

Member for Peats Marie Andrews, Gosford City Youth Council treasurer Allan Wright, Manager of The Web Youth Service Dion Richardson, and Gosford City youth councillor Damien Ferguson

The Web funded for longer hours

The Web Youth Service will receive a \$100,000 funding boost from the State Government to enable it to extend its opening hours to include Saturday nights.

The service, which is based at the Peninsula Community Centre at Woy Woy, provides a range of recreational and support services for local young people aged 12 to 17 years on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings.

Member for Peats, Ms Marie Andrews, announced the additional funding of \$53,500 a year for two years.

The service will use the money to employ an extra two youth workers, allowing the centre to stay open on Saturday nights.

"Thanks to this new funding, the Web Youth Service will now be able to extend its valuable services to include Saturday nights.

"Young people in the Woy Woy area will now be able to have another recreational option on weekends as well as increased access to much needed support services."

The Web Youth Service already receives Department of Community Services (DoCS) funding of \$85,000 per annum through the Community Services Grants Program (CSGP).

Ms Andrews said that the extra space made available by the opening of the Peninsula Community Centre in August last year had seen the number of

young people using the Web Youth service double already.

"The injection of an extra \$100,000 means that the whole community, especially local young people, will benefit from the Web's extended opening hours."

As is normal practice, DoCS will review the funding arrangement after a year.

Web Youth Service manager Mr Dion Richardson welcomed the funding boost saying improved services for local youth would flow.

"I am pleased to accept the funding because it will significantly improve our ability to assist Central Coast youth," Mr Richardson said.

Media release, February 25

Specialist to speak on ADHD

A specialist from the Serfortein ADHD Clinic in Sydney, Dr Geoffrey Crawford, will speak in Ettalong on Wednesday, March 19 from 10.30am.

Dr Crawford will talk on medication for attention deficit

hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and its side affects and coping with associating disorders in young and adolescent children.

Entry is free, morning tea will be served and there will be an opportunity to meet others who have similar needs and to share concerns.

The meeting will be held at Ettalong Baptist Church Hall, at Barrenjoey Rd and Maitland Bay Dr, Ettalong.

For details, contact Lynda Blandford on 4641 5400.

Press release, March 4

Speed cameras become operational

Two new school zone speed cameras on the Peninsula became operational from last Friday, March 7, according to a Government spokesman.

The cameras are part of a trial of fixed digital speed cameras at 10 locations around NSW announced last year.

The Parliamentary Secretary for Roads, Mr Tony Stewart, said the cameras would detect speeding vehicles during school zone hours of 8am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 4pm when the speed limit is 40km/h.

"At other times, the cameras will be set to monitor the 60 km/h speed limit," Mr Stewart said.

"The cameras will also photograph speeding vehicles in both directions, rather than in a single direction has been the case previously in NSW.

This initiative, which was also announced last year, will increase the capacity of the cameras to detect speeding motorists around our schools."

The cameras are located at Woy Woy Public School, Blackwall Rd, Woy Woy, and Woy Woy South Public School, Ocean Beach Rd, Woy Woy.

The cameras will go through a two-week commissioning period to check that they are operating properly, during which the cameras will take photographs but fines will not be issued.

The cameras will be in place for 12 months and speed surveys will be conducted to assess if they are effective in slowing vehicles down to the designated speed limits and reducing accident risk.

Information about the location of all fixed digital speed camera sites is available via the RTA's website, www.rta.nsw.gov.au.

Press release, March 7

IOOF used as bad example

Gosford mayor Cr Robert Bell has used the example of plans for the IOOF Homes Centre in Ettalong to support a request for planning changes.

In an open letter to Planning Minister, Dr Andrew Refshauge, Cr Bell made a plea for zoning provisions to protect affordable housing.

He asked that studies into affordable housing "also include related matters such as the IOOF Home Centre at Ettalong and the protection of tenants in residential parks".

Cr Bell's letter came after the owner of a caravan-mobile home park wanted to close it down to construct a residential flat building, which would provide a better financial return.

Cr Bell asked that the Minister consider extending a State planning policy which protected

"Retention of Low-Cost Rental Accommodation" to cover mobile home parks.

He asked that in the interim a Local Environment Plan be approved to protect the parks and that funding be made available to help prepare a study of affordable housing in Gosford.

"Council believes these issues are having a detrimental affect on the availability of affordable housing in the city and creating much angst amongst low income families, predominantly the elderly with regard to their homes and their futures."

The mayor and councillors have sought a meeting with the Director of Planning NSW to discuss the issue.

Letter, March 5

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How will we vote?

One of the registered objectives of the Peninsula News association is: To engender a sense of community on the Peninsula.

It is with this in mind that we will be evaluating candidates in casting our votes in the State election on March 22.

How can the behaviour and policies of our State Member of Parliament help achieve this aim?

There are three elements to consider.

Firstly, the person must recognise the need to work towards building the community integrity and identity of the Peninsula. This includes uniting the Peninsula and building on its collective strengths.

Its means working for the whole community, representing the broad cross-section of people and interests of the community, not just loyal supporters.

Secondly, the person needs to be a vocal and effective advocate for the Peninsula community. This includes having a willingness to speak out and seek changes to party and government policies, where they are not in our interest.

If we are to develop a greater sense of community, we need to find ways to increase local employment and to reduce commuting so that people are available to be involved in our community.

We need to have a regional plan that is built on a collaboration of diverse unique communities, rather than the extension of an urban sprawl.

In the past, we have seen an ad hoc, piecemeal and Band-Aid approach to the development of the Peninsula. We have seen the indiscriminate application of medium density housing policies. And we have seen the trend to regionalism actively work against our sense of community and result in services and activities not being readily accessible locally.

If a strategic approach is to be taken to the future planning of the Peninsula, some hard decisions will be needed.

This will require skills of leadership and consultation, so the community of the Peninsula can take maximum responsibility in shaping its own future.

Finally, the person needs to have the knowledge, skills and resources to be an effective advocate and leader within the community. They need to act in a way that matches their rhetoric. This means working transparently so that the agenda is evident and conflicts of interest are avoided.

A benefit of developing a strong sense of community is that the people of the Peninsula can address many of their own needs and ambitions with minimum outside assistance or intervention.

The ultimate test is that our Local Member ensures that the Peninsula community has access to the resources needed to do this.

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Wales criticises population agenda

The Liberal Candidate for Peats, Cr Debra Wales, has criticised the State Labor Government over its population growth agenda and the rapid increase in medium density development.

"Despite repeated claims that it cares for the future of the Central Coast, the State Labor Government has a clear agenda to dump another 10,000 people onto the Peninsula through further housing development in order to accommodate the population overflow from the Sydney Metropolitan area," said Cr Wales.

"The State Labor Government's Shaping the Central Coast Action Plan clearly acknowledges that the Central Coast will have to bear the burden of an additional 100,000

people over the next 20 years.

"This is a policy supported by local State Member, Ms Marie Andrews, who seems to have no problems with an additional 10,000 in our back yards.

"Of real concern to me is that the Local Member, Marie Andrews, and her State Labor Government have no prioritized plan for the provision of infrastructure to cope with this enormous growth when we are already struggling to provide services and infrastructure for the existing population.

"The State Labor Government population plan is even more outrageous when we are currently facing a critical water shortage.

"How are we to cope with thousands of additional homes and people?"

Gosford Council was forced by the State Labor Government to put in place major provisions for

medium density housing which has forever changed the character of our local suburbs, said Cr Wales.

She said that the State Labor Government's current planning policies for medium density development would further accelerate the decline in the Peninsula's quality of life.

"A Brogden Liberal Government is committed to abolishing these State planning policies which override local development controls," she said.

"SEPP 5 has caused a flood of infill retirement style units into ordinary residential areas which is forever changing the character of our traditional suburbs.

"As a community, we must seize the initiative and ensure that future growth is sustainable and appropriate to the needs of the Peninsula."

Press release, March 5

Candidate calls for medical services

There is an urgent need for improved medical services on the Peninsula, according to Mr Peter Moore, independent candidate for Peats.

"I am concerned about the lack of medical services that are provided to residents in the Woy Woy Peninsula," Mr. Moore said.

"Woy Woy Hospital must have a 24-hour casualty/emergency department rather than people having to make the 20 to 30 minute drive to Gosford Hospital.

"Further, there is no ambulance station on the Woy

Woy Peninsula, the closest one being at Point Clare some 15 to 20 minutes away.

"There is also a critical need for more doctors to service the growing population of the Woy Woy Peninsula.

"If elected to Parliament, I will take immediate action to rectify these appalling lack of services.

"There is also an urgent need to improve bus services.

"In Patonga, for example, there is only one bus service on a Sunday and people cannot do such things as attend church.

"The same applies to Anzac Day for commemoration

services.

"This is just not good enough," Mr. Moore said.

"It would seem that the time has come for a government bus service to be provided on the Woy Woy Peninsula."

Peter Moore, February 19

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The Peninsula News competition for tickets to the National 4X4 Show, Mercury Fishing Show and Outdoors Expo has been drawn.

The winners were Greg Purcell of Umina, Sue Pavitt of Ettalong

Beach, and W Smith of St Huberts Island.

Each winner received two free passes to the shows which are being held at Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre on March 21-23.

Jonathan Reichard, March 7

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Anonymous allegations target massage business

The owner of a massage business in Woy Woy has been frustrated in her attempts to address anonymous defamatory allegations about her business.

An anonymous flyer has been circulated to some Woy Woy residents and businesses claiming her therapeutic massage business was a front for an underground brothel.

Ms Susan Moreno, owner of the Sun Massage Centre, said that she was upset by the allegations and denied she was running a brothel.

"This is not true," she said.

"You can ask people who

come here.

"I only do massages. It is just massage. There is no sex here," she said.

Ms Moreno's solicitor, Mr Raymond Wong, said that by not taking the complaint through proper channels those behind the flyer were trying to destroy Ms Moreno's reputation.

"The fact that council hasn't taken action suggests she isn't running a brothel."

He said no facts to prove the allegations were given in the flyer.

"They also didn't put their name on it," he said.

This made it impossible to take the issue up with those making the allegations.

Alison Branley, March 5



Pictured are Feri and Zuzana Vlasak with John Farthing at Fisherman's Wharf, Woy Woy

Charged over abduction

A man has been charged over the abduction of a 15-year-old girl at Empire Bay.

A teenage girl was walking along a trail in bushland at Empire Bay when she was approached by a male driving a utility at about 2.30pm on Sunday, March 2.

The man allegedly stopped the vehicle and grabbed the teenager, before tying her up.

She eventually managed to escape and, shortly before 7.45pm, motorists on Cullens Rd at Copacabana stopped to help the girl.

She was admitted to Gosford

Hospital where she was treated for a number of cuts and abrasions.

Following inquiries, police arrested a 31-year-old Kincumber man at Gosford Police Station yesterday afternoon.

He was interviewed by Brisbane Water detectives before being charged with aggravated abduction with intent to obtain advantage, aggravated robbery, inflicting actual bodily harm with intent to have sexual intercourse, aggravated indecent assault and possession of a prohibited article-weapon.

Police media release, March 5

Vocal group hosted at Woy Woy

Armed with cameras and video recorder, Close Harmony Friends acappella vocal group members, Feri Vlasak and his wife Zuzana, were at Woy Woy to photograph the pelicans recently.

Feri and Zuzana were home hosted in Umina by Friendship Force Central Coast members (FFCC), John and Carol Farthing.

Other FFCC members from the Peninsula, who hosted and assisted with the organisation of the visit by the performers,

included Ann Thomson, Russ and Carol Hadley and Shirley and Don Crease.

The Close Harmony Friends are from Gosford's sister city of Nitra, Slovakia.

The group's excellent performance in front of a large audience at the Laycock Street Theatre received two standing ovations.

The Ambassador of Slovak Republic, Dr Anna Turenicova, was in attendance.

During a break in the performance, Feri, on behalf of the group, thanked their hosts and the sister city organisers as

well as everyone they met, for the warmth and hospitality shown during their visit.

FFCC members will visit Nitra in May as part of the sister city program.

They will take with them, as a gift from Hospital Art Inc. based on the Central Coast, a six-panel canvas of Australian native birds.

This brightly coloured artwork will be presented to a hospital in Nitra.

Further information may be found at <http://www.hotkey.net.au/~rgdmn>

Carolyn Rogers, February 26

Action plan comments due on Friday

The draft Shaping the Central Coast Action Plan has been on exhibition since December 6.

The deadline for submissions and comments from the community, regional and local stakeholders and interest groups as well as all levels of government has now been extended to this Friday, March 14.

It was written and compiled by a team of three, from Wyong and Gosford Councils and the Central Coast regional office of Planning NSW.

The plan aims to provide a broad regional strategic framework to ensure integrated planning across the region's local and state government agencies.

A number of public information forums have been held during the exhibition period, the first of which was in the evening at Ettalong where a crowd of 45 people attended.

It was stated at that meeting that there should also be a daytime meeting.

As a result, a second Peninsula forum was held on February 27 at the Peninsula Theatre, where only five attended.

All submissions received will now be taken into account in the production of an updated plan that will be put forward to a local government forum in mid-April and then to a regional forum in May.

The meeting was told that, once finalised, the plan was expected to respond to changing circumstances, with annual monitoring and a full review every five years.

Copies of the draft and other information are available from the Planning NSW regional office.

Cec Bucello, March 6

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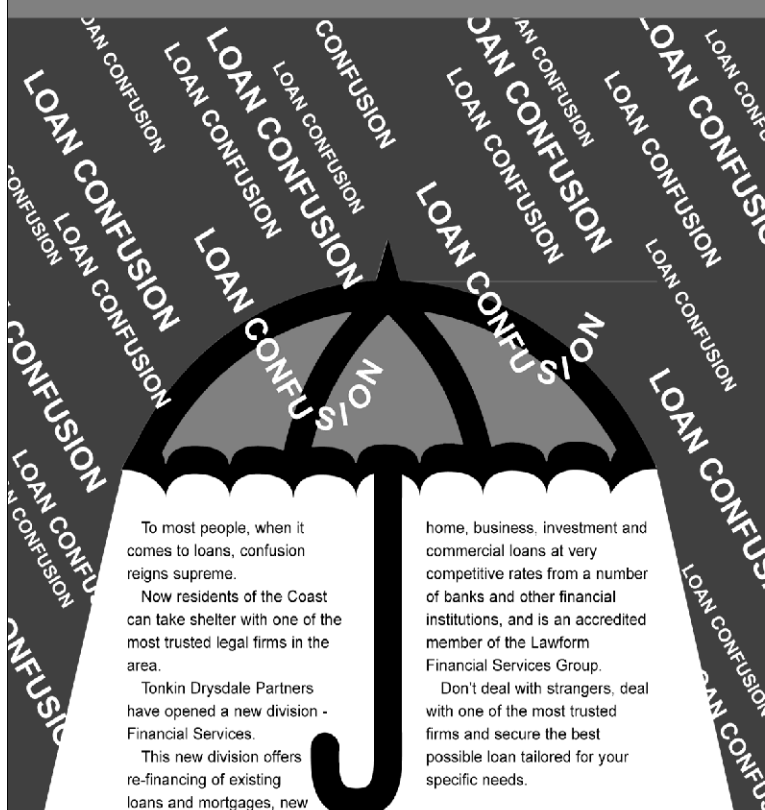
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An alternative for overcrowded voters

The Central Coast is a special place to live, but overcrowding is seriously affecting it.

Roads, trains, water supply cannot cope, yet 10,000 more people are planned for the Peninsula.

In addition, the State Government has given developers the go-ahead for quick riches.

Developers make huge donations to both political parties.

The NSW ALP received \$1 million from developers last electoral cycle.

Developers appeal to the Land

and Environment Court when council refuses their development application (DA).

The Land and Environment Court is overly sympathetic to developers.

Council (and ratepayers) can't afford the cost of refusing DAs.

In a nutshell, this is how and why developers got the thumbs-up to rape the Central Coast and erode our lifestyle.

Clearly, a change is needed at State Government level.

Fortunately, Save Our Suburbs is making a determined bid to change the corrupt system and give voters an alternative.

SJ Drake, Woy Woy

Ferry questions remain unanswered

Fast Ships chairman Mr Alf Salter states that people questioning the proposal were "acting out of self interest" to stifle development or had not had the opportunity to fully appraise the advantages.

Some of us have purchased the Fast Ferry document and noted the conditions set by council.

We await a feasibility study on the passenger catchment for the ferry.

Will people that can afford to catch the ferry be happy to leave their vehicles on the side streets at Ettalong?

An original condition of consent was that Fast Ships build a wharf and Government would buy it back at termination of the 50-year lease.

Fast Ships advertising at the time stated that "because Fast

Ships is building a privately-funded wharf and terminal to the value of \$4.3 million on government-owned land, financiers insist that we have an undertaking from government to purchase back the infrastructure when the land is returned to the community under the terms of the lease. This is the only guarantee the company is seeking from Government".

Latest news is that the taxpayer will now pay the \$4.3m for the wharf and Gosford Council has agreed to cut the annual rental fee on two large beachfront blocks in half, costing the ratepayers of Gosford \$50,000 per year.

This company, Fast Ships, is taking us for a ride and it's not on the water.

If this was a serious proposal, the only place to provide parking is under the Ettalong Club as the club will be one of the largest beneficiaries from all the tourists

that arrive by ferry and don't need to find a parking place while the residents of the Esplanade will have to put up with the noise and inconvenience of this large vessel on their doorsteps

Incredibly, in the Fast Ferry document that Mr Salter refers to, it is suggested that volunteers will stand on the bow to spot for whales in the migration season as there is no radar or sonar that can reliably detect whales.

Service cannot be guaranteed every day because of sea conditions.

There are many questions that remain unanswered about this proposal.

Save Our Suburbs remain unconvinced that this will ever be a reliable and quick commuter service.

That is the first condition that council set when this proposal emerged.

Mark Ellis, Save Our Suburbs



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Funding relies on parental interest

Parents of school children can be a very apathetic lot.

Most seem to think they only need to pay their taxes and send their children off to school each morning and that's where their responsibility stops.

Apathy seems to be hitting a new high.

This term primary schools all over the Central Coast will be holding meetings of parents to elect this year's Parent and Citizen Association executives.

At some of these meetings, teachers will almost outnumber parents.

Sad when you think that these

teachers don't, for the most part, have children attending the school.

At most primary schools, there will be an entire new batch of parents of kindergarten children.

It's sad to think that these parents will never find one night a month to attend their school's P&C meeting. Sadly in some cases not enough parents will attend to form a quorum.

Sadder still, in some cases, no new office bearers will be elected at all.

Parent and Citizen Associations in all public schools have traditionally been prolific

fund-raisers.

The demise of any P&C in any school can only be detrimental to the opportunities provided.

How can we expect politicians to properly fund public education when parents display such apathy? Parents need to take an interest in their own children's education and future.

Thank you to all those parents in schools who have attended P&C meetings and have held office in the past and are holding office in schools at the present.

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Steve Laming, Horsfield Bay

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Projects rank highly

A total of 13 Peninsula drainage projects at Woy Woy, Umina, Blackwall and Ettalong have been ranked highly by the NSW Floodplain Management Authority.

The authority has just concluded its annual conference in the City of Forbes, which included the ranking of hundreds of projects for State and Federal funding.

Gosford's team of Cr Chris Holstein, Cr Judith Penton, environment director Ms Louise Gee and flood and drainage manager Mr Vic Tysoe were

successful in obtaining top ranking for 22 Gosford City projects, including the 13 Peninsula projects.

Cr Holstein said that securing the ranking was the first major step in getting the much-needed projects under way.

"Next is ensuring the government's commitment to the dollars," he said.

At the conference dinner on the last evening, Cr Holstein was formally recognised for his 12 years of service to the floodplain management authority, including his deputy chairmanship for the last four years.

Press release, March 5

CAPS holds stall

Child Abuse Prevention Service workers set up a table at the Australia Day Celebrations held at Woy Woy on January 26.

Co-ordinator Ms Winsome Smith said: "There is no point in running a support service if the people who need us don't know

about us, so we are always trying to reach the public.

"We are always in need of funds."

A raffle was held on the day and raised nearly \$200.

A raffle held by Rotary at the end of last year raised \$481.

Newsletter, March 4



The rear of Bensville store

Future of Rose Cottage still unclear

The future of Rose Cottage at Bensville is still uncertain after the property was passed in at auction on March 1.

Owner Mr Sheldon Young said: "We are investigating our options."

One of the options being considered is to apply to amend a recent mixed-use commercial-residential approval so an extra residence could be built on the site.

Another option is to negotiate relocation of the cottage, despite Mr Young dramatically withdrawing his previous donation of the cottage to the council at a Council meeting on

February 28.

Mr Young recently told a council meeting that his offer had expired because council had taken too long investigating the logistics of relocating the house to council land.

He had set a time limit of January 30 but the report of the council investigation did not come before a council meeting until February 28.

Mr Young told the meeting that he was unable to develop the site himself because of the cost of the two-month delay, leading him to put the property up for auction.

However, Mr Young told Peninsula News last week a condition of approval relating to

the donation had been withdrawn by the Council and he was now willing to listen to any proposal from the council to remove the buildings.

He said: "I no longer have a gun to my head over this."

"It is now a two-way street."

However Bensville Residents Association secretary Mr Alan Richardson did not hold out much hope for the retention of Rose Cottage as a community building.

"Not much can be done," he said.

"Gosford Council has walked away from Rose Cottage."

"They believe the money would be better spent elsewhere."

Jonathan Reichard, March 7

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Candidates tell of Peninsula plans

Marie Andrews

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- I look forward to:
- Providing more health services on the Woy Woy Peninsula to build upon the new dental clinic and upgraded rehabilitation unit at Woy Woy Hospital.
 - Continuing the upgrading of both high schools and primary schools within the Peats electorate.
 - Backing Bob Carr's plan to employ more teachers to cut class sizes, particularly in the early years of schooling.
 - Working with the community and the Department of Education in securing a suitable site for a new high school to cater for the growing population in the Kariong area.
 - Improving public transport using a more integrated system between rail and bus services.
 - Continuing to negotiate with the bus companies to provide a direct bus service to Gosford Hospital, which is currently undergoing an extensive redevelopment program.
 - Continue to work for further improvements to state roads, including a long-term solution to the intersection at Brisbane Water Drive, Pacific Highway

Peninsula News has asked the candidates for Peats the question: "If elected, what would you do for the Peninsula." Here are their responses in the order they will appear on the ballot paper.

and Manns Road, West Gosford. The recent completion of the upgrading of the intersection, at a cost of \$2.4 million by the State Government has helped to alleviate the traffic congestion to a large extent as well as vastly improve pedestrian safety in this busy area. This is a good start to solving congestion at the intersection and I will be working to ensure that funding is set aside in future budgets to enable a long term solution.

- The creation of more local jobs to build upon the success of the relocation of Workcover to Gosford, the opening of the RTA office in Woy Woy and the announcement of the Woolworths distribution centre.
- Encourage the relocation of light industries from the Sydney Metropolitan area to the Central Coast.
- Work for the expansion of the Information Technology Park at Mt Penang Parklands, to enable more workers in the computer technology field to

work locally.

- Encourage the expansion of tourism on the Central Coast.
- Continuing support for the Police and Community Youth Club in Umina Beach, the Web Youth Service in the Peninsula Community Centre and the Central Coast Youth Club in Niagara Park.
- The inclusion of sporting facilities within Mt Penang Parklands.
- Working in cooperation with the local police to build upon the encouraging results of the recent Bureau Of Crime statistics that show significant reductions across a number of offences.
- Monitor the progress of the Families First Program – an initiative of the Carr Government to fund early intervention programs.

I am looking forward to working together with the community to further improve the lifestyles of residents in the Peats electorate.

As a member of the Carr Government, a lot has been achieved, but there is still more to do, and we're getting on with the job.

Marie Andrews, ALP

John Goldsmith

Mr Goldsmith could not be contacted.

He represents Australians Against Further Immigration.

Mark Ellis

I will first and foremost be fully accessible and available at all times to discuss the issues affecting the electorate, and make representations regarding such matters.

As one of the main aims of Save Our Suburbs (SoS) is to preserve the way of life many of us have grown up with and other people have moved here for.

I shall undertake to protect our neighbourhoods from the loss of amenity and character, and to reduce congestion, crime, pollution and all the other problems that are brought about by over development with out the supporting infrastructure.

To address this issue, I will be instrumental in removing SEPP 5, SEPP 53 and the Gosford Residential Strategy.

These policies have forced suffering on many residents confronted by inappropriate development.

A policy is seen to have failed when it is blatantly exploited across the state and local government authorities seeks exemptions from the policy as Gosford Council has done with SEPP5.

I will demand a planned slow down in growth on the Peninsula, as the current population can not sustain the current infrastructure, though Planning NSW wants to squeeze more people in.

I will push for the serious backlog of infrastructure to addressed.

- Transport – Institute the fast rail, more train carriages and a amended timetable, establishment of a dedicated freight rail passage between the north and south coast.
- Advocate, increased services in certain areas that currently have very infrequent bus service such as Patonga. Also high frequency trips which are currently not served, eg a route to Gosford Hospital from the Peninsula
- Work with the government and community to Improve the traffic black spots on the Woy

Woy Peninsula, specifically the Bourke Rd-Springwood St intersection at Ettalong

- This area has limited employment opportunities. Therefore the roads have become more and more crowded as the people move off the Peninsula to find work thus the roadways become even more clogged.
- Push for implementation of a light rail on several of the main streets of the Peninsula to move commuters to and from trains, ferry passengers and local residents.
- Employment - Promote sustainable employment within the Peats electorate.
- Open spaces - Protect the existing remnant vegetation across the Peninsula. SoS will work to ensure that existing green space is protected and no "land grabs" be made possible.
- Police - More people mean more crime. I will push for more police in the 24hr Woy Woy police station. So there are sufficient officers to be able to act on crimes throughout the Peninsula at all time of the day and night.
- Health services - Advocate an emergency service at Woy Woy Hospital. As Gosford Hospital will be at breaking point soon after the redevelopment, due to the planned population increase. The population demographics of the Peninsula require an emergency service at Woy Woy Hospital.
- Drainage & Paths - Move forward on addressing the backlog of drainage and footpaths and assist in planning for the requirements of any planned growth that is assessed in a population carrying capacity study. If more people are to be crammed onto the Peninsula then the services need to be provided. I urge you to Save your Suburb and vote 1 SoS on March 22.

Mark Ellis, Save Our Suburbs

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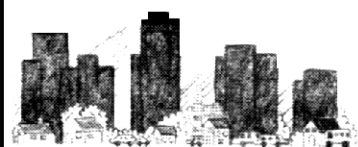
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Candidates tell of Peninsula plans

Vicki Brooke

In my first term as member for Peats, I aim to bring the electorate to the forefront of NSW Government concerns.

I want a much better deal for the people of Peats so everyone can enjoy an improved quality of life and the benefits of this beautiful area.

I will work hard to stop the Government packing in an extra 10,000 people in the Peninsula.

My prime aim will be to stop development without supporting infrastructure, and my list of demands is long.

There are five main areas I will be working on at once:

Health: I hope to achieve a 24-hour accident and emergency section at Woy Woy Hospital and expand the number of general beds.

I will be working to improve the number of aged care beds, care and support for carers.

I aim to initiate home visits by doctors and nurses.

Transport: I will be working for a new rail crossing at Rawson Rd, the introduction of government buses with express commuter services, more community buses, better road surfaces, kerbs and gutters and better street lighting.

Education: Smaller classes in kinder – year 3 are close to achievable and with my colleagues I will ensure that we have smaller classes in all Peats schools and better opportunities for children who experience difficulties.

I will be pushing for urgent repairs and maintenance for all schools in Peats.

Work: I will be actively seeking opportunities for small businesses, non-polluting light to medium industry to employ people locally.

I will be pushing for work opportunities for young people.

Law and justice: Many criminal acts can be prevented through education and early intervention for young people and families in distress.

I am playing a very small part in helping a brilliant community initiative in Umina that aims to make life more meaningful for kids and their parents, to bring them together as functional families, with activities and meetings, information, holiday breaks for stressed parents.

Above all, I will spend time listening to the people of Peats, and in turn I want the opportunity to share my parliamentary life and the ways of State Government so we can work together for this wonderful community.

Vicki Brooke, Greens

Peter Moore

The Woy Woy Peninsula urgently needs improved health services, more doctors, improved public transport, increased police resources, more funding for roads and better public

education.

The Labor Party considers Peats to be a safe seat and therefore it has ignored these basic needs and taken the electorate for granted.

This is not good enough.

I stand for giving Woy Woy Hospital a 24-hour emergency-casualty department, more doctors, Medicare and bulk billing to be retained, more trains, safe and secure parking at railway stations, improved bus services, detectives for Woy Woy and re-opening Umina Police Station, more funding for road improvements reduced class sizes, fair and just compensation for all Injured persons.

These are significant issues which affect the quality of life for the residents of the Woy Woy Peninsula.

These are issues that I will fight strongly for and I will not have to following any party political line.

There is little difference between the policies of the Labor Party and the Liberal Party and that the only way for the needs of the electorate to be provided for is for a strong independent.

I am such a person and I have never belonged or been a member of any political party.

I am a Gosford solicitor who has lived in the electorate of Peats for 24 years.

I have been a Rotarian for 13 years and am a past president of the Rotary Club of Gosford North.

In addition I have been a Red Cross Telecross volunteer for 10 years.

I am a former alderman on Gosford Council.

Peter Moore, Independent.

Chris Holstein

As an independent I will be able to work with what ever political party forms government.

I have a proven record in my 12 years in council that I can be effective in bridging the political differences for the benefit of the community.

My objectives for Peats as the State Member are:

Education - new high school at Kariong, replacement of all demountables.

Roads - upgrade of the West Gosford intersection, replacement of the Rawson St railway crossing with an underpass, completion of the Woy Woy Rd upgrade, railway overpass improvements at Ourimbah, Narara and Gosford.

Transport - push for a government bus service, supporting the fast ferry, improvement to our rail efficiency.

Health - upgrading of Woy Woy Hospital with improved services including a full emergency and casualty department.

Police - Increased police presence on the streets.

Youth - a wider range of facilities and entertainment opportunities.

Aged - improving quality of life through the better transport,

greater policing and improved health services on the Peninsula.

As an independent member, I will not suffer the apathy of the political parties.

You will have my total and full time commitment to you, the people of Peats, and not to the party.

Chris Holstein, Independent

Geoff Ward

If elected as Democrat Member for Peats, my initial focus would be on jobs, transport and greater funding for community support groups.

If these things are lacking, they impact greatest on the underprivileged.

By taking practical steps on these fronts, I would be satisfying my basic political motivation that I believe the underprivileged deserve our support.

Jobs and transport go hand in hand.

The Peninsula has only internal services to provide jobs for its workforce.

Its distance from markets and lack of potential sites inhibits industrial development means that local jobs will remain scarce.

Low unemployment is essential for a healthy community.

A healthy Peninsula community is thus dependent on its members travelling to work outside its borders.

A good transport system is required for this to happen.

The number of commuter cars parked around the Woy Woy Station is one measure of the failure of the bus transport system.

This problem is not confined to the Peninsula.

Bus transport on the whole of the Central Coast leaves much to be desired.

If you don't have a car then you are one of the disadvantaged on the Central Coast.

The poor bus service really impacts on you.

How do you get to work at Berkeley Vale from Umina?

How do young adults get to sport, higher education, to recreation activities outside their neighbourhoods?

How do pensioners and those on low incomes afford the high fares?

I would be committed to help the Peninsula break out of this bus transport straitjacket, a straitjacket hampering the proper development of the entire Central Coast.

As both public and private bus systems are subsidised by the taxpayer, the first questions I would ask are:

Are we getting our fair share of the taxpayers dollar?

Is our private Central Coast bus system being subsidised at the same level as the public bus system.

The Central Coast is entitled to know if we are being unfairly treated.

If we are then we must ask the Government why it is so. I would bring pressure to bear to obtain

increased bus funding and services.

With regard to greater funding of community support groups, the Democrats believe that prevention is better than cure.

For example, 20 to 30 per cent of persons in jail are mentally, intellectually or emotionally disabled.

It follows that large percent of such persons are responsible for general law and order problems.

With greater funding of the community groups supporting these disadvantaged, many would not be a statistic on police files.

Surely this is a preferred option to increasing penalties for these people.

The reality is that the Labor Government is not committed to funding community support groups.

Almost daily, the media reports on a funding crisis faced by one or another of the 60 to 70 such groups across the Central Coast.

The latest is the cut to the support services working with problem gamblers.

I urge you to consider voting Democrat, for myself and for our Upper House candidate James Lantry.

We represent a party dedicated to giving a fair go to people, the underprivileged and the environment.

Geoff Ward, Australian Democrats

Debra Wales

When asked the question "If elected, what would you do for the Peninsula?", it is essential that candidates have the experience and ability to deliver for their communities.

Your vote is crucial and as a dedicated community representative, my plan is to work hard for the people of the Peats electorate as part of a fully resourced Liberal team that has both energy and experience.

A strong unified voice in Government will ensure your concerns are heard.

In answer to the question, after eight years of hard Labor, what has the Carr Government actually delivered for the residents of the Peats electorate and particularly, those who live on the Woy Woy Peninsula.

We have rampant medium density gun barrel development, traditional residential neighbourhoods being cluttered with retirement style units under SEPP 5, streets jammed with traffic, roads in disrepair, continuing increases in crime, water shortages and a Labor Government plan to dump

another 10,000 people onto the Peninsula.

This is the legacy that Labor has left our community and another four years of the Carr Government will mean a continued rapid decline in our quality of life.

I do not want to see this happen to our community.

Both I and a Brogden Liberal Government will:-

- protect our communities by abolishing the SEPP 5 legislation that allows medium density retirement style units to be built in our traditional single dwelling residential neighbourhoods.
- give more power to the local council to control and limit gun barrel medium density development and where it occurs.
- review the unacceptable population projections for the Peninsula being imposed on our community by Labor's "Shaping the Central Coast" planning document.
- fight for more funds for urgently needed roads, drainage and community infrastructure.
- order an urgent inquiry into the water supply crisis facing Gosford City.
- provide more locally led and locally based police so that we can again know who our local police are.

As a long time resident of the Peninsula, I do not want to see our community and our lifestyle placed under threat by runaway development, water shortages and massive population growth.

The Carr Labor Government's "Shaping the Central Coast" planning document spells out Labor's plan for an additional 10,000 people on the Peninsula without any infrastructure plan for this growth.

This is unacceptable and I will fight to ensure that this does not happen in our community.

We live in a very special place that needs to be managed carefully and sustainably, yet still provides opportunities for families, jobs growth and lifestyle choices.

This can only happen through a full and comprehensive consultative approach that has not been afforded this community by the current State Labor Government under its current planning policies.

On March 22, you will have the opportunity to make a difference and stem the development tide that is threatening to overwhelm our community.

It's time for a change.

I look forward to your support in ensuring a better future for us all.

Debra Wales, Liberal

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Health



Umina Beach rock shelf

Dog poo collected at Umina

A kilogram of dog excrement was collected in 10 minutes at the Umina Beach rock shelf by volunteers on Clean Up Australia Day, according to site coordinator Mr Paul

Burns.

Mr Burns, who supervised the Clean Up at the site on behalf of the Australian Conservation Foundation, said he was concerned about public health as well as the effect of excrement on the local ecosystem.

He said that dog faeces in the water was a threat to children and others who might be unaware of the danger.

The beach was a popular place for children to learn to swim due to its shallow water and its calm shores, Mr Burns said.

"Little kids learning to swim

take in lots of water."

He said he was also worried that tourists to the area would be affected by the quality of the water.

"Visitors to the Ocean Beach caravan park are unsuspecting and do not realise what the state of the water is," he said.

"At a time when oyster growers are concerned with the detection of traces of faecal matter contaminating their leases, this should be a concern."

Mr Burns said the rock shelf harboured molluscs and seaweeds that were unique to the area.

"There is also a probability of environmental damage to this special ecological community," he said.

One sign of an effect on the water quality was the appearance of epiphytic algae around seaweed in the area.

Mr Burns said he would like to see the area be made off limits to dogs.

"We don't have many of rock shelves but they do have unique species, which should be protected."

Alison Branley, March 7.

Baby club celebrates 10 years

A party that will feature children's entertainers The Flower Pot Gang, the NSW fire brigade and commercial product characters will be held at the Everglades Country Club on March 18.

The party will celebrate the 10-year anniversary of the Pitter Patter Baby Club at Umina Mall Pharmacy.

The party will be open to current and former members of the club and may be attended by invitation only.

The "Flower Pot Gang" will stage a professional musical show to entertain children.

Inspector Burnie Cinders and Captain Vince Wiegold from the NSW fire brigade will perform the "Stop, Drop and Roll" show.

Other characters appearing will be Tommee Tippee Bear and the Ribena Berry.

Children will receive a free helium balloon, fairy bread, lollies and birthday cake.

Many company representatives will be on hand to give mothers information on products.

Some will be taste-testing products and free samples will be available.

The baby club has been well supported by these companies over the years and they would like to thank members for their support.

All current members will receive a personal invitation by mail.

Former members will need to obtain their invitation from Umina Mall Pharmacy to gain entry on the day.

Umina Mall Pharmacy owner Mr Ross Pearse said that 10 years ago he could see the Peninsula changing.

The changes heralded "many young families moving into the area, husbands commuting to Sydney for work and away for long hours, leaving young mothers with new babies often with no family back-up feeling very isolated."

Ross with the help of Anne Crain, the "baby coordinator", decided to help fill this need and so the Pitter Patter Baby Club was formed.


As well as attending to the mums and the babies on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, Anne also organises special events during the year such as birthday parties, Easter picnics, information mornings with guest speakers, professional photo shoots, and a Christmas party with Santa photos.

For more information about this event or how to join the Pitter Patter Baby club contact Anne at Umina Mall Pharmacy, Ocean Beach Rd, Umina, or telephone 4341 6906.

Press release, March 4

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Furniture dumped near the Hillview St bus shelter at the Burrawang Bushland Reserve

Furniture dumped after Clean Up Day

Furniture has been dumped in Hillview St adjacent to the Burrawang Bushland Reserve within 24 hours of Clean-Up Australia Day, according to the reserve's Clean Up coordinator Mr Jim Morrison.

"I am disappointed with this latest dumping, particularly given the publicity given to Clean Up Australia Day and the close proximity of the Woy Woy landfill."

Gosford Council rangers were investigating the incident, he said.

Mr Morrison said that rangers had been successful in detecting an earlier offender.

He was hopeful of success on this occasion.

The Burrawang Bushland Reserve bush care group hosted the Clean Up Australia Day project on Sunday, March 2.

A handful of local residents gave up part of their day to take part in "a very successful clean up", said Mr Morrison.

"The major component of the rubbish collected was illegally dumped household items that included furniture, computer and television equipment," he said.

Mr Morrison said the Council operated a reward scheme for information leading to the conviction of illegal dumpers.

Anyone observing people dumping rubbish in the reserve should contact the rangers on 4325 8439 or a member of the reserve committee on 4341 9301.

Media release, March 4

No bicycle ban for Patonga

Gosford Council will not be putting bicycle prohibition signs outside Patonga shops despite a request from the manager of the café.

The council traffic committee considered a request through the

Mayor.

It decided that the problem on footpath at Patonga shops was not significant enough to warrant prohibiting children under 12 years of age riding on the footpath.

The committee minutes stated that a major part of the problem

was the number of bicycles left lying across the footpath, which would not be addressed by the installation of this type of signage.

Council agenda TR.02.082, March 4

Money raised for Canberra victims

An appeal to support victims of the recent Canberra fires has raised \$596 in Woy Woy.

The money was raised through McDonalds Woy Woy.

"The recent bushfires were some of the worst in Australian history," said Mr John Ursino owner-operator of McDonalds Woy Woy.

"As soon as the ACT fires hit, McDonalds decided they wanted to help in any way they could and joined with The Salvation Army to launch this appeal," said

John.

"It is comforting to know that Australians everywhere are willing to support the cause to help those who have been affected by this tragedy."

The fundraising drive was established as a joint initiative between McDonalds and The Salvation Army and reflects the generosity of the Central Coast Community.

The money was distributed to victims to help with temporary accommodation, clothing, food and set-up expenses.

Media Release, March 4.



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

Scrabble Progress Hall, Woy Woy

Rd 12.30pm.

Tai Chi-11.35am Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre

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.

Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre Activities; **Dancing**-9am; **Indoor Bowls**-9am; **Table Tennis**-1.45pm; **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

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 **Yoga** for beginners 2.30pm 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; Woy Woy Library. 10.30 am - 11.30 am

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What's on event calendar

Tuesday March 11

Toastmasters Ettalong Memorial Club (2nd Tue) at 7pm Enq 4341 6842 Umina T.P.I. Ettalong Memorial Club (2nd Tue) at 1pm Enq 4341 4644

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

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

Stroke Recovery Group, 11.30am, (2nd Tues), Meals on Wheels Auditorium. Killcare Surf Life Saving Club (2nd Tue) 7pm Enq 4360 1966

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

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

Wednesday March 12

Red Cross, Umina Beach Branch monthly meeting 1.30pm (2nd Wed). Umina Uniting Church Hall, Ocean Beach Rd, Umina. Visitors welcome.

Woy Woy Community Aged Care Auxiliary meeting (2nd Wed) 10am Aged Care Complex, Kathleen St., Woy Woy Enq 4341 1588 Endeavour View Club Woy Woy Leagues Club, 10.30am (2nd Wed). Kids Drama & Discovery classes at Umina PCYC 4pm - 5pm children from 5 to 16 (2nd Wed). Enq 4344 7851 Library Bookmobile Every 2nd Wed. Patonga Near Community Hall 9.45 am. Pearl Beach Near Community Hall 10.55 am/ Umina Nursing Home, Arras Ave., 11.40 am

Thursday March 13

Outsiders Club Ettalong Memorial Club (2nd Thur) at 9am Library Bookmobile Daleys Point, Peridon Village. Fortnightly Thursdays 10.15am - 10.30am Peridon Retirement Village Hall, Empire Bay Opposite Post Office & bottle shop 11am - 11.20am Near park & local shop Bensville local shop 11.30 am - 11.40am

Natural Treatment for Depression, Peninsula Women's Health Centre. Enq ; 4342 5905

Central Coast Tenants' Advice and Advocacy. 10am - 3pm, Deepwater Plaza, Woy Woy.

Breast Health for all Women, Peninsula Women's Health Centre, Enq. 4342 5905

Friday March 14

RSL Sub Branch Ettalong Memorial Club (2nd Fri) at 2.30pm

Sunday March 16

Vietnam Vets Ettalong Memorial Club (3rd Sun) at 11am Bootscooters

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

Monday March 17

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

Tuesday March 18

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

Thursday March 20

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

Seniors Social Morning, 9.30am - 12pm (3rd Thurs) church hall at rear of 118 Blackwall Rd. Enq - 4342 5061

Friday March 21

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

Saturday March 22

Wagstaffe Bushcare Group Half tide rocks sign, cnr Albert and Bulkara Sts (4th Sat) 8am Melaleuca Wetland Regeneration Group - help with regeneration of one of our last Peninsula wetlands, meet 8am at end of Boronia Ave., Woy Woy (2nd & 4th Sats) Saturday Supper Dance 8pm - 12am. BYOG & nibbles. (Last Sat) Woy Woy Masonic Hall, Railway St., Woy Woy Enq 0407 207 918

Sunday March 23

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

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

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

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

Monday March 24

Labor Party Peninsula Day Branch, 1pm, (4th Mon) CWA Hall, Woy Woy. Carer's Support Group, 10am, (4th Mon) Group Room, Health Services Building, Woy Woy Hospital. Enq: 4344 8427 CWA meeting at Wagstaffe Community Hall (4th Mon) 1.30pm Enq: 4360 2504



Fred Smith at the Troubadour

The Troubadour Folk Club will have "Fred Smith" perform on Friday, March 14, at 8pm

Fred Smith claims to be one of the more enigmatic figures on the Australian music scene.

He released his first "Soapbox" in 1998 and since has received airplay on Triple J and ABC Radio.

After playing the Woodford Festival that year, Fred left for Bougainville and the Solomon Islands on peace monitoring missions.

While in Bougainville, he worked with local musicians to release 20,000 copies of an album of Peace Songs in Melanesian Pidgin.

Through the release and a series of gigs in villages and towns in Bougainville, Fred became something of a celebrity in the war-torn province.

On his return, he completed his second Album "Bagarap Empires".

The album has been played extensively on Radio National particularly Lucky Ocean's "The Planet" and "The Music Show".

The Troubadour Folk Club is held at the CWA Hall, opposite Fisherman's Wharf, at Woy Woy.

With enquiries, phone Frank on 4341 4060 or 0417 456 929 or email frussell@fastlink.com.au

Frank Russell, March 3

Craft offered on Fridays

A range of crafts is currently being offered at Peninsula Pastimes, including card making, glass painting, applique and scrap booking memory albums.

Pastimes is held at the Ettalong Baptist Church on Friday mornings during school terms from 9.30am to 12pm.

Cost is \$2 and creche is available.

Peninsula Pastimes was started 10 years ago as an outreach program of the Ettalong Baptist Church.

It has been a place for local people to meet, enjoy morning tea and learn a craft.

There have been times when the hall has been overflowing, but there are usually between 40 and 50 attending each day.

Over the years, friendships have been made and many different crafts have been taught from knitting and bunka to folk art and patchwork.

They try to have a new craft each term.

For more information, contact Janine Cox on 4369 5558.

Janine Cox, March 3

Little Theatre production opens

Woy Woy Little Theatre's production of After the Ball opens this week.

It is written by David Williamson and directed by Fran Kendall

After the Ball is described as a frank, critical look at Australian suburban life from the 1960s to the 1990s.

It traces the aspirations, the disappointments and the realities that test family life at a time when social change has never been more bewildering, and makes a plea for reconciliation.

The play tells the story of Stephen and Judy, brother and

sister, whose lifestyles and outlooks could not be further apart.

When they are reunited at the bedside of their dying mother, family memories painfully and mercilessly return.

David Williamson has created a family scenario that is frighteningly recognizable.

Woy Woy Little Theatre will hold auditions for "Murdered to Death", written by Peter Gordon and directed by John Hickey, on Tuesday, April 8, and Thursday, April 10.

They will be held at 7.30pm at Woy Woy Public School

Newsletter, March 4

WHAT'S ON AT YOUR CLUB?

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Education



The four chess "boards" now under cover

Chess area covered with sun sails

The children of St John the Baptist have come back to school to find their Chess Area covered by several sun sails.

The sails were donated by the Parents and Friends Committee

and the Catholic Schools Office of the Broken Bay Diocese at a total cost of \$11,000.

The sails allow the children to play chess in the comfort of the shade in the heat of the day.

The chess area was built by the Parents and Friends

Association last year.

Chess is a popular game amongst the school community and is seen by the school to provide the benefits of problem solving, sportsmanship and lateral thought.

Beth Riley, February 23

Working bee for school bush care

The Pretty Beach Public School P&C Bushcare group had its first working bee for the year on Sunday, February 23.

Volunteer numbers have dwindled over the eight years it has been operating.

Over the next two years, most of the regular participants' children will be going to high school.

In the eight years, they have built a bush track to access the school's bushland for class activities, installed seating and removed weeds to promote the regeneration of native plants and to restore the habitat of the vulnerable red-crowned toadlet.

New members are welcome.

No experience is necessary.

For further information, telephone Edith on 4360 1569.

School newsletter, February 20

Mothers' tears on first day

St John the Baptist at Woy Woy has welcomed 46 new children into kindergarten this year.

There were a few tears, mainly from the mothers, on the first day.

Most of the children had met each other at the Early Birds program which is run for incoming children in the fourth term of each year.

This program enables the incoming children to become familiar with the school surroundings, the classrooms, the teachers and their new classmates.

With the children settled into class, the parents were welcomed by parents from the previous kindergarten year with a morning tea in the staffroom.

Beth Riley, February 23

Appointed as superintendent

Empire Bay resident Mr Wayne Ible has won a senior position with the Department of Education and Training.

Mr Ible, who has been Henry Kendall High School principal for

the last four years, has been made the Newcastle district superintendent of schools.

He will be in charge of 65 public schools from Port Stephens to Redhead, just north of Lake Macquarie.

Alison Branley, March 5.

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Woy Woy South holds swimming carnival

Woy Woy South Public School held its annual swimming carnival at Woy Woy pool on February 19.

Students competed for four sporting houses across all age groups.

The final events of the day were the 4x50m freestyle relays.

The junior girls' and senior boys' relays were won by Cook house and junior boys' and senior girls' relays were won by Macquarie house.

In the end, Macquarie beat Cook for overall pointscore for

the fourth consecutive year.

Non-competitive swimmers were catered for with novelty events conducted in the 25m indoor pool.

Age champions were: junior boys Thomas McParlane, junior girls Gaby Krucler, 11yr boys Bryce Sainty, 11yr girls Rebecca Hook, senior boys DJ Hogan, senior girls Jemma Gordon.

A total of 35 students were chosen to represent the school at the Woy Woy Zone carnival.

Press release, March 3

Mini fete on election day

Ettalong Public School will hold a mini fete on election day, tempting voters with the irresistible smell of sausages and onions on the barbecue, as well as fresh cakes and fairy floss.

Spring garden bulbs will also be for sale at discounted prices with orders taken on the day and delivery two weeks later.

There will be a variety of other stalls.

All funds raised on the day will go toward the cost of air-conditioning for classrooms and the library at the school.

Plans are now well under way for the 75th Anniversary Celebrations for Ettalong Public School.

Activities will include a street parade through Ettalong on Friday, June 6, followed by a fun day at Ettalong oval for the

students and teachers.

Activities on Saturday, June 7, will include digging up a time capsule buried for the 60th birthday celebrations and burying a new one to be made up by school community members.

There will be lots of memorabilia on display at the school and a fair-like atmosphere with lots of stalls, Devonshire tea, buskers and street theatre performed by the students.

There will be a function on the Saturday evening for ex-students and teachers to catch up on old times.

Anyone with ideas for the festivities or something to contribute to the memorabilia should contact the school on 4341 3550

Liz McMinn, March 5

Ambulance visits kindergarten classes

Woy Woy South Public School kindergarten classes have been visited by members of the NSW Ambulance Service.

The visit was part of a program "Helpers in Our Community" which aimed to introduce students to community services.

The demonstration was performed by Peter Wadeson who explained a number of facets of the ambulance service role.

It included a demonstration of some scenarios that people needing the ambulance may encounter, aided by an enthusiastic kindergarten volunteer.

The goal was to ensure children were as comfortable as possible should they, their friends or relatives require assistance from ambulance officers.

The program was designed to demonstrate to infants how various groups in the community assist us in our day-to-day life.

Deputy principal Mrs Kim Whealey said the whole experience was not only rewarding but entertaining for all present.

The school expects to have visits throughout the year by other community groups to demonstrate and educate the children about their roles.

Carl Kruclers, February 25



"Fyna" performing at the Combined Schools Fair held at Umina Oval late last year

Concert over youth suicide

Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy campus will be the venue for a concert to promote youth suicide awareness.

The concert will be held on Friday, March 14, from 6pm until 10.30 pm and will cost \$7 a head.

Five young bands from the Central Coast and Newcastle area will be featured.

The bands are Rubidium, Rubics Cuba, Slight of Hand, Bunsen and the night is being headlined by Woy Woy's own band, Fyna.

The members of Fyna are Tim Johns (bass), Dave Jenkins (drums), Alex Benison (vocals

and guitar).

Fyna drummer David Jenkins said: "The recent instance of a teen suicide on the Peninsula has brought home to our youth what death really means and how it affects so many people.

"Youth suicide affects everyone.

"Being teenagers ourselves we can relate to the way suicidal teens are feeling and the problems facing them.

"A lot of kids think that suicide is the only way out, and we just think it is such a huge waste of a young life.

"After the recent suicide of a friend, we have come to realise the effects youth suicide has on

a community and the awareness raised from such a sudden and great loss.

"Death and suicidal death is a really sad thing, especially when people are taken from us at a young age.

"It affects everyone and there is no way you can ever put the feelings and emotions brought on by the death of a friend or loved one into words.

"Newcastle, the Central Coast and Wollongong have the highest rate of suicide in Australia, and the third highest in the world," David said

Press release, March 5

Campus used for budgerigar show

The Central Coast Branch of the Budgerigar Society of NSW held its 15th annual championship on Sunday, March 9, at the Brisbane

Water Secondary College at Umina.

The occasion attracted many entries.

All varieties of budgerigars were exhibited from normals to

pedis and crested.

There was also an auction of budgerigars from the aviary of one of Australia's top breeders, Ian Hanington from Wauchope.

Letter, February 28

Pair selected

Two Woy Woy South Public School students have been selected for the Sydney North basketball trials.

They are Sam Kerle and Kirby Litterick who will go to the trials on Wednesday, March 12.

School newsletter, February 25.

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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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Umina succeeds at surf championships

Umina was competitive in all departments at the NSW Junior State Surf Life Saving Championships held from February 29 to March 2.

The club had 33 finals placings that covered under-8s to the under-14 age groups, almost doubling last year's achievement of 17 finals placings.

The club capped off a successful year with silver medals in the senior board rescue to Jackson and Lavers; under-13 board relay to Moore, Baker, Moate and Jackson; under-9 male board to Joel Dennis-Hall; and gold medals in under-11 female board to Marissa Moore and under-13 iron man Liam Jackson.

Club president Mr Brian Paull paid tribute to all of the junior

competitors: "This year's results were the best that Umina has had in many years."

Brian also thanked outgoing surf coach Peter Noble, who is retiring from coaching, saying "there will always be a place for Peter at Umina".

The club has already secured the services of Gosford Council's Phil Moore as head surf coach for next season.

Brian Paul said: "We are looking forward to working with Phil, and are sure of some exciting times ahead for Umina SLSC as Phil builds on the momentum within the junior ranks generated by Peter Noble, Garry Mensforth and Tony Bainbridge."

At the recent Central Coast Branch Junior surf lifesaving carnival, Umina continued its push up the competition ladder,

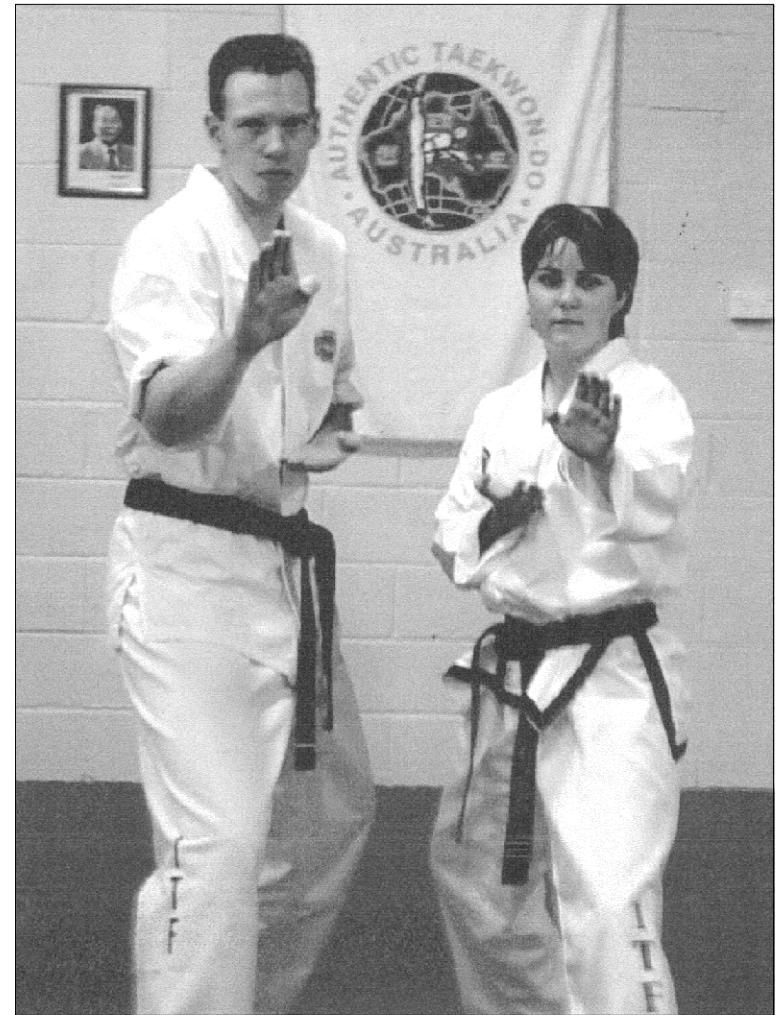
finishing in first place on handicap and fourth on overall points.

The junior development program at the club has resulted in two members of the club representing the Central Coast, one member representing NSW, and a dramatic increase in top six placings across the whole club, he said.

The club recently placed second in the Central Coast Rookie Challenge.

An increased junior membership augured well for the club, said Mr Paull, as junior members would eventually become senior patrolling members, helping to keep our beaches safe.

Press release, March 3



Taekwon Do instructors Paul Mason and Amanda Morrison

Rebecca wins karate placings

Woy Woy resident Rebecca Fenton, 25, has achieved a personal best at the Sydney All Styles Karate Cup in Liverpool.

The Black Belt Karate Studios student, who has trained under Elizabeth Mahler for over three years, came second in the coloured-belt sparring and fourth in the coloured-belt kata (forms) on Sunday, March 2.

Mahler was impressed by her student's performance.

"Rebecca had a great day on Sunday," she said.

"She went to Liverpool with

confidence, and it showed in her performance on the day.

"I was so excited by my performance," Rebecca said.

"I went in the same tournament last year and came third in sparring and didn't rank in kata.

"This time, I had more training and experience, and I performed really well."

Rebecca was beaten in the final by fellow Black Belt Karate Studios student Angela Jones.

"It was strange but fun to come up against Angie in my last fight," Rebecca said.

"We're both going in a tournament in Port Macquarie next week.

"So we'll have to see who wins next time."

Rebecca was the oldest of a team of six Black Belt Karate Studios students - all female, the youngest 11 years old - representing the Central Coast in the Sydney All Styles Karate Cup.

The team won two gold medals and five silver medals.

Press release, March 4

Big team at Little Aths titles

Woy Woy Peninsula Little Athletics will field its biggest track and field team ever this year to represent the Central Coast at the State Little Athletics Championships.

The championships will be held at Homebush Stadium on March 15 and 16.

The team members competing are:

Girls Under-10 - Elise Cansdale, Shana Jones. Under-11 - Amanda Thorpe. Under 13 - Shelly Wilkes. Under 15 - Samantha Tomlin.

Boys: Under 10 - Braden Wiliame. Under 13 - Luke Donahue, David Mainwaring, Nathaniel Tiko, Rhys Ryan,

James Stratton. Under 14 - Brendon Buhgiar, Paul Steel, David Manville.

Under-8s Jesse-Lee Nelson and Jordon O'Donnell recently competed successfully at the regional level, the highest level under-8 competitors can achieve.

Donna Cansdale, March 5

Yvonne takes the Summer Cup

The Everglades women's golf Summer Cup was won by Yvonne Starkey with a great score of +22.

Runner-up on +14 on a countback was Donna Mitchell, from Merindah Overhall and

Anne Buckham +10.

The new seventh hole opened for play on Thursday, February 20.

Charity to be supported by the club this year will be the Child Abuse Prevention Service.

Pennant competition will start on March 24.

Players should contact Cathy Shannon through the golf club to register.

Irene Quintrell, February 28

Instructors compete in Queensland

Two instructors from Authentic Taekwon-Do in Woy Woy have competed in the International Taekwon-Do Federation Australian Titles at the Sunshine Coast in Queensland recently.

Instructor Amanda Morrison, 22, a third Degree Black Belt competed in the under-52kg Female Black Belt Sparring Division.

Instructor Paul Mason, 19, a first Degree Black Belt competed in the male over-80 kg Male Black Belt Division.

The National Titles are the final selection competition for a place in the Australian Team that

will be travelling to Thessaloniki, Greece, in June for the Taekwon-Do Federations World titles.

Prospects are high for both to make it into the National Team.

Both Amanda and Paul train in Authentic Taekwon-Do Central Coast Headquarters in Alma Ave, Woy Woy, where Amanda is the head instructor.

Amanda has been training in Taekwon-Do for 12 years and has been instructing for six years.

Paul has been training for around five years and achieved his Instructor Certificate in January.

Press release, March 4

Major fours finalised

The Everglades Women's Bowls Major Fours Championship final was started on January 30.

With hot and smoky conditions, the game was postponed after 10 ends and

finalised on February 5.

The winners were Judy Byers, Merle Smith, Pat Wallis and Joan Renehan, with runners-up Fay Cross, Gwen Mantle, Lucy Bryant and Elaine Vincent.

Iris Bate, February 27

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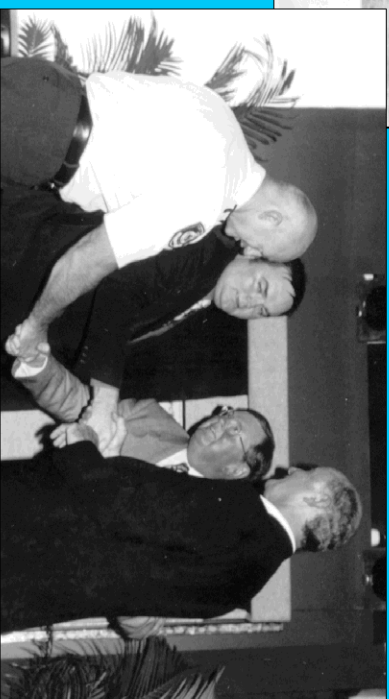
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Rotary exchange students are pictured prior to their trip on the *Lady Kendall*

Rotary club hosts students

The Rotary Club of Umina Beach hosted 27 exchange students from all over the world for a weekend recently.

The students are currently spending 12 months in Rotary District 9680, which stretches from North Sydney to Lake Murrumbidgee across to Ryde and over to Palm Beach.

The purpose of the weekend was to show the students the highlights of the Central Coast.

They visited tourist spots such as the reptile park, took a trip on Brisbane Water in the *Lady Kendall* and participated in an observation car rally around the Central Coast beaches. There was a bush dance on the

Saturday at the Ocean Beach Surf Club.

The weekend finished with a briefing from the Rotary District Officers telling them about the district conference to be held in Canberra late this month and a three-week safari all students will embark on shortly afterwards.

Geoff Melville, March 5

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