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Petitioners have called for a bus service to Gosford Hospital

Bus service petition is presented

A 2000-signature petition calling for a regular bus service to Gosford Hospital has been presented to local bus operator Busways.

Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews, said she had been actively collecting signatures to show Busways that this is a service that the community needs and wants.

"The response to this petition has been overwhelming," she said.

"There are many people on the

Peninsula who would benefit greatly if this bus service were to commence."

The petition was handed to Mr Bud Stafford, operations manager for Busways' Kincumber depot, who forwarded the petition to Busways' head office for consideration.

"It is currently very difficult for people to get to Gosford Hospital by public transport," Ms Andrews said.

"This is a much-needed service as the area has a large proportion of senior citizens who have a requirement to regularly access the hospital's facilities.

"Busways provides a great service to our community and the petition demonstrates that such a service from the Peninsula would be well patronised.

"With the multi-million dollar redevelopment of Gosford hospital, there will be even more people visiting the health service and requiring public transport to and from the Peninsula," Ms Andrews said.

Press release, January 22

Patonga to get mobile coverage

Patonga is expected to have mobile phone coverage by the middle of the year.

Telstra has announced it would provide the coverage.

Member for Robertson, Mr Jim Lloyd, said that he was "absolutely delighted" by the news

"This is the culmination of a campaign, which has gone on for more than nine years," Mr Lloyd said.

"Working with the Patonga community, I have been constantly lobbying Telstra and a number of other mobile phone companies in an effort to secure mobile phone coverage," Mr Lloyd said

This issue was first raised after the village of Patonga was completely isolated in the

devastating bushfires of 1994.

"In March 1999, I raised this issue in Federal Parliament and continued to lobby Telstra seeking their support.

"At the same time, I conducted a survey of local residents showing that the local community were overwhelmingly in favour of mobile phone service," Mr Lloyd said.

The results were: 56 For; one Against; and two Don't care

In April 2000, the tragic death of a young boy in a boating accident again highlighted the urgent need for mobile phone coverage.

Mr Lloyd congratulated the Patonga community for its campaign to secure the service and praised Telstra for listening to the needs of the community.

Press release, January 22

Contract let for radio base

Contracts have been issued for the construction of a Government Radio Network (GRN) base station at Umina.

Five-year contracts totalling \$40 million have been issued for the GRN, which includes the Umina base station.

The network is used by more than 12,000 Government officers and volunteers, and a new communications system for the NSW Ambulance Service.

"The new Ambulance Service system enables radio operators to quickly locate the nearest ambulance and dispatch it to the scene of an emergency," said Minister for Information Technology Mr Kim Yeadon.

"The system involves fitting

more than 300 ambulances with mobile data terminals, as well as upgrading the computer-aided dispatch system and a new network of radio base stations.

"The communications network is expected to come online within 12 months.

"The contract for up to five years was awarded under competitive tender to Technisyst Computing, an Australian company based in Queensland.

"Technisyst wilt build and manage a dedicated digital mobile data radio service for the Ambulance Service in the greater Sydney region.

"The Technisyst mobile data radio service is already successfully used by the Queensland Ambulance Service and in other countries." Mr Yeadon said Telstra had won a competitive bid to manage the Statewide Government Radio Network (GRN) for up to five

"The GRN plays an important role in the management of emergencies such as the current bushfires where it is vital firefighters maintain radio communication at all times.

"The GRN services more than 30 NSW agencies, with more than 12,000 active radios in use.

"The GRN is also subject to ongoing improvements in reach and efficiency."

Three new GRN base stations are being finalised on the Central Coast and another four are planned for Sydney.

Press release, January 21

Computer use below State average

Only 34 per cent of people on the Peninsula use computers at home, compared to a State average of 41 per cent, according to recently-released Census figures.

And it is not just the older people in our community holding the figure down.

Peninsula residents aged 55 and over, as well as children under 10, were found to use computers at the State average rate.

The computer use rates for age groups between 10 and 55 varied below to the State average by between 2.9 and 11.2 percentage points.

The largest departure from the average was in the 20-24 year age group, with a usage rate of 39.5 per cent, compared to a

State figure of 50.7.

The rate in the 10-14 year age range was the highest at 63.2, but still below the State average of 67.3.

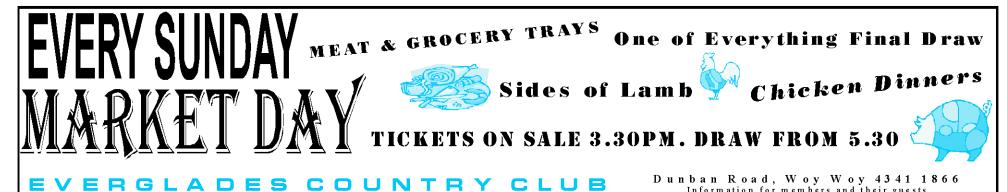
In the 15-19 year age range, the rate was 59.3 compared to 66.3.

The highest rate of home computer usage in those over 20 was in the 35-44 year age group with a 46.8 per cent usage, compared to a State average of 50.4.

Lowest use was in the over-75 year age group with a 4.7 per cent rate, close to the average of 4.9 per cent.

Internet usage by Peninsula residents was also well below average with 27.6 per cent using the internet at home, at work or elsewhere, compared to 36.1 per cent across the State.

Mark Snell, December 11



Forum

Peninsula COMMUNITY News

Welcome to Edition 59 of Peninsula News

For this edition we have been joined by yet another volunteer helper, Glen Purse.

We also welcome back Cielle Mangold in a similar role.

Both Glen and Cielle have been extremely helpful with Glen learning many new skills from day one.

I hope that they will enjoy their time with us and find the experience useful for their future careers.

Cec Bucello, Manager

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Mayor confirms 'open space' decision

Gosford mayor Cr Robert Bell has written to Peninsula residents confirming that no houses will be acquired for "open space".

He said that, following a decision made on December 3, council would take no further action to acquire land.

It was also decided that all affected residents would be advised in writing.

In the letter Cr Bell stated that had he been in the same position he "would have been very annoyed and would have protested also".

Cr Bell apologised on behalf of all councillors.

He said that Council's general manager, Mr Peter Wilson, had also apologised for any inconvenience and anxiety caused to residents.

Cr Bell said: "The council has removed the consultants' proposal to identify certain blocks of land on the Peninsula for purchase."

Council staff had a meeting on December 9 at Ettalong War Memorial Club to explain how the idea of land acquisition came about.

The meeting was told that, under state legislation, "staff are required to plan for a population increase, the planning is required to extend for 20 years in advance".

Cr Bell stated: "I personally do not agree with the rate of expansion in the Peninsula, having personally written to the Minister for Planning NSW, Dr Refshauge, requesting a reduction in medium density zoning on the Peninsula, so there is less population increase "

Cr Bell said he recognised that the Peninsula needed "breathing space".

One way of addressing the problem, according to Cr Bell, was to "investigate Woy Woy depot, opening up the 1.9 ha

He called on residents of the Peninsula to help support council in putting "pressure on the Government to stop the population of the Peninsula becoming too much by reducing medium size density zoning".

One resident affected by the proposal. Ms Vicky Rixom, said: "There were over 200 people at the meeting that took place at Ettalong War Memorial Club."

The consensus at the meeting was that the council had "no set plan", she said.

"I would like to see a working group formed by the residents so they can come up with ideas that are workable and beneficial to the Peninsula community in deciding what to do with places, such as the depot," Ms Rixon said

Jim McGinty, January 22

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Three questions

I have three questions.

What happened to the "kiss and ride" at Woy Woy station? When will the clock in the tower show the right time?

What came first - the electricity wires or the trees underneath them?

Lesley Sheppard, Woy Woy



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The Peninsula News Gregory's Large Print competition has been drawn.

The winners were J. Hayball of Daleys Point, M. Nelson of Woy Woy, and D. White of Ettalong who each win a copy to the 2003 Gregory's Large Print Sydney street directory.

The competition attracted dozens of entries from all over the Peninsula and beyond.

Jonathan Reichard, January 27

Correction

It was reported in Peninsula News 58 on January 14 that Ettalong Hotel is to be built up to eight storeys.

The hotel will in fact be a fourstorey development.

Jonathan Reichard, January 25

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Council bush care to be discussed

Peninsula bush care manage its bushland reserves. groups will hold a joint meeting to discuss Gosford Council's management of its bushland reserves at 6pm on Wednesday, February 5.

The meeting will be held at the Woy Woy Environment Centre in Blackwall Rd and is expected to formulate joint strategies to address common issues.

Meeting organiser Mr Tony Whitehead said the meeting would be open to the public and "should be a great moment for the community to get involved in the future direction of land care management for the Peninsula".

"The council does not seem to be fully aware of the importance of the environment to the community," said Mr Whitehead.

He said the bush care groups had drive and energy which the council could use to better

"Our groups would like to see a more harmonious relationship with organisations such as the council and the National Parks and Wildlife Service."

Greater co-operation would promote the identification and preservation of rare or threatened species.

It would also encourage increased community involvement in knowing about and caring for the Peninsula's unique flora and fauna, he said.

Other topics which could be discussed include "objectives for the year and tree preservation", he said.

Mr Whitehead said the new information shelter on Blackwall Mountain was one of his group's strategies to make the community and visitors more aware of the flora and fauna of the Peninsula.

Jim McGinty January 23



This Umina lane will be declared a public road, then closed off

Council makes laneway 'public' to close it

The council has adopted a plan to erect a gateway across the un-named laneway at Umina between 43 and 45 Wellington St "to stop the anti-social behaviour that occurs in the laneway and to provide security".

> The council will "take the appropriate action to have the un-named laneway and Wellington St dedicated as public roads" as well as applying to the RTA seeking consent to the erection of a gateway at the entranceway to the un-named laneway

Gosford Council will seek

to make a Umina laneway

"public" so that it can close

public access to it.

A "facilitation meeting" of property owners was held on December 19 where they agreed to a gate being erected at the entrance to the un-named laneway.

The cost will be borne by the owners of 43 Wellington Street and 416 Ocean Beach Rd, Umina, who use the laneway for vehicular access to their properties.

The council's decision was based on Section 116 of the Roads Act 1993, which allows for the erection of a barrier, such as a gate, to restrict public access to a public road.

Before applying to the RTA for the erection of the gate, public notice for at least 28 days must be given.

The Traffic Committee considered this matter in June and raised no objection to the closure of the laneway.

Council was previously advised that the laneway and Wellington St were created in a subdivision in 1915 under the Local Government Act 1906 and

no provision was made for the transfer of the title to a road or lane to the council.

Council will now go through the procedures set out in the Roads Act 1993 to have the laneway and Wellington St dedicated as public roads.

There would be no impact on Council's financial position.

Council agenda FS.005, January 7

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Information about Umina creek

Ettymalong Landcare will hold a community information meeting about the Umina creek and bushland reserve system at 2pm on Saturday, February 15.

"Many new people have moved into the area and are not aware of the extent of the creek system or of the current community activities in the area," said convenor, Ms Sue Ellis.

"We have been getting many enquiries from people about the history and maintenance of the creek system and so we have decided to hold a community meeting to try and reach as many residents as possible."

The meeting will provide some history about the area as well as information and a display about a range of environmental issues which impact on local creeks and reserves.

"Everyone is welcome," she said.

There will also be an opportunity for discussion about any issues affecting the area. Information about native plants

available on the day. The meeting will be held at the Umina Tea Rooms, behind the

and weed species will be

Umina Library in Bullion St. For more information, contact Sue or Bryan on 4342 2251.

Press release, January 22

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Charge market rent for footpath leases

Some café owners, not satisfied with the privileges they now enjoy, want Gosford Council to reduce the already generous fees it charges them to exploit public land for private profit.

Some of them have the arrogance to lay down conditions on which they will pay the fees and even want to dictate how council spends the lousy seven cents a day they pay for each chair they place on the footpath.

Many owners of commercial premises are taking liberties by encroaching on public footpaths with advertising material, shopgoods, and tables and chairs.

These obstructions cause visual pollution and inconvenience to pedestrians, especially the aged and disabled who are a significant proportion of ratepayers on the Central Coast.

Their access and enjoyment should not be restricted by commercial opportunists who take advantage of council's future to manage public open space in the public interest.

If footpath dining is to be allowed at all, the council should charge at least the true market rent per square metre.

Any difference between the council's net revenue from the operation and the commercial market rent is a public subsidy (an unearned profit) that benefits the visible local retailer but also the not-so-visible global wholesale suppliers who are owed nothing by Central Coast ratepayers.

I strongly urge councillors to oppose any reduction in fees for footpath dining.

I also urge councillors to take action to remove all unauthorised obstructions from footpaths without fear or favour and without delay.

John Collins, Woy Woy.

Burrawang Reserve bulldozed again

Burrawang Reserve has been bulldozed again.

Although it has not been confirmed, it appears the bulldozer was used as part of an upgrade to Gosford Council's sewage pumping station.

Not only has 30 square metres of the reserve's vegetation been destroyed, the bulldozer forced a track into the reserve.

It went around the barriers Council recently placed there to stop vehicles entering the reserve and damaging its vegetation.

The destruction comes as Council has commissioned an ecological expert to assess whether the reserve is an endangered ecological community (subject to the provisions of the Threatened Species Act).

An officer of the NPWS Threatened Species Unit said it was likely that about half the reserve fitted the classification.

As an endangered ecological community of vegetation, known as the Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland, the reserve has many

native species including banksia, acacia and allocasuarina.

One local resident who has completed a wildlife survey has identified 40 bird species using the reserve. These include the native peregrine falcon and the endangered swift parrot and glossy black cockatoo.

Late last year, after the reserve was damaged by Council using a heavy vehicle in the reserve, Council assured concerned residents that this would never happen again.

Council's ability to ensure its work practices do not damage the reserves in its care and control appears questionable.

A volunteer bushcare worker on another Peninsula site said the only way to stop such damage was to have physical barriers such as power poles placed on the ground around all reserves. This at least provided a physical impediment to such destruction.

The Burrawang Bushland Reserve committee is working to ensure the reserve is an accessible area for residents to eniov.

Our efforts have reduced much weed infestation, allowed natural regrowth of native plants that allow more wildlife to survive and flourish, and reduced damage.

At last year's picnic held by Gosford Council to honour and thank its many dedicated Bushcare volunteers, mayor Cr Robert Bell highlighted the significance of Bushcare groups in caring for public reserves.

However, in destroying vegetation in those same reserves, Council's work practices undermine and negate the Bushcare volunteer efforts, as well as diminish our enthusiasm and commitment.

This incident also suggests that the change of culture that was meant to accompany the hiring of additional Council directors does not appear to have been effective.

When and how will Council ensure its work practices match its assurances?

Shirley Hotchkiss, Umina



Treat fast ferry as any other business

Lack of any forward planning and "ad hoc development" are phrases Cr Lynne Bockholt is fond of using.

These are symptoms of why this community is in such desperate trouble.

Why are those pushing this Fast Ferry giving ratepayers the impression Gosford Council development rules don't really apply to them?

What type of thinking has seen six years or more effort go into something that has seen no private space developed?

Are the proponents confident that public space will once again be usurped to fill private pockets?

I hope not.

The Lemon Grove reserve is surrounded by residents who are comfortable with what their neighbours, the Netball Association, use the reserve for and sporting functions are particularly well situated here.

In the long term, next to the water is the best option to support full use of our community's assets.

Any proponents of business requiring parking - hotels and

clubs are a good examples, the football stand at the old Woy Woy tip is another - had a requirement to provide parking.

The Fast Ferry is no different and should have been required to show it has property for parking as a part of their proposal.

When our community grows, we have will have even greater presure from the community for parks and open space.

The Lemon Grove Reserve is located so close to our water way and itself needs to have more parking in the long term.

Forward thinking and sensible planning would have seen the residential property between the reserve and the waterfront already acquired by Gosford Council over the past 20 years, giving the ratepayers an attractive venue open to the waterfront.

The current pressure from big business people undertaking a private development seems to have the "behind closed doors" support of State Government and our Gosford Council.

Politicians are not looking after community's best interest.

Ed James, Umina

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Footpath dining policy up for adoption

A report to Gosford Council has recommended the adoption of a proposed Footway-Outdoor Dining Policy, subject to provisions for vision impaired people.

The council will consider the report at its meeting tonight (Tuesday).

Council at a meeting in November considered a report and revised policy on footpath and outdoor dining and resolved that council agree to a simplified generic licence agreement, rather than a formal lease.

The initial application fee for investigation of the proposed outdoor dining area and preparation of the licence agreement was to be \$100.

The fee would be refundable if the application was not approved.

A fee of \$22 a chair per year would apply to the outdoor dining areas.

With the adoption of the new policy, Council officers will be encouraged to enforce the new policy and instigate an education program to ensure that the policy is being enforced.

Proprietors will be given three months to remove light-weight resin furniture.

Money raised through the policy will be spent on footpath cleaning and maintenance in the

area.

The amended policy was advertised for a period of 28 days until January 10.

Four submissions were received, three objecting to the amended policy and one in favour.

In the report to tonight's council meeting, the council's disability services officer wrote: "Consideration of the needs of people who are blind or have a vision impairment must be given when developing an Alfresco Dining Policy.

"For a person who is blind or vision impaired to negotiate their way around our community they 'shoreline'.

"They position themselves on the building line and follow it with their cane or hand.

"The building line is able to provide them with a way of locating themselves in the environment and assists with locating shop entrances and street corners.

"It is extremely important that the building line is kept clear of any obstacles, including street furniture, in order that people with vision impairment or blindness can utilise the building line.

"The building line is also used as a directional indicator and tells people with vision impairment or blindness where kerb ramps and pedestrian crossings are located,



The building line will have to be kept free of tables and chairs under the proposed footpath policy

without access to the building line people can quickly become disoriented.

"People with a vision impairment or blindness must be accorded the same rights of access as any other person as outlined in the Disability Discrimination Act of 1993.

"The suite of Australian Standards 1428.1-4 requires an 'uninterrupted path of travel to or within a building', providing access to all required facilities.'

"It is essential to minimise the distances people with disabilities are required to travel as they fatigue much more quickly than people without disabilities.

"The location of outdoor dining furniture and other obstacles on the kerbside of the footpath enables people to follow the most direct route in a safe manner."

Council officers have recommended that council adopt the policy as presented, subject to any new applications being able to meet the requirements of those matters raised by council's disability services officer.

Council Agenda FS.015, January 28

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Flyer to stop at Woy Woy

Stop sign for Edgecliff Rd

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The "Newcastle Flyer" train service will now stop at Woy Woy Station.

The Flyer will now stop at Woy Woy at 7.38am Monday to Friday and is scheduled to arrive at Central at 8.48am.

"This service will be of great benefit to commuters at a peak time and I am sure it will be well

installed in Edgecliff Rd at

its intersection with Mt

Ettalong Rd, Umina Beach.

recent meeting of the Mayor and

senior management of Gosford

The decision was made at a

A stop sign is to be Council.

patronised," said Member for Peats, MsMarie Andrews.

She said the extra service for commuters from Woy Woy was made possible following her strong representations to the Minister for Transport, Mr Carl Scully.

The mayor and senior

management have been

deputised to make decisions for

the council during the holiday

Council agenda TR. 02.181,

January 7

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Bob Godding (RHS) with Tony Altavilla seeking support for Cancer Care

Charity show for Cancer Care

Woy Woy Leagues Club is hosting a charity show to support Central Coast Cancer Care.

The occasion will include "renewing of wedding vows" for Peninsula residents, Bob and Penny Godding.

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for Central Coast Cancer Care for eight years.

They held a combined birthday party at Woy Woy Leagues club which raised over \$2000, with over 200 people attending.

They are hoping for a sell-out crowd for their upcoming

Entertainment for the event

consists of Jack Beckitt, Jenifer Green, Wayne Cornell, The Rhythmaries, Steven Cheney, Peninsula Theatre and Dance School and will be hosted by Andy McLean from 2GO.

It will be held on Sunday, February 2, from 1pm and tickets

Flyer, January 16

No action on traffic calmers

No action will be taken to construct traffic calming devices in Osborne Ave, Umina, following speed surveys by Gosford Council.

The council adopted a traffic committee recommendation in November that further consideration of traffic calming in Osborne Ave be deferred pending a site inspection.

Electronic speed surveys were carried out in Osborne Ave indicating 85th percentile speeds of 59km/h westbound and 52km/ h eastbound.

The traffic committee in December recommended that traffic calming devices not be installed.

It recommended the results of the speed surveys in Osborne Ave be referred to the police for enforcement of the 50km/h speed limit and that the residents of Osborne Ave be informed of Council's decision.

A meeting of the council senior management with the mayor adopted the traffic committee recommendation on behalf of the council.

Council senior management and the mayor were delegated to make decisions for the council over the holiday break.

Council agenda TR.02.079, January 7



Osborne Ave will not get traffic calming devices

Teenagers course

Child Abuse Prevention Service (CAPS) Umina is holding a course called Living with Teenagers, from Monday, February 10, and running each Monday for five weeks.

This group supports parents as they face the challenge of coping with adolescents.

The course covers such topics as normal development of teenagers, common problems and solutions, discipline, trust and responsibility and communication.

The course will be held at the CAPS cottage, 50 Neera Rd., Umina, and child care is available for pre-school children.

The course is free, with a small donation requested to cover photocopying and other costs.

For more information, ring 4343 1974

Press release, January 16

Lane to remain open

No action will be taken on a proposal to close the unnamed laneway between Myall Rd and Bourke Rd, Ettalong Beach.

Gosford Council adopted a traffic committee recommendation in September to advertise the closure of the un-named laneway between Myall Rd and Bourke Rd, Ettalong Beach.

The proposal was advertised

for 28 days.

Council received five letters and one petition containing 26 signatures opposed to the closure and one letter in favor of the proposed closure.

The mayor and council senior management, acting on behalf of the council during the holiday resolved to take no break.

Council agenda TR. 02.14,

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New Probus Club meets

Umina Peninsula Probus Club held its first meeting for the year at the **Everglades Country Club** last Thursday, January 23.

The newly-formed club has mixed membership and already has more than 45 members.

Membership is open and the

club is accepting individual men and women, as well as couples.

Anyone interested in becoming a member is welcome to participate, as a guest, at meetings before joining.

Meetings are held at the Everglades Country Club on the fourth Thursday of each month.

Vema Emery, January 14

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Heather calls for logo use

Community activist Ms Heather McKenzie called on businesses and residents to use a logo to promote the Peninsula.

She is suggesting a logo selected by the Woy Woy Village Renewal Committee after a competition about five years ago.

"The committee at the time wanted the Peninsula to become aware of the beauty of the area,"

Out of 55 entries, the committee decided on the design pictured.

The logo was picked for its simplicity and the fact that there

was an explanation for each of its colours

The green reflected the rolling green hills of the Peninsula.

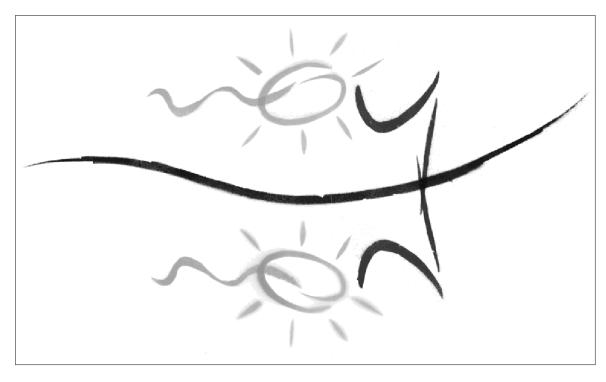
The yellow was reference to the sun and the sand.

The red shapes alluded "to boat hulls, boardwalk rope, hammock, pelican's neck and bill, mooring pile, palm tree trunk, mast and billow of a sail".

The blue was for water: "Nature's mirror reflecting our environment, our society and our town "

Heather said she would like the logo used on flags and banners and for school children to use it on hats and shirts.

Jim McGinty, January 23



The logo that Heather McKenzie wants used

Town maintenance tender to be decided

Council will decide tonight (Tuesday) if ACS Pty Ltd will receive the tender for security and maintenance of Ettalong, Umina, and Woy Woy CBDs.

Tenders for closed on November 26 on a contract for a 12 month period, extendable by two further periods of 12 months subject to satisfactory performance and safety reviews.

The services to be provided under the contract include:

- Paved area litter removal.
- Paved area cleaning services.
- Landscape materials maintenance services.
- Street and park furniture, fixtures and fittings maintenance services.
- · Security services.
- · Toilets (litter only). Four tenders were received

They were Pound Enterprises Pty Ltd Woy Woy, ACS Pty Ltd Erina, Gosford City Council Gosford, and NRG Security West Gosford.

A tender panel comprised of five representatives, three council officers, a member from the Gosford Chamber of Commerce, and a member from Peninsula Chamber of Commerce.

The tenderers were assessed based on the criteria of assessment included in the

tender documents.

- Management and staff resources
- Previous experience of a similar size and nature.
- · Competitive tender price.
- References from customers that have, or are, currently using the services of the company.
- Demonstrated performance in the area of occupational health and safety.

The panel's report to council states: "The preferred tenderer based on this assessment was found to be ACS Pty Ltd which ranked highest in all non-price criteria.

"ACS Pty Ltd has vast experience in the provision of cleaning and maintenance services within CBD areas and have the appropriate cleaning equipment to meet the requirements of the tender.

"ACS Pty Ltd has successfully completed a three-year contract for the maintenance, security and safety services for Gosford CBD and has similar current contracts with Imperial Centre Gosford, Central Coast Leagues Club and Westfield Shoppingtown, Tuggerah.

"It is recommended that their tender be accepted."

Council agenda FS.018, January 28

Pool to close for rebuilding

The Woy Woy swimming pool will close during the construction of the new Peninsula Regional Aquatic Centre.

The mayor, Cr Robert Bell, has responded to a recent petition requesting that part of the Woy Woy Pool complex remain open during the construction of the centre.

Cr Bell said: "Council understands the inconvenience of the closure of the pool and regrets this action.

"However, there is no doubt that in the long term the new

facility will benefit the pool users.

"Council staff has been aware of the desirability of keeping the centre open for as long as possible and have made this clear to the consultants with whom it is working on the project.

"It is not possible to keep any part of the existing pool open during the demolition and construction process.

"The area will be required for the construction process, either for the removal and delivery of materials or for accommodation of the building contractor.

"There would be access and

safety issues arising with such a large project.

The site has limited access as it is, and Council would prefer to keep disruption of traffic on Blackwall Rd to a minimum," Cr Bell said.

Cr Bell advised that pool users would have to use Gosford pool for the duration of the construction.

"The facilities at Gosford pool will remain open during the entire construction period," Cr Bell stated.

Letter, January 16

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News



The Peninsula's beachside showers have new flow restrictors

Council acts on beachside showers

Gosford Council has installed flow restrictors at every outdoor shower on the Peninsula and mayor Cr Robert Bell is encouraging people to take shorter showers.

The measures are expected to reduce water usage by up to 60 per cent.

Cr Bell said: "I encourage everyone using theses facilities to help contribute to increasing the effectiveness of these units by taking shorter showers and to remember to completely turn off the shower after use.

"In the holiday season, beachside showers are used over 1000 times more than they are in a home.

"Beachside water facilities are regularly checked by council officers but leaks can appear at any time with this amount of use.

"To minimise the loss of water through leaking taps the community can help by reporting leaking showers and taps to council," he said.

"Water saving devices are also being fitted to hose cocks at boat ramps and fish cleaning locations.

"The Council has an ongoing program of introducing water conservation initiatives.

"This is just one of many water conservation initiatives we will be progressively introducing over the next few months.

"Some of these initiatives are the result of water saving ideas that have been put forward by members of the community.

"I thank everyone who has contacted us at Council with ideas on how we can best conserve this valuable resource."

The water saving devices are not visible and do not visibly interfere with water pressure.

"Water Saving Device Fitted Signs" have been erected to inform residents and visitors to the Central Coast that the showers and hose cocks have been fitted with a water saving device.

Press release, January 21

Committee praised

Gosford Council's tree protection committee has been congratulated for instigating legal proceedings in Pearl Beach.

The action was taken for the alleged removal of three mature Norfolk Island pine trees in Pearl Pde, Pearl Beach, without council approval.

Ms Lois Westlake told the committee that the residents of Pearl Beach congratulated the council on its action.

Council agenda TP.016, January 7

Crossing plan

A plan and estimate will be prepared for the construction of a pedestrian refuge in Hillview St, Woy Woy, in the vicinity of Miami Ave.

The matter will be considered for funding by Gosford Council in the 2003-2004 Traffic Facilities Program.

The plan is the result of a request from Mr W lles through the Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews, for a pedestrian crossing.

Council agenda TR. 02.211, January 7

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Information shelter is officially opened

The new information shelter for Blackwall Mountain Reserve was officially opened on January 21.

The shelter provides an information display about the ongoing community conservation project within the reserve from 1998.

The display describes the native vegetation regeneration undertaken by the Blackwall Mountain Bushcare Group and displays environmental information compiled by the group about the reserve.

The information includes history of the area from past shipbuilding and logging to present-day features including its habitat values and isolated fauna species within the reserve.

"The shelter will help address broader community environmental awareness and reflect the important role the community will play in the future," said group coordinator Mr Tony Whitehead.

Cr Lynne Bockholt officially opened the new shelter and was presented with the Bushcare group's new management plan,

entitled a Community Conservation and Native Vegetation Regeneration Management Plan.

Mr Whitehead said Cr Bockhoft was instrumental in organizing the new shelter for Blackwall Mountain, through Gosford Council's Bushcare program.

The management plan was printed through the Central Coast Community Environment Network (CCCEN) Landcare support project.

"The new management plan is a tribute to the late Mrs Beryl Strom, a respected historian and environmentalist," said Mr Whitehead.

He said a meeting between Peninsula community environmental groups was planned to be held at the Environmental Centre on Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, in the near future.

Topics to be discussed included objectives for the year, tree preservation and community conservation.

For further information, contact Tony Whitehead on 4342 7849. Press release, January 21



The information shelter at Blackwall Mountain

Email campaign for fast ferry

Convener of a local technology group, Mr David Abrahams, is running a campaign to drum up support for the Ettalong Fast Ferry.

He is asking for people to email letters of support to fastferry@ettalong.org

fastferry@ettalong.org
Mr Abrahams said: "I am
canvassing support in an email

campaign to send a strong message to all decision makers that we as a group wish to speed up and advance the Ettalong to Circular Quay fast ferry service.

"I can't help but feeling that the whole process is being slowed down by lack of enthusiasm.

"With public help, this email campaign will breathe new life into the process.

"Many of us have moved to the

Central Coast or remained here on the basis that we were going to have a Fast Ferry option shortly.

"This has not happened and we are forced to either commute by road/rail away from the area every day or risk our family finances and survive on the thin local job market," Mr Abrahams said.

E-mail, January 20

If you drop it in the street today, you could be swimming in it tomorrow...

Stormwater - Ettalong Beach, Ocean Beach and Umina Beach

There are dozens of stormwater outlets along Ettalong Beach, Ocean Beach and Umina Beach, which direct stormwater (and potentially pollutants) from the urban areas onto the beach. Gosford City Council has been aware of the stormwater pollution for some time now, and has been installing booms, traps and other devices at stormwater outlets throughout the City.

The program started in 1998, and since then more than 24,000kg of gross pollutants, including cigarette butts, plastic bottles, paper wrappers, sediment, grass clippings, leaves and aluminium cans, have been prevented from reaching our beaches and waterways.

A Nettech unit (a type of litter net) was trialled in 1999-2000 at the outlet from Schnapper Road Ettalong Beach.

It captured an average of 58.67kg of gross pollutants per month until it was vandalised beyond repair.

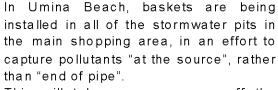
Similarly, a Pratten trap (a steel basket) has been operating at the outlet from Trafalgar Avenue to Ocean Beach since 1999 and captures, on average, 113.75kg of pollutants per month (but often also a lot of sand).

During large storm events however, this trap cannot capture all pollutants from the stormwater system.

Council has received a grant from the NSW EPA \
Stormwater Trust to install further pollution control devices,
and also educate the community and visitors to our beaches
about the impact stormwater pollution can have.

A Rocla gross pollutant trap has been installed in the stormwater pipe before it reaches the beach at Schnapper Road, Ettalong Beach.

This trap will capture 95% of gross pollutants down to a size of 1mm.



This will take some pressure off the current trap at the outlet at Trafalgar Avenue.

It would be better though if these expensive engineering solutions were not required.

There are thousands of stormwater outlets throughout Gosford, so it is financially and logistically impossible to install gross pollutant traps at them all. Over the summer, we have been visiting beaches and showing people the impact stormwater pollution can have on our

beaches.

It's not good for us to swim at polluted beaches and it's not good for the wildlife either! So please keep all potential pollutants off our streets and beaches.





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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

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., Eng 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

Ettalong Pelicans Masters Swimming Club Woy Woy Indoor Heated Pool, 7.30pm Eng: 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. Eng: 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 Eng: 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 10.30am except school holidays Enq 4360 2705

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

Competition Darts Bowling Club, 7pm Enq. 4341 0087

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

Folk Art 9.30am - 11.30am, Oils and Acrylics 12 - 2pm Ettalong Beach Arts & Crafts Centre 1.30pm - 3.30pm Enq Penny Riley 4360 1673

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

Dancelot Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club at 7pm Eng 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:

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 Eng 4341 3222 **Bowls** Ettalong Beach War

Memorial Club 10am Eng 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 Eng 4360 2065 4360 2757 Club Bingo/Cash Housie 7.30pm In aid of Fairhaven. Umina Beach Bowling

Club Melbourne Ave., Umina Beach Ena 4325 3608 Killcare - Wagstaffe Rural Brigade weekly meeting 7.30pm Stanley St Killcare (at the fire station). New members welcome. Enq. Ph 4360

Drawing 9am - 11am, Pastels 11.30am - 1.30pm, Oils and Acrylics 12 - 2pm Ettalong Beach Arts & Crafts Centre 1.30pm - 3.30pm Enq Penny Riley 4360 1673

EVERY THURSDAY

Eng 4341 7307

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

Senior Snooker Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club at 8.30am

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. Ena 0408 794 083

Scrabble Progress Hall, Woy Woy Rd 12.30pm.

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

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

Everglades Country Club.Enq 4341 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 Eng 43413222 Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre Dancing-9am; Indoor Bowls-9am; Table Tennis-12.30pm; Fabric Painting-9am; Cards 12 noon. Eng: 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

Bridge Ocean Beach Surf Club. 12.30pm Eng 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 Killcare Wagstaffe Playgroup at

morning in school terms. 9.30 - 12pm Enq 4360 2065 4360 2757 Stitchery Circle 9.30am - 12pm. Silk Painting 11.30am - 3.30pm Ettalong

Wagstaffe Community Hall every Wed

Beach Arts & Crafts Centre 1.30pm 3.30pm Enq Penny Riley 4360 1673

EVERY FRIDAY

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

Woy Woy Leagues Club, free entertainment, Players Lounge

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

Active over 50s classes, Aquafitness, Woy Woy Pool, 9:30am. Eng: 4341 4150

Active Over 50's Exercise Class Ettalong Progress Hall 9.15am Eng 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 Eng 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 Eng Phillip 4342 7303

Children's pottery 9am - 10.30am and 11am - 12.30pm, Silverwork 1.30 - 3.30pm Ettalong Beach Arts & Crafts Centre Enq Penny Riley 4360

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

EVERY SATURDAY

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

Yoga Wagstagffe 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 Eng 4344 1358 Free Punters Choice Race Game. Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club,

12.30pm, Enq: 4341 1166 Free Bingo Woy Woy Leagues Club

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. Ena: 4344 7851

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

Brisbane Water Bridge Club Ocean Beach Surf Club. 12.30pm Eng. 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 Eng 4341 1166

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

Patchwork and Quilting, 9am -3pm , Pottery 10am - 12pm, 1pm -3pm Ettalong Beach Arts & Crafts Centre Enq Penny Riley 4360 1673

EVENT CALENDAR

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

Wednesday January 29

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

Friday January 30

Civilian Widows meeting Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre (Last Fri) 1pm

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

Saturday February 1

Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade's Produce Stall Killcare Cellars (1st Sat)

Monday February 3 Pretty Beach Public School P&C Resource Centre at school (1st Mon) 7.30pm Enq 4360 1587

Tuesday February 4

Buffalo Primo Lodge No 9 (1st Tue) Umina Community Hall 7pm

Wednesday February 5

Woy Woy Older Womens Network 10.15am (1st Wed) Woy Woy Leagues Club Eng 4343 1079

Seniors Shopping Day, Deepwater Plaza. Woy Woy. (1st Wed) Enq 4341 4206

Killcare Wagstaff Rural Fire Brigade. The Shed. Stanley St., Killcare 7.30pm.

CWA Woy Woy Branch Social Day (1st Wed) 10am Handicrafts 1pm meeting. The Boulevarde Woy Woy. Enq 4344 5192. 4341 6533

Everglades Country Club Gala Day,

(1st & 3rd Thurs) Dunban Rd Woy Woy Ena 4341 1866

Woy Road.

Friday February 7

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

Legacy Ladies Ettalong Memorial Club 10am (1st & 3rd Fri) Enq 4341

Free first release movie, 8pm (1st

Melaleuca Wetland Regeneration Group - help with regeneration of one of our last Peninsula wetlands, meet 8am at end of Boronia Ave., Woy Woy

8am Save Our Suburbs (2nd Sat) Meeting 3pm Woy Woy South Progress Hall,

Woy Woy Rd., & Pier St. Enq 4342 The Ex-Navalmens' Association, Central Coast sub-section meeting, (2nd Sat) Woy Woy Leagues Club

10am Sunday February 9

Buffalo Lodge Gosford No 63 (2nd & 4th Sun) 1pm Umina Community Hall Buffalo Lodge, Woy Woy 381 Umina

Monday February 10 RSL Womens Auxillary Ettalong Memorial Club (2nd Mon) 9am Pretty Beach Wagstaffe Progress

Community Hall, 11am (2nd & 4th Sun)

Association Inc Wagstaffe Hall (2nd Mon) 7.30pm Eng 4360 1546 or 4360 Killcare Heights Garden Club (2nd

Mon) 10.30am Enq 4344 4520 or 4360 Central Coast Business & Professional Women's Assoc. dinner meeting. (2nd Mon) 7pm for 7.30pm Central Coast Leagues Club. Eng 4341



Ena 4360 2161

Thursday February 6

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

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

Saturday February 8

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Arts and Entertainment

Rotary to hold Indonesian night

Indonesian food, culture and history, as well as travel and business opportunities, will be the themes of an Indonesian night to be held by Woy Woy Rotary Club at the **Everglades Country Club** on February 25.

"The night is aimed at forging closer ties with our northern neighbour in the wake of the Bali bombings and will be attended by the Consul-General of the Republic of Indonesia," said club president Mr Walter Pearson.

"It will be a typical Rotary night of fun but with authentic Indonesian food and a special presentation of Indonesian music and dancing as well as the usual raffles and door prizes," he said.

The night will raise money for a project on the island of Sumba, north-west of Timor.

Like Bali, Sumba is a destination for many Australian

Woy Woy Rotary is helping a small Christian community on Sumba get better food and improve educational opportunities.

"The kids in this community

get the protein equivalent of about two fish a week," Mr Pearson said.

"One part of the project aims to help them get and maintain a cattle herd to give them more protein and a chance to improve their animal husbandry skills.

"Indonesia is our largest close neighbour and always will be.

"There is a real need for our two countries to maintain meaningful people-to-people contact at this time of international uncertainty.

"Rotary International is a people-to-people organisation that crosses political boundaries and is ideally suited to foster those connections," Mr Pearson

"The night will be non-political and a great chance for people on the Coast to have an eyeopening evening while doing a power of good for some very poor kids," Mr Pearson said.

"We have a number of people in the club who have strong links with Indonesia so we can guarantee an authentic night," Mr Pearson said.

The evening will cost \$40 and tickets are available from Chris Nelson on 4344 3599

Press release, January 14



Dancers in action at a Central Coast Bush Dance and Music Association event

Folk festival being planned for October

A folk festival is being planned on the Peninsula for October 18 and 19.

The festival will be based on the folk gatherings at Patonga of previous years, with a range of folk music performances and workshops planned.

This year, a range of dance workshops are also proposed resulting in more venues being required.

An afternoon tea dance featuring Old Time dances, as well as an evening bush dance, has been suggested.

The variety of dances should cater to all levels of fitness and will be suitable for both new and experienced dancers.

The festival and its dance workshops are being organised by the Central Coast Bush Dance and Music Association and volunteers are being sought to help with its organisation.

The association, which includes a high proportion of Peninsula residents, organises the Central Coast bush dances, held on the fourth Saturday of each month at East Gosford.

These dances are suitable for

all age groups and provide an opportunity for parents and their young people to have fun together.

On the second Friday of each month, the association runs the Troubadour Folk Club which hosts performances at the Woy Woy CWA Hall.

Phone Richard on 4344 6484 for more information about the monthly dances, or Frank and Marilyn on 4341 4060 about the Troubadour Folk Club, and to offer ideas or help with the folk

Press release, January 22

Car boot sale runs 10 years

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After leaving Wondabyne Station, the southern end of the Warrawolong Range is pierced by a tunnel about a mile in length, said to be the longest in Australia.

On emerging from the tunnel, a fine view is obtained of Woy Woy Creek and Brisbane Water, of which the former is a tributary.

The surroundings are most picturesque - a veritable wilderness of palms, ferns, and flowering shrubs.

The line proceeds through a densely-wooded country which on approaching Woy Woy thins out considerably.

The matchless beauty of the landscape in this portion of the State, the charm of swelling hill and sylvan valley, of precipitous cliff and rocky gorge, of grassy upland and impenetrable masses of forest, is enhanced by the presence of picturesque creeks, romantic bays, and broad sheets of glittering water, the whole presenting a series of magnificent spectacles.

Boatmen meet all trains, and will convey parties at reasonable rates to the various fishing grounds and a good day's sport is always assured.

Furnished cottages, boardinghouse and hotel accommodation are available.

Ferry launches ply to all parts of Brisbane Water, on which Woy Woy is located.

Most of the accommodationhouses have their own launches or boats, meeting visitors, if required, where there are not regular ferries.

Brisbane Water is a broad extensive estuary of the Hawkesbury River, into which it discharges near the mouth at Broken Bay.

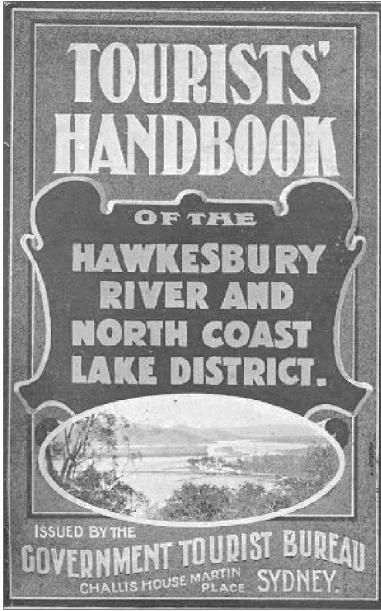
Owing to the bar, only vessels of light draught can cross in.

The whole of its shores are occupied by houses, principally boarding-houses, furnished cottages, or week-end camps, while the waters throughout afford excellent fishing, and during the summer season are alive with all manner of craft filled with holiday-makers; while in the winter visitors are induced to spend their week-ends there, the climate being particularly mild and good sport always obtainable.

Shooting may be had in the hills around where wild flowers grow in great profusion.

Blackwall is one mile away,

Following is an excerpt from a tourist handbook of the Hawkesbury River and North Coast Lakes District, published by the NSW Government Tourist Bureau in 1909. It is reproduced from the web site of Woy Woy Local History Research Group at www.terrigal.net.au/ ~history/1909-1.htm



The cover of the 1909 tourist handbook

Kincumber six miles, served by a regular line of ferries; fares, 6d each way.

Launches may also be engaged to take picnic parties or fishing parties around the various

After leaving Woy Woy, from a succession of small cuttings in the spurs of the hills, further glimpses are caught of the noble expanse of Brisbane Water, round which the line is ultimately carried by a bold curve.

Brisbane Water at this curve presents a view of special

cottages nestling under its slopes. gives variety to the scene. This locality, which may be

reached in two hours by rail from Sydney, now that access to it is so easy, has become a favourite resort for persons desirous of getting away for a few days from the heat and dust and oppressiveness of the city.

Point Clare, on the shores of

for shooting and fishing.

The climate of Brisbane Water is most equable.

Its proximity to the ocean and its hilly character conduce to a phenomenal rainfall, and at the same time tend to equalise the temperature.

The salubrity of the climate was aptly illustrated by a local clergyman, who stated that during a residence of a couple of years he had baptised 82 children and buried only four.

Brisbane Water, with its effluents Cockle Creek, Woy Woy, Erina Creek, and Narara Creek, forms a most lovely and picturesque locality.

Besides this immensely varied inlet, a chain of lagoons stretches along the coast -Cockrone Lake (McMaster's Lake), Bulbararing Lake (Moore's Lake), Wamberal Lake, Tuggerah Lakes (a chain of three lakes, in all 20 miles in length), and Lake Macquarie, constitute this the most beautiful lacustrine district of the State.

Tourists could spend an interesting month in exploring these lakes and the intervening beaches.

The dense jungles of tropical brush at Kincumber, Narara, Ourimbah, Wyong, and Jillibi Creeks, are the haunts of the magnificent lyre-bird (menura superba), the most wonderful mocking-bird extant, the wonga, brown-crested flock, and a large variety of other pigeons, the bower-bird, cat-bird, regent-bird, parrots, cockatoos, gill-birds, and other members of the feathered family.

The lakes are alive with waterfowl and fish.

Of vegetable products, the eucalypti form the chief of the forest species, but the various brush timbers, including the red cedar, rosewood, and beech, are to be found.

Of palms, the cabbage-tree, bangalow, and burrawang palms grow in thick forests.

Tree ferns, staghorns, rocklilies, waratahs, and orchids are in abundance; mosses, lichens, and numberless lilies, flowering plants, and shrubs of exquisite form are everywhere found.

The Brisbane Water district

was settled early in the history of the state.

[Note: 1823 -- the first settler was James Webb at Blackwall, Woy Woy.]

Some 50 or 60 years ago, Mr Hely, a superintendent of convicts, obtained large grants of land there and formed a homestead.

Several other grantees took possession of their lands and, by aid of convict labour, cleared and cultivated part of their holdings.

But the extremely irregular communication with Sydney rendered agriculture unprofitable, and the encroachments of dense undergrowth on the naturallygrassed lands gradually caused pastoral pursuits to be abandoned.

The timber trade became almost the sole resource of the people, and has supplied profitable employment for a limited population till the present time.

The facilities communication with metropolis supplied by the railroad are now inciting agricultural pursuits, and a considerable number of orchards are springing up in the district.

During the progress of the railway works, an old lake or estuary bed, filled with compacted mud forming a shale, was cut through in a quarry at Gosford, in which great quantities of fossil fish of unknown species were embedded.

The SS Woy Woy runs every Tuesday and Friday at 8am from the foot of Erskine St for Gosford and Woy Woy, calling at Merritt's Wharf (Cockle Creek), Blackwall, Green Point, and New Brighton, or elsewhere as required; fares, 2s 6d single, 4s return.

The SS Erina also leaves Russell's Wharf, at the foot of Bathurst St, at 7.45am on Thursday, picking up passengers at Dawes' Point, if signalled, at 8am; fare 2s 6d return.

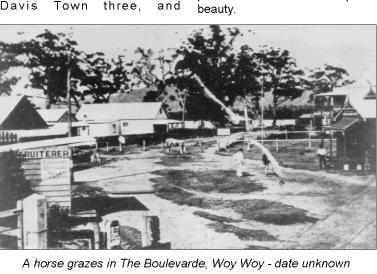
Dinner may be obtained at Gosford, and the steamers arrive back in Sydney about 7pm

If desired, the alternate route by rail may be availed of, and a beautiful round trip completed.

Woy Woy Local History Research

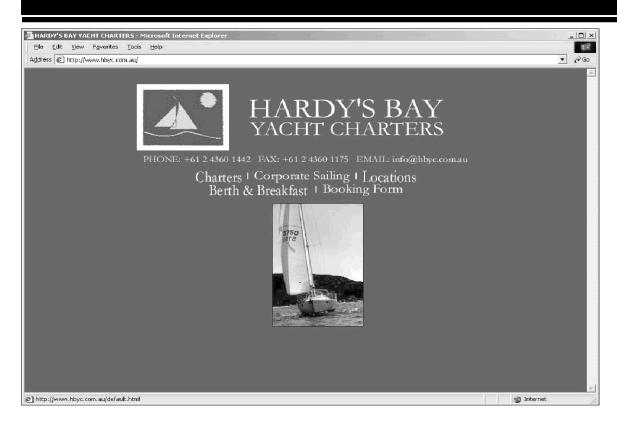
On the right a wide expanse of water, having the aspect of an immense lake, sparkles in the beams of the summer sun; on the left, hills of rugged outline clad with green of many shades; in front, the shore consists of gently undulating ground, with A building every now and then

Brisbane Water, of which it commands an extensive view to Gosford on the north and Woy Woy on the south, and at the edge of natural bush which clothes the hillside with a dense green, was not long since an isolated platform, but is now a popular tourist resort, with ample boarding-house accommodation, and attracts many visitors, induced not only by its advantages as a quiet holiday spot, but by its extensive facilities





Education



Home page looks exciting

Hardy's Bay Yacht Charters has an exciting looking home page on the Internet.

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The pages contain some great graphics of yachts in action and at rest.

The internal links take the viewer to pages containing information on topics such as "Crewed Charters", "Bareboat Charters" and "Berth and Breakfast".

Perhaps some sailing tuition with a Sydney Olympic sailor may appeal to others.

Internal pages contain information on "Corporate Sailing" where activities such as team-building, challenge races and conference packages are described.

These stimulating team activities look great for that small office team as an opportunity for workers to get to know each other better and produce better results back on the job.

Previous customer testimonials are reproduced along with a price list of most of the activities provided.

A downloadable booking form is available in a common word processor format.

Unfortunately the form is not in one of the many universal formats, such as a pdf or rtf file, but no doubt the operator would be able to mail or fax one if necessary.

The site provides no indication

of how recent is the information, although the booking form shows a date in 2001.

The site rates seven and one half out of a possible 10 and is definitely worth a look.

If your community or organisation is on the internet and would like your site reviewed, send the information including contact details to stephen@stephenmcnamara. com 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 has no affiliation with the reviewed organisation.

Stephen McNamara, January 22



Motorists beware: Speed cameras are being installed in the 40kph zone on Ocean Beach Rd and on Blackwall Rd alongside Woy Woy South and Woy Woy Public Schools

University places for 101

The University of Newcastle has offered 101 applicants from the postcode areas 2256 and 2257 a place in a course at the university this year.

That is 1.6 per cent of total places offered and 9.5 per cent of all Central Coast offers.

By comparison, the population of the Peninsula postcode areas represents 14.5 per cent of the Central Coast population.

The university made a total of 6157 main round offers to HECS liable undergraduate students.

Offers were made to 3677 school applicants in the Hunter mail region - 59.7 per cent of the total offers.

Offers were made to 1066 school applicants in the Central Coast mail region - 17.3 per cent of the total offers.

The university offered 628 places to applicants who completed the Open Foundation Course at the university in 2002.

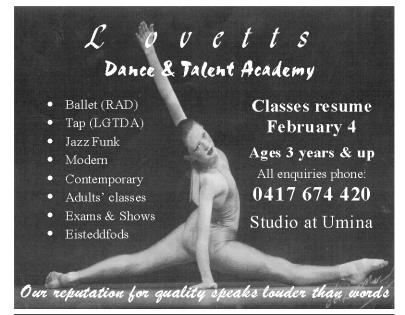
Open Foundation is a program for people who have been out of the education system for some time and who hope to study in an undergraduate degree program in the future.

Another 124 offers were made to applicants who completed the Newstep program at the university in 2002.

Newstep is a program for 17 to 21 year olds who were disadvantaged in their upper schooling.

Three offers were made to applicants who completed the pre-degree Yapug preparation program for indigenous students at the university in 2002.

Press release, January 17





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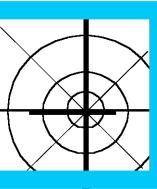
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February 22

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The limit will apply in Paton St between Rawson Rd and Ocean Beach Rd, in Moana St north of Rawson Rd, and in Melba Road between Railway St and Ocean Beach Rd.

The decision was made on January 7 by council senior management and the mayor, who were appointed to make decisions on behalf of Council over the holiday

The decision follows a traffic committee recommendation, adopted by the council in August 2000, to advertise a threetonne load limit on the listed streets.

proposal The advertised for a period of 28 days and no comments were received

> Council agenda TR.00.143, January 7

Truck prohibition proposed

Trucks will prohibited and a load limit imposed Gallipoli Ave, Woy Woy, in a proposal to be publicly advertised.

In a delegated decision early this month, the mayor council senior management decided to advertise the proposal so results could be considered at a future council traffic committee meeting.

Just a month earlier, the council had adopted a traffic committee recommendation that no action be taken to impose a load limit on Gallipoli Ave.

The decision to advertise the proposal came after residents of Gallipoli Ave again requested that a load limit be considered Gallipoli Ave between Ocean Beach Rd and Memorial Ave.

> Council agenda TR. 02.161, January 7



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Sport

Swans nominate for two grades

The Woy Woy Peninsula Swans have nominated to play in reserve and under-18 grades in the 2003 Central Coast AFL Season which starts on April 5.

The Swans play in a league managed by the Black Diamond

This includes teams from the Central Coast and Newcastle, including Nelsons Bay.

The league has seven first grade teams, 11 reserve grade teams and eight under-18s

nominated to play in the 2003

The home ground for the Woy Woy Swans is Rogers Park in Ocean Beach Rd, Woy Woy, and the new clubhouse is being opened for public inspection.

The club is still in the process of appointing a coach, but registration and training are under way.

John Spillard has agreed to help run the training sessions.

A recruiting campaign has begun, with letterbox drops, banners and advertisements in the local papers

Raffles are held to support the club at the Bayview Hotel at Woy Woy on Thursday and Friday nights and at the Woy Woy Bowling Club on Friday nights.

Anybody interested in positions within the club, for coaching or administrative roles or to play, should contact the Woy Woy Peninsula Swans AFC at PO Box 222, Woy Woy 2256, or phone 4342 8994.

Press release, January 22



Waka Nolan shows his karate certificate

Umina juniors seek support

Umina Junior Rugby League Football Club is seeking the support of the Peninsula community following the collapse of its senior club.

Club secretary Ms Katie Smith said: "The juniors are still going strong and are preparing for the start of the 2003 season.

"While we are obviously

saddened by the failure of the senior club, the two clubs were always independent in every sense.

"We have always had our own coaching staff, committee and finances.

"We want to reassure our players, past and present, along with our sponsors and the Peninsula community that our club is not affected by the senior

collapse."

She said she look forward to seeing Peninsula residents at registration and throughout the season.

Any one wanting further information should contact President Mat Harvey on 0419 621 609 or Secretary Katie Smith on 4344 5622

Press release, January 21



Woy Woy Peninsula Swans juniors in training at their home ground, Rogers Park

More say for junior Swans

The Peninsula Swans more constitutional overhaul was Wyong Lakes football club for input into the running of the required to give the clubs more several years. Central Coast Junior Australian Football League (CCJAFL), after sweeping changes have been made to its constitution and board structure.

League chairman Mr Chris Cantrill said this was a result of clubs feeling the need to be consulted more on the decisions made by the league.

"Previously the CCJAFL board had total control in the decisions made by the league, without a structured mechanism for clubs to have their say.

"The board heard rumblings from clubs and decided a

input into the decision making

"We have set up a 'committee of management' style structure which allow all afilliated clubs and the board to work together in growing AFL on the Central Coast," Mr Cantrill said.

Another outcome was a change in board position roles.

"The board now consists of six positions: a chairman, administration manager, finance manager, football manager and two ordinary board member positions.

"New board member Warrick Laing brings a wealth of experience to the CCJAFL board and has been president of the

"We are also encouraging people from outside our board to offer their services in the day-today running of the league," Mr Cantrill said

"In an attempt to cater for the future growing numbers of participants, we will be moving toward single-year age groups in coming seasons and now have single year age groups planned for up to Under 12s," Mr Cantrill

The CCJAFL consists of nine clubs across the coast.

Anyone interested in participating should phone Chris Cantrill on 4369 0343 after

Press release, January 21

Raising money for a sporting trip

Father and son team John and Waka Nolan spent last Thursday outside Video Ezy in Blackwall St, Woy Woy, selling ballpoint pens to raise money for a sporting trip.

Money raised will help send Waka, a national karate champion, to compete in New Zealand and around Australia this year.

Waka Nolan, 13, his brothers Tui, 16, and Ihaka 7, and sister Arahia, 14 are all experts at Karate.

Waka, Arahia and Tui all hold national titles, Arahia was named sport star of the year for 2001-2

Arahia does less fundraising than her male counterparts, being sponsored by a Toukley

Both her and her brothers specialize in kumatai, the sparring aspect of karate, rather than karta, which involves drills.

"I just took them one day to karate because we were working on a Saturday and couldn't do weekend sports," Mr Nolan said.

"They love it. They work hard.

"It's a lovely drug-free sport. It teaches children not to be bullies.

"It teaches them respect and confidence in themselves."

Waka said that his favorite aspect of the sport was its competitiveness and tournaments.

He is also a keen cricketer, being made captain of his school team.

Anyone who wishes to donate can contact John Nolan on 9703

Alison Branley, January 23.

Jack retires after 16 years

Jack Thorpe has retired performed a number of roles, after 16 years of service with the Everglades Bowling Club committee.

Jack began his official duties at the club as a selector, a position he held for two years.

He then joined the general committee and over the years including six years as assistant secretary.

During this time, he was also a pennant selector, a delegate to the zone and obtained his umpiring badge.

Jack also served on the zone greens committee.

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News

Celebration for clean beaches

celebration for clean beaches prizes and a barbecue lunch. Beach Surf Club with games, on January 20 beside Umina Council held a

said the council's environmental stormwater, and potentially pollutants, from the urban areas onto the beach," "There are dozens of stormwater outlets along Ettalong Beach, Ocean education officer Ms Trish Donnelly. Beach and Umina Beach, which direct

stormwater outlets throughout the city, Gosford Council has install ooms, traps and other devices installed a

sediment, grass clippings, leaves and aluminium cans have been prevented butts, plastic bottles, paper wrappers, since then more than 24,000kg of The program started in 1998 and reaching beaches and pollutants, including cigarette

1999-2000 at the Schnapper Rd, Ettalong. A Nettech litter net was trialed in 999-2000 at the outlet from

It captured an average of 58.67 kg of gross pollutants per month until it was vandalised beyond repair.

ot of sand", said Ms Donnelly pollutants per month, operated at the outlet from Ave to Ocean Beach since 1999 and Similarly, a Pratten steel basket has on average 113.75kg "but often also a Trafalgar 앜

cannot capture all pollutants from the stormwater system.' large storms, this trap

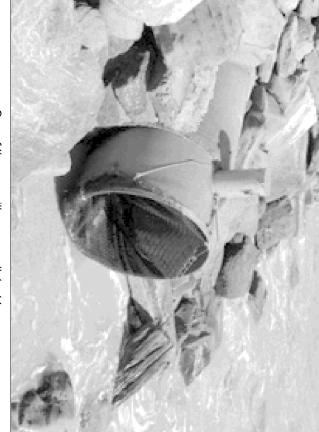
about the impact stormwater pollution and also to educate the install further pollution control devices, can have, she said. Council has received a grant from the NSW EPA Stormwater Trust to community

been installed in the stormwater pipe before it reaches the beach at Schnapper Rd, Ettalong.

This trap will capture 95 per cent of gross pollutants down to a size of A Rocla gross pollutant trap has

rather than "end of pipe", she said the main shopping area, in an effort to installed in all of the stormwater pits in In Umina Beach, baskets are being source"

This will take some pressure off the



One of the council's gross pollutant traps

current trap at the outlet at Trafalgar

not required," said Ms Donnelly. expensive engineering solutions were "It would be better though if these

financially and outlets throughout Gosford, so it "There are thousands of stormwater gross pollutant traps at them logistically impossible

and showing stormwater pollution can have on our representatives will be visiting beaches Over the summer, people the Council impact

from roads, roofs and gardens carried detergent, paint, leaves, grease and cigarette any in its path to the beach - litter Ms Donnelly said that stormwater butts, dog droppings,

for us, "This makes it very unpleasant to swim at the beach after rain, not just at the beach after rain, not just but for the sea life too," she

the NSW She said it was an offence, under the NSW Protection of the Environment Operations Act, 1997 to put anything in a position where it could pollute waters. put anything in a position where

oil, animal waste, any litter, pesticides leaves, detergents from car washing. included grass clippings,

and fertilisers. fines of \$750 for

> imprisonment for serious offences. applied as well as up to \$120,000 and individuals and \$1500 for corporations

discarding small items, littering from a vehicle and \$375 Littering fines were \$200 호호호

a number things to help: 'aggravated littering".

Ms Donnelly said residents could do

- Carry a butt bottle for your cigarette waste rather than a hose, compost Use a broom to clean up garden leaves or mulch them on the garden.
- Store liquids in a safe area. butts, or put them in the bin.
- Cover piles of soil, sand or mulch to
- stop them washing into drains.
- Carry a bag to pick up your dog droppings and put them in the bin.
- Clean paint brushes over soil. chance of rain. if you must use chemicals: use and don't apply if there is any moderation. Check the forecast first compost, use chemicals wisely, and Use a natural fertiliser such
- carwash. Wash your car on the grass, or at a
- Properly dispose of oil and other collection chemicals through chemical
- Don't litter

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Marlene Casey with Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews

Stephen Cattley with Cr Debra Wales

Australia Day Residents receive awards

Cattley and Marlene Casey have from Gosford Council. received Australia Day awards residents Stephen

ceremony at Old Sydney Town on January 17.

everyday activities and visiting patients Woy Day Care, helping seniors with Seniors award for her work with Woy Marlene Casey won the Service to

kindness and generosity in hospital.
She was also nominated for

activities such as shopping, helping with meals, helping elderly people into Care but also helps seniors Marlene works at Woy Woy Day

their homes and onto the bus

helps out at Meals on Wheels. Marlene's husband also h with odd jobs such as cleaning gutters She visits patients in hospital and helps out

for elderly people in the area.

been a player, coach and club official.
The award recognised that, from the sport award for his involvement in cricket for almost 50 years having Stephen Cattley was presented the

coach. time he was old enough to p devoted his life to being an under player, a reliable club for Woy Woy 앜 nt, from the play in the exemplary icial and he had

premiership-winning teams coached many successf He was a member of five and has sful junior

teams.
In 1971, Woy Woy Cricket Club awarded Stephen life membership, only the second club member to receive this honour.

the time to train junior members. scorer and wicket taker and also took At this time, he was a high run

Stephen is a founding member of the Umina Junior Cricket Club where he was club president for six years.

He remains the gear steward, is a team selector for all grades and still

sixth grade team. plays the game, captaining Umina's

In 1988-89, the Umina Cricket Club presented Stephen with the Outstanding Service Award.

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