woy Woy passed Narara's score seven wickets down in the 34th over.

Woy Woy's bowling changes were spot on and the bowling was tight, the field placings and fielding were superb and the batting was fearless.

They out-thought, out-bowled and out-batted the premiers.

Round six was played from December 14 to 21, Woy Woy played the local derby against Umina, which was undefeated until the round before.

Umina won the toss and decided to bowl.

John Jewiss and Shane Bardsley had an opening partnership of 54, then Mark Austin came to the crease.

Mark, a gifted cricketer, scored a brilliant 112.

After John Jewiss had started the innings strongly with 48, Jason Moore scored 52 in partnership with Mark.

Four wickets fell before captain Peter Graham and new keeper Andre Orani finished with a very important 127-run partnership.

Graham scored 76 not out and Orani 47 not out with Woy Woy finishing 6/371 off 90 overs.

In the second week, Woy Woy bowled Umina out for 174, winning by 197 runs.

Young Noel Ellis took his inaugural first grade wicket and went on to take 3/5.

David Ridley 3/55 took three of Umina's best batters and some brilliant catching and fielding.

Woy Woy have five games to go but are not getting carried away.

They have three wins from six full games, already more wins than they have had for a long time.

Janelle Graham, January 7

Trees, screens and nets planned to control loose golf balls

A program of tree planting, wire screens and two 25m high synthetic nets are planned by Everglades Country Club to address the problem of out-of-bounds golf balls.

The program was proposed by a sub committee formed to address the issue.

It consists of two members from each of the men's and women's clubs and two club directors: Patsy Elliott, Cathy Shannon, Paul Thorpe, Neil Watts, Roger Ford and Bill Balneaves

Surveys pointed to problems with holes 1, 10, 11, 7, 8, and 9.

The worst affected were holes 7 and 11.

Advice as to how to remedy the problem was sought and an on-course study of players habits and ability was collated.

Of 212 golfers surveyed, the average drive distance from the tee was 160 metres over the entire field.

Of those players, 20 per cent hit less than 140 metres, 18 per cent hit 140 to 160 metres, 24 per cent hit 160 to 180 metres, 26 per cent hit 180 to 200 metres and only 12 per cent hit their drive 200 metres or more.

The survey also revealed that about 90 per cent of players were right handed and about 65 per cent of these right handed golfers sliced or faded the ball.

After reviewing the information, the sub committee prepared a program of remedial measures, the board's consent to spend \$120,000.

The approved program includes extensive tree planting along the sides of all of the affected fairways, creating a natural buffer zone of vegetation

between the golfer and the course boundary.

An arborist was engaged to inspect the course and recommend the best-suited and most effective species of tree for this purpose.

Approximately 2000 casuarina (she oak) and melaleuca (paper bark) species have been ordered and planting is complete of about 600 of the trees.

It is estimated that the remainder of the trees will be planted over the next three months.

On advice the trees were planted in cultivated and mulched areas to effect maximum growth in the shortest possible time.

Golfers have been asked to respect these areas and protect the newly-planted stock.

Local rules as to penalty or non-penalty drops for balls coming to rest in these environmentally-sensitive areas will be considered and advised by match committees.

Steel and wire tee screens will be erected on many of the problem tees and teeing ground areas narrowed towards the screens in an effort to better align the shot away from the boundary fences.

Two large synthetic net catching screens about 25 metres high are also proposed

on the side of the 11th fairway, to further reduce the risk of the sliced tee shot.

Council approval for the construction of these nets is currently being sought.

For safety reasons, the par four seventh hole has been closed for some months because of an out-of-bounds problem.

It has for some time been played as a par three from the existing social tee.

However due to the re-design and relocation of the green, the hole will be played as a par four starting early in the new year.

The new seventh hole has been shortened from the previous 330 metres to 285 metres, however a major hazard (190 metres from the tee) has been installed directly in the driving zone.

Hitting a tee shot over the hazard would require a shot of approximately 225 metres on the full.

It is hoped to carry out all of the course renovation works with the least disruption possible.

Further information regarding the proposed changes to your course is available at the club from members of the sub-committee.

Bill Balneaves, December 17

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Roosters to play in Sydney based competition

Woy Woy's first grade rugby league team is to join the Sydney-based Sponsors Cup after a landmark Country Rugby League meeting in December.

Woy Woy will join three other Central Coast teams - Erina, Ourimbah, and The Entrance - moving to the competition.

They will play Sydney teams Newtown, Windsor, Wentworthville, St Mary's-Penrith, Ryde-Eastwood, Guilford and The Sydney Bulls in a 20-round competition.

With 10 home games and three away games played on the Central Coast, and seven in Sydney, supporters are being offered double the number of home games on the

Peninsula compared with last year's season.

The Woy Woy under 17's, under 19's and first division remain in the Central Coast competition.

Woy Woy first division will now take The Roosters' first grade spot in the Central Coast Competition.

Woy Woy Rugby League Clubs' sports administrator Richard Smithers said the change was necessary as first grade football on the Central Coast had stagnated.

He said the change was "for the footballing public".

"It's about getting new people into football and making football more interesting."

He said that in previous years the Central Coast competition had four

teams that dominated it: Woy Woy, Ourimbah, The Entrance and Erina.

"They are the teams which are backed by clubs," he said.

Mr Smithers said that the new situation, which will see the four first division teams replace the stronger first grade sides would create an even playing field for the Central Coast competition.

Should both First Grade and First Division teams have home games, the Central Coast competition game will be played on a Sunday afternoon at Woy Woy oval, followed by the Sponsor's Cup game.

When only the Sponsor's Cup team has a home game, it will be played on a Saturday evening.

Alison Branley, January 9

Grant for judo club upgrade

Woy Woy Judo Club is to receive a grant of just over \$5000 to upgrade safety wall padding at Peninsula Community Centre.

Member for Peats Ms Marie

Andrews said she was delighted with the news that this funding had been approved.

Ms Andrews said the Government support recognised the dedication and commitment of those not-for-profit groups that had worked hard to

provide their own contribution to the projects approved.

"This funding continues the Government's commitment to providing opportunities for broad community participation in a range of sport and recreational activities," she said.

Press release, January 23

Swans all set

Woy Woy Peninsula Swans Australian Football Club is preparing for the 2003 football season.

The club reports the ground at Rogers Park Woy Woy is in great condition.

AFL has recently received at lot of positive publicity with Central Coast player Jarrod McVeigh chosen to play for the Sydney Swans.

The Swans hope this will encourage more players to come along and try AFL.

The Woy Woy Swans are fielding all age groups from juniors to seniors this year and there are still coaching positions available within the club.

Press release, January 8

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Australia Day celebrations planned for Woy Woy

A re-enactment of the landing of Governor Phillip will feature at Australia Day celebrations on the Woy Woy waterfront on Australia Day.

The celebrations will start at 10am with the re-enactment by the NSW Corps of Marines of the landing of Governor Arthur Phillip and Lieutenant William Bradley at Woy Woy on 3 March 1788.

This will be followed by a flag raising ceremony and Australian songs, including the National Anthem, led by local singer Anna Lawley.

The day will also include dance

performances by two local dance groups, Lovett's Dance and Talent Academy and Peninsula Dance and Theatre School.

A citizenship ceremony will be performed by mayor Cr Robert Bell. The Royal Australian Air Force will give a fly past display.

There will be performances by folk music performers Us Not Them and The Wheeze and Suck Band.

Troubadour Folk Club members and guests and a 20-piece band, Tempo Terrific, will perform at separate locations throughout the day.

There will also be inexpensive rides for the young ones.

Cec Bucello, January 9

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