



The proposed location for a service station at Empire Bay

## Most of our bush 'endangered'

**Just about all remnant native vegetation on the Peninsula's sand plain belonged to an officially Endangered Ecological Community, a consulting ecologist has said.**

Peninsula ecologist Mr Robert Payne said that there were only small pockets of Sydney redgum forest that were not endangered.

Mr Payne was speaking at a tour of Peninsula endangered ecological communities attended by 30 people on Sunday, April 13.

The tour was organised by the Association for Environmental Education, Central Coast.

Robert Payne led the walking tour in an area inland from Umina Beach.

The area toured included remnants of the three Peninsula endangered ecological communities, with examples given of remnants also occurring in other locations.

The first endangered ecological community was Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland, comprising the large trees of *Eucalyptus botyroides* and *Angophora floribunda*, as well as many smaller species.

The two other endangered plant communities were known as Sydney Freshwater Wetlands and Sydney Coastal Estuary Swamp Forest.

The example was given of Umina Campus of Brisbane Water Secondary College which had plant communities of both Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland and of Sydney Freshwater Wetlands.

*Melaleuca quinquinerva*, commonly known as paperbark, was one of the main species of this second endangered plant community.

These paperbark trees formed much of the treed area in front of the school on Veron Rd, and form a link with Everglades Wetlands.

Often the areas that had

retained native vegetation were along creeks and railway lines where the land had not been cleared.

Many of these areas were reserves and so were available to be enjoyed by the general public.

Robert explained that the plant communities had been identified both by the vegetation, and by the soil type.

For example the soil in Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland areas was sand, and its content reflects its location within 300 metres of the water.

Robert also said that the NSW Scientific Committee had classified these plant communities as endangered in response to community concern about the whittling away of small pockets of rare native vegetation.

For example at Umina Oval sand mining, caravan park expansion and new plans for the oval had prompted an application to assess this plant community and to apply for an endangered classification.

This process took several years, with the Umina Coastal Sandplain Woodland classification being announced late last year.

Vegetation in about half of the Burrawang Reserve as well as three areas at the secondary college were also part of this plant community.

Robert also talked of a plant in Iluka Lagoon called *Lepironia articulata* that was the only example between Sydney and Newcastle.

The Association for Environmental Education, Central Coast, is holding its next excursion in June at Pearl Beach.

The topic will be bushfire education.

Contact organiser Peter Adderley on 4328 1810 or at peter@adderley.net for confirmation of this event.

Shirley Hotchkiss, April 13

## Service station for Empire Bay?

**A planned service station for Empire Bay has been deferred at a council meeting in order for council officers to address concerns raised by community members and groups.**

Residents raised concerns about the scale of the building and were worried about contaminated run-off and the associated environmental impact on a nearby conservation site, as well as nearby oyster farms.

The deferral will allow for traffic

checking, and investigation into possible flooding and the effect of salt water on fuel tanks.

One person from the public gallery said that salt water would have no effect on the fuel tanks, as they would be made of fibreglass.

Mayor Cr Robert Bell was in favour of rejecting the application outright, saying that the bulk and style of the project was not compatible with the area, that there were traffic safety issues, and that there are already enough service stations in the area.

Cr Chris Holstein said: "The issues the residents raised are valid and I believe the all can be addressed via the conditions."

"There are justifiable reasons for the development, but conditions need to be addressed."

All councillors present except Mayor Bell were in favour of the deferral.

They were Crs Chris Holstein, Craig Doyle, Judith Penton, Daniel Cook, Lynne Bockholt, and Malcolm Brooks.

Jonathan Reichard, council agenda DH.037, April 8

## Park to include inter-tidal zone

**Dozens of marine invertebrate species, and the threatened birds that feed on them, have been protected by extensions to the coastal boundary of Bouddi National Park, according to the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS).**

The extension adds 14 hectares of inter-tidal zone, said NPWS Gosford area manager Mr Alan Henderson.

"Bouddi National Park is one of six NSW coastal parks and reserves being extended to protect inter-tidal zones, as part of the NSW Coastal Policy," Mr Henderson said.

"Seashore animals are being collected for food and bait in such large numbers that many are now very scarce in the greater Sydney area, including crabs, snails, cunjevoi, octopus, sea urchins,

anemones, pipis, cockles, mussels, oysters and saltwater yabbies," he said.

"It is also having a flow-on effect on at least two vulnerable species which feed on them, the pied oystercatcher and sooty oystercatcher, which are regularly seen on Bouddi's coastal rock platforms.

"The extension of the park over the inter-tidal zone means that collecting seashore animals is now strictly prohibited within Bouddi National Park.

"People can continue to fish in the area, except within the long-standing marine protection area from Bullimah Beach to Bombi Point, but they now have to get their bait elsewhere."

Mr Henderson said dogs were also banned from the area because of the severe impact they can have on threatened species, seashore animals and rocky shore habitats.

"Other than trained assistance animals such as seeing eye and hearing dogs, domestic animals are now prohibited from all areas and beaches within Bouddi National Park including the eastern end of Putty Beach," he said.

"For information on dog exercise areas, people should contact their local council."

Otherwise, there has been no change to the activities permitted in the park.

People can continue to fish, bushwalk, scuba dive and enjoy the park just as they have in the past.

Mr Henderson said the extension had taken place following discussions with local recreational users and commercial fishers.

It was jointly implemented by all relevant government agencies.

Press release, April 8



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It is a last opportunity for residents and holiday makers to enjoy what's left of the warm weather and the surrounding natural facilities before winter sets in.

At times like these and despite what may be going on elsewhere, Peninsula residents are reminded of how lucky they are to be able to live where they are.

Cec Bucello, Manager

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# Doctor decision welcome

I refer to the article in the Peninsula News of March, 25 from the local member, Marie Andrews, entitled "Nurse practitioners increase services".

The decision that the after hours doctor service will not be replaced by nurse practitioners at Woy Woy Hospital is welcome.

Yet we still have the ongoing concern from the Doctors Co-operative that patients presenting at the hospital will have to choose between seeing a doctor or a nurse practitioner and that the existing co-operation between nurses and doctors will be replaced with competition.

Whilst there has been ongoing communication between the Doctors Co-operative and the Central Coast Area Health

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Service, it is time for the government to fully and unequivocally support the after-hours doctors service at Woy Woy Hospital in the interests of residents of the Peninsula.

With the ever-increasing population on the Peninsula, there needs to be an increase in health services on the Peninsula.

What is also necessary is the re-opening of a casualty-emergency department at Woy Woy Hospital.

Peter Moore, Woy Woy

# Pool architects are formally appointed

The firm Michael Davies Associates has formally been appointed project architect for the Woy Woy Regional Aquatic Centre, after a council decision not to conduct a tender process.

The firm has been the project architect since August 2000.

A report to Gosford Council stated that a change in scope of the project meant that fees to the firm would now exceed \$100,000 and required tendering or a formal appointment.

A staff report to the council stated: "In light of the anticipated delays to the project by conducting a tender process and the percentage completed, it is recommended council acknowledge the extenuating circumstances and that a satisfactory result would not be achieved by inviting tenders.

"Council can demonstrate that it went through a competitive process in the first instance and has been well informed of progress."

The council was told that, in July 2000, four architectural firms responded to the design brief and provided detailed fee proposals.

In assessing the four submissions, the Building Committee requested that a

presentation be made by two of the firms.

Council appointed Michael Davies Associates following the presentation and accepted the fee proposal of \$99,925.

Being under \$100,000, engagement by quotation was consistent with council's purchasing policy.

The council was told that each time the project scope changed, contract documentation with Michael Davies Associates was amended to reflect the changing circumstances.

However, the professional fees payable to Michael Davies Associates now exceeded the level at which council's policy and the Local Government Act require tendering, unless extenuating circumstances were present.

Council agenda CS.005, January 28

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# Application for nine units deferred

**Gosford Council has decided to defer consideration of an application to build a nine-unit complex at 81 Ocean Beach Rd, Woy Woy.**

The application was made under State Environmental Planning Policy 5 which allows "low cost" multiple units for the

elderly and disabled in the medium density areas.

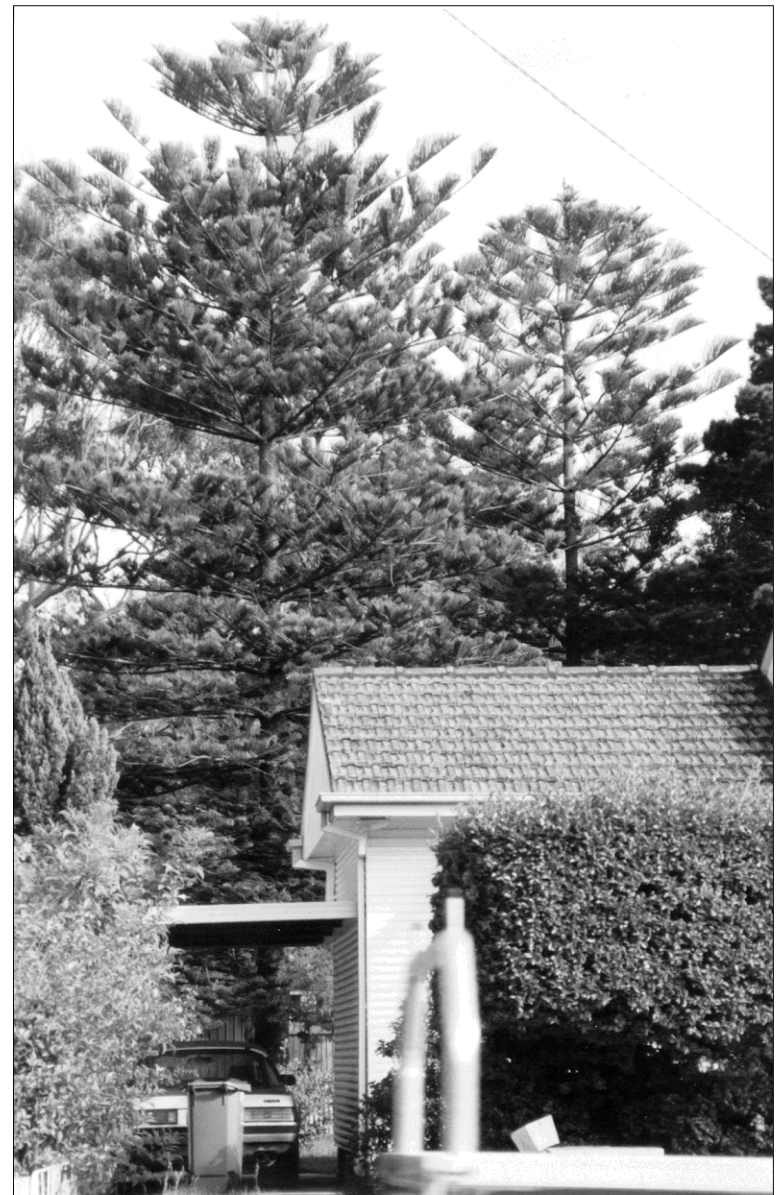
The planned development involves the demolition of two houses almost opposite Woy Woy Hospital.

The reason given for the deferral was to investigate whether several trees on the site could be retained, including some Norfolk Island pines.

There was some concern at the meeting that the plans showed the pines standing directly over the units creating a potential hazard in storm weather.

Also of concern was the fact that some trees on the site were not to be retained.

**Jonathan Reichard, council agenda DH.036, April 8**



Trees are a concern at the site of a proposed SEPP5 development.

# Mission Australia to administer NEIS

**Mission Australia Ettalong has been chosen as one of the successful tenderers for the New Enterprise Incentive Scheme (NEIS).**

The scheme helps unemployed people start a business and support it during their first year in business with small business training, income support and business support.

Commenting on the announcement, Member for

Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd said: "Having been involved in small business almost all of my life I do understand the difficulties involved and I commend Mission Australia in Ettalong for their successful application.

"Some 80 per cent of NEIS participants remain in business or employment three months after completing NEIS, well above the average for small business," he said.

Successful NEIS providers were selected following the same procedures for assessing tender submissions for Job Network, he said.

For more information about successful NEIS providers and sites is available at [www.jobnetwork.gov.au](http://www.jobnetwork.gov.au) or for more general NEIS information call the Employment Services Network Information line on 13 62 68.

**Press release, April 10**

# Bitou bush to be removed

**The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) has announced "a massive operation" to remove bitou bush from the Maitland Bay area of Bouddi National Park.**

Service staff, bush regenerators and volunteers will be involved.

NPWS regional manager Mr Tom Bagnat said that the work would take place at Maitland Bay Beach and nearby Bouddi Point, home of the wreck of PS Maitland.

The "war on weeds" will include hand removal of seedlings along the beach, spraying of weeds

from the water and abseiling down cliff faces to spray inaccessible areas of bitou bush.

"There will be extensive hand weeding of seedlings along the entire beach front and the hind dune at Maitland Bay beach, while weeds at the eastern end of the beach, near Bouddi Point will be sprayed.

"This will require access from the NPWS boat because of the remote location of the area and lack of vehicular access.

"Finally, we will try and remove bitou bush from cliff faces in the area, where specially trained staff will use ropes and abseiling techniques to access these areas."

Mr Bagnat said that the control of weeds in bushland along the Central Coast was extremely important to improve the habitat for local native species of plants and animals.

Bitou bush, which originates from the coastal areas of South Africa, is recognised as the worst coastal weed in NSW where it infests 80 per cent of the coastline.

Initially planted between 1946 and 1968 along the coastline for dune stabilisation, the plant has spread to become a weed.

A mature bitou bush plant can produce up to 50,000 seeds per plant per year, is a real concern for coastal bushland.

Mr Bagnat said that bitou bush flowered between April to June, with seed production quickly following so this was the time to remove it before it had the chance to seed and spread even further.

The work to be carried out at Maitland Bay is part a comprehensive pest management program implemented across the region by NPWS.

**Press release, April 8**

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## Project officer to talk at Woy Woy

**My name is Katherine and I am the environmental project officer at Gosford Council.**

I am working with Tricia Donnelly, the environmental education officer, on a project with the Council and she has given me the opportunity to take her monthly talk with the Woy Woy Environment Centre on April 24.

I am planning a presentation about World Environment Day, June 5.

My talk will give some historical background about the day, and information on what is happening all over the world this year, as well as the main themes that will be focussed on this year - the international year of freshwater.

I will then be giving some suggestions and tips on how to organise your own activity for the day in your local area.

It doesn't have to be a big event, even just a barbecue with people from your community to raise awareness.

People who are interested in doing something but don't have a lot of time may still be interested in coming along to find out more.

I am aiming for the talk to be quite interactive, with my talking balanced equally with games and activities.

It will go for about 30 to 40 minutes with discussion afterwards.

Also there will be free afternoon tea if that's an incentive.

**Katherine Pierse, Gosford Council**

## Repair was timely

**Council has responded in a timely manner to my request to repair the recent damage they did to Burrawang Reserve.**

Rocks have been placed across the entrance to the flattened area.

However I haven't had any

suggestions as to how our group can prevent the reserve being damaged further.

Perhaps a school or community group would be interested in helping our reserve committee plan and implement strategies. Phone 4341 9301 with your ideas.

**Shirley Hotchkiss, Umina**

# Cutbacks jeopardise HSC students

**We write to you in regard to the recently-established Brisbane Water Secondary College.**

As Year 12 students of this school, it has been brought to our attention that our classes will be reduced by two hours a fortnight from seven hours to five for any class that has less than 10 students enrolled.

Again we have been misled by the powers that be and the students at our school will again be disadvantaged.

We were informed that when this college was established the need to reduce face-to-face teaching would be eliminated by creating larger classes.

For example, Year 12 two-unit

mathematics has three classes of approximately seven students each.

With cutbacks from seven hours a fortnight to five, the HSC of these students is in jeopardy as there may not be sufficient hours to complete the course.

Without the completion of this mathematics course, the more advanced students who continue onto mathematics extension 1 and mathematics extension 2, in their own time during Year 12, will not have the sufficient base knowledge of mathematics to complete the extension courses.

For other courses such as physics and biology, subjects that are generally considered more advanced, reducing hours would more than likely affect these

students' HSC results.

Not only are these subjects affected, but rather a large proportion of Year 12 subjects.

This change will only affect the Year 12 students of a college that promised to prevent this issue from occurring.

We just ask for the support of the community, as whilst we are in the middle of our most important year we don't want to waste our time fighting for what should be rightfully ours.

Maybe the department should stop trying to make schools profitable and start making them educational.

**Adam Austin, Jarrod Moore, Ryan Moore, Year 12 students, BWSC Woy Woy Campus**

## Department challenged by student plea

**We received a well-written letter from a student (we think) about the state of the toilets.**

It might surprise you to know that up until 2000 the "junior toilets" had not been upgraded since 1961.

Before the 1999 state election, the then Education Minister, John Aquilina, visited the school and announced that \$120,000 would be spent on upgrading the toilets.

In the end, it turned out the department only ever meant to spend half of this money on our toilet upgrade, the other \$60,000 was spent on fixing toilets at a school in the Lake Macquarie District.

Clearly, the money had been set aside in the properties budget to do two toilet blocks but someone pretended it would be for us for electioneering purposes.

The senior toilets have not been touched since 1975/76 since the "J" Block was built.

They were probably state of the art at the time and a great treat for senior students who would have been using the junior toilets up until then.

If you think the cubicle walls are low now, you should have seen the short walls before the 1999/2000 refurbishment.

Some of our year 11 and 12 students would remember this.

Doorlocks and taps can be fixed by maintenance, but graffiti on the walls, throwing toilet rolls down the toilet, and smoking can only be fixed by students behaving maturely.

This should be easy in a senior campus shouldn't it?

The concerns of the Principals and P&C Association are treated with refusals to do anything because it's not in the budget.

A good look around our site reveals that it hasn't been for some time.

Maybe the department might be moved by students making a plea – who knows?

**Carolyn Carter, Principal, BWS College Woy Woy**

# Remembering weekends spent at Spencer

**Spencer is on the Hawkesbury River.**

It's a weekender fishing village and I, my old man and my brothers spent some time there.

I remember one day we were out fishing in a row-boat, when I caught a monster mangrove crab.

It was big, really big, and nearly as big as our boat.

It wouldn't let go of the bait so I dropped it in front of the old man.

The old man made one of the few mistakes of his life, when he lifted up his boot to kick the

monster crab.

Quick as a flash, the crab shore off half his boot and his foot with it, as sure as an axeman's blow.

Blood gushed everywhere and my eldest brother, a fast thinker, grabbed hold of the crab, with the crab hanging on to my father's foot like grim death, and threw it into the middle of the creek.

We staunchly the flow of blood and got ashore, where we lit a fire and cauterised his foot with a red-hot fishing knife, while me old man sucked on a bottle of Red

Mill rum.

After that, his mates called him "blue-tongue", because he reminded them of a blue tongue lizard that had lost its tail.

Australians can be funny.

They grow pumpkins big down at Spencer.

One enterprising bloke used to hollow out these huge pumpkins, cut windows in them and sell them as week-enders.

Well, one day this bloke was working on a ginormous pumpkin which he had hollowed out and was putting on the finishing touches, when he dropped his axe inside.

He lowered himself down with the aid of a rope, then cursed, because he had forgot to bring a lamp with him.

He was about to climb back up, when he saw a light coming towards him.

It was an old bloke carrying a hurricane lamp.

The axeman said, "Good day mate, you wouldn't have seen an axe on your travels?"

No, mate, the old man said, "You wouldn't have seen a team of horses?"

Talking of pumpkins, one night we had a session with pumpkin wine, to which we invited our neighbour, Joe, from a nearby property.

How you make pumpkin wine, you get a good sized pumpkin, hollow it out.

Fill it with sugar and raisins, then leave it under the house for six months.

Well we had a good time with the pumpkin grog, spinning yams, singing songs and getting the cockatoo to join in.

He was perched in a big cage and he could swear like a bloody trooper.

Eventually we could all hardly stand, but our neighbour, Joe. Insisted on returning home to

feed the cows, so we told him to take the hurricane lamp.

Imagine our surprise when we woke up in the morning to find the hurricane lamp still burning and our cockatoo missing.

Joe had taken the cockatoo in the cage instead of the lamp.

We could see our cocky as Joe bumped and stumbled through the bush.

The cocky was saying, "Watch out you silly basket, step over there, you'll have us all in the creek."

And so on.

Well, I'm getting a bit dry with all this talking, so next time I'll tell you all about the battle of Dunedoo Dugout and the time we crossed a Tasmanian Tiger with a Nanny goat.

Till then, here's luck.

**Keith Whitfield, Woy Woy**

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# Non-complying house allowed to be completed

**Gosford Council has voted to allow a house to be completed in Umina which does not comply with height and bulk guidelines.**

The house which is currently under construction at 36 The Citadel, Umina, has a roof eave, gutter, and fascia, as well as 300mm of a wall for the entire length of one side of the house outside the building envelope specified in the council's own Development Control Plan (DCP) for the area.

The issue came before council as a result of complaints from a neighbour on the non-compliant side of the house.

The house is outside the building envelope as a result of the inaccurate designation of ground level in the house plans.

Instead of removing some rocks at the rear of the block to allow the house to be built at the intended height of 300mm above ground level, the house was raised to 1200mm above, so that the structure is now 900mm higher than originally planned.

The council decided, against mayor Cr Robert Bell's advice, to allow the building to be completed on the grounds that: "The impact on adjoining

premises is not unreasonable."

Cr Bell said: "This is devastating for the adjoining neighbour.

"The impact on them is severe."

He said that not removing the rocks at the rear of the block had saved on building costs and increased views from the new house at the expense of the neighbour.

Cr Chris Holstein disagreed about the severity of overshadowing.

"If you were to change the aspect of this building, there would be bugger-all difference.

"Nothing would change in regard to the neighbour," Cr Holstein said.

Cr Craig Doyle said: "This is only a few percent outside the envelope and we've had items that were 300 per cent outside the DCP and they have still been approved."

The votes were recorded with Crs Brooks, Bockholt and Bell against allowing the house to go ahead, and Crs Holstein, Doyle, Penton and Cook voting to allow the construction to be completed.

**Jonathan Reichard, council agenda DH.039, April 8**



The house under construction at 36 The Citadel, Umina will not comply with the council DCP

## Old-fashioned fete planned

**Ettalong Baptist Church will be having an Old Fashioned Fete on Saturday, May 3, from 8am to 1pm.**

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Fax, April 10

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**Health**

# Support for parents of teenagers

**Uniting Care Burnside Central Coast, in conjunction with Umina Uniting Church, is running the group over five weeks which supports parents as they face the challenge of coping with teenage children.**

The group discusses topics

such as normal development of teenagers, common problems and solutions, discipline, trust and responsibility and maintaining communication with teenagers.

The group is to meet over five consecutive Thursday nights starting May 8 from 7 to 9pm, at the Umina Uniting Church Community Centre, opposite Umina Mall, on Ocean Beach Rd corner with Neptune St.

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Adam Frost, March 1

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Woy Woy Hospital registered nurse, Ann Koh, tries out the new "hovermat" mattress which is part of a batch of equipment valued at \$9,500 donated by the Central Coast Cancer and Palliative Care Fund Inc. L to R: Treasurer, Dot McCarthy; President, Nicole O'Connor; Publicity Officer, Rhonda Woodhouse and Life Members, Nancy Stockbridge and Marge Forbes.

The "Hovermat" is being demonstrated Supervisor Support services, Pat Quirk.

# Palliative care fund closes in Umina

**Central Coast Cancer and Palliative Care Fund is closing down its Umina operation due to a decline in membership.**

Spokesperson Rhonda Woodhouse said: "It saddens me to do this, but with fewer people, fundraising endeavours are becoming more difficult for those that are involved."

"We have had much help through the years from the public and various sporting clubs and firms.

"Be assured that all remaining money raised by our efforts, or donated, will be disbursed to assist those residents of the Central Coast whose lives are affected by cancer and/or are in need of palliative care," Ms Woodhouse said.

In the past, the Central Coast Cancer and Palliative Care Fund has purchased equipment such as pressure relieving mattresses, tilt chairs, and recliner shower chairs for Woy Woy and Gosford hospitals and Woy Woy community aged care.

The fund donated \$160,000 towards Hospice Palliative Care Foundation Cottage at Woy Woy which was officially opened on May 14, 1998.

Other organisations also

received financial assistance.

More recently, during the Cancer Care Appeal, the fund raised \$14,150 by organising activities specifically for the appeal.

During the latter part of 2000, they purchased items requested by the medical staff for use by patients in the oncology wards of Gosford and Woy Woy hospitals and for palliative care.

Letters, April 11

**"Active Over 50's at Woy Woy Hospital Pool. 1:30pm and 2:30pm on Friday's" Ring Gosford Pool for bookings 4325 1869.**

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Linda Campbell from the Troubadour Folk Club entertains visitors to last year's Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary Fete.

# Fete at hospital

**The Woy Woy Hospital Auxiliary will hold a fete on the hospital grounds on Saturday, April 26, from 9am to 2pm.**

There will be 14 stalls, a raffle, sausage sizzle, drinks and a face painting fairy.

All proceeds will go to the hospital and rehabilitation centre.

Letter, April 10



## Third loss for Umina CWA

**Mrs Fay Foster from the Umina Beach branch of the Country Women's Association has died within one month of two other members whose obituaries appeared in the last two issues of Peninsula News.**

Mrs Foster died in Gosford Hospital on Sunday, March 21, after a very short illness.

Publicity officer Clare Wren said: "Fay joined CWA in June 1999, bringing in a breath of spring, or perhaps, a sudden refreshing summer storm.

"With her music, her charm, her friendliness, her love of life and people, one could say Fay was a 'people's person'.

"Her CWA official position was door keeper, a position she dearly loved.

"It gave her the chance to talk to people, to greet them with a smile and a chat.

"Fay's music was her life, like her life she played it 'allegretto'.

"The first time she played our national anthem for us, there was stunned silence, but we soon learned to sing it as fast as she played it.

"That was our Fay.

"When she spoke of her family, which she did quite often, she would say: 'my Maurie', 'my Terry', 'my Ann', 'my Sarah'.

"To we CWA members, she was 'our Fay'.

"We loved her and will miss her very, very much."

Her funeral was held at Ettalong Baptist Church on Wednesday, April 2.

Just over 200 family and friends attended, including members from Legacy, War Widows, Guild and Pensioner's Association, hospital and nursing homes' members and staff.

Her granddaughter Sarah Hoolihan delivered her eulogy.

She said: "How could I possibly sum up nan's life in a few minutes?"

"We have all been so blessed to have had her in our lives and the laughter and joy she has brought to us will live in our hearts forever.

"After growing up with future husband Maurie from the age of three through their involvement at Auburn Baptist Church, their marriage in 1948 brought two very special people together.

"Over their 42 years of marriage, Fay and Maurie enjoyed each other and shared much love and happiness with everyone around them.

"In 1951, Terry was born and was the joy of their lives.

"Six years later, Ann arrived and the family was now complete.

"Over the years, they all enjoyed a fantastic family life and many happy times, especially the weekends and holidays spent with Marcia, Allan and Elaine on the Central Coast.

"From 1972 to 1984, Fay and Maurie's five grandchildren,

Stuart, Glenn, me, Kellie and Simon were born, and we extended the family even further.

"Living in Merrylands in the 60s was very busy.

"During nan and pa's many great years involved in Holroyd Rotary, nan made lifelong friends, including very special friends, Joy and Clay.

"We have all enjoyed hearing about this exciting time in their lives, with all the social events, pool parties and community activities that Rotary hosted.

"Nan's music was her love, whether it was playing for physical culture, rotary gatherings, at schools, or more recently for Legacy, War Widows and the CWA.

"Nan's marvellous talent on the piano led to the start of her career as a teachers' aide in special schools, before moving to the Central Coast in 1978.

"On moving to the coast, nan continued her work at Fairhaven and Glenvale schools where she loved her work and was blessed with knowing and loving many of the teachers she worked with.

"Fay retired in 1990, shortly after losing her beloved Maurie and then joined the ladies of Legacy and War Widows.

"Her ladies, as they were always described to us, have given nan 12 years of support, fun, and laughter with their adventurous bus trips and so many other activities.

"And who could forget nan's undenyng love for Pugsly, the ugly pug dog, beautiful in nan's eyes, or her fanatical support for the Parramatta Eels?

"Whether it was football, tennis, cricket, you name it, she loved it and she didn't understand how anyone couldn't.

"And who but nan could listen for endless hours to talkback radio and know everything about anything the next day?

"If I had to pick just one thing out of all the wonderful lessons on life nan has taught me over the years, it would be the importance of being passionate about what you love.

"Whether it's relationships, work, sport or whatever, put your heart into it. Do it once and do it well.

"Fay leaves us all with fond memories and love."

Clare Wren, April 15



The speed camera on Ocean Beach Rd outside Woy Woy South Public School had its glass broken by vandals recently

## New café employs 20

**McDonald's Woy Woy has opened a new addition to its business.**

It is a "McCafé", the first on the Central Coast, which has created jobs for 20 local residents.

"The new McCafé will offer a wide selection of delicious food and coffee," according to owner-operator Mr John Ursino.

"We anticipate that delicious treats, such as muffins, and traditional favourites, such as chocolate mud cake, banana and carrot cakes will prove to be some of our most popular items."

"We will also serve foccacias and paninis as delicious savoury alternatives, and, for customers on the go, we will also have take away facilities for all of our McCafé products," said John.

The McCafé concept is an Australian innovation, which first started in Melbourne in 1993 and has since been adopted by McDonald's restaurants overseas, including the US.

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Press release, April 14



The new café at Mc Donald's Woy Woy

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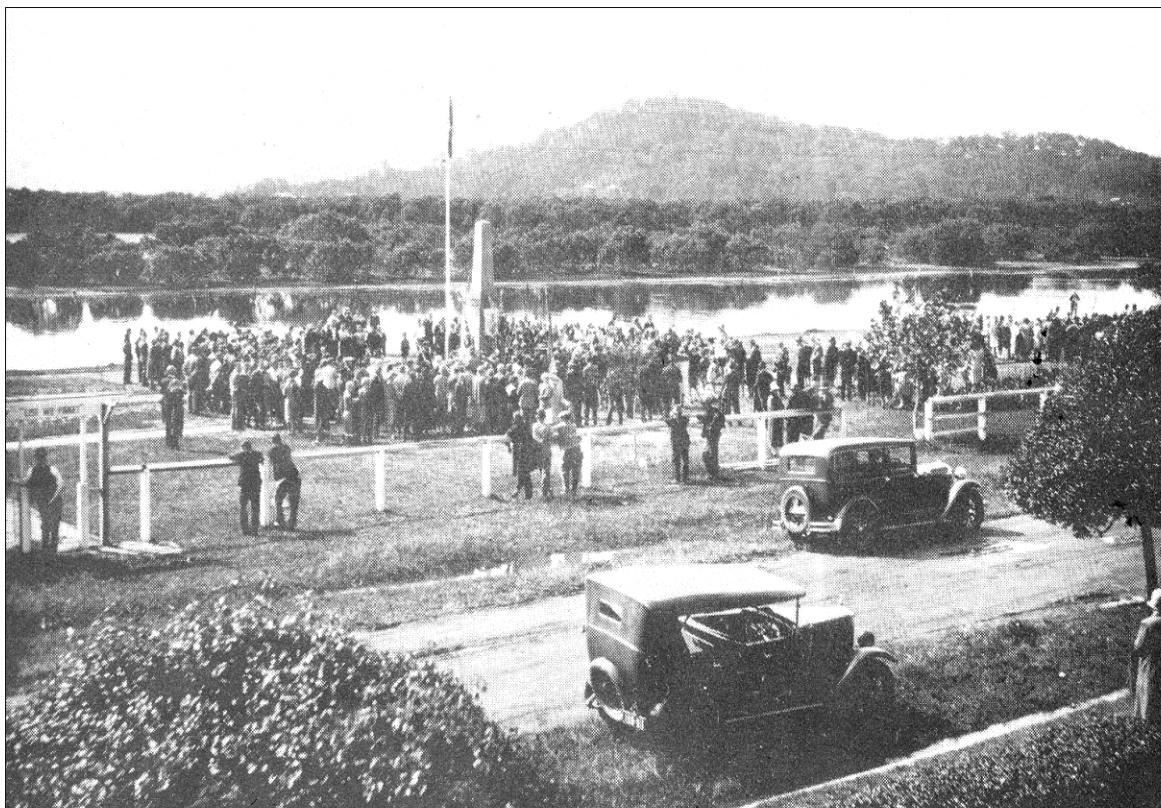
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## Anzac Day



Anzac Day ceremony, Woy Woy Park, 1929

# Dawn service at Woy Woy

**The Woy Woy Ettalong Hardy's Bay Sub-branch of the RSL has invited club members and their families to join the Anzac day dawn service at Woy Woy.**

The dawn service will start at 5.30am and a morning service will be held from 10.30am.

A special bus will operate during the morning and details of departure times are available from Ettalong Beach Club's reception or by phoning the RSL on 4341 2594.

Following the dawn service, a sausage sizzle will be held at the club and all are invited.

Entry is via presentation of the dawn service program.

For the past five years, club management, along with the RSL Women's Auxiliary, have risen long before dawn to voluntarily assist with breakfast, as a tribute to war veterans.

A special Anzac Day lunch and show will be held from 12pm in the entertainment centre.

The show will feature vocalist Shelly White, Brian Davies and the hilarious Wally The Worker.

The Krait Lounge also offers free entertainment from 3pm.

Club magazine, April

## Students attend Anzac ceremony

Pretty Beach Public School walked to Hardy's Bay RSL Club to take part in an ANZAC service conducted by the school captains and vice-captains at the club's cenotaph on Friday, April 11.

The children were treated to a sausage sizzle, courtesy of the club, and returned to school for their after-lunch play time.

School newsletter, April 3

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## Anzac Day

# RSL sub-branch started in 1927

**There were 28 returned soldiers enrolled at the inaugural Woy Woy RSL sub-branch meeting in 1927 at the Woy Woy Masonic Hall.**

Jack Haines, the convenor, had invited Mr. Hadfield from State Branch to give his blessing to the formation of the new Woy Woy Sub-branch of the then Returned Soldiers and Sailors Imperial League of Australia.

The following were elected to office: president BE Vokes, secretary JA Haines, treasurer EJ Foote and committee members JD Askin, Max Thompson, E McCall, GA Brown, AE Winter, JW Hallett and LF English.

To quote from the final item written in the minutes:

"Afterwards a very pleasant hour was spent in song and story."

A quaint and honest closing note for whenever old soldiers meet they cannot refrain from "winning the war again".

At the next meeting it was proudly announced that the sub-branch financial balance stood at £3/6/6.

Fired, no doubt, by their new-found togetherness, the executive and members enthusiastically moved and resolved to do many things.

For instance, a request was mailed to the shire council for paint, so that the members could get busy renovating the fence around the Cenotaph.

Auditors and Trustees were appointed and a "guinea a day" expenses was approved for delegates to state conference.

Euchre parties and dances were arranged - those boys really got cracking.

Even at that second meeting, the Anzac tradition was tested, for a member had sustained a serious accident.

So, without hesitation, the proceeds of the next social evening, plus subscriptions, were handed over to the distressed family, amounting to £65/7/6, a princely sum in those days.

At that same meeting, it was voted to send a congratulatory telegram to Bert Hinkler in praise of his splendid flying achievement.

At the April meeting, prior to Anzac Day of 1928, the members evidently desired to conduct a more formal service for they sent a request to the Gosford Light Horse for a loan of a bucket and pole, one can only assume, to introduce the flag raising and lowering ceremony.

Here is an extract from *Reveille* of April 1928, under the heading "What are the sub-branches doing":

Perhaps the most successful Anzac Day Service ever held in Woy Woy was that of Wednesday, 13th Anniversary of Anzac Day.

Many complimentary remarks were passed by those present at the proceedings concerning the arrangements.

They certainly were a credit to those responsible, and there was not a hitch through the day.

At 10am, there was a very large number of people eager to pay respect to Australia's Fallen Heroes, congregated at Woy Woy Public School.

**This item is an extract from Woy Woy - Ettalong RSL Sub Branch 1927 to 1977 50th year anniversary souvenir publication.**

Captain JW Morriss, marshal, formed the procession into line, and the parade marched to the Woy Woy Cinema Hall, headed by the Standard Bearers, Messrs W Cooke and C Tonkin, the procession included Kincumber Orphanage Boys' Band, Returned

Soldiers (in mufti with decorations), members of the Dads' Association, school children, and general public.

At the service in the hall, Mr BE Vokes, president of Woy Woy RS&I League, acted as chairman.

The Rev AS Creville, rector of Woy Woy, padre for the day, conducted the service.

The Kincumber Boys' Band, under the leadership of Mr T Mellor, and Miss Hilda Davis at the organ, played accompaniments to the various hymns. Sergeant LW Mason

sounded "The Last Post".

Alderman W Fyfe Henderson, of Mosman, a member of the State Executive RSSILA, addressed the congregation and made some highly interesting remarks.

After the Service the procession re-formed and marched to the Memorial Park, where the "Reveille" was sounded, and many beautiful wreaths placed on the monument.

1977 souvenir publication



Anzac Day march 1923, Blackwall Rd Woy Woy, turning into Railway St

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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 12 - 4pm Enq. Jan 4369 3195.

**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 Woy Woy Aged Care Centre (meals on wheels) 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

**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

**Social Tennis** 9am - 12pm Pearl Beach Courts Enq Jan 4369 3195

**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

**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

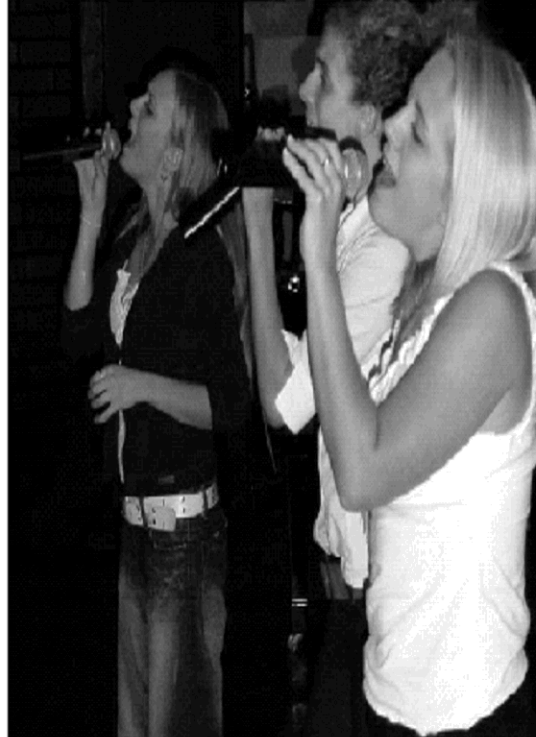
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## Arts and Entertainment

# What's on event calendar

### Thursday April 24

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 April 25

Civilian Widows meeting Ettalong Senior Citizens Centre (Last Fri) 1pm  
South Bouddi Peninsula Community Association Wagstaffe Hall (4th Fri) 1.30pm Enq 4360 1002  
Ballroom Supper Dances. 7.30pm, Ettalong. All ages. Professional teaching available (4th Fri) Enq 4344 5432

### Saturday April 26

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 April 27

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

Boot Sale and mini market for Lions Club (last Sun) 8am - 1pm Rogers Park, Ocean Beach Rd, opposite Peninsula Community Centre Enq 4341 4151

### Monday April 28

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

### Wednesday April 30

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

Monthly Meditation Group, (last Wed) Peninsula Women's Health Centre. Enq; 4342 5905.

### Thursday May 1

Everglades Country Club Gala Day, (1st & 3rd Thurs) Dunban Rd Woy Woy Enq 4341 1866 South Woy Woy Progress Assoc. (1st Thur) 7pm. Progress Hall, Woy Woy Road. Woy Woy Older Womens Network 10.15am (1st Wed) Woy Woy Leagues Club Enq 4343 1079

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

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

Woy Woy Aged Care Auxiliary stall outside Flemings Umina from 8am gifts, jams, cakes, pickles etc.

### Friday May 2

Bus trip, (1st Fri), School for Seniors, Peninsula Community Centre Enq: 4341 9333 Legacy Ladies Ettalong Memorial Club 10am (1st & 3rd Fri) Enq 4341 5414

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

### Saturday May 3

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

### Monday May 5

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

### Tuesday May 6

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



Glad Ryan (seated, centre) with volunteers from the Ettalong Senior Citizens centre

## The inspiring life of Glad Ryan

**Glad Ryan inspires the women at the Tuesday handcraft class at the Ettalong Senior Citizens' centre to make knitted squares, which she forms into patterns.**

Willing workers sew these up and make many useful articles as well.

These have been donated to Camp Quality over the past five or six years.

So great is the response that last year the goods were divided and shared with the Salvation Army, Home League of Gosford Corps.

Glad lived in Bankstown for 37 years before moving to Empire Bay in 1979.

During that time, she had been active with the local marching girls, also with Sydney combined teams for at least 15 years.

In 1980, she joined Ettalong Senior Citizen's centre taking part in indoor bowls, handcrafts and ballroom dancing.

She served many years on the reception desk at the centre.

Together with husband Bob, she formed a group of locals and worked for the Empire Bay Scholarship.

These were awarded to pupils of Woy Woy and Umina high schools.

When this wound up they purchased library books and a outdoor sound system for Empire Bay School.

She joined CWA in October 1986 and held positions of president, secretary and cookery officer in that organisation.

She still conducts theatre parties to the Laycock and some social outings for them.

She is a life member of the Umina Garden Society and has been their president for five years retiring this position in February this year.

Like many other volunteers, a couple of heart attacks and bypass surgery has not held her down.

Her plan now is to take life a little easier, not be quite so involved.

Wonder how long that will last?  
Letter, February 24

## WHAT'S ON AT YOUR CLUB?

### FREE ENTERTAINMENT FOR END OF APRIL

<b>Thursday 24th</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Dexter Moore</b>
<b>Friday 25th</b>	<b>12.30—4.30pm</b>	<b>Kristy Lee</b>
<b>Friday 25th</b>	<b>8.30pm—12am</b>	<b>Kaos</b>
<b>Friday 25th</b>	<b>12am—3am</b>	<b>Nightspot</b>
<b>Sunday 27th</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Robbie Urqhart</b>
<b>Thursday 1 May</b>	<b>7.30am</b>	<b>Dee Vanwijk</b>
<b>Friday 2 May</b>	<b>8.30pm</b>	<b>Supersonic with Cruiser &amp; Mudshake Promo</b>
<b>Sunday 4 May</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>Robbie Urqhart</b>

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## Art sale for Mothers' Day

The Ettalong Beach Arts and Crafts Centre exhibition and sale for Mothers' Day will be held on Saturday, May 3, from 9 am to 4 pm and Sunday, May 4, from 9am to 3pm.

The venue is at the Arts and Crafts Centre building in Kitchener Park, Ettalong Beach, at the corner of Picnic Pde and

### Maitland Bay Dr.

A large range of exhibits will be on display and available for sale including pottery, folk art, hand-painted silk, patchwork, quilting, pastels, drawings, oils and watercolours.

Entry is free.

With enquiries, phone Penny Riley on 4360 1673.

Press release, April 10

**Active Over 50's Aqua Fitness Gosford Pool**

**A courtesy bus will be provided by Gosford City Council departing Monday's at 10.30am from Woy Woy Library & Returning to Woy Woy Library at 12.30pm (Bookings Not Required)**



## Arts and entertainment

# Lions clubs seek members

**The three local Lions clubs have combined in an attempt to reverse declining membership numbers.**

The three Clubs are Woy Woy Lions Club, Woy Woy Peninsula Lions, and Ettalong Umina Lions Club.

Woy Woy Lions is the oldest club, chartered in 1958.

Ettalong Umina Lions was chartered in 1974 and Woy Woy Peninsula Lions was chartered in 1978.

The clubs all need some new members to keep the clubs workable.

At a combined meeting, it was decided to ask Peninsula residents to join a Lions Club.

Lions on the Peninsula donate almost all of their fund raising programs to assisting needy causes in the area, such as surf clubs, schools, the Salvation Army and aged care facilities;

They have assisted Child Flight; hospitals; ambulance services; handicapped children, community centre, a renal unit at Gosford Hospital.

They have also supported Guide Dogs, Sight First, Diabetes Foundation; Heart Walkers; drug awareness; Youth Exchange; Youth of the Year Quest; organ transplant and bone marrow registers; Clean up Australia; Lions Park, and barbecue facilities.

Lions help out with Driver Reviver programs and in bush fire crises.

The Lions clubs run varied activities to raise the money needed to assist.

These include car boot sales, debutante balls, bingo, Santa sleigh, trivia nights, Lions mints, Lions Christmas cakes, Easter carnival, raffles, and garage sales.

All of the many varied activities



Lions Club Ettalong—Umina Youth of the Year 2002 contestants : L to R: Karnee Brown from Henry Kendall High School and Leigh Matheson from Gosford High School

are based on volunteer service, hence the motto "We Serve".

Spokesperson Ms Helen Anderson said: "We do not discriminate between the sexes or occupations, nor do we care about your age."

"We range from 21 years to 84."

"Lions is the world's largest and most active service organisation. "If you feel the need to join a community-minded organisation,

or if you think that our community needs to retain the valued place that Lions Clubs represent, you can become a Lion simply by phoning a local club."

Contact Bob Will for Woy Woy Lions on 4341 8535, Ian Taylor for Peninsula Lions Woy Woy on 4324 5174, or Helen Andersen for Ettalong Umina Lions on 4341 7177.

Press release, February 14

# Desire to see post office open

**Woy Woy resident Ms Helge Fraser would like to see the post office in Woy Woy open on a Saturday morning.**

She raised her concerns with the Member for Robertson Mr Jim Lloyd last year.

Ms Fraser said: "Woy Woy is very busy on Saturdays and the Post Office would complement the other businesses that are open."

"If they can open the Post Office during the Christmas period on Saturday, why not open every Saturday?"

She also said: "The staff are very busy throughout the week with long queues. They are so helpful."

She said she believed that this patronage throughout the week should give weight to Saturday trading.

Mr Jim Lloyd's assistant, Ms Rana Gidley-King, said: "It would be a good idea to open the post office at Woy Woy as it would allow people to post letters and pay bills, which would benefit people who worked through the week."

"The petition Ms Fraser gave to Mr Jim Lloyd was tabled in Parliament on November 11 last year."

Ms Fraser said: "Someone younger than me should take on my campaign and lobby the Federal Member for Robertson to look into the issue again."

Jim McGinty, February 6

# Buses promoted for pleasant day out

**Busways is promoting a number of its regular services for people wanting a "scenic tour" or a "pleasant day out".**

"You do not have to book in advance. Just turn up at the bus stop," said Busways' spokesman Mr Robert Henderson.

Mr Henderson said that many of Busways' regular bus routes on the Central Coast were scenic trips in themselves.

The routes included those to Patonga and from Woy Woy to Gosford via Ettalong, The Rip Bridge, Kincumber and Erina Fair.

"People with an hour or more to spare can take the bus to any of these places," he said.

"Then they have the choice of returning on the same bus, or take the time to have a cup of coffee or a bite to eat before heading home again."

"It's not an expensive day out."

Buses also linked with other services, including the Ettalong to Palm Beach ferry and the trains at Woy Woy.

Buses went to the major

shopping centres of Erina Fair and Westfield Tuggerah, as well as some of the smaller centres like Lake Haven, Toukley, Umina and Ettalong.

"There are plenty of opportunities to get around the Central Coast with a Busways' driver as your chauffeur," said Mr Henderson.

Press release, February 4

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## College holds joint learning conference

Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy Campus will be holding a two-day Learning Conference with the Umina campus at the end of week five on Thursday, May 29, and Friday, May 30.

They will be held in place of the two remaining School Development Days on day one of terms two and three.

Normal lessons will not be held and the days will be student-free unless students wish to attend the conference.

School newsletter, March 28

## Graphics course at College

Graphic Design is a new course for Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy Campus.

This school-developed school certificate course provides students with opportunity for practical application of their creative abilities.

Currently the class is developing ideas and products within the module "The Music Industry".

School newsletter, March 28

## College competes in surf league

Brisbane Water Secondary College participated in the School Surf League Competition at Terrigal Beach on March 27.

This was the first event of its kind and was well presented by Central Coast High Schools and some schools as far away as Kurri Kurri.

The format for the day involved mainly male and female team events, similar to those featured in the Surf League competition that is shown on television.

Brisbane Water Secondary College went well overall, finishing in fourth place.

This was the first time many of

the students had competed in surf on craft.

It was a great team effort by the students.

Special mention was made of Daniel Marsh who came home with five medals and to Ashlee Langford and Mariel Fietz who contested about every race.

Holly Johnstone won second in the flags and fourth on the board.

James Pettit and Phill Gillespie swam well on the day.

Tim Hardwood put in a great performance on the sand.

David Laing, John Peake and Adam Matchett went well in both individual and team events.

School newsletter, March 28

## Students asked for biscuits and sweets

The grandfather of a sailor on the HMAS Kanimbla has asked students at Brisbane Water Secondary College to send biscuits and sweets to his grandson.

The sailor Seaman BCR Mills, a former student of the school, is aboard HMAS Kanimbla in the Middle East.

He has told his grandfather John Onely that their rations were basic.

Students from Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy Campus were asked to help Seaman Mills and his fellow sailors by bringing in packets of biscuits or packets of sweets.

Mr Onely said he would package them and send them to the ship.

School newsletter, March 28

## Students visit art show

Year 11 and 12 students from Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy Campus travelled to Sydney with teachers Mr Jones and Mrs Matthews on Friday, March 7, to view Art Express.

This exhibition highlights successful practical submissions for the HSC Visual Arts.

Students were treated to a range of artworks produced by students last year, and many came away buzzing with ideas for their own submissions.

"The Yellow House" after-school art class has begun with a

small but loyal following.

The Yellow House is named after an original concept from the post impressionist artist Van Gough who sought to establish a meeting place for artists to work.

The concept was adopted by a group of Australian artists in the 1970s who included Brett Whiteley, Martin Sharp and Greg Weight.

Each Thursday afternoon from 3pm - 4.30pm, students gather to try out new ideas in a supportive learning environment.

Everyone is welcome at the Yellow House, art room 2.

School newsletter, March 28

## Tristen accepts the shield

Tristen McDonald of Pretty Beach Public School has captained the Central Coast under 11s representative cricket team that won the Jack Creak Shield.

Tristen accepted the shield on behalf of his team at a special presentation at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

This is the second time Tristen has captained the Central Coast representative team.

School newsletter, April 3



Angela Thomas, Woy Woy Public School scripture teacher with her Easter Egg that opens up to display the religious meaning of Easter. Ms Thomas comes from the Central Coast Evangelical Church

## Year 10 science challenge held

Brisbane Water Secondary College was represented by Year 10 scientists in a recent challenge day for gifted and talented students held at the Niagara Park Youth Centre.

They were split into eight teams, competing with other Central Coast schools in a range of activities.

The activities included

designing and testing a catapult, building bridges and chairs, building and testing gliders and sailing boats, making an air cannon to shoot paper leprechauns and designing a system to let a person think like a computer.

The students finished sixth on the day, their first attempt, and will go into the competition next year.

School newsletter, April 4

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## Kevin breaks more records

Swimming at Sydney on Saturday, April 12, 80-year-old masters swimmer Kevin Vickery of Bensville, has continued breaking national records.

He lowered the 400m Backstroke Australian Record by 36 seconds and later in the meet reduced the 900m backstroke record by 72 seconds.

So far this year, he has broken 11 Australian records for 80-84 year olds as well as the world 400m Freestyle long course record.

His next meet will be the Australian Masters Championships to be held at Perth Challenge Stadium, commencing April 23.

Elvera Dunn, April 13

## Baptists win 3-0

Ettalong Baptist Soccer Team made an impressive start to this year's season with a three-nil win over Gosford Uniting 'B' on Saturday, April 12, after struggling to make an impression last season.

Ettalong has added several new players to their team this season.

Goal scorers for Ettalong were

Chris Harris (1) and Jeremy Hooper (2) while, at the other end, goal keeper Steve Walsh kept a clean sheet.

Coach Jamie Conrow issued a note of caution saying that one win does not make a season.

Central Coast church soccer can be watched each Saturday at Fagans Oval, Pt Clare, from 11:45am

Bob Hooper, April 15

## Baseball at Rogers Park

Brisbane Water Secondary College Umina Campus' boys baseball team played Cherrybrook Technology High at Rogers Park recently.

Team coach Rob Harwood said: "After our success last year with a team of mainly year 12 and 11 students, this year is going to be one of teambuilding with youth and enthusiasm - the keys for the future.

"Most of this year's team are cricket players with great skills, but are a bit light on baseball knowledge.

"We started well with a double to Joel Weekes as our lead off batter, and a great triple to Scott Stephen who brought Joel home for our first run.

"Unfortunately the batting was lacking consistency from then and we finally went down to Cherrybrook 14-1.

"Shane Smith and Jarrod McClintock took some excellent fly catches in the outfield.

"The infield of Luke, Joel, Hayden and Nathan made an excellent double play."

School newsletter, March 28

## Netball game was close

Brisbane Water Secondary College Woy Woy Campus' girls netball team played against Wadalba High School in the State Knockout Competition.

The game was close but the win went to Wadalba.

The BWSC girls played well in hot, humid conditions and they found it difficult to overcome a five-minute slump in form in the second quarter.

The girls came back winning both the third and fourth quarters, but they ran out of time.

With five minutes more the score would have favoured their team.

Aimee Cooke showed great defence and Stephanie Kearnes displayed a fighting spirit by not giving up, while Rebecca Dawes tirelessly brought the ball down the court.

School newsletter, April 10



Dan Cleary outside his bicycle store at Umina

## Charity ride to benefit PCYC

Local riders are gearing up for a charity bike ride from the Central Coast to Melbourne in May.

Four Central Coast residents are riding to raise money and awareness for the Umina PCYC club.

Organiser of the ride, owner of Peninsula Cycles Mr Dan Cleary,

said: "Over recent years, crime on the Peninsula has affected many residents and local business owners.

"The money that we raise will go towards building outdoor recreation facilities for the PCYC.

"If this helps get kids off the street and away from crime and drugs then our job will be well

worthwhile," he said.

The ride takes place on May 1 and the riders expect to reach Melbourne within two weeks.

People who are interested in sponsoring the event can do so at Peninsula Cycles at Umina, at Umina Beach Veterinary clinics or at the Umina PCYC.

Media release, April 10



Umina Beach Surf Lifesaving Club

## Umina finishes strongly

Umina Surf Life Saving Club has finished the season with some positive results.

At the recent NSW State Championships at Swansea Belmont, Umina gained two gold and five silver medals in the juniors, and three silver and one bronze medal in the seniors.

In the seniors, the women's boat crew finished third, with Phil Welch (sweep) and Karen Stevens, Darrien Mill, Karen Paull and Joane Upton.

The women's Taplin relay team finished second, with Karen Paull, Wendy Cook and Kerry Armstrong competing.

The women's board relay team also finished second, with Karen Paull, Wendy Cook and Kerry Armstrong competing.

In the women's tube swim,

Wendy Cook gained an individual silver medal.

In the juniors, Joel Dennis-Hall gained a silver medal in the under-9 board.

Marissa Morre gained a gold medal in the under-11 board.

Liam Jackson gained a gold medal in the under 13 ironman.

Liam Jackson and Alex Lavers combined for a silver medal in

the senior board rescue and Liam Jackson, Michael Baker, Robert Moate and Aaron Moore repeated last season's success with a silver medal in the under-13 board relay.

Of the 82 Umina children who competed, more than half made it through to the final of their events.

Brian Jackson, April 12

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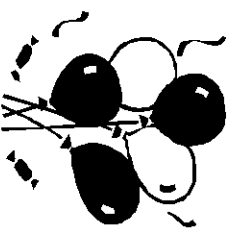
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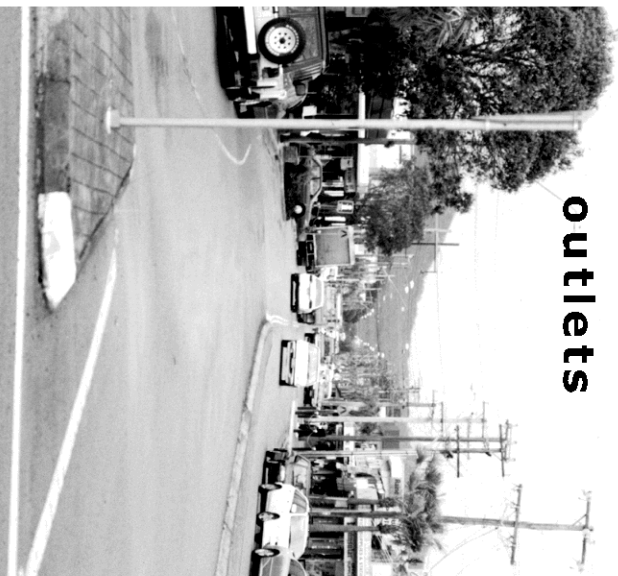
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# War museum leads up to Anzac Day

The Woy Woy-Ettalong-Hardy's Bay RSL Sub-branch is promoting its museum as Anzac Day approaches.

The museum is dedicated to Australian war memorabilia including the war decorations of John McDonald, a former member of the sixth division AIF who dressed as an Arab in 1939 to escape internment.

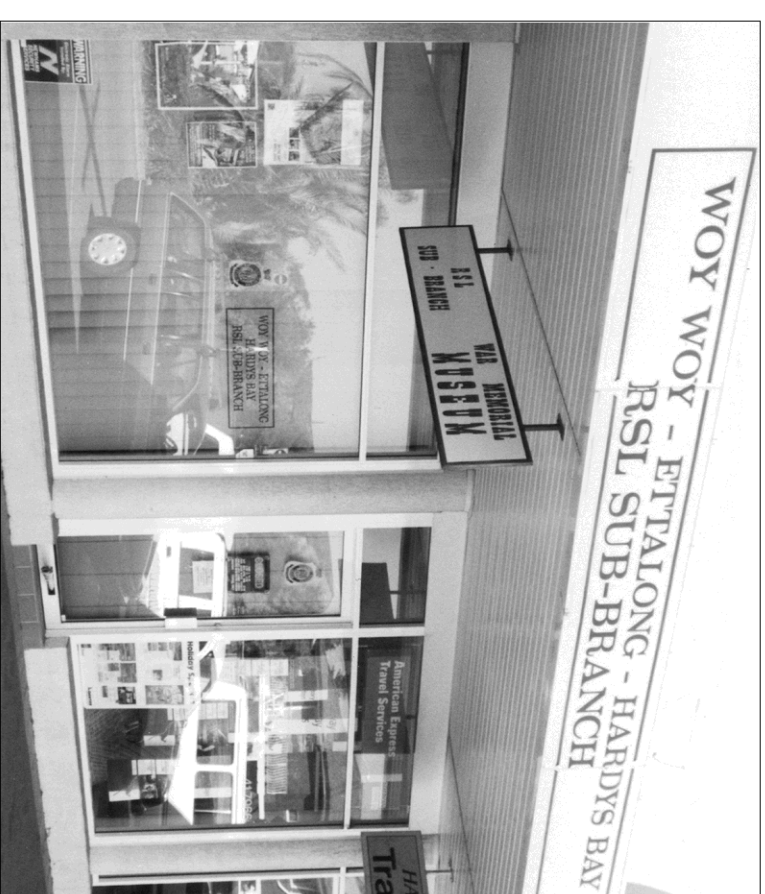
Phil "Tommo" Thompson is the museum's curator.

He looks after exhibits such as the Bluey and Curley comic strip display, a German bayonet and Iron Cross Second Class, a Vietnamese artillery night sight, a Boer War bugle, military medals, a tribute to Lone Pine and models of war aircraft which hang from the ceiling.

The museum is open from 9am to 2pm Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, phone 4341 2594.

Alison Branley, March 5.

More Anzac Day articles on pages 8 and 9



Woy Woy Ettalong - Hardy's Bay RSL museum

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