



Woy Woy Bowling Club as seen from Woy Woy Channel

Club goes into receivership

Woy Woy Bowling Club's board of directors appointed an administrator to the club on January 27.

On January 28, Stephen Parbery and Mark Robinson of Prentice Parbery and Barilla, chartered accountants were appointed as receivers and managers of the club.

The club remains open.

Mr. Michael ("Mick") Canellis fulfils the role of acting secretary manager of the club.

The receivers will shortly implement a marketing program for the merger of the club with a financially-viable club.

"The success of the marketing program will be greatly enhanced by your continuing support of the club," said Mr Canellis.

Enquiries should be directed to Graham Stephenson or Michelle Bourne of Prentice Parbery Barilla on 9233 4955.

Letter, February 17

Council to decide on Rose Cottage

Gosford Council will decide tonight (Tuesday) if it will relocate and renovate Bensville store and Rose Cottage residence.

In a report from its Community Services section, the council will be told that the cottage is not considered suitable for use as a community facility.

This was "due to the issues of cost, lack of space for a growing population, accessibility for users, its fibro cladding and lack of area for car parking."

However, the officer who considered the relocation of the building reported that "discussions with community

representatives indicated there is a significant attachment to the two buildings and therefore council should consider relocating the buildings, making them secure and investigating options for the refurbishment over time".

The owners of the house and store had requested permission to demolish the structures to make way for a mixed commercial and residential development on the site.

When the council's heritage committee objected to the demolition of the buildings on the grounds of heritage value, the owners offered the council the two buildings free of charge,

provided the council paid relocation costs.

It was argued that the two structures had been moved to the Bensville site as recently as the 1960s and therefore any heritage value was in the structures themselves and nothing to do with their location.

The owner's application to build was approved with the condition that council investigate the possibility of taking the owners up on the offer of relocating the buildings to a council-owned property nearby for use as a community building.

Jonathan Reichard, council agenda NM.006, February 25

School to get security fencing

Umina Public School will get security fences as part of a four-year program to fence 450 schools by 2007.

Other Peninsula schools are likely to be fenced in later parts of the program.

Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews, said security fences were highly effective in reducing crime targeting schools.

"They have also been shown to reduce vandalism and break-ins by 70 per cent and arson by 90 per cent," she said.

"Security fences work. They protect our State's school children and staff."

"We still have a way to go to

reduce all the community problems that can affect our schools but new security measures such as fencing are proving very successful."

Ms Andrews said new school intruder laws had come into force.

"People who enter schools to assault or intimidate teachers or pupils will face five new offences with penalties of up to 12 years' imprisonment.

"The penalties for school intruders are tougher than those for similar non-school crimes, to reflect the special protected status of our schools," Ms Andrews said.

Press release, February 12

St John Ambulance likely to run hall

Management of Woy Woy Community Aged Care Centre hall is likely to be given to the St John Ambulance Peninsula division.

St John Ambulance was the only group to respond to an advertisement seeking expressions of interest and has been assessed as meeting all the requirements of managing

the hall.

Advertisements were placed after Meals on Wheels advised they would no longer take responsibility for the hall.

The St John division was described as a non-profit volunteer community group.

It had members living close to the Centre who could attend to operational matters.

It would also occupy the vacant office, which would assist

the group with management of the hall.

Gosford Council will decide tonight (Tuesday) on a recommendation to appoint St John Ambulance Australia (NSW) Peninsula Division as the Management Organisation for the Woy Woy Community Aged Care Centre Hall.

Council agenda CS.19, February 25

Concerned at lack of protection

Gosford Council's tree protection committee has raised concerns about an angophora tree in Jade Place, Pearl Beach.

The committee has expressed concern that its roots were exposed and not rimmed and there appeared to be a complete lack of tree protection measures.

The committee was concerned

that structural posts had been erected within two metres of the tree.

The committee asked to be advised of the conditions of approval of the development application and also for another inspection of the tree to be carried out.

Council agenda TP.019, February 4

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We have devoted so much space to the forthcoming election because we believe that this is an important opportunity for Peninsula residents to have a say about their state government representation over the next four years.

Our state government representative can have an input in the most important issues that affect Peninsula residents.

In our next edition, the election edition, we hope to have responses from each candidate on what they hope to achieve for the Peninsula should they win the election.

Cec Bucello, Manager

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

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

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Name and suburb will be published.

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'Non-existent' sharks caught

In pursuit of a safe swimming enclosure at Patonga, we were told in a recent letter from Gosford Council that sharks do not exist in Brisk Bay.

Therefore be assured that a shark proof net is not required.

In the past few weeks large "Bull Sharks" (Black Whalers) have been caught in Brisk Bay.

One had half a dog in its

stomach.

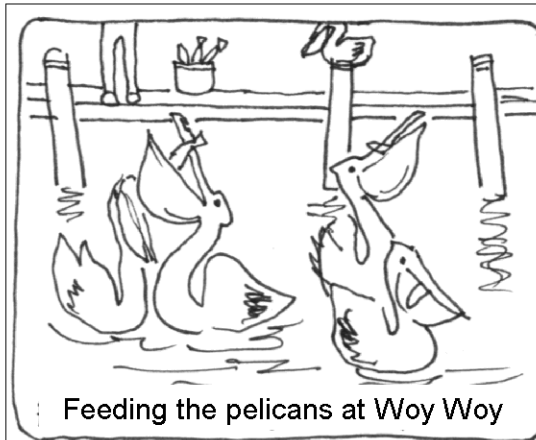
The recent fatal attacks by similar sharks on the Gold Coast do not indicate a sudden dietary change for these creatures, as they have featured in most of the attacks on swimmers since the Colonial days.

According to the authority TC Roughly, these sharks frequent estuaries, and the world record for one of these species was caught around the corner (and up

the river) at Broken Bay, which incidentally does have a netted enclosure.

If Australia can afford to spend millions of dollars per day to protect us from possible killers 10,000 kilometres away, less than \$100,000 could keep hundreds of young Australians safe each summer for 10 years or so, from killers that lurk a mere 100 metres away.

Robin Norling, Patonga



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The show will be held from March 20-23 for fishing and 4x4 driving enthusiasts.

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three double passes, send an envelope to "4x4 show competition" Peninsula News, PO Box 532, Woy Woy NSW 2256.

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Glen Purse, February 19



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Residents hear of crime trends

Police Chief Inspector Mark Death has told a meeting of residents that the numbers of break and enter offences in the Woy Woy area dropped by 31 per cent last year compared to the previous year, while the number of stolen vehicle offences dropped 126 per cent.

At the same time, there was a 42 per cent increase in "drug detection".

Chief Inspector Death met with 26 residents at the Everglades Country Club after complaints of laneways and reserves in the area being used for drug taking and drunken driving.

Residents said they were concerned with delays in police response, the difficulty in having hypodermic needles cleared and the apparent freedom of criminals to come and go as they pleased.

One resident, Mr Raymond Butler, told of several drug taking episodes at Rogers Park where a young man aged about 17 years would meet with a younger teenage girl and inject her.

She was so affected that she would need to be helped to walk across the park, he said.

Mr Butler said he had tried to follow the male involved but could not keep up.

"I have told the police in Woy Woy and I have also gone in to Gosford to tell them as well, but nothing happens," he said.

Chief Inspector Death said police needed the public's help to find drug dealers.

"We need people to keep telling us what is going on as they used to when Neighbourhood Watch first commenced."

He said that police could then build a profile of the area which would help to identify the dealers.

Drug users usually used their drugs within a short time of obtaining them, he said.

As a result of the information provided at the meeting, Chief Inspector Death said he would look at using some bicycle police as well as regular patrols in the area surrounding the wetlands.

Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews and Everglades Country Club secretary-manager Mr Wayne Dean also attended the meeting.

Mr Dean informed the meeting of actions that the club had taken to reduce the problems being experienced.

This included upgraded fences, employing security staff to patrol the perimeter of the club and golf course, provision of a courtesy bus to take patrons to and from home and their policy regarding the responsible provision of alcohol to club members and their guests.

Ms Andrews spoke of the increased police presence in the area and the need to tackle the problem at an early age.

The recent introduction of programs such as Families First and Children at Risk were examples of long term solutions to this "ever-present problem in Western society", she said.

Cec Bucello, February 21



Large amounts of rubbish have been gathered from under Woy Woy wharf in previous years

Diving club to clean up under wharf

Members of Brisbane Water Aqualung Club normally prefers more pristine waters than those to be found at Woy Woy wharf.

But next Sunday, March 2, the club will dive at the wharf as part of Clean Up Australia Day on the Peninsula.

The club regularly participates in Clean Up Australia Day and in previous years has found shopping trolleys, outboard motors, furniture - even kitchen

sinks.

"It's amazing what gets tossed into waterways, however it's the small items that cause the most damage to the marine environment," said club member Phillip White.

"Plastic bags, six-pack rings, discarded fishing line and myriad bits and pieces of rubbish end up killing marine life through entanglement and ingestion."

The club will assemble at the wharf at 8am.

The club boat will be there and members will be happy to

answer any diving questions.

Divers participating in the event will need heavy duty gloves, ropes, lift bags and dive flags.

Naval cadets from HMAS Hawkesbury at Point Clare will assist in lifting the heavy items and Gosford Diving Services from Umina will supply free air fills.

Anyone wishing to assist the club on the day can ring Steve on 0410 344 155.

Phillip White, February 20

Aboriginal agencies meet

The Central Coast Aboriginal Interagency will hold its next meeting at the Peninsula Community Centre in Woy Woy on February 27.

Aboriginal residents on the Peninsula and organisations that provide services to Aboriginal residents are invited to attend.

Participants will have an opportunity to network and to share information about the

services and programs they provide.

They also raise issues and suggest solutions.

People attend from diverse agencies such as health, education, sport and recreation.

Wyong and Gosford Councils provide administrative support in the form of taking and distributing minutes.

Meetings have alternated between Gosford and Wyong areas to enable as many people

as possible to be actively involved.

The Central Coast Koori Ceremonies and Events Committee meeting is also held in conjunction with the Aboriginal Interagency, to make the best use of people's time.

Enquiries can be made to staff at Nunyara, Central Coast Health's Aboriginal Unit, on 4320 2698, or to Shirley Hotchkiss at Wyong Council on 4350 5383.

Press release, February 20

PCYC may run Umina hall

Gosford Council will decide tonight (Tuesday) whether to appoint the Umina Police and Community Youth Club (PCYC) to manage the Umina Community Hall.

The council sought expressions of interest from

appropriate organisations wishing to manage the hall when the existing management committee advised it did not wish to continue "due to illness and other circumstances".

Three groups expressed interest in managing Umina Hall: Careflight, Umina Police Community Youth Club (PCYC) and Peninsula Christian Life Centre.

After discussing the role of the management committee with a council representative, Careflight decided that it was not in a position to take on the responsibility required at this present time and withdrew its interest.

A staff report stated: "Both the Peninsula Christian Life Centre and the PCYC have high involvement within the community and both would provide a professional service in the running of Umina Community Hall."

It was recommended that the PCYC be appointed "due to staff availability, software set up and cleaning equipment on hand to maintain the facility".

Council agenda CS.011, February 25

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Shaping the Central Coast - Draft Action Plan

Gosford City Council, Wyong Shire Council and PlanningNSW, in consultation with other government agencies and regional stakeholders, have developed an **Action Plan for the Central Coast.**

The Action Plan builds on the vision for the region developed during the Central Coast Moving Forward process and identifies strategic objectives and supporting actions to achieve the region's desired outcomes.

A public forum will be held to provide the opportunity for the community to discuss the draft Action Plan at:

9.30 am, Thursday 27 February 2003

Peninsula Theatre, John Hoare Close, Woy Woy (enter from McMasters Road)
For further information please telephone the Central Coast office of PlanningNSW on **4323 7000**

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Peninsula hit by \$4m selective tax

I wonder how many of your readers have noticed that Bob Carr has generously promised to raise \$20 million for research into spinal chord injuries by installing speed cameras around 10 NSW schools.

Of those 10 schools in the whole of the state, two are to be in Woy Woy.

Set aside for a moment the questionable ethics of using speed cameras to raise money rather than to reduce speeding and of siting them, not around accident black spots in arterial roads.

They are in residential thoroughfares at a point where the speed limit drops suddenly from 60kph to 40kph for just a few hundred metres, and only at certain times of day on certain days of the year.

Can any of our elected representatives, local, state or federal, explain the process of reasoning by which those 10

schools came to be selected out of all the schools in the state, and why two of them are in Woy Woy?

That the schools are to be Woy Woy Public and Woy Woy South Public, is bad news for those who regularly use Ocean Beach Rd.

Living in a cul de sac to the west of it, I have no alternative but to do so, several times a day.

Since the announcement was made, I have been carefully observing my own performance in school zones and found that even a 77-year-old like me, who saunters round the Peninsula at never more than 50kph, can find himself inadvertently breaching the letter of the restriction while observing the spirit of it, particularly during those periods when the kids are safely in school and before they start to leave.

At other times, of course, the density of the parental traffic and the manned school crossings make breaches of the restriction impossible - which means that

the main weight of this impost will fall, not on the commuters crawling through between 8 and 9am, but on those of us who emerge for social and recreational purposes while others are away at work.

At \$2 million per camera, what we are looking at here is a \$4 million-dollar selective tax on one small community for the alleged benefit of the entire state.

It's not just the money, it's the points.

Surely this is not only unfair and unethical, but unconstitutional.

However, who can afford to challenge the Government in the courts over it?

If Bob Carr wants to raise money for research into spinal chord injuries he should do it in the usual way.

By getting it voted through Parliament.

This is petty dictatorship. There should be no taxation without representation.

Peter Scott, Woy Woy

Empty promises bandied about

I recently found it necessary to approach our local member Marie Andrews in relation to a serious law and order matter.

After discussion and providing her with documentation, she assured me that she would approach the appropriate people with my concerns.

No feedback has been received since the initial approach in October 2002 and subsequent follow up enquires have fallen on deaf ears.

I also approached, in November 2002, liberal candidate Debra Wales to see if she could offer any help.

Again in discussion and documentation was provided and assurance that Chris Harcher would be advised of my concerns and action taken.

Again no reply and subsequent follow up enquires has fallen on deaf ears.

My concerns that effect their area are serious and far-reaching and warrant action to correct the inaction of certain people.

It is also a subject that is being touted by our politicians to gain votes.

As always, they are big rhetoric and small on action.

This is the type of representation we can expect from either one if elected next March.

As they refuse to reply to my questions and concerns, it appears too hot for them and has been assigned to the "Too hard basket"!

Debra Wales is aspiring to move from Gosford Council to the state assembly in March.


How can she hope to represent the people at state level when as a member of a council that is suffering from a credibility problem, cannot even follow through with promises made at local level?

Before you cast your vote in March, remember the many unfulfilled "promises" of Labor and Liberal from past elections and the empty promises being bandied about at present.

R Smith, Umina

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**'Secret' claims
screen dismal record**

Recent claims by Marie Andrews, Member for Peats, that Gosford Council has "secret" plans to use the Lemon Grove Netball Courts for ferry car parking has been branded as a "political beat up" created by a politician facing a close and hard fought election in a few weeks.

Council bashing is an easy way for politicians to get media attention and is often used by the less scrupulous to divert attention away from their own dismal record in government.

The really desperate add the word "secret" so that they don't have to provide any documents to prove their case and they are off and running.

Ms Andrews does not seem to care that she may be frightening some people living around the courts who may actually believe the nonsense she is peddling on this issue.

As patron of the Woy Woy Peninsula Netball Association, I can assure the community that council has no plan, secret or otherwise, to use the courts as parking for the ferry.

In fact, council has been working with the netball association for over six years to ensure that the netball courts remain where they are.

This matter has a long history and at every stage the netball association, the council and the community have been solidly against using the courts for ferry parking.

Parking was one of the most important matters discussed when the proposal for the fast ferry came to council.

Beginning in 1996, the netball association met with Mr Peter Hale from the Ettalong Club and other ferry proponents several times to discuss the issue.

The association made it clear to the proponents and the council from the outset that their preferred option was to remain in

their present location. The council strongly supported this stand.

The developers proposed that the netball courts be relocated at their cost but that suggestion foundered when the costs were examined.

Not unreasonably, the association insisted that any proposed relocation ensure similar or better facilities than those existing at Lemon Grove.

I am aware that other proposals to cope with ferry parking such as extra parking in the Ettalong Club redevelopment or the purchase of land specifically for parking were rejected by the ferry proponents on the grounds of cost.

Following the failure to secure the courts for parking, the ferry proponents were insistent that the ferry would not generate a great deal of extra parking as it would be promoted as a "kiss and ride" facility, ie passengers would be dropped off by bus or car, thus eliminating the need for further parking.

Use of public transport would be encouraged and the proponents placed a great deal of emphasis on this aspect of the proposal when the matter was before council.

Hence, the conditions of consent for the ferry require a drop off point which can accommodate three buses.

Overflow parking was to take place in surrounding streets some of which must be kerbed and guttered as part of the development consent.

The ferry proponents lost the battle over the netball courts years ago and the matter should not be revisited, even by Ms Andrews, as part of a political beat-up just weeks out from an election.

The Lemon Grove facility is on public land and is used extensively for sport and recreation and this is how the community and the council want it to remain.

Lynne Bockholt, February 18

Clean-Up the Peninsula

Clean-Up Australia Day activities will take place at Burrawang Bushland Reserve and on the rocks at Umina Beach on Sunday March 2.

The Burrawang Bushland Reserve Clean-up meeting place will be the Nambucca Dr playground, Woy Woy, adjacent to the reserve at 9am. With inquiries, telephone Jim

Morrison on 4341 9583. The Clean-Up on the rocks at Umina Beach meeting place will be near the showers and toilet block, adjacent to the Mt Ettalong Rd carpark at the southern end of the beach.

Meeting time will be 3pm to coincide with low tide. For further information, telephone Paul Burns on 4344 7066.

Mark Snell, February 19

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Wally's effort raises \$2750

Ettalong Beach Hotel patron Mr Wally Klein has raised \$2750 for Camp Breakaway with the help of a number of groups at the hotel.

Wally led a group of patrons to donate prizes they won in hotel promotions to the charity.

It was soon realised that most of the prizes on offer were unsuitable for children at the camp.

A decision was then made to raffle the prizes and when it was drawn on Australia Day, a total

of \$750 had been raised.

On hearing of this, both of the hotels' fishing clubs decided to donate \$500 each to the charity and the Central Coast Taxi Club decided to do likewise.

Hotel licensee Mr Greg Hertmanni also decided to match the clubs and added a further \$500 to the cause.

Camp Breakaway chairman Mr John Lusted accepted the cheques as well as a Nintendo games console on Friday, February 21.

Cec Bucello, February 21



From left, John Lusted from Camp Breakaway and Greg Hertmanni from Ettalong Hotel

Supported playgroups are launched

The Premier, Mr Bob Carr, recently visited the Woy Woy Community Care Centre to launch a network of six supported playgroups on the Central Coast.

Mr Carr announced funding of \$300,000 a year for the program, which began as a trial last September.

"These groups provide on-the-ground help to more than 100 families having difficulties in bringing up their children," Mr Carr said.

"Taking an active interest in the early years of a child's life makes good sense.

"Society receives huge dividends as we break the vicious cycle that can lead to delinquency and abuse.

"This program is about helping children and giving them the best start so they don't get into trouble in later life," Mr Carr said.

The supported playgroups offer parents an opportunity to get together and socialise.

It is also an opportunity to provide them with information

about child development and parenting.

They will operate in Woy Woy, Narara, Springfield, Lake Munmorah, Long Jetty and Wyong and are funded through the State Government's Families First program.

Mr Carr made the announcement while visiting the Woy Woy Community Care Centre with Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews.

Ms Andrews said the playgroups were bringing parents together and helping them to access information and skills on parenting.

"The playgroups let these parents know they are not alone and make the job just a little easier," Ms Andrews said.

Funding for the Central Coast supported playgroups comes from the existing recurrent budget for the Families First Strategy and already allocated to the Central Coast.

There is no impact on the projected budget surpluses shown in the mid-year review of the Budget, produced by the Treasury in late December 2002.

Press release, February 14

Mental health expo at Woy Woy

A free Mental Health Community Expo for Older People will be held during Seniors Week at Woy Woy Leagues Club.

It will run from 10.30am to 1pm on Wednesday, March 19.

This will be the first in a series of Mental Health Community Expos during 2003 hosted by Central Coast Rotary Clubs, Central Coast Health Division of Mental Health and the Association of Relatives and Friends of the Mentally Ill (ARAFMI) as part of a community awareness program.

"These Community Expos follow on from the hugely successful Gosford Forum in February 2002, which attracted over 500 people", said Mr Graham Black from Rotary.

"The first community expo is all about services available for older people, including Older Peoples Mental Health which is part of the Mental Health Service.

"We decided to hold this expo

on the Peninsula because of the high aged population that live in this area.

Mr Black said: "The aim of the expos is to engage the community in a better understanding of mental health issues, services and wellness and to learn about the importance of getting help early."

The Mental Health Service is available through the Central Intake System, which can be contacted 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 4320 3500.

Central Intake staff include mental health professionals specially trained to assess each call.

"People who ring this number are assured of being linked with the most appropriate component of the Mental Health Service or provided with advice about other services, within Central Coast Health or the community, which may better meet their needs," said Mr Black.

He said: "People who come

along to the Older Peoples Expo at Woy Woy will hear guest speakers from the Mental Health Service, the Aged Care Assessment Team (ACAT), Aged and Disability Support Services (ADSSI) and a geriatrician from Central Coast Health.

"During refreshments, there will be an opportunity to view a variety of displays from local services, organisations and groups."

Displays will be presented by Red Cross, home care services, Commonwealth Carelink Centre, nursing services, home catering services, Veterans' Affairs Network, Community Stroke Support Service and ARAFMI.

The Mental Health Community Expos are free and no bookings are required.

For more information about the Older Peoples Expo or to inquire about having a display, phone Jenice on 4372 7276 or email: jraig@doh.health.nsw.gov.au.

Press release, February 17

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Rainbow Collection and Fabric Price Cutters have also moved upstairs to bigger and brighter stores.

To celebrate their opening, Rainbow Collection will have a clairvoyant visiting their store every Tuesday between 9.30am and 3.30pm, What does the future hold for you?

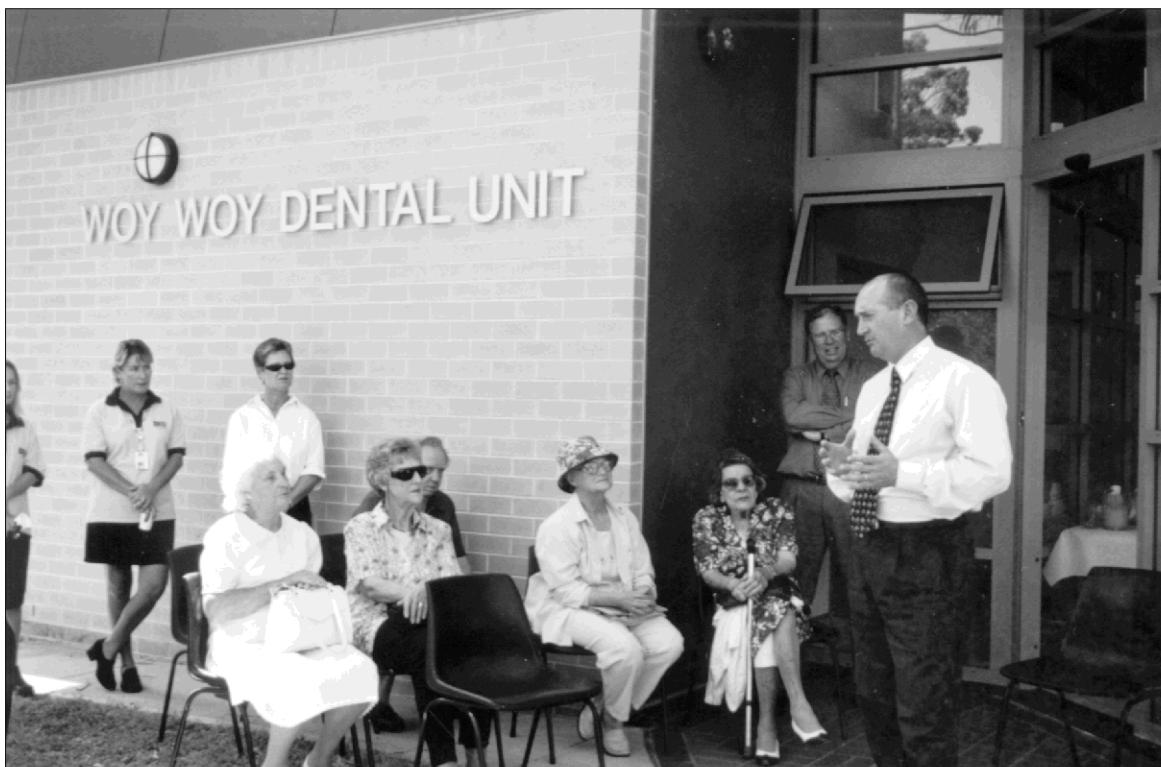


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Health



Health Minister Mr Craig Knowles addressed a small crowd at the new Woy Woy Dental Clinic

Dental clinic opened at Woy Woy

NSW Health Minister Mr Craig Knowles recently opened the new Woy Woy Dental Clinic at Woy Woy Hospital.

The clinic will be open to all children and to adults holding a Health Care card, Pensioner Benefits card, or a Commonwealth Seniors health card.

Clinical director of Oral Health Services with Central Coast Health, Dr Brian Redmayne, said: "There used to be a two-surgery clinic on the old Woy Woy Infants School site.

"This four-surgery centre is replacing that old clinic.

"To access services you will have to phone through to Oral Health Services central intake, which then runs you through a NSW Health standardised questionnaire.

"The questions give you a priority for assessment, and then depending upon a clinical

assessment, your treatment needs are also prioritised.

"The treatment is then either done in our clinics or you are given a voucher to take to a private dentist," Dr Redmayne said.

Waiting times are dependent on the clinical needs of the patients, with severe emergencies being seen to the same day, and non-specific check-ups taking up to 12 months.

Mr Knowles said: "I was here just a few weeks ago as the primary building work was being completed and I'm proud to be on the Central Coast to perform the official opening.

"Final detailing is still underway and in just a couple of weeks the Central Coast Area Health Service will be booking patients in to this much needed service."

"Several years ago John Howard's Commonwealth Government decimated public

dentistry by discontinuing the Commonwealth Dental Program and instead now he spends around \$250 million on cosmetic dentistry by private health insurance.

"This unit is part of the Carr Government's efforts to rebuild public dentistry in this state and to fill that gap."

Mr Knowles said the \$750,000 purpose-built unit would house four dental chairs and a laboratory to manufacture dental prosthetics.

"We project that an additional 10,000 services will be provided across the Central Coast as a result of this investment.

"Children, adults and older people will now have access to dental services close to home, rather than having to travel to Gosford for assessment and treatment.

"I can't say that it will make going to the dentist an enjoyable experience, but this is a unit which offers the best in comfort and quality care."

Jonathan Reichard, press release, February 14

Obituary: James Drysdale

James Drysdale passed away on Monday February 17 after a long battle with cancer aged 57.

James was well known on the Central Coast and particularly on the Peninsula, where he had been a partner in Tonkin Drysdale Partners, solicitors for over 20 years.

James was originally admitted as a solicitor in Victoria in 1968 and moved to the New South Wales Central Coast in 1980.

James was well respected and regarded by his many clients for his knowledgeable and compassionate advice.

James was a long-standing member of the Ettalong-Umina Lions Club achieving some of the highest positions in the Lions organisation as chairman and secretary at zone and district levels.

James was a director of Peninsula Village and was a strong supporter of both the Ocean Beach and Umina Surf Clubs.

As honorary solicitor to Woy Woy Bowling Club, Woy Woy Aged Care and a number of other sporting and community associations, James was able to provide clear guidance when problems arose.

James was also a regular face at Woy Woy and Umina High Schools presenting scholarships



and awards on behalf of his firm.

Always close to his family, this was even more so in recent years when James and his wife Adrienne were called upon to care for his sister prior to her death from cancer.

James lived on the Peninsula and was often seen walking, cycling, paddling his surf ski and tending his gardens

Serious when required, but more often a jovial character, James enjoyed the company of all.

Any barbecue guest arriving with a fine bottle of red wine was always well received and well looked after by both James and Adrienne.

James is survived by his wife Adrienne, his mother Elsie and two daughters Penny and Rebecca.

Paul Tonkin, February 19

Obituary: Bill Hall

Peninsula resident Bill Hall passed away on February 14.

Member for Robertson, Mr Jim Lloyd, said: "I am extremely saddened by the passing of a dear friend, Bill Hall.

"Bill was not only an outstanding member of our community and a man who worked tirelessly on behalf of his fellow veterans over many years, but he was also known and loved by so many people on the Central Coast.

"He will be greatly missed.

"Whenever we lose a veteran, it is always a sad occasion because their deeds during times of past conflict truly represent that priceless aspect of our culture.

"That unique strength we call the fighting 'Aussie spirit' and, as we march off into the future, it's something we cannot afford to lose.

"It could be said that the loss of Bill Hall is even greater because there is absolutely no doubt he so typified that fighting spirit.

"Not only during the second world war, as one of the legendary Rats of Tobruk and later, during the brutal New Guinea campaign at Milne Bay, but over the many years that followed as he fought on behalf of his fellow veterans for the recognition and rights that they

so richly deserve.

"Over recent years, I was lucky enough to spend quite a lot of time in Bill's company due to our mutual interest in improving the welfare of veterans and because of his involvement with most of the ex-servicemen organisations where his assistance proved to be invaluable."

Mr Lloyd said he would always remember Bill Hall as an extremely kind man and a true gentleman.

"Bill used to say, 'It's better to wear away than to rust away' and that's how he attacked life – never wasting a moment, he lived it with vigour and integrity.

"Bill Hall was a genuine man of action, one of life's great contributors and I will really miss him."

Press release, February 17

**HAPPY 10TH BIRTHDAY
PITTER PATTER BABY CLUB**

Umina Mall Pharmacy will be celebrating with a huge day of festivities starring **"The Flower Pot Gang"** at Everglades Country Club on 18th March. All current members are invited to share in the festivities. Current members will receive their invitation via mail, but as this is an invitation only event, former members will need to obtain their invitation from **Umina Mall Pharmacy** to gain entry on the day. For more information about this event or how to join **The Pitter Patter baby Club** contact Anne at **UMINA MALL PHARMACY, OCEAN BEACH RD**
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State Election

State election candidate statements



Marie Andrews

I am extremely proud to say that for the past eight years I have been elected as the State Member for Peats.

For 17 years prior to that, I was the private secretary to NSW Branch Secretary of the Australian Railways Union (now the Rail, Bus and Tram Union).

Interests include the Labor Movement – political and industrial wings; tennis; swimming; and reading.

I am active in local church; particularly interested in health, aged care and youth opportunities.

I am patron of Ocean Beach Surf Life Saving Club, Patron of Civilian Widows Association, Patron of Mooney Mooney Workers Club, Patron of Central Coast Netball Association.

I have been involved in various hospital auxiliaries and Woy Woy Community Aged Care Auxiliary, Combined Pensioner and senior citizen groups, youth groups, school P&Cs, progress associations, precinct committees since my election in 1995.

My late mother, Hilda, was a long time resident of the Woy Woy Peninsula and was actively involved in a number of charitable organisations.

My late father, Arthur, was a director of the Ettalong Beach Memorial Bowling Club.

I have worked towards improving health, education, transport, roads, community services, policing, youth services and facilities and recreational

A number of candidates for the Peats electorate in the state election have provided Peninsula News with election statements.

facilities.

As the local member, I have led numerous local delegations to Ministers and have made representations on behalf of individuals and various community groups on a wide range of issues at all levels of government.

More recently, I was instrumental in forming a residents' action group, which was successful in having Gosford Council abandon its plans to acquire approximately 140 homes on the Peninsula.

I assisted residents of the Mangrove Mountain district to obtain a Community Technology Centre (CTC) which is a first for the Central Coast and I am currently lobbying Busways for a direct bus service from the Woy Woy Peninsula to Gosford Hospital.

I have lobbied hard since becoming the local member for extra police resources for the electorate and improved working conditions for police officers with successful outcomes.

Total number of police working in Brisbane Water Local Area Command is 241, which includes extra 15 officers deployed to Woy Woy police station.

This station has also been upgraded during my time as Member for Peats.

The establishment of the Police Community Youth Club (PCYC) in Umina Beach received my strong support and that of the then Police Minister Mr Paul Whelan.

This club is the most modern and best equipped in New South Wales and is the first to be established on the Central Coast.

Marie Andrews, February 13

Mark Ellis

Save Our Suburbs (SOS) is nominating Mark Ellis for



Mark Ellis

the seat of: Peats.

Mark is a horticulturist and has lived at Woy Woy most of his life.

SOS has been holding regular meetings on the Peninsula for the past two years.

"The most repeated message we get from our members and supporters is that the Central Coast has been overdeveloped and the scale and pace of this development has not been matched by infrastructure provision.

"The Carr government's policies of urban consolidation are destroying the coast lifestyle," said Mark Ellis.

"All residents should be alarmed by the Shaping the Central Coast Action Plan Version II.

"This document is fatally flawed, promising more of the same for the next 20 years, with no firm infrastructure commitments, no timeline and with no funding.

"The truth is we need now the resources that are being named in this document but that are not being provided.

"The State Government's Shaping the Central Coast public forums pay little more than lip service to the public consultation process.

"This plan has been in action for more than 12 months and prior to this round of discussions the public has been excluded or their submissions ignored," said Mr Ellis.

"The Central Coast has suffered enough from the past 10 years of unplanned and under-funded population growth.

"Lifestyle and environmental values are being compromised while the State's resources are spent on expanding roads and buckets of PR.

"The massive funding being spent on widening the F3 will be totally wasted when in a few years the increased population on the Coast are forced to travel to find work.

"SOS candidates will be proposing that the population capacity of the Central Coast has been reached and that most new development here is totally out of scale with this special place," said Tony Recsei, SOS leading candidate for the Legislative Council

"We believe the State has neither the money nor the will to provide for the infrastructure deficit on the Central Coast and only a vote for a sensible Save Our Suburbs candidate in both

houses at the next election can make a difference.

"Our representation in parliament will counter the influence of developers.

"Developer links to the major parties, State bureaucracies and local government have allowed them to ride roughshod over local communities," said Dr Recsei

SOS will be holding public meetings at Umina Community Hall, Sydney Ave, on March 2 at 2pm and at Ettalong Progress Hall, Memorial Ave, on March 9 at 2pm.

Labour and Liberal candidates will be invited to debate the topic: "The Peninsula has reached its population capacity".

Press release, February 19

Geoff Ward

Born at Condoblin 58 years ago, I have been married to Anne for 32 years and have three children.

I hold a Bachelor of Agriculture Science degree from Sydney University.

I spent the first half of my working life dryland farming wheat/sheep and six years as a partner in a rural supplies store.

We became part of the exodus and moved to the Central Coast 15 years ago, successfully establishing wholesale grain processing/distribution business from which I have recently retired.

The main reason I am a Democrat member and why I am supporting this Party by standing in Peats is that, since their establishment in 1977, they have always demonstrated that they are a party of social justice.

They have also proven themselves to be credible over a wide range of policies, from the environment to responsible economic management.

My basic political motivation is my belief that the underprivileged in our community, our nation and our world unquestionably deserves our support.

I see underprivileged children not given a chance in life because of inadequate funding of supporting organisations.

These kids did not choose their environment and should not have to suffer because of it.

I see people with mental, physical and learning disabilities. Many of these people also had no say in their circumstance and should not have to suffer because of it.

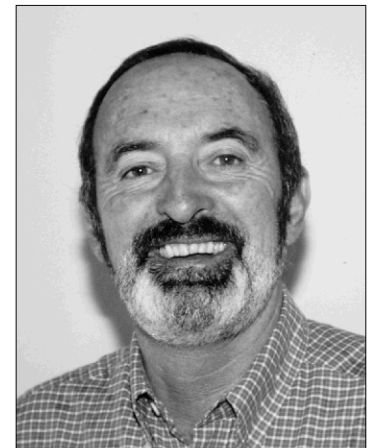
I see many semi-volunteer organisations striving to help these persons but operating on a shoestring, hoping for the funding nod at election time.

As a volunteer for Aunties and Uncles, I see them as such an organisation.

They match disadvantaged children with community volunteers willing to act as their Aunties and Uncles to provide an extended family atmosphere.

Funding is very limited with 100 children on the waiting list on the Central Coast.

The coordinator for the southern region receives funding for just seven hours wages per



Geoff Ward

week.

I see tight-fisted Governments supporting these underprivileged at the lowest level that is politically possible, with no regard to the rights of these individuals.

This lack of support for the underprivileged is not limited to the examples above.

On the Central Coast, poor bus services impact to the greatest extent on the underprivileged. We can also include the growing lack of bulk billing doctors, the 12-year wait for public housing, poor access to emergency and ambulance services in some areas and the list goes on.

Greater support for the underprivileged costs money.

We can raise revenue by seriously cracking down on the tax evaders; we can shift the funding from the less needy, eg wealthy private schools.

Having sufficient Democrats in the Upper House is the key to ensuring greater support for the underprivileged.

Our lead Upper House Candidate is James Lantry, a 32-year-old family man, who is a staunch defender of community services.

When he is elected, he plans to make his home in the Hunter region.

He will then better understand the problems of our region, a change from the centralised governing we currently endure.

If you wish to contact me, please ring 0411 132 847

Geoff Ward, February 19

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The Bayview Brasserie has been renovated and restored

Bay view for Bayview?

Renovations at the Bayview Hotel, Woy Woy, may soon result in patrons actually being able to have a "bay view".

Licensee Mr Gary Narvo said plans would be submitted to Gosford Council to move the bottle shop and open up the back area to make it an outdoor family area and beer garden with water views.

It was planned to seat 70 people while not losing any of the existing parking spaces, he said.

"With sails and an appealing frontage, we will become even more of a gateway to the Peninsula," he said.

"Tourists coming to the area, particularly on weekends, will have somewhere else to go and relax, perhaps have a meal and at the same time enjoy the water view they came here for in the first place", he said.

"It'll be up to council now to complete their footpath paving along Railway St beyond The Boulevard so that the central business district can be connected to the tourist precinct, including Anderson Park and the ferry wharf," he said.

The Bayview Hotel was opened in 1929 and served as a

guest house for tourists for many years, he said.

The original dining room used by guests for breakfast as well as other meals has been closed for many years.

It was reopened in December 2002 as a brasserie serving hot and cold meals.

It features timber panelled walls, an exposed beam ceiling, original light fittings and an open fire which will be used in the colder months.

Renovations to the main bar and gaming lounge were made a few months ago.

Mr Narvo has now been licensee for 12 months.

In that time, he has made many changes to the hotel, both cosmetically and in its management, seeking a "better class" of clientele.

Plush surroundings are complemented by sporting memorabilia centered around Gary's family involvement with club and national rugby league as well as boxing.

A pool competition, free raffles, live entertainment and free finger food are some of the other changes that have been introduced by Gary to help improve the atmosphere in the evenings.

Cec Bucello, February 21

Local petition against war

The Progressive Labour Party (PLP) has collected 180 signatures in Umina in one day for a petition against a war in Iraq.

The signatures were collected from 8.30am to 12.30pm on Saturday, January 18, by the PLP, an independent party which is part of the "No War Coalition" based in Sydney.

Another collection on Saturday, February 1, yielded

nearly 200 signatures within four hours as well.

The party opposed the war and Australia's involvement in the preparations for it, said the party's media officer Mr Klaas Woldring of Pearl Beach.

The petitions had been sent to the Prime Minister with copies to the Member for Robertson, Mr Jim Lloyd.

Mr Woldring said: "It was surprising that so many people still had not heard of the PLP

which has been registered for six years federally".

The text of the Petition read: "We, the undersigned, oppose any military intervention against Iraq and especially any Australian involvement.

"We note the hypocrisy of the USA in regard to its huge stockpile of 'Weapons of mass destruction' and its stated aim of using them in a first-strike capacity.

Klaas Woldring, February 3

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The ghost of Greenman's Inn

My grandfather, Charles West, told me this story about the ghost of the Greenman's Inn.

He had met the boatman of the story at the Wiseman's Ferry Inn.

There the man, much the worse for drink, and eager to talk, told him of the horrors he had seen rising from the Hawkesbury River on misty mornings and evenings.

The Greenman Inn he spoke of was built by Samuel Taylor in 1841, the site on the Hawkesbury River opposite Spencer.

Mr Taylor hung the sign of a man painted green outside the inn, similar to a sign hung in Regents Park in London.

The inn became a rendezvous for free settlers, ticket-of-leave men, timber workers, ashburners and fishermen.

It was a calling place for trading vessels sailing to the Hawkesbury River and Mangrove Creek.

These were the "roaring days" of this great river.

From the Greenman Inn wharf, timber and shingles were shipped, also grain, particularly maize.

Some of this maize was distilled for moonshine or "Hawkesbury juice" at secret bush distilleries.

One morning at the inn, the body of a woman employee was found.

She had been murdered, presumably by her lover.

Tragically, the woman's child was also found in a box in the creek shortly after.

A boatman (the man who spoke to my grandfather) was given a guinea to take the woman's body to Wiseman's Ferry, then by horse carriage to Parramatta for burial.

The boatman's greed got the better of him, and so, as to have

the whole guinea, and when out of sight of the inn, he slipped the woman's body into the river.

Since then, the boatman had seen the apparition of a woman at dusk and dawn on the river.

He said others had seen the apparition of a small boat with blood-red sails at sunset on the mouth of Marlowe's Creek.

The inn was haunted as well.

The blood-stained print of a woman's hand appeared on the walls and a strange green light hovered above the well.

Often the wraith-like form of a woman could be seen vanishing through a doorway or gliding along the creek.

My grandfather was stricken by the look of horror on the boatman's face as he sought comfort in rum.

He grabbed my grandfather's sleeve and he said he daren't go out in the boat at dawn or dusk as the woman would appear rising out of the river and beckon to him.

He would then feel an irresistible urge to throw himself into the river.

The man's look was so piteous that my grandfather wanted to run from the place.

Grandfather West bought the man another drink, patted him on the shoulder and left the inn, to face the fresh air outside and to return home seeking peace, harmony and comfort.

Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy

Phillip landed 215 years ago

Five weeks after the first fleet sailed into Port Jackson, Arthur Phillip and a party of officers and men made a voyage of discovery in small boats to what is now known as Brisbane Water.

This first British exploration in March 1788 was followed by another in June 1789.

On both trips, the boats either passed near to, or landed at, modern-day Pearl Beach, Umina, Ettalong, Booker Bay, Blackwall/Orange Grove, Woy Woy and St Huberts Island.

Governor Phillip considered the land he saw unsuitable for farming; so it was not until thirty-five years later, in 1823, that the first land grant was made on the Peninsula.

The grant was made to James Webb, and the land was described as being at the "North East Arm of Broken Bay"

Known as "Mulbong", the grant was of 100 acres. Webb was a soldier who arrived in the Colony in 1790 on the "Scarborough", and his grant was in the area of Blackwall/Orange Grove. Webb later purchased two more parcels of land on the northern part of the Peninsula.

This area became known as Webb's Flat, but was also referred to as "Wye Wye".

In the 1828 Census, the population of the Peninsula was three: James Webb, "fanner"; and Michael Kirk and Patrick Sheridan, two ex-convicts living at Webb's. Kirk and Sheridan were described as "Labourers".

Webb had cleared 30 of his 100 acres, was farming on 20

Captain Arthur Phillip landed at Woy Woy 215 years ago - on March 3, 1788. Here local historian Joan Fenton describes the early years of white settlement.

In the 1841 Census, there were six males and one female at the Webb farm. Gradually, other settlers purchased land on the Peninsula.

Edward Coulter, a former worker for Webb, settled on land near the present township.

In 1855, the Rev. Alfred Glennie recorded in his journal that he paid a visit to Coulter's family at "Wye Wye Bay".

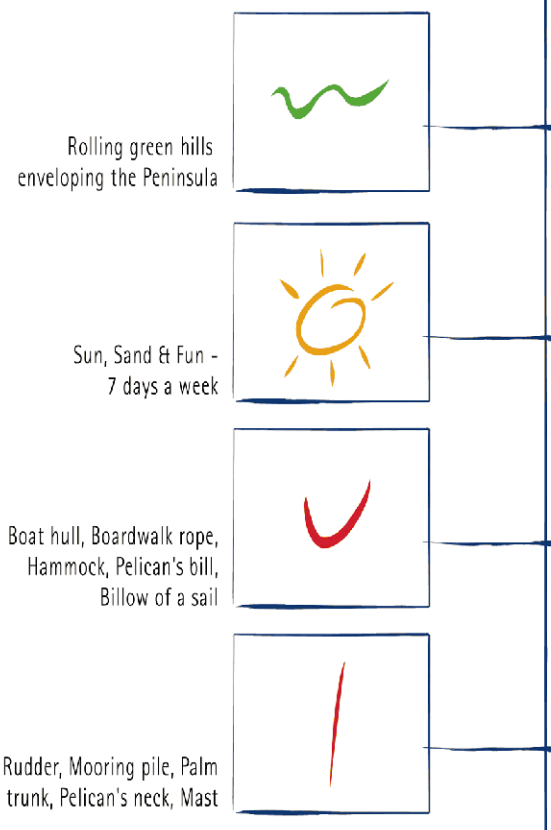
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acres, and had over 100 head of cattle. In an 1840 map, the farm at "Mulbong" was still the only area on the Peninsula that was inhabited by white settlers.



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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.

Listings in this section are free to not-for-profit community groups although a subscription to help support Peninsula News would be appreciated. Simply send us details of your group's events and activities 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.

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., Woy

Competition Darts, Ettalong 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 Enq Penny Riley 4360 1673

Children's story time, Umina library, 10.30am - 11.30am

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.

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

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

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

Children's story time, Woy Woy library, 10.30am - 11.30am

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 - Boudi 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.

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

Stitchery Circle 9.30am - 12pm, **Silk Painting** 1.30pm - 3.30pm Ettalong Beach Arts & Crafts Centre Enq Penny Riley 4360 1673

Children's story time, Umina library, 10.30am - 11.30am

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. 9.30am, (in school terms), \$2 incl. Morning tea. Creche Enq 4369 5558

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

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

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

Children's pottery 9am - 10.30am and 11am - 12.30pm, Ettalong Beach Arts & Crafts Centre Enq Penny Riley 4360 1673

EVERY SUNDAY

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

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 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

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

Second Chance Craft, Arts and crafts for people with a disability 11.30am - 2pm, bring own lunch. Enq. 4341 9333

Children's story time, Umina library, 10.30am - 11.30am

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What's on event calendar

Tuesday February 25

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 February 26

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

Thursday February 27

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 February 28

South Buddi 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 March 1

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

Monday March 3

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

Tuesday March 4

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

Wednesday March 5

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

Woy Woy Older Womens Network 10.15am (1st Wed) Woy Woy Leagues Club Enq 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. Enq 4360 2161

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

Thursday March 6

Everglades Country Club Gala Day, (1st & 3rd Thurs) Dunban Rd Woy Woy Enq 4341 1866 South Woy Woy Progress Assoc. (1st Thur) 7pm. Progress Hall, Woy Woy Road.

Friday March 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 5414

Free first release movie, 8pm (1st Fri) Everglades Country Club Ballroom supper dances, 7.30pm, Ettalong, all ages. Professional teachers available. (1st Fri) Enq: 4344 5432

Saturday March 8

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) Pretty Beach Bushcare Group Pretty Beach end Araluen Track (2nd Sat) 8am

Save Our Suburbs (2nd Sat) Meeting 3pm Woy Woy South Progress Hall, Woy Woy Rd., & Pier St. Enq 4342 2251

The Ex-Navalmen's Association, Central Coast sub-section meeting, (2nd Sat) Woy Woy Leagues Club 10am.

Sunday March 9

Buffalo Lodge Gosford No 63 (2nd & 4th Sun) 1pm Umina Community Hall
Buffalo Lodge, Woy Woy 381 Umina Community Hall, 11am (2nd & 4th Sun)

Monday March 10

RSL Womens Auxillary Ettalong Memorial Club (2nd Mon) 9am

Pretty Beach Wagstaffe Progress Association Inc Wagstaffe Hall (2nd Mon) 7.30pm Enq 4360 1546 or 4360 1546

Killcare Heights Garden Club (2nd Mon) 10.30am Enq 4344 4520 or 4360 1631

Central Coast Business & Professional Women's Assoc. dinner meeting. (2nd Mon) 7pm for 7.30pm Central Coast Leagues Club. Enq 4341 1844

Little Shop at Little Theatre

Little Shop of Horrors is being performed this week at Peninsula Little Theatre.

The musical is a fast-paced 60's rock-n-roll, sci-fi, black comedy, based on the cult 1960 film starring Jack Nicholson.

The story revolves around a skid-row florist's assistant who is going nowhere until he finds an exotic new breed of plant.

This fly trap doesn't feed off mulch or water. It feeds on blood.

Starring as the luckless hero Seymour is Anthony Howes who was a soldier at Old Sydney Town and has appeared in Shakespeare's "Much Ado about Nothing" and Gosford Musical Society's wildly successful "Funny Thing Happened on the way to the Forum".

Also in "Forum" was Callum Hayes now bringing to life the blackmailing florist Mushnik whose greedy ways bring

amusing consequences.

Callum has also appeared in "One flew over the Cuckoo's Nest" and played Ritchie Cunningham in the Kantara House production of "Happy Daze".

Andrew Browne stars as a masochistic dentist and Seymour's rival for Audrey's love.

Andrew has appeared in "Romeo and Juliet" with the Central Coast Shakespeare Company and appeared in several films in 2002's Quick Flicks Central Coast Short Film Festival.

Breathing sensual life into skid row's vixen of a femme fatale Audrey is relative theatre newcomer Carlotta Chadwick.

Carlotta's voice has recently earned her a "Dance" recording contract with Central Station Records.

The show's ongoing narration features a Greek-style chorus resembling Diana Ross and the

Supremes with Michelle Walls, Karen Swift and Kylee Cichra.

Also starring Tim Wilde, a theatre sports and dinner theatre regular and Lauren McKellar as the ensemble and Jonathon Sebastian, a Gosford Musical Society regular as the voice of the plant, Audrey II.

The performance is produced by the Eclectic Performing Arts Alliance, helmed by Kantara House directing maestro Todd Keys.

Tickets are available through Voyager Music stores located in Gosford 4321 1877 and Laycock Street Theatre Box Office 4323 3233.

Limited tickets will also be available at the door for each performance.

For further information, contact Eclectic Performing Arts Alliance on 4332 0822

The show will run on February 27, 28, and 29 and March 1.

Press release, February 7

Probus Club meets

The Umina-Peninsula Probus Club is a new club in the Peninsula area, which held its first meeting at Everglades Country Club on Thursday, January 23.

The club has 45 members, a mixed membership consisting of couples and individual men and women.

The club is an association of semi-retired people who join

together to provide opportunities to keep their minds active, expand their interests and enjoy the fellowship of new friends.

All clubs are sponsored by Rotary clubs, but they are self-governing, free from the constraints and obligations of service clubs.

Activities include a monthly meeting and various outings such as theatre, social or sporting occasions.

Monthly meetings consist of a club business session, coffee break followed by a guest speaker or discussion of mutual interest.

Clubs are non-political and non-sectarian, non-profit and non-fundraising.

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

Alison Branley and brochure, January 31

Art classes hold joint exhibition

The seniors art classes of the Peninsula Community Centre and the Ettalong Senior Citizen's Centre will jointly exhibiting their pictures during March.

The exhibition will be held at the Umina Tea Rooms behind Umina Library.

All pictures are for sale. Refreshments are available at the tea rooms.

Letter, February 18

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Forum

Logo illustrates area's key aspects

Having seen the Woy Woy logo developed in a competition - and looked at the theory behind the design of each element, I feel the community is staring at a unique composition that illustrates key aspects attracting residents and visitors to the area.

On first impression, I was absorbed by the modern style and technique used in this 1997 winning entry.

To note this logo's development in 1997 is relevant in demonstrating a focal point in all logo or corporate design.

The ability to create a visual which is modern and stylish yet sophisticated - then to have these comments made six years later, shows a youthful thought process and design solution.

One only has to look around at large multi-national companies to see corporate logos are around for decades without

alteration to strong concept and initial design.

In any piece of art, the visual impact on first glance is highly important, but to have a rationale behind each individual element down to intricate detail such as seven rays beaming off the sun image to illustrate seven days a week of sun, sand and fun, captivates not only the surface glance, but a viewer's mind.

As a community-based paper, putting forth the views of its people, perhaps it would be beneficial to the area for Peninsula News to run a feature on Woy Woy, presenting the public with the ideas and thought process behind this design piece and now adequately it illustrates the environment depicted.

If local Peninsula businesses within Woy Woy are motivated to use a symbolic logo to bind their identity, then what better than the energetic, vibrant and modern image conceptualized and designed by local artists Ken and Louise Dyer.

Elke Griesberg, Tascott



Community Forum

Letters to the editor are welcomed and should be addressed to Peninsula News, PO Box 532, Woy Woy 2256.

Contributions in Word format sent via e-mail to mail@pennews.zzn.com or on disk to save us having to retype them are preferred. Forum contributors are reminded that full contact details, including phone number, must accompany submissions. Please include a date with all contributions. Name and suburb will be published. Anonymous contributions will not be included. Submissions may be published in an edited form.

Council 'bash' is vote grab

I read with utmost dismay at the assertions of Ms Andrews wrth regard to her phantom "secret plans" for Lemon Grove Netball Courts.

Her assertions are absolutely wrong and unsubstantiated scare-mongering like this to

"Council bash" to grab votes is a disgrace. Shame Marie, shame.

Gosford Council is absolutely committed to the youth and community of the Peninsula.

When the Fast Ferry was discussed, we made it absolutely clear that areas such as Lemon Grove will not be used for parking.

Marie is aware of this and yet she continues to attempt to scare the community.

My advice to Marie and for that matter all the candidates, start focussing on State issues -what are you going to deliver and when - that's what I want to hear before March 22.

Cr Craig Doyle, Deputy Mayor

Andrews claims credit for Federal funding

Recently a glossy "Community News" brochure from Marie Andrews MP arrived in my letter box, promoting Premier Carr and Marie Andrews in the run up to the State Election, which is no real surprise.

What is concerning though, is that this brochure contains some glaring inaccuracies.

For example:

- The Mangrove Mountain Community Technology Centre was funded by \$215,000 from the Federal Government's

Networking the Nation program and \$60,000 State Government funding, not fully funded by the Carr Government as claimed.

- Another claim was that the Carr Government funded \$350,000 for the new traffic lights at the Pacific Highway-Wisemans Ferry Rd intersection.

This is simply wrong.

The intersection was funded with \$300,000 from the Howard Government's Blackspot program and \$200,000 from the State Government, but Ms Andrews has the audacity to claim it all as State Government

funding.

It is also interesting to note that most of the projects mentioned in Ms Andrews's election brochure would not be possible without funding from the GST - something that the Labor Party strongly opposed, and now they want to take credit for the benefits created by this new tax system.

This year (2001-2002 financial year) the Carr Government will receive \$8132 million in direct GST funding.

This funding will continue to increase each year.

Jim Lloyd, Member for Robertson

Suggested process was followed

I note Barry Parker's comments in the last issue of Peninsula News that a new logo should be commissioned for Woy Woy "with key people in the community investigating what is unique about the Peninsula, using a cross section of the community".

This is in fact the process that took place five years ago when I was appointed marketing consultant to the Woy Woy Village Renewal Committee and undertook three solid months of consultation with all key stakeholders in the future of Woy Woy.

The Woy Woy Village Renewal Committee consisted of representatives from Council, community groups, property developers, business owners, urban planners, property owners and other key interest groups.

Together we held individual consultations and group presentations to build an information database, including investigating what is unique about the Peninsula, ascertain the values of the community, and developing a marketing strategy for the Woy Woy Village area that would not only do the area justice, but would be most effective in attracting the participation of major influences necessary to the revitalisation process.

This project, together with a simultaneous urban planning consultancy, resulted in a vision for the area that received enthusiastic support from all key

groups consulted.

Contrary to Barry Parker's implication, I do not believe that the results of this long and intricate process are redundant now that five years have passed.

The "revolution" that the Peninsula is undergoing with new developments at Ettalong and the new ferry were in fact issues that were current at the time of the consultation process and were integral to the development of the marketing strategy.

Barry Parker appears to be unaware of the progress that has been made over the past five years as a result of the Woy Woy Village Renewal Project and other related committees.

One only has to look at the developments at the wharf, the playground, the Bayview renovation, Gnostic Forest, the Tibco building, Cjays, the backpacker accommodation and more to see that tangible benefits have been achieved.

In response to Barry Parker's comments on the logo design, I would like to counter his suggestion that the logo is "generic" and "dated".

While the logo was developed as a result of a competition, it was designed by professional artists to represent a unique concept that is supportive of the desired positioning for the town.

Typographically, the logo has a freedom and vibrancy that will not date and through colour and movement represents the elements that I understood the people of Woy Woy to most love about their town.

Barbara Ketley, Woy Woy

The jury is in on class size

Wake up, Bob, the jury is in.

As a classroom teacher of over 20 years experience teaching years K - 2, I can assure parents that a classroom is a very hectic place.

Seven key learning areas (KLAs) are covered.

They are English, mathematics, science and technology, human society and

its environment, physical education, personal development and health, and creative and practical arts.

English can be broken down into reading, handwriting, process writing, spelling, grammar, and comprehension.

Each of the KLAs is composed of a vast array of outcomes, indicators, learning experiences, and evaluation activities.

All of the above are delivered to classes, each with an age range of up to approximately 18 months. Classes consist of up to 30 students.

Surely it is obvious that reducing class sizes to a maximum of 20 will give each student up to 50 per cent more individual attention.

Mr Carr, how can the jury still be out on this point?

Stephen Laming, Horsfield Bay

Logo is part of success story

The logo was developed by the Woy Woy Village Renewal Committee, of which I was a member.

The committee started work several years ago at a time when the Woy Woy waterfront was in a dreadful state.

Working solidly over a three-year period, the committee involved the community in bringing renewal and rehabilitation to one of the best places on the Peninsula.

The committee conducted the logo competition as part of the community involvement in the

whole Woy Woy waterfront upgrade and was delighted with the logo which was finally chosen.

The logo is part of the success story of making the Woy Woy waterfront a vibrant place for locals and tourists to enjoy.

The problem has been that the committee did not have the funds to publicise the logo and therefore its use has languished.

I disagree with the comments of Mr Barry Parker, a local graphic designer, that the a community competition was not the best way of designing a logo and I am concerned about Mr

Parker's suggestion that key people in the community be canvassed for their views about what a new Peninsula logo should look like.

Local people are tired of "key people" making decisions which affect everyone and the time has passed when only certain people had a say in what goes on.

As for the current Woy Woy logo adopted by the committee, I would like to know what other local people feel about it and whether it could or should be used to promote Woy Woy.

Heather McKenzie, Woy Woy

School plans show ecological community

Plans to build a new performance studio and administration block at Umina campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College have been placed on display for public comment by Gosford Council.

The plans, submitted for development approval, include a new carpark, bicycle track and

new outdoor areas.

They identify the extent on the site of the recently-gazetted endangered ecological community, Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland, and describe measures to protect it.

The plans are on exhibition at Woy Woy library until March 5, as well as at the council offices in Mann St, Gosford.

Mark Snell, February 19



Program targets bullying

Schoolyard bullying is the target of a new program called Rock and Water being run at Brisbane Water College, Umina Campus, this year.

The Reconnecting Adolescents and Parents Team (RAPT) of Uniting Care Bumside were recently accredited to conduct the program to all year 7 students at Umina Campus.

"In working together with Brisbane Water College Umina Campus, we can help the students to enhance the necessary skills in dealing with bullying and peer pressure while at the same time increasing self-

esteem and self-awareness," said Ms Vicki Daley of the RAPT team.

"Developed by a school counsellor trained in martial arts, Rock and Water is intended to teach boys to be more confident, aware and in control when faced with bullying or peer pressure.

"The Rock and Water program has had wide-spread success in Holland where it was developed and other European countries."

Brisbane Water College Umina Campus was selected by RAPT to participate in the program because of its proactive approach to community welfare issues.

Press release, February 17

Youth Council meets at Umina

The Youth Advisory Council (YAC) met in Umina on Saturday, February 22, to speak to young people and youth service providers about a recently-formulated youth policy.

Minister Assisting the Premier on Youth, Ms Carmel Tebbutt, said the 12-member council played a vital role in bringing the views, interests, and concerns of young people to the NSW Government.

The forum was previously scheduled for December but was cancelled due to the bushfires.

"The council also takes an active role in commenting on NSW Government policy as it affects young people.

"Thanks to issues raised by past YAC members, the NSW Government has established new programs for young people in education, training, health, accommodation, entertainment, transport, and community services.

"I encourage young people on the Central Coast and throughout NSW to contact the council on issues of interest or concern."

Ms Tebbutt said the council consulted widely with Central

Coast young people earlier this year to formulate a youth policy and the group was now returning to the area to provide an opportunity for further feedback.

"We have listened to young people and heard their concerns on issues as far ranging as transport options, support during tough times, achieving their potential, and entertainment options in remote areas," said Ms Tebbutt.

The council consulted 500 young people in 17 locations across the State in formulating its youth policy.

Press release, February 20

Captains and prefects inducted

Woy Woy South Public School inducted its captains, vice-captains, prefects and sports house captains at a special school assembly on Friday, February 14.

Present, as special guests, were relatives and friends of the recipients.

The ceremony was opened with the school creed, led by new school captain Matt Goddwin, followed by a welcome to visitors by new school captain Tamara Sexty.

Principal Mr Mick Tattam spoke of the pride the school community felt with the manner in which the prefects and sports captains had conducted themselves.

Presentation of sporting house captains and vice captains was performed by sports master Mr Scott Campbell and assistant principal Mrs Tracey McKeown.

Following this, assistant principal Mrs Angela Boyd addressed the prefects, badges being awarded to them by deputy principals Miss Jo Booth and Mr Steve Collins.

The school captains and vice captains were presented their badges by Mr Tattam and a P&C representative.

Deputy principal Mrs Kim Whealey led the prefects' pledge.

The ceremony was concluded by the rendition of the school prayer, led by new vice-captain Lachlan Hook, and the National Anthem led by new vice-captain Hayley Jones.

Inducted were:

Captains: Tamara Sexty and Matt Goodwin

Vice-captains: Hayley Jones and Lachlan Hook

Prefects: Sinead Bollom, Beau Bovis, Elizabeth Cansdale, Jack Fletcher, Sam Kerle, Bethany Leggett, Samantha Mainwaring, Zac Turbayne.

House captains: Rebecca Hook, Alex Lash, Ben Clews, Renee Mainwaring, DJ Hogan, Yasmin Wood, Kirby Litterick, Beau Marshall.

House vice captains: Jacob Tiko, Juliana Peniazeva, Josh Thrift, Meagan Waugh, Brayden Williams, Meghan Stokie, Olivia McGahey, Callum McGillicuddy.

After the induction a sausage sizzle was provided for the recipients and their guests.

Press release, February 18

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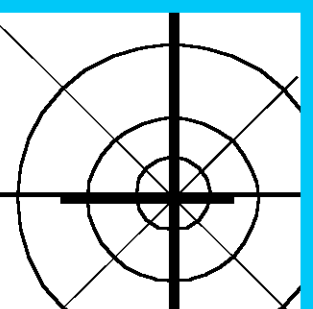
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Public Notices

ANNOUNCING THE OPENING OF THE 2003/2004 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND CULTURAL GRANTS PROGRAM

This year's grants round consists of these programs;

- Community Development Grants
- Community and Cultural Plan Outcomes
- Cultural Grants

What are the Community Development and Cultural Grants?

The Community Development and Cultural Grants Programs are annually funded programs provided by Gosford City Council. These grants are provided to community organisations for projects which assist and allow members of the local community to participate in meeting their own needs, bringing about social change and/or for projects which enhance the cultural life of the Gosford Local Government Area.

Who Can Apply?

Non – profit organisations Gosford City Council including Section 355 committees.

Information Sessions

Two information evenings will be held during the grants application period in order to assist people and organisations who are interested in accessing the grant funding.

Along with the application / submission process, the evening will also cover the relevant grants policies and what this means for applicants. Full details may be obtained by phoning Council's Community Development section on **4325 8351.**

How Do Organisations Apply?

By requesting an information pack and then lodging an expression of interest on the forms provided by Council. To request an information pack or to obtain further information, please contact Tim Keogh in the Community Development section of Council, or any member of the team on **4325 8351** or call in to the Community Development Section of Gosford Council at 53 Mann Street, Gosford.

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Tim.Keogh@gosford.nsw.gov.au

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Charity golf day

Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary is holding a charity golf day at Everglades Golf Club on March 10.

The event is supported by Everglades Country Club.

The day will consist of four-person Ambrose play with shot gun start, teeing off at 7.30am and 12.30pm.

Teams of four are invited to participate at a cost of \$35 per

head.

A sausage sizzle will be provided.

There are prizes of first, second, and third in each group as well as prizes for longest drive, best dressed, most social group, closest to the pin, wooden spoon and more.

For further details and bookings, contact Karly Webster on 4344 8425.

Flyer, February 20



Woy Woy's members of the Central Coast under-11A cricket team: Jason Hayward, Tristen McDonald, Dominic Tonkin.

Locals contribute to Coast success

Three members of the Woy Woy 11As cricket side - Tristen McDonald, Jason Hayward and Dominic Tonkin - were members of the Central Coast under-11 team in the NSW Junior District Cricket Association competition.

The team won the final of the Creek Shield on Sunday, February 9.

Tristen McDonald also had the honour of captaining this side for the second year.

In a tight finish, Central Coast won their semi-final against Georges River-St George on the second last ball of that match by one run.

This win took them through to the final against South Eastern, a team representing the Eastern Suburbs and Southern Districts of Sydney.

In this game, Central Coast had a more comfortable win scoring a 143 with the bat and bowling South Eastern out for 111 in tight finals cricket.

Throughout the season that Woy Woy contingent were heavily involved.

Batting early Jason and Tristen were significant contributors with the bat and in the field, while Dominic as opening bowler continually achieved early wickets including 3/20 in the final.

Paul Tonkin, February 19

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Danny Simmons of Woy Woy Judo Club demonstrates to Marie Andrews the planned location of padding on the wall

Judo success at tournaments

Woy Woy Judo Club members have competed in two tournaments this month.

The first was on February 2 at Grantham High School, Seven Hills, with the under-10s winning one gold, two silver and three bronze.

Winners were Joshua Rowe, Kieren and Bradley Handley, Tiarna Richardson and Brandon Grosse.

Kayla Wells won gold and Rebecca Steward silver in the under-13s.

Joshua Rowe went up into the under-13s for a trial and achieved gold.

Jolin Richardson and Brendan Steward won bronze.

Samantha Travers won her five fights in the under-16 division

against Wollongong, Willoughby, St Mary's and Nowra players.

Brendan Cole took gold and Jacqui Steward took bronze in the under-16s.

The first of three selections for the State team was held at Homebush on February 9.

The club entered eight players.

Although the under-13s are not part of the selection, Kayla Wells won bronze and Naomi Cole silver in their weight division. Naomi also competed in the under-16s for a trial.

Kristy Travers entered two weight divisions in the under-16s and won gold in both.

Samantha Travers won silver in the same age group.

In the young men's division, Daniel Simmons won silver and Steven Arnold bronze.

The next selection tournament is on March 2.

"The club has high hopes for State selection," said club secretary Mrs Lindy Simmons.

Woy Woy Judo Club has received a cheque for \$5000 to purchase and install padding on the walls in the judo room at Peninsula Community Centre.

The funding came from the NSW Department of Sport and Recreation and was presented to Danny Simmons of Woy Woy Judo Club by Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews.

Enrolments are still being taken from those wishing to play judo. Contact Mrs Simmons on 4342 4121 for more information.

Lindy Simmons, February 13

Kodie receives support

Kodie Williamson of Woy Woy recently received \$500 from the Central Coast Regional Organisation of Councils (CCROC).

The grant will help her compete in the Australian Junior Country Basketball Cup in Albury.

Hers was just one of the grants provided by CCROC to help local residents compete at major sporting and cultural events.

Vicki Brown, February 6

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OB Thunder is Coast champion

The Ocean Beach under-19 Boat crew, OB Thunder, cemented its position as the best Central Coast under-19 boat crew after winning the Central Coast Branch Championship recently.

Thunder took out an impressive first place in difficult conditions at Shelley Beach.

The crew, consisting of John Young (sweep), Dean Simonson (bowman), Chris Young (second bow), Blake Cansdale (second stroke) and Jimmy Manning (stroke), were not finished with their win in the under-19 race.

They then lined up in the open division against five of the coast's best crews.

The boys who used this row as a training exercise powered through and finished with the silver medal.

If not for a patch of dead water near the finish line, the boys could have walked away with the gold and the double.

The crew who rowed together and were semi finalists at the Australian Championships last season have had an impressive season so far.

In the recent Peters Boat Series, they finished second but out of the Central Coast clubs they were number one.

Now with the win at the branch championships under their belt, the boys are now looking forward to the State and Australian Championships.

The price of winning a branch title did come at a loss however for another sporting code.

Chris Young last week had been told that he had made the squad for the Central Coast Rips SG Ball side.

However his inclusion was on the proviso that he didn't row as the two would clash.

Chris, although loving his football, made the choice to row.

This decision proved to be a winning one.

Jimmy Manning, also a member of OB Thunder, had also been trying out with the Rip squads.

The branch championships held at Shelley Beach over the weekend produced some excellent results for the Ocean Beach Boat crews.

The clubs under-19 boat crews showed their domination by placing

first and second.

The first place for OB Thunder was a well-deserved win for the crew who has been performing well all season.

The second crew, swept by Mark Van Alderen, has gone through a few changes over the season and proved its worth on the day by rowing into second position.

In the Masters section, contested last weekend with the open competition, the clubs 120+ years' crew also picked up a silver medal.

Both under-19 crews teamed up on the beach and took away silver and bronze in the Under-19 beach relay.

The club's other beach medal came in the Women's Open Beach Flags where the current Australian Masters champion in the age division of 30-34, Kylie Stewart, took the silver medal.

The club's March Past team was out defending its title from last year.

Unfortunately the side couldn't retain the title but did march away with the bronze medal.

Katie Dixon and Mark Davis teamed up in the First Aid competition and took away a bronze medal.

Robyn Carr, February 18

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Keith Kearney, Marie Andrews, Mark Ellis, Vicki Brooke, Geoff Ward, Peter Moore, and Tony Rescei attended the meeting. Chris Holstein left the meeting prior to the photograph being taken

Candidates attend progress association

It's not often that residents get the chance, face to face, to hear and question a group of candidates for election to their Lower House seat in State Parliament.

But this is what happened at a meeting of the Koolewong, Point Clare and Tascott Progress Association at Point Clare Community Hall last Friday night.

At the invitation of the local Progress Association, candidates for Peats were each allotted 10 minutes to try to convince audience members to vote

for them. Speakers were Save Our Suburbs leader Tony Rescei and local candidate Mark Ellis. The Greens' Vickie Brooke, The Democrats' Geoff Ward, Independents Peter Moore and Chris Holstein, and sitting member Marie Andrews.

The Liberal candidate Debra Wales withdrew at the last minute. The current member confined her talk to specifics in terms of projects and practicalities relating to revenue and division of powers between the commonwealth and the states.

The challengers, on the other hand, spoke more broadly, with issues such as transport, infrastructure, insurance, social welfare, education, development and the environment all rating a mention.

By contrast, questions from the floor were mainly concerned with the affordability and practicality of the ideas spoken about. Organizers considered it to have been an interesting initiative and something that might be repeated with future elections.

Keith Kearney, February 18

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