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Andrews wins third term

Marie Andrews has won a third term as Labor Member for Peats, despite a strong showing by independent candidate Cr Chris Holstein. Figures on Sunday morning gave Ms Andrews 43.4 per cent

of the vote, Liberal Cr Debra Wales 28.0 per cent, Cr Holstein 19.1 per cent and Green candidate Ms Vicki Brooke 4.7 per cent.

The four candidates accounted for more than 95 per cent of the vote.

Ms Andrews' primary vote was down 6.5 per cent compared to the 1999 election, where she

vote, and 8.9 per cent down on the 1995 election.

Cr Wales' primary vote was down 3.2 per cent on the 1999 election, where she received 31.3 per cent of the vote, and 10.6 per cent down on the 1995 election.

The Greens' vote increased by half to 4.7 per cent from 2.9 per cent in 1999, while the Democrats' vote slumped from 3.9 per cent in 1999 to 0.7 per cent.

On a two candidate preferred basis. Labor had 59.9 per cent of the vote and the Liberals 40.1 per cent.

In 1999, the corresponding

received 49.9 per cent of the figures were Labor 61.3 per cent and the Liberals 38.7 per cent.

As at 10.40am on Sunday, more than 75 per cent of the vote had been counted.

There were 33,921 votes counted out of 43,786, with 14,376 for Labor, 9287 for Liberal, 6320 for Holstein and 1558 for the Greens.

This represents 43.41% for Labor, 28.04% Liberal, 19.08% Holstein and 4.7% Greens.

In 1999, the first preference vote for Labor was 49.95%, Liberal 31.27%, Democrat 3.9% and Greens 2.92%

Cec Bucello, March 23

Peninsula to take bulk of medium density development

More than 80 per cent of Gosford's medium density development is expected to take place on the Peninsula, the State Government has been told.

The Peninsula had potential for 5436 medium density units of a total potential for the Local Government Area (LGA) of 6709 units.

The figures have been revealed in the Council's "Submission for Exemption from State Environmental Planning Policy No. 5 Housing for Older People and People with a Disability".

Last year, of 349 medium density housing approvals, only 128 or 37 per cent were on the Peninsula.

Over the previous four years, the proportion was 40.5 per cent. The report stated that Gosford's provision for medium density housing would last about 16 years, based on an LGA average of 419 units built per

"Provisions which enable this type of housing have altered since the monitoring of the development has occurred, with some tightening of controls taking

year.

place," according to the report. "Notwithstanding this, the development trend has continued upward overall.

"Downward periods have tended to reflect broader economic issues such as the introduction of the GST."

Gas-electric scheme proposed

A proposal to generate electricity from underground gas at Woy Woy tip will be considered by Gosford Council tonight (Tuesday).

AGL Energy Services has advised the Council that the proposal for the Woy Woy landfill site was viable.

In a report to council, it was estimated that there would be a saving of up to \$870,000 in the purchase of electricity from AGL to supply Kincumber and Woy Woy sewerage treatment plants over the 15 year life of the project.

However, council officers also stated: "At this stage there is no compelling reason to manage the gas at Woy Woy.

"The EPA's landfill licence requires council to monitor surface, subsurface and accumulated gas monitoring.

"However, in this climate of good environmental management, it would be prudent for council to proceed with this as a viable electricity generation project."

Council officers have advised that options available included purchasing the infrastructure gas extraction and reticulation system and a flare - and self managing the gas.

This would require hiring additional staff with the required expertise in managing extraction of gas from the landfill and flaring the gas.

Alternatives were to pay AGL to extract and flare the gas without council having to purchase the infrastructure, or to accept a recent AGL proposal for council to pay a fixed up-front sum for AGL to manage the gas.

There would be additional legal costs for Council for development and completion of contract documents. Council agenda DH.031, March

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Residents want block to stay vacant

Woy Woy Bay residents have launched a campaign to create a permanent open space at the vacant corner block, Number 92, at the northern end of Taylor St.

A development application for the block is expected to come before Gosford Council for consideration tonight (Tuesday).

Residents say they are also concerned about unsafe traffic conditions due to the narrowness of this section of the road and the lack of roadside walking space.

A petition from residents will also be tabled at tonight's Council meeting.

This small (350 square metres) block was the last vacant land in Taylor St and had been unoccupied for over a decade, according to residents.

A meeting of 30 local residents and their children was held on council land adjacent the vacant block on Sunday, March 2, to discuss alternatives to building on the land.

somewhere out of the way of the traffic that uses this narrow part of Taylor St.

"If development of this goes ahead as is, it could prevent council from ever being able to properly widen and make the road safe.

"We have asked council to consider acquiring the block for space and safety reasons but sadly they have so far declined."

Another resident, Ms Sharon Pink added: "The number 92 block is valuable and rare open space when all other blocks in the Bays have been built out.

The meeting was told that, back in 1958, residents were promised a park in this area by a Gosford councillor, who lived in Taylor St, to make up for the sale by council of waterside land in the area

The original block was only 250 square metres and not suitable for development.

Despite this, development approvals for medium density units have constituted less than half the medium density approvals in the LGA over the past five years.

Council agenda SF.003, March

Local resident Mr Jim Doe said: "All the residents just want a place for the kids to play,

However, in 1995 Council sold part of the roadway setback without gazettal to bring the block up to its current size. Jeffrey Cook, March 14



Everglades Country Club, Dunban Road, Woy Woy 4341 1866

Information for members and their guests

News



Welcome to edition 63 of Peninsula News

After a buildup over the last three editions leading to the State election, it is now over and we can get on with our lives.

For most people, it will soon be forgotten.

For some however, it was a major effort where they put their heart and soul into raising awareness of what they saw as very important issues that effect our community.

Win or lose and whether we agree with their view points or not, nearly all Peats candidates have worked extremely hard for the community's benefit.

In most cases, they knew from the start that they could not even hope to win the election but still took on the mainly thankless task anyway.

Many negative comments are heard about politicians and political aspirants, but people need to realise that in the main, the effort far outweighs the returns.

Cec Bucello, manager

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Proportional voting system is needed

It is high time that Australia caught up with the rest of the western world and had a real democratic system.

This can occur only through proportional representation.

Our two party Federal and State Governments voted in on preferences do not and can not represent an Australian majority and can not represent mainstream Australia.

Our two-party system is in danger of representing the businesses which fund their election campaigns.

Thus it can happen that policies which are very unpopular are followed with impunity.

The Howard Government is prepared to fight an illegal war in Iraq despite the fact that the overwhelming majority of Australians do not want this war.

The Howard Government is prepared to build a nuclear reactor in the middle of suburban Sydney when the Australian people do not want a nuclear reactor in their neighbourhood.

The Howard Government

made us one of the few developed nations who won't ratify the Kyoto agreement despite the worst drought and fires on record.

The Howard Government provides us with the social policies which contribute to making us world leaders in the suicide rate and drug deaths.

Liberal environmental policies or the lack of them make us world leaders in the extinction of endangered species and land clearing rates.

Only a voting system that makes sure that all Australians and their political parties are proportionally represented in the Lower House can ensure that these and other important issues are discussed in the decision making process of parliament.

If The Greens or other small political parties obtain more than five percent, 10 percent or 14 percent of the vote, then they should have that proportion of seats in the lower house, not zero.

The Greens want to change

Former employees sought

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or early 2004.

I am trying to contact as many former employees as possible who worked for New Zealand Loan & Mercantile Company limited, (later amalgamated with Dalgety), with the aim of organising a reunion

Correction

In the article on the outer cover of Peninsula News edition 61 entitled "Candidates attend progress association", there were two errors. The author was Ruth Kearney not Keith Kearney, and man on the left of the picture was association vice-president Paul Greenwood who chaired the meeting, not Kieth Kearney as the caption stated.



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Council claims Andrews pledges pool shortfall

Gosford Council claimed last week that Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews has made a commitment to find an additional \$1.3 million to complete the regional leisure centre at Woy Woy pool.

This came just a week after Ms Andrews defended a grant of just \$200,000 towards the \$16 million development of a regional leisure centre at the Woy Woy pool site.

In a media statement on March 13, she rejected Gosford Council's claims that the Peninsula Regional Leisure Centre was in jeopardy due to a lack of State Government funding, after the Premier announced a commitment of \$200,000 to ward the development.

Ms Andrews said a further \$1.2 million had been allocated to the improvement of the intersection of Allfield Rd and Blackwall Rd, which was the closest major intersection to the aquatic centre.

"In November 2001, the project budget was only \$12 million.

"We are now told that the pool redevelopment will cost over \$16 million.

"Council cannot expect the State Government to make up for its budget blow-out," Ms Andrews said.

Council applied for a grant of \$300,000 from the Department of Sport and Recreation and were allocated \$200,000, she said.

"I do not believe for a minute that the project could be under threat because Council were hoping for more from the State Government," said Ms Andrews.

"The \$200,000 is not necessarily the end of the story.

"I am also still in discussion with the State Government about further funding for road improvements in the vicinity of the leisure centre."

However, the Council's media statement claimed discussions were about funding the centre: "Council is currently discussing additional funding with the local member Marie Andrews and State Government representatives.

"Marie Andrews has made a

commitment to find an additional \$1.3 million from the State Government," it stated.

The current complex will close on March 28 to allow for dismantling prior to construction beginning in June.

The new regional aquatic centre will have upgraded swimming facilities.

The heated, indoor Olympic standard pool will have a stateof-the-art technology water filtration and treatment system.

New grandstands and facilities will enable the coast to host regional and school swimming carnivals, water polo competitions, and national and state championships.

Other facilities at the aquatic centre included two indoor basketball-netball courts, gymnasium and aerobics facilities as well as a cafe and a child-minding service.

There will also be a large indoor play structure and birthday party room, sauna and spa.

Mayor Cr Robert Bell said: "Gosford needs to have a world class aquatic venue.

"Even the premier stated this in his recent media release.

"This major project will provide exceptional facilities for the community today and for generations to come.

"Council has explored retaining the current outdoor pool but our consultants have advised against this.

"Council is keen to get the project underway so as to minimize the time users of the current facilities will have to travel to Gosford," he said.

The current learn to swim programs and squad training have been transferred to Gosford Pool while the new complex is being built.

Plans for the new centre are on display at the entry foyer to the Woy Woy pool and further details on council's website, www.gosford.nsw.gov.au.

In 2001, the Federal Government made a grant of \$1.5 million towards the cost of the centre.

Press releases, March 13 and 20

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The IOOF Ettalong Homes Centre

Fair Trading Minister criticises IOOF

NSW Minister for Fair Trading, Mr John Aquilina, has criticised the behaviour of IOOF in telling residents of its Ettalong Homes Centre that it was no longer a retirement village.

The residents had received a letter from management saying the centre no longer met the definition of a retirement village.

The management, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, claimed that the rights and protection offered to the residents under the Retirement Villages Act no longer applied.

"I am informed that is just not correct," Mr Aquilina said.

"I find it hard to believe that an organisation that was founded to help the sick and the elderly is acting in this way," Mr Aquiiina said.

"Under the Act, if there is just one resident who is a genuine retiree and has signed a contract as outlined in the Retirement Villages Act, then the provisions of the Act apply to that village or centre.

"Fair Trading representatives will visit the owners and explain to them their obligations under the Act.

"The representatives will also visit the residents to reassure them of their rights," Mr Aquilina said. Under the Act, residents can not be evicted without 12 months notice and unless alternative accommodation can be found.

IOOF has been trying to sell the Ettalong centre.

Last year, Gosford Council rejected a development application to build three bedroom units on the site.

"The actions of IOOF have caused a lot of fear and uncertainty among the residents.

"The Carr Labor Government brought in the Retirement Village Act in 1999 precisely to protect the rights of people in this situation," said Mr Aquilina

Press release, March 7

Sponsors sought for waterway clean up

Terry Long of Woy Woy is looking for sponsorship of a project to clean up waterways around the Peninsula.

He is hoping to raise at least \$30,000 to launch the venture.

He said: "The money will be used to construct a two-barge

system used five days per week. "Brisbane Water, our creeks, islands, shorelines, and mangrove systems are covered with rubbish, threatening our marine life, bird life, and tourism dollars.

"Any donation will be appreciated and will include your company name in a full page ad in the local paper with all of the other sponsors.

"Also, major sponsors will have their name on the boats giving plenty of value," he said.

For further information, contact Mr Long on 4344 6342

Letter, March 17



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Nurse practitioners increase the services

In response to Independent Peter Moore's claims that doctors will be replaced by nurse practitioners, I would like to state the following:

Two nurse practitioners will be placed at Woy Woy Hospital as a part of the after hours primary care service. This represents a significant

improvement in the outpatient • nursing services currently provided at Woy Woy Hospital.

Patients presenting to the Woy Woy Hospital after hours primary health care service will be informed of their options and given the choice of seeing a Nurse Practitioner or GP through the after hours medical service.

Negotiations have occurred between Central Coast Health and the Woy Woy GP Cooperative.

There will be no reduction in GPs. Nurse practitioners are there to increase the services provided.

Marie Andrews, Member for Peats

Reject US trade agenda

Negotiations for an Australia-US Free Trade Agreement were set to commence on March 17.

An independent study by ACIL Consulting for the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation shows that there are no economic benefits to be had and probably losses for Australia from such agreement.

US negotiators and corporations have defined many Australian public policies as barriers to trade and Trade Minister Vaile says no areas are off-limits in the negotiations.

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Under attack will be the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme which makes medicines affordable to low income Australians, Australian content rules in film and television which ensure that Australian stories are told, and labeling rules for genetically modified food.

Other US demands are the end of Foreign Investment Review Board power to review in our national interest foreign investment, removal of the requirement for any Australian ownership of Telstra and Qantas, and the enabling of US corporations to take legal action against Australian regulations and to sue governments for damages.

The Australian public must insist that Minister Vaile rejects this US agenda which would endanger our economic independence, access to the medicines, health and safety, and culture.

These are matters that must be publicly debated and decided by parliaments in Australia, not secretly signed away in a trade agreement which disempowers our State and Federal governments and offers no national benefit.

Ron Clifton, Ettalong

Department fails Peninsula's students

The Carr-Watkin's Department of Education and Training (DET) has failed to provide a duty of care to the students in public schools on the Peninsula.

While politicians conduct the business of government in luxurious conditions, students in public schools on the Peninsula are condemned to the bare essentials by an uncaring government.

Politicians work in airconditioned offices occupied generally by no more than five people at a time.

Peninsula students are squashed into small sweatboxes called demountable classrooms for 200 days a year.

Temperatures in these rooms regularly exceed 30 degrees and range up to the mid-40s.

Up to 30 children, as young as four and a half, are expected to learn in these rooms on a regular basis and up to 60 are crammed in on wet weather days during lunch times.

Schools themselves are overcrowded.

The Carr-Watkin's DET has failed to keep pace with population trends.

Governments are responsible for the maintenance of school sites.

when, due to Yet overcrowding, a playground is reduced to a dustbowl the school is expected to use funds earmarked for educational purposes to repair the situation.

When these funds are insufficient, the school's P&C are expected to raise the shortfall.

Peninsula and nearby schools have experienced this in the past.

This government has failed to acknowledge the increased workload that its policies, including the introduction of computers in schools, have caused for clerical staff in schools.

Schools are increasingly being expected to conduct best business practice of accountability but are deprived of the funds and personnel to fulfil

these expectations.

Every primary school on the Peninsula needs one more full time clerical assistant.

The DET has offered three hours per week in large schools, which fails to meet the 30 hours per week needed.

NSW DET representatives were shown to be dishonest when representing the advantages of forming Brisbane Waters Secondary College.

Parents were told that the changes were for the benefit of the students and were supported by study papers.

This was shown not to be the case.

Community consultation was shown to be a sham.

As a result BWSC Umina Campus will eventually house up to 1200 students with higher than previous need for welfare support.

With the move to collegiate high schools, the greatest loss will be the community from what were once community high schools.

The Carr-Watkins DET has failed to realise that trotting out more computers is not an education policy in itself.

Faster access is a farce when the network cannot be maintained.

Giving teachers laptops where there is no need is an extravagant waste.

The DET has failed to acknowledge the pressures on teachers and children in hot/cold, overcrowded classrooms, trying to cope with and indecent pace of change and an overcrowded curriculum.

This government is too comfortable to care.

It needs to be scared and shocked into making education in this state a priority.

Don't listen to what they say, look at what they do!

Support the Vinson Enquiry Into Public Education's recommendations.

Support your children, your grandchildren, your neighbours' kids, and the kids up the road.

They are all the future. Stephen Laming, Horsfield Bay

Enough overcrowding

I would like to add my to cope. complaint to many others about the overcrowding affecting the Central Coast. I have just read 10,000 more are planned for the Peninsula. When is it going to stop? Our amenities will not be able

Why should these developers he able to bribe the politicians to

commute each week to work in Sydney and to visit beautiful Brisbane the Waters Central Coast for trips.

Parking message to owners and developers

A reported decision by Justice Lloyd (Land and Environment Court) says in part: "The provision of car parking must be completely and finally determined before a valid development consent can be granted."

This should send two very different messages into the community. It sends a message to those who own property close to the Lemon Grove Reserve and ferry site, who were frightened earlier this year by significant indications

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that council would acquire their land under the provisions of the Just Lands Acquisition Act.

Hopefully it also sends a message to those developers, the other half of the equation, who will need to first acquire property in the open market at the just market price (a term used by council) before any further consideration can be entered into.

I personally believe that privatising public asserts of any kind works against the public good, but particularly here, we see the worst that a failing system could contrive to offer. Edward James, Umina



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get these plans passed?

The Council should not give in to these greedy developers. Enough is enough. Wake up before it is too late. B Delaney, March 18

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Cr Holstein launches writing competition

A writing competition for primary school children was launched last week at Woy Woy Library.

Cr Chris Holstein launched the competition for Gosford's Library Service which is acting as Central Coast coordinator of the national competition.

Prizes of \$200,000 will be awarded nationally in the "Write Around Australia" competition.

They will include a collection of Australian books for the winning authors and a collection for their school libraries, backpacks full of Nestle productss and a computer and software package for the national winner.

Students in Years 5 and 6 can enter by writing a 500-word story and sending it in on or before the competition closing date May 16.

Last year the competition received over 35,000 entries from primary school children all over Australia.

Gosford Library Services Manager, Mr Alan Flores said "Nestle Write Around Australia" was a fantastic way to encourage children to write and think creatively.

"We're thrilled to be involved. "We're hoping for a national winner from the Central Coast this year, so we'll be encouraging as many Year 5 and 6 primary school students as we can to put their creative thinking caps on."

As part of the competition,

Gosford Library will be hosting published Australian children's author John Larkin for a week in July.

During that time, John Larkin will hold creative writing workshops with local primary school students to foster their writing skills.

This is also a chance for competition finalists to get advice from a professional to polish their stories before resubmitting them for the next round of judging.

Students can get entry forms from their school, local library, or they can enter online at www.writearound.com.au.

Here they will also find winning stories from previous years, and writing tips to help make their story one of this year's winners.

Gosford Library will be working closely with the State Library of NSW throughout the year to coordinate the entries from students all over the State.

According to Nestle, the competition was developed to encourage children to take part in creative writing and to utilise the resources of public libraries.

The program is coordinated by the State Library of New South Wales and supported by public libraries around Australia.

For more information, contact Sharon Drayton at Gosford Library on 4348 9906.

Press release, March 18

held on Wednesday, March 19. \$1258 cheque was А presented to the centre's general manager Ms Jennifer Eddy by Community Chest director Mr

Woy Woy Aged Care was a

beneficiary at the annual

meeting of the Central

Coast Community Chest

Peter Little The money will be used to purchase armchairs for the



Library services manager Alan Flores, NSW State Library project officer Virginia Mason, author John Larkin, Cr Chris Holstein and childrens' services librarian Sharon Drayton addressing Point Clare Public School year 5 and 6 library monitors

Community Chest donates for Woy Woy Aged Care

A certificate was also presented to Mr Tony Turner from Deepwater Plaza by Community Chest chairman Ron Bell for supporting the Community Chest.

Community Chest events include the secretaries' breakfast from 7am to 9am at Ettalong Beach Club (Lizottes) on Wednesday, April 23, with guest speaker Perri Atkins, author of the book Moments of Truth.

The Community Chest has contributed to Peninsula organisations such as Brisbane Water Local Area Community Safety Houses, Child Abuse Prevention Service Inc (CAPS), Peninsula Community Centre Inc, Peninsula Village Retirement Centre, Woy Woy Early Intervention Service, Woy Woy Community Aged Care and Youth Angle.

Glen Purse, March 19



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Everglades gives \$2500 to CAPS

The Everglades Country Club has presented a cheque for \$2500 to Umina's Child Abuse Prevention Service (CAPS).

The donation will help to pay the centre's running costs for the first half of the year, said CAPS Umina coordinator Ms Winsome

Smith.

"We receive no regular Government funding and have to rely on our own efforts to raise money," she said.

"The generosity of The Everglades is very much appreciated and it's gestures like this that make our work possible." The Everglades Ladies Golf

Club has also made CAPS Umina their chosen charity for this year.

The \$2500 cheque was presented to CAPS by Ms Judy Andrews on behalf of the club on Monday, March 10.

Press release, March 12

Obituary: Fae Boult

The members of the Umina Beach Branch of the Country Women's Association have been saddened at the death of their Past-President and Treasurer Mrs Thelma "Fae" Boult.

Mrs Boult died suddenly but peacefully at her home in Patonga on Sunday, March 2.

Fae left a husband, Cedric, three daughters, a son and 12 grandchildren.

Her funeral at Greenway Chapel, Green Point, on March 7 was attended by about 120 relatives and friends, including 30 members of the CWA.

Those attending included the Northumberland Group president Mrs Pat Brien, Group representative Mrs Noelene Brown and long-time friend Mrs Marj Goldrick from LisarowOurimbah Branch.

A eulogy of her time at Umina Beach Branch of the CWA was delivered by branch president Mrs Helen Parkinson.

"Fae burst upon our scene at the Umina Beach Branch of the CWA in February 1995.

"We inherited her from Mt Victoria where she had joined the Association in November 1987.

"Once arriving Fae left an indelible stamp upon us all.

"Larger than life, loud in voice and action, Fae held the floor.

"Always a leader, bossy and domineering (in the nicest possible way) rallying us all into action, whether it was handicraft, cooking or selling raffle tickets.

"Her favourite occupation was making money, then not allowing us to spend it without her approval.

"Girls, girls, girls' was her

constant cry, always without a microphone.

"'I don't need that,' she'd say." Fae had held the positions of president, treasurer and handicraft officer.

"Her forte was her wonderful skill with a needle or sewing machine particularly quiltmaking," said Mrs Parkinson.

"Fae taught many of the ladies to make quilts.

"Her major project was for Father Chris Riley's Youth Off the Streets (YOTS) program.

"Ten beautiful, colourful quilts were made and presented to the YOTS organisation for use by the young people on the program.

"No matter where we look there is evidence of Fae's talents and

her wonderful personality." Clare Wren, March 17

> Dr John Dobrohotoff speaking on older persons' mental health at Woy Woy Leagues Club

Tony Arico wins community award

Peninsula businessman Mr Tony Arico has received an Australia Day Community Award for outstanding performance in business.

The award was presented to him recently by Cr Tony Sansom on behalf of Gosford Council.

Gosford District Chamber of Commerce nominated Mr Arico for consideration after "17 dedicated years" in the community.

Mr Arico established his first travel agency in Woy Woy in 1986, followed by the opening of the Gosford agency in 1992. Both agencies were formerly associated with the Traveland group until the demise of Traveland in 2001, after which an alliance was formed with Travelworld.

A proud Rotarian of many years, Tony has "provided invaluable support" to West Gosford Rotary community projects, as well as prize sponsorship for many community fundraising activities, according to the Chamber.

Sponsorships included the Australasian Orchid Spectacular, Mingara Series 3 Fun Run, Bayto-Breakers Fun Run, Laycock Dance Theatre, Miss Gosford Showgirl Quest, Central Coast Community Chest, and the Australian Filipino Association Central Coast.

The professionalism and achievements of Tony's travel agencies has been recognised through several industry awards over the years.

These included the Outstanding Contribution to the Community award at the 2002 Peninsula Business Awards, and Retailer of the Year for Services at the Imperial Shopping Centre.

Other business awards were won in 1999, 2000 and 2001

Mr Arico and his team specialise in domestic and international travel and travel services and can be found at Imperial Shopping Centre, Gosford and Deepwater Plaza, Woy Woy.

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Doctor speaks of mental health service

Local Rotary Clubs and Cental Coast Health (CCH) jointly hosted a mental health expo at Woy Woy Leagues Club on March 19.

Approximately 70 people attended the expo to hear about aged care and its relationship to mental health.

Dr John Dobrohotoff, CCH old age psychiatrist and manager of Older Persons' Mental Health Service, spoke to the gathered group along with other CCH staff, directors and managers.

"Woy Woy was made famous by Spike Milligan, who spent a lot of his time promoting mental health, as he suffered with serious mental illness for much of his life." said Dr Dobrohotoff.

"He was a great example of someone who was able to be extremely successful despite the difficulties he faced." Answering questions, Dr Dobrohotoff said: "One of the recent things we've done is to have people allocated to specific areas, so we have some of our staff focus on a particular area, such as the Peninsula." These staff would get to know what local services were available in areas such as the Peninsula. "The Community Health Centre in Woy Woy has psychiatrists, social workers, psychologists, and community mental health nurses all supported by administrative staff.

"There is also some input from occupational threapists.

Other topics covered at the expo were ageing and health, the role of the Aged Care Assessment Team (ACAT), dementia services in the community, and the carer respite centre.

The general inquiries number for mental health services is 4320 3170 and the central intake number for patients is 4320 3500.

Jonathan Reichard, March 19









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Mayor suggests approaching **Chief Justice**

Gosford mayor Cr Robert Bell will ask Council tonight (Tuesday) to approach the Chief Justice of the NSW Land and Environment Court to review a case concerning the development of land at Bensville.

The case was recently lost to owners Les and Phyllis Sparks, with a ruling that the couple should be allowed to build on a part of their land which had been considered to be environmentally significant.

In a mayoral minute on the matter, Mayor Robert Bell stated: "The landowners, council, PlanningNSW (State Government) and National Parks & Wildlife Service (NPWS) (State Government) have spent the last 10 years planning and undertaking studies permitting development whilst protecting the environment.

"The community has worked to achieve an outcome for the area which was agreed to by all stakeholders.

"The plan for the region is being implemented and so far some residential development has taken place and some lands have been protected for the environment.

"The biggest disappointment about the court decision is that it undermines the confidence in the established basis for planning decisions being made.

"The court can choose to ignore the plan-making process by the community in partnership with the State Government and Council and claim its decisions are on a merit basis in isolation of the orderly approach to planning and agreements in place.

"This approach has been widely criticised by councils across New South Wales over the last 10 years.

"The decision-making of the court was the subject of a detailed taskforce review two years ago and a series of recommendations were made regarding the court.

"The court has continued to act as a replacement body to council-community decision making.

"It has no planning powers. It has no requirement for consultation with communities and it has moved far away from its original purpose.

"Its original purpose being to evaluate whether due process of councils has been undertaken.

"The court now ignores due process as a prime role and actively pursues merit assessment, an identical role of councils.

"Unlike councils, the court can ignore the history of zoning or give limited regard to the planning processes required by many Government agencies and councils to follow under various pieces of state legislation.

"A classic example is councils throughout the state have had their Development Control Plans (DCPs) ignored in some court decisions, grossly undervalued in others and in some cases DCPs have been so changed a Local Environment Policy (LEP) had to be undertaken.

"Further subsequent court decisions have led to councils going back from LEPs to DCPs as the basis for planning and decision makina.

"As is patently clear, a lack of consistency in decision-making by the court is a major factor of concern to councils throughout the state.

The mayor has recommended that the council write to the Premier, the Attorney-General, the Minister for the Environment and Minister for Planning expressing dissatisfaction at the court choosing to override the DCP of council, a DCP developed following years of consultation.

In addition, the mayor seeks to write to the Local Government and Shires Association (LGSA) "expressing dissatisfaction that orderly development and confidence in the planning of regions is being undermined and eroded by such decisions of the court and requesting the LGSA



Brian Carmichael, Senior Constable Paul Hanna, Bruce Croft, Alison Pardey, Colin Fraser, Carolyn Carter, Pamella Hackett and Maurice Richardson after their election at the PCYC annual meeting

PCYC elects new branch council

The Umina Beach Police and Community Youth Club (PCYC) has held its annual meeting and elected a new branch council.

Elected were president Carolyn Carter, vice president Maurice Richardson, treasurer Bruce Croft, club manager Colin Fraser, club programmer Senior Constable Paul Hanna, councillors Brian Carmichael, Shari Cooks, Pamella Hackett, Jaqueline Henry and Alison Hardv.

Retiring president Steven Lawley gave his report for the past year, calling for an "outreach" bus for the centre.

"We have now completed our second year of operation," he said.

"The first year, we spent establishing the club and getting to know our strengths and weaknesses.

"The second year, under our club manager Colin Fraser, and with the support of branch council and various stakeholders, we attempted to expand and also to carry out a number of outreachtype activities.

"Not all of these activities have been immediately successful but I believe that it has been a valuable learning experience for all. "Activities such as the school holiday program have great potential and, once it becomes better known, I believe it will impact on a great number of the youth in the area. "The use of the Maroubra truck also enabled us to reach more young people on the Central Coast.

"We must make an attempt to go out to them, convince them that we can offer them something and encourage them to attend the club.

"For a number of reasons, the Maroubra truck was taken from us before Christmas and this greatly affected our impact.

"It is for this reason, I believe that the club should make efforts to obtain its own outreach vehicle.

"Senior Constable Paul Hanna remains the club programmer and continues to work with young people in the area as well as organisations such as the youth refuge and CDAT.

"At the end of the year, it became apparent that the floor in the hall needed to be replaced.

"Gosford Council approved its replacement and paid for a new vinyl floor.

"I thank them for this and the resurfacing of the club's car park.

"The gym and boxing classes have been under the supervision of Joel Keegan and continue to attract a major income for the club.

"Recently, the branch council approved the leasing of new equipment to replace items that

and also fill in at the gvm for us.

"Kari and Amy also give freely of their own time by volunteering at the club for dance parties.

"The club is planning to expand the activities this year and reach a wider section of the young people in the community.

"Financially the club has been more successful this year than last.

"This is mainly due to the efforts of the staff and volunteers.

"I wish to thank all of those involved. I would like also to thank our club manager, Colin Fraser, and the members of the branch council for their commitment, efforts and perseverance.

"Finally, I am resigning as club president and from the branch council due to my health.

"I first became involved with establishing the club in 1995 and it has been wonderful to see it reach its current position.

"It has been a hard decision for me to resign but one forced on me at this time.

"I wish to thank all those involved in establishing the club and getting it to where it is now, especially Bruce Croft, who, has also been there right from the start.

recommendations put forward by the taskforce to the Government were adopted.

"None of the major to seek the government review the operations of the court". Council Agenda MM.005,

March 25



Contact our Office on 4342 2070

"I do not believe that the club has been established only to help those who, of their own accord, come to us.

have worn out.

"The gym will continue to be a major part of the club and it is hoped will continue to attract members.

"Our drama and discovery classes run by Amanda Benson are extremely popular and continue to grow.

"It is great to see the enthusiasm the young people have for this activity.

"Our major venue user is Extreme Gymnastics and the club could not hope for better people.

"They not only teach gymnastics but break-dancing

"I have attempted this year to encourage new and dynamic ideas and I hope the new president and branch council will continue in this vein.

"A PCYC club must be at all times looking for new opportunities, not looking back to what was successful 20 years ago, but looking forward to what will work for today's and tomorrow's youth.

"A positive attitude will see the club grow even more and become a real force in youth services on the Central Coast.

Report, March 18

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Renovations at Retravision Umina are nearing completion.

The renovations have made it possible for a wider range of items to be on display as well as the introduction of many new items not previously seen on sale on the Peninsula.

These new items include side by side refrigerators, wide screen television sets, surround sound home theatre packages, 80cm screen television sets, front load washing machines, cappuccino makers and German made vacuum cleaners to name a few.

The extra space has also allowed for a doubling of the range of accessories to include

optical fibre cable and universal remote control units.

Alan Hardy and wife Lynette became the owners in 2000 after Alan had worked there for 12 years.

"Ironically, most of the items that we have been able to add to our range were not even dreamt of when I first commenced working here," Alan Hardy said.

"We have added 30 per cent more display space and now I have a wide enough range of everything to be able to tell a story.

"It is now easier for customers to choose which item best suits their need and their budget.





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Our congratulations to Alan and Lynette and Staff on the completion of renovations at Retravision Umina and continued success in the future

Retravision Advertising Feature

to completion

"We still have a few more shelves and aisle dividers to install which will further enhance the store," Alan said.

According to Mr Hardy, there has been a great change in the buying habits of local residents.

"While small ticket items were the most popular in the past and still are with the elderly, there has been an increasing trend towards big ticket items of late," Alan said.

"Large screen television sets with home theatre packages have really taken off while other top of the range items have also created more interest than in the past.

"These seems to reflect a change in the available spending money now evident in the community," he said.

"At the other end of the scale, we have introduced a Start Up or Start Again pack for people who are setting up house for the first time or are doing so again after a break-up.

"In this package, we offer a refrigerator, a washing machine, a TV set, a toaster, a DVD player, a microwave oven, a

kettle, an iron, a vacuum cleaner and a fry-pan," Alan said. Allan is also the owner of

Retravision Woy Woy.

Retravision Umina and Woy Woy are renowned on the Peninsula as generous benefactors supporting: the Scouts Association; Woy Woy Aged Care Hospital Auxiliary; Everglades Country Club; Ettalong, Umina and Woy Woy Bowling Clubs; local schools; rugby league, soccer and cricket clubs; Childflight; surf clubs; The Kidney Foundation; MS and other organisations.

"They are all worthy in their own right and I like to be able to help wherever I can," Mr Hardy said.

"There are still many more changes to come to the shop.

"The biggest of these will be the introduction of a full range of computers and related equipment similar to that held at

the Woy Woy store," he said. Cec Bucello, March 19





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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

and Community Visitor 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.

28th March

29th March

FREE Live

Entertainment

Every Friday, Saturday

and Sunday night 6pm

30th March Scott Donaldson

4th April Richard Matthews

Jason Cox

The Ellis Bros

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 Eng 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.

ENTERTAINMENT AT YOUR CLUB

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 Eng 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 Eng 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.

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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 Eng: 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., Eng 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 Eng. 4341 0721

Bridge Ocean Beach Surf Club. 12.30pm Eng 4341 0721

Line Dancing Umina Beach Bowling Club, Melbourne Ave., Umina 9.30am. Eng 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, Aquafitness, 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

Eng: 4341 1166 Brisbane Water Bridge Club

Ocean Beach Surf Club. 12.30pm Eng. 4341 0721 14+ yrs Boxing/sparring (gym)

5.30pm PCYC Enq 4344 7851

Evening Bowls Ettalong Beach War Alcoholics Anonymous Woy Woy

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

Club 11am.

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Enq. 4341 0721

4341 2618

4341 3222

1pm, Enq: 4341 3222.

PCYC, Eng: 4344 7851

Yoga Wagstagffe Hall 9.30 am Enq 4360 1854

Bowls Ettalong Memorial Club at .30pm Enq 4344 1358 Free Bingo Woy Woy Leagues

Aquafitness, Active over 50s

Gentle Exercise, Ettalong Fitness

classes, Woy Woy Pool, 1.15pm. Enq:

City, 10.30am & 11.30am, Enq: 4341

3370; Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre,

Strength Training 11.30am Fitness

Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre

City Ettalong Beach Club Enq 4343

activities; Dancing-9am; Indoor

Bowls-9am Mahjong-1pm; Fitness

1pm Yoga for beginners 2.30pm Enq:

Boxing/fitness training, 3.45pm-

Child and Parents Support Service

Brisbane Water Bridge Club

Fairhaven Cash Housie Umina

Bingo Umina Beach Bowling Club

Ocean Beach Surf Club. 12.30pm

Beach Bowling Club, Melbourne Ave.,

Melbourne Ave., Umina 11am Enq

Umina 7.30pm Eng: 4325 3608

U14, 4.30pm 5.45pm-14yrs+, Tae

Kwon Do 7pm Circuit Boxing (girls)

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



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 Eng 4341 9333

EVERY SATURDAY

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

Cash Housie St Mary's Hall, Ocean View Rd Ettalong 7.30pm - 10.15pm Free Tea and Coffee. Cash Prizes Enq: 4369 0626.

Snooker Ettalong War Memorial Club at 8.30am Eng 43417307 Cabaret dance & floor show, 8pm Memorial Club at 6pm Eng 4341 9656 Card Club 500 1pm Ettalong Beach War Memorial Club Eng 4341 1166 Arts and Crafts for people with a

disability 11am - 2pm. Bring own lunch. Volunteer helpers welcome. Enq. 4341 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

Arts and Entertainment

What's on event calendar

Tuesday March 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 March 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 Monthly Meditation Group, Peninsula Womens Health Centre, Enq; 4342 5905

Thursday March 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.

Acupressure. Peninsula Women's Health Centre. Enq ;4342 5905.

Friday March 28

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

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

Tuesday April 1

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

Library Bookmobile Fortnightly

am. Pearl Beach Near Community Hall 10.55am Umina Nursing Home, Arras Ave., 11.40 am Seniors Shopping Day, Deepwater Plaza. Woy Woy. (1st Wed) Enq

4341 4206 CWA Woy Woy Branch Social Day (1st Wed) 10am Handicrafts 1pm meeting. The Boulevarde Woy Woy.

Eng 4344 5192. 4341 6533 Ettalong Ratepayers & Citizens Progress Association (1st Wed) 7.30pm. Progress Hall, Memorial Ave, Ettalong Beach.

Thursday April 3

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Monday April 7

Pretty Beach Public School P&C Resource Centre at school (1st Mon)



Natalie and Sean picture by Stephen Hogg from Silver Coast Photographics

Japanese Gardens wedding

Natalie Tanner and Sean Dickson, both from Umina, were married on February at The Japanese Gardens, East Gosford.

The celebrant was Alf Taylor and the reception was at Caroline Bay.

They honeymooned in the Cook Íslands.

E-mail, March 17

WHAT'S ON AT YOUR CLUB?





The Peninsula Choir under the direction of Ivan Kinny is preparing a new program for Easter.

It is entitled "Passiontide to Eastertide - a Contemplation in Music".

The whole crucifixionresurrection story will be reflected in the music of the great composers including Bach, Handel, Mozart and Purcell.

This moving presentation will be given on two occasions: at the Uniting Church, Umina, on Palm Sunday, April 13 at 3pm, and at St Andrew's Anglican Church, Umina, on Good Friday April 18 at 2pm.

Both churches are in Ocean Beach Rd.

Press release, March 17



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Computer retailer first in new complex

Computer retailer PC background in 3D computer People is the first retailer to animation. open in the new combined retail and residential complex in Trafalgar Ave, Umina. Proprietor Frank White has lived in Umina for more than 10 years and has become a computer retailer after a lengthy career as a programmer.

The recent downturn in the use

Thursday

Coming Soon Saturday 12th

PC People retails new and used computers and monitors as well as components, blank disks and related items.

They also undertake repairs and generally assist clients with their computer needs at all levels.

Also based at the shop is a web-site designer with a of specialist contractors in the IT industry has meant that many of them have needed to look for an income in other areas.

Mr White received assistance through the New Enterprise Incentive Scheme and has already established a new locally-based clientele.

In the near future, he plans to add an Internet and game play service area with a number of computers permanently connected to the Internet.

Cec Bucello, March 19

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Education



Brisbane water Secondary College, Woy Woy Sevior Campus principal, Ms Carolyn Carter

New principal named as Carolyn **Carter retires**

Brisbane Water Secondary College, Woy Woy senior campus, will have new principal as of next term with the retirement of Ms Carolyn Carter at the end of term one.

New principal will be David Beattie who is currently one of the deputy principals at The Entrance senior campus of the Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College.

David has taught on the Central Coast for several years as a teacher at Kincumber High School and as a head teacher at Lisarow High School.

He was also the Board of Studies liaison officer for the Newcastle and Central Coast area for a couple of years in recent times

Ms Carter said: "I am sure that David will be very keen to visit us before the end of term so we should see him soon."

School newsletter, March 14

College upgrade to cost \$5 million

The Premier, Mr Bob Carr, has announced development applications had been lodged recently for almost \$5 million worth major upgrades to of **Brisbane Water Secondary** College.

During the course of construction, it is expected that more than 130 tradespeople and suppliers will be involved in the projects, many coming from the Central Coast.

"This important project is now well on track to be completed on time and on budget," Mr Carr said.

"The State Government is committed to providing quality educational resources and facilities for students and staff.

"This is part of our plans to ensure families and students have education resources where they are needed most."

The Brisbane Water Secondary College upgrade should be finished by the end of next year

He said that when work was finished, students from Woy Woy and Umina would be learning in the best schools in the State."

Work at the Umina Junior campus (Years 7 to 9) includes a new movement studio, facilities for special education, new administration facilities, an upgraded hall, an upgraded library and upgraded classrooms. Work at the Woy Woy Senior

campus (Years 10 to 12) includes a movement studio (by conversion), facilities for special education, new administration facilities, new staff facilities, a cafeteria and new car parking.

Press release, March 11

Umina campus appoints SRC

The Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus has appointed its Student Representative Council (SRC).

School Captains are Daniel Eastwood and Alesha Bleakley.

Representatives for Booker are Carl Bennett (House Captain), Chris Blair and Sally Brooks (Yr8); Madison Baharoglu and Cameron Black (Yr9).

Crommelin house has Jessica Hawkins (House Captain), Chelsea Johnson and Chantelle Foster (Yr8), and Samantha Hinton and Melissa Johnston (Yr9).

Davis house has Nathan Moseley (House Captain), Lorae Potgieter and Sarah Norton (Yr8), and Lauren O'Hara and Emma McEwan (Yr9).

Webb house has Sally Whatnall (House Captain), Nathaniel Tiko and Jessica Walters (Yr8), and Jacqui Steward and Kaeleah Wood.

Since its appointment, the SRC has organised "flowers for Valentines Day" as a fund-raiser and conducted a disco.

The disco was well attended and the evening was deemed a success.

Several students met Member for Peats Ms Marie Andrews.

The group did an inspection of the school facilities and had a short meeting at the conclusion with Mr Bill Graf from the P&C and the campus principal Mr Frank Gasper.

The SRC has conducted school assemblies each Tuesday morning.

Two SRC students attended the launch of the NSW Youth Policy at the Umina PCYC on Saturday, February 22.

They discussed issues relating to youth on the Peninsula.

Delegates from the SRC attended the district SRC meeting on March 18.

The SRC was active in the organisation of the school swimming carnival.

The next few weeks will see the election of four Year 7 representatives on the SRC.

One student from each of the four houses will be elected to the SRC before the end of the term. School Newsletter, March 19

Literacy committee formulates policy

Brisbane Water Secondary College literacy committee has been established with representation from a number of faculties and from both campuses of the college.

This committee has formulated a college literacy policy that has been distributed to all teachers.

As part of this policy, every student will receive a copy of the college writing correction code and punctuation guide.

These are also displayed in each classroom and will be used

by all teachers when marking students work.

Each faculty is required to develop literacy strategies that are to be incorporated into their teaching and learning programs.

School newsletter, March 19



New head science teacher

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Students of the month: Dylan & Jacquie

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Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus Science Faculty has new staff including a new head teacher, Mr Brett Giles.

Mr Giles said: "I hope to deliver a subject area that is interesting, challenging, dynamic and above all enjoyable for all of those involved.

"We want students to learn through a range of experiences that we can develop SO independent learners as a part of a long life of learning.

"I welcome Mr David Dobeson

and Ms Megan Clement to our staff.

"I look forward to the challenge of running the Science Faculty and also looking after Team 5 which is responsible for 7S1, 7D2, 8D2 A 8D3."

All students across the school have now been issued with an assessment policy for the entire year in science.

They have been asked to paste this into the front of their books and should be familiar with its content.

A number of BWSC students will be competing in the annual

Australasian Science Competition run by the University of New South Wales

This is to be held in early May.

This Thursday, March 26, will see the district science consultant Ms Janette Rothapfel visit the school to conduct talks and accompanying slide show presentation about "space travel" and "living in space".

Selected students will be asked to attend as a reward for their application and involvement in the classroom.

School newsletter, March 19

Education

College comes fifth in zone swimming

Brisbane Water Secondary College has placed fifth in the Zone Swimming Carnival on Thursday, March 6, its best performance yet.

Strong performances were put in by Jason Overton, Nathan Bruce, Amy Monk, Joel Coleman, James Pettit, Tim Bovis, Alex Beaton, Daniel Williams, Aydan Robson, Michael Campbell, Shane Smith, and Josh Symington.

Elyse Stone, Sarah Costelloe, Kate Hamilton, Ashlee Austin, Melissa Anderson, Ashlee Langford, Sam Rose all

managed to secure places although the college's competitor of the carnival was Mariel Fietz.

Mariel swam every event in her age group (about 11 races) and won or received a place in every race she swam.

Mariel was just pipped for the zone age championship.

The carnival was a great day with not strong individual performances as well as good results in the relays.

The 12 years boys relay team from Umina won the event and broke a long-standing zone record.

School newsletter, March 14



One of the hands-on computer training rooms at the Technology Futures Centre

Rain holds off for college swim day

The rain held off for the **Brisbane Water Secondary** College Senior Campus Swimming Carnival held on Thursday, February 20.

Year 12 started the day with the annual floatie race.

The standard of floaties was down on previous years, although students managed to make the end of the pool.

Trent Mullen took the award for his style (and spirit) - an esky, a newspaper, sitting in the sun, kicking back - what better way to spend the day with your friends.

Once the serious races started, there was some stiff competition, especially in the 16year boys age division.

Good performances were put in on the day by Jason Overton, Josh Hogg, Nathan Bruce, Zac Dawes, Mitchell Markham, Joel Coleman, Tim Bovis, Shane Lewis, Chris Hyde, Shane Smith, Ayden Robson, Daniel Williams, Amy Monk and Samantha Rose. The eventual age champions

on the day were: 14 years: Chris Blair (Umina),

Laura Daniel (Umina). 15 years: Alex Lavers (Umina),

Elyse Stone. 16 years: James Pettit, Mariel Fietz.

17 years: Josh Symington, Ashlee Langford.

Although competitors in age 14 and 15 years age groups won races on the day, times had to be compared with Umina campus to determine the ultimate age champion and zone team.

School newsletter, March 12

Rotary experiences Technology Futures

Some of members had a great

Others just looked on in awe as

Some Year 12 students

prepared and served dinner to

the members in their home

economics department under the

guidance of Narelle Marker and

they waited to be shown how to

time plaving around with

photographs of members.

turn the computer on.

College, Woy Woy campus, was host to Umina Rotary on Wednesday, March 26.

The Rotary Club was given hands-on experience in the Technology Futures centre under

Life saving lessons for Youth Week

Youth Week activities on the Peninsula this year will include surf life saving lessons.

Free introductory lessons will be held at Umina Beach from 4pm to 6pm on April 7 to 11.

Contact Craig Healy on 4385 8106 for further information.

A BMX and Skateboard Competition, teaching simultaneous skills competition in BMX and skateboarding, will be held at Umina skate park, Ocean Beach Rd, Umina, on April 12 from 10am to 4pm. Entry is free.

Youth Week activities will take lace throughout the State from the guidance of John Maxwell. Marianne Baker.

> The students were Melanie Hemers, Kristy Hewitt, Sharee Wallis and Samantha Rose.

> Reported that the meal was excellent and well presented.

The Umina Rotary expressed their appreciation by presenting a cheque of \$500 to the home economics facultv.

School newsletter, March 12



Barbara leaves after 21 years

Ms Barbara Rae is leaving **Brisbane Water Secondary** College at the end of term one after 21 years of service to the school.

students on a daily basis. She has been the person responsible for preparing the

monthly newsletter. Barbara's friendly, helpful, good humoured and warm manner in dealing with people has been greatly appreciated by students and staff over the years. School newsletter, March 19

Brisbane Water Secondary

Barbara has performed a range of duties as the print room coordinator, compiling student and information booklets, looking after lost property and answering a host of strange enquiries from

April 5 to 13.

Visit the Web site at www.youthweek.nsw.gov.au for more details.

Media release. March 19



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Sport

Woy Woy makes cricket finals

Woy Woy first grade cricket team has made the semifinals, after many years of fighting off the wooden spoon.

Woy Woy last made the semifinals 15 years ago, and lastwon a premiership 40 years ago.

After winning only one game last season, with a couple of unlucky wet weather draws, Woy Woy lost some players, their captain, a rep player and other players and it was thought the side would not be competitive this year.

New captain, 22-year-old Peter Graham, one of the youngest captains on the Coast, and his predominantly young squad had other ideas.

At the start of the season, the plan was to play good cricket and keep getting better and the results would look after themselves.

They lost three of the first four games, narrowly, to the top three teams as it turned out.

The team took the positives out of each one, then beat the 2001-2002 premiers, Narara, and haven't lost since.

They beat Umina in round 6 by 197 runs.

They defeated Wyong, 2001-2002 grand finalists, in Round 7 by 72 runs, and had a magnificent win in round 8 at Toukley, where they fielded in 45

degree heat.

Toukley made 354 runs, and Woy Woy scored 355 on the second last ball of the 90 overs, an incredible chase spearheaded by Jason Moore with 192 not out.

Round 9 they beat Gosford, Round 10 was a washout, which left Woy Woy on 38 points, with six wins.

Three other teams, Narara, Mountains and Umina on 36 points, were also vying for fourth place, with Woy Woy playing Mountains, and Narara playing Umina.

If Woy Woy won, they were in. If they lost, it would be a countback between the winners of the other game and Mountains.

Woy Woy won the toss and batted, lost two early wickets and were 2/9.

Like a well-oiled machine, they just kept on batting calmly, and amassed a very impressive 279 off 90 overs.

Jason Moore, Mr. Consistency, scored 89, with support from Quentin Donald, Matt Sowter, David Eddy, Andre Orani, and Pete Graham.

They defended their score on Saturday on the best batting surface that has been produced at Rogers Park all year and methodically bowled out Mountains for 223.

Woy Woy bowled the

accomplished Glen Rowlands and Ben Riley out for eight and four respectively.

Excellent bowling was shown by David Eddy, Mick Hall, David Ridley, Mark Austin and Pete Graham.

A sensational stumping by Andre Orani was a memorable moment.

For the regular season, individually Jason Moore stands out.

He scored an incredible 726 runs in 10 innings, nine outs, at an average of 80.7.

Jason was well supported by John Jewiss, 220 runs, Pete Graham, 217, Dave Eddy, 191, Mark Austin, 162, with a memorable 112 against Umina, Matt Sowter, 148, Quentin Donald, 147, and Andre Orani, 144.

Pete Graham, 29 wickets, and Mark Austin, 20, were the most consistent bowlers, but Dave Ridley, 13 and Dave Eddy, eight, bowled some magic spells and will get better with experience.

Dave Ridley consistently bowled out the top batsmen in each team, and Mick Hall took seven wickets.

There are only three players who have played in every game so it has been a definite club campaign, with 16 players playing first grade this year.

Janelle Graham, March 10

Surf club update program starts

Gosford Council has started a five-year \$6 million project to update six surf clubs, including those on the Peninsula.

The surf clubs included in the program are Wamberal, Avoca Beach, Copacabana, Killcare, Ocean Beach and Umina.

Avoca Beach and Copacabana will be upgraded before the Peninsula clubs.

Mayor Cr Robert Bell said: "These two clubs were selected because both clubs had committees established that were in the process of reviewing options and making recommendations as to the best way to rejuvenate their club buildings.

"Building Committees have been formed for Avoca Beach and Copacabana consisting of surf club members, community representatives, council staff and the appointed architects for the project.

stakeholder Dther groups progresses.

"The committees have spent a considerable amount of time on reviewing options and identifying the ideal solutions and rationalise them to available funding.'

'Calls for Expressions of Interest for the first two projects closed on February 18.

Council will select a short list of five builders who will then be requested to provide formal tenders.

It is anticipated that work will start at the end of next summer.

The Development Application for the renovations to the Avoca Beach building is anticipated to be lodged in early April.

The Copacabana architectural drawings are being prepared for consideration by the committee.

The planning process for some of the clubs is expected to take longer than originally envisaged because a number of the surf club sites do not meet current State Government Coastal Processes requirements and may

Legislation.

Funding for each surf club will vary depending on ihe size of the club, environmental issues and other characteristics such as club membership levels, potential for tourism and development application requirements.

Cr Bell said: "To date, council has spent a total of \$2.1 million upgrading the Terrigal and North Avoca Surf Clubs.

"These two surf club renovation projects were completed under the Council's Financial Strategy."

"We are committed to renovating our surf clubs with or without Government financial support.

"Many young people belong to surf clubs in our region and it is important that facilities meet the needs of our community especially during holiday periods.

"Each of the surf clubs will be reviewed and an individual project plan prepared to reflect the unique needs of the area and environmental issues distinctive

Water polo finals at Woy Woy

The Central Coast water polo season has drawn to a close with the grand finals held at Woy Woy pool.

Most of the games were close in great grand final style.

The Under 16s match was a crowd favourite, with Wvong proving to be too strong in the end for a gallant Gosford side 7-5.

In the Junior division, Wyong eventually defeated Woy Woy 6-

The best and fairest players in the junior division for the season were Jared Tobin of The Entrance and Tracey Eliot of

second grade was Kieran Donohue of Wyong.

The Womens's match was a real tussle between Woy Woy and Wyong.

Woy Woy managed to avenge their loss to Wyong in the semifinal eight goals to five.

Libby Magann of Wyong was named best and fairest of the division after an outstanding season.

The Men's first grade was a hard fought battle between the two top sides of the year.

The match was a see-sawing affair but Woy Woy managed to produce the win, defeating Wyong 8-6.

Zone swimming champions: Rebecca Hook, Thomas McParlane and Jemma Gordon

Zone swimmers congratulated

Woy Woy South Public School principal Mr Mick Tattam has congratulated swimmers from the school who helped it win the Woy Woy zone swimming carnival recently.

The school scored a total of 138 points, ahead of Empire Bay PS on 89 points and Umina PS on 87 points.

Teachers Mr Scott Campbell and Mr Brian O'Dea presented certiifcates to all placegetters as well as pennants to the school's three zone swimming champions.

Thomas McParlane, the junior boys' champion, won all six events he contested.

girls' champion and Jemma Gordon was the senior girls' champion. The school had 15 competitors

Rebecca Hook was the 11yrs

representing the zone at the Metropolitan North Swimming Championships on March 17 at Homebush Aquatic Centre.

Those representing the school were Jake Raw, Jay Kissick, Wade Bartlett, Thomas McParlane, Bryce Sainty, DJ Hogan, TJ Ryan Davis, Madeline Hunt, Katelyn Hook, Gaby Krucler, Rebecca Hook, Jemma Gordon, Nicolette Blanch, Hannah Scilinato, Kirby Litterick.

Press release, March 11

have been and will continue to be consulted as the project

require re-siting to meet current State Government Planning

to each location. Press release, March 13 Wov Wov.

The Men's second grade was the only one-sided affair of the day, with Wyong dominating from the start of the game, defeating Woy Woy 11-0 in a big upset. The best and fairest player for

Pete Kearney of The Entrance was named best and fairest in the first grade.

Mardi Love, March 17

Five teams reach the finals

Fielding seven junior teams in the Gosford-Wyong district competition this season, the Umina Cricket Club has stormed home with five teams through to the finals.

Three of the teams are Minor Premiers: the 16Bs, 13As and 12Bs.

They will play semi-finals this weekend.

Meanwhile the both the 14Bs and 10As finished in third place in the preliminary rounds, with the 14s to contest their semi this weekend and the 10As losing a nail-biting semi by the narrow margin of three runs.

The 13Bs finished fifth overall in their division and were only

marginally out of contention for a semi-final placing.

The future of the Red and Greens Club looks strong with the mighty Under-9s noncompetition team winning 19 of their 20 matches this season

Presentation day for the club is scheduled for May 4.

Kerrie Friend, March 17





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Raising money for **CAPS**

Franklins Woy Woy held a morning tea on Wednesday, March 19, to raise money for the Child Abuse Prevention Service (CAPS) Umina branch.

Tanya Dolye from Franklins coordinated the morning tea.

The morning tea was held from 10am to noon and had an assortment of biscuits and cakes that are new to the market, as well as hot tea and coffee.

Store manager Paul Beech donated \$50 of groceries for a raffle on the day and all the proceeds were also donated to CAPS. Paul said he would encourage other businesses around the Coast to support their local community in a similar fashion. Fax, March 19



CAPS volunteer Helen Pells, Franklins duty manager Glen Wilkins, Franklins merchandiser Tanva Dovle and CAPS co-ordinator Winsome Smith





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